

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00 P.M.

3/4/2021 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Those present were: Chairman James Everett, along with Commissioners Alpha Benefield, Jesse Crews, Drew Jones, and Luke Gowen; County Administrator Hampton Raulerson; County Clerk Jenifer Nobles; HR Clerk Becky Harden, County Attorney John Adams; and visitors as recorded hereafter.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Chairman Everett led the Invocation and Pledge to the Flag.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve the March 4, 2021 Agenda. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Crews made motion to approve the February 18, 2021 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

5. HEAR ROB BROWN, GMC - SPANISH CREEK UPDATE

Rob Brown, Goodwyn Mills Cawood (GMC), Brunswick, GA was present with Spanish Creek Watershed Management Plan. The report was prepared by Charlton County and GMC, under grant award to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources from the Office for Coastal Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The grant has been prepared in cooperation with the following partners: Charlton County, City of Folkston, City of Homeland, Charlton County Schools, and St. Mary's River Keeper, and St. Mary's River Management Committee. Plan becomes integral part of Minutes.

6. CONSIDER REAPPOINTMENT OF TERESA GUINN, BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Commissioner Gowen made motion to reappoint Teresa Guinn to the Charlton County Board of Elections and Registration, term ending January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2024. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried. All voted yes, except Commissioner Crews, who abstained, due to conflict of interest.

7. CONSIDER REAPPOINTMENT OF LINDA PINA TO LIBRARY BOARD

Commissioner Crews made motion to reappoint Linda Pina to the Library Board term ending January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2023. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

8. CONSIDER EXTENSION OF COVID-19 SICK LEAVE

Commissioner Crews made motion to approve modified extension of COVID-19 sick leave. Extension will expire May 31, 2021. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Copy of modification becomes integral part of Minutes.

9. CONSIDER ADDITION OF PAID HOLIDAYS TO 2022 CALENDAR

Commissioner Benefield made motion to table consideration of adding paid holidays to 2022 calendar. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (PLEASE LIMIT TO 3 MINUTES)

Elaine Bailey appeared before Board with update of available COVID vaccines. As of Monday, March 1, no

vaccines available in Charlton County, but can make appointments in Ware County and Woodbine.

Bruce Young, EMS Director informed Board that March 17 mass vaccine sight will be available in Waycross, must meet same criteria as myvaccinega.com.

11. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Benefield commented that she is not trying to override head nurse, but is trying to get information for Charlton County.

Commissioner Benefield, Commissioner Jones and Bruce Young will provide updated information as soon as it is available.

Ronnie Pollock, Road Superintendent, reported that the new 930 Wheel Loader was delivered to St. George today.

Mr. Pollock reported that Hatcher Branch Bridge off Gibson Post Road looks like it has dropped 2", has been checked by Littlefield and Hofstadter, but will continue to be monitored.

Pre-Construction meeting for Colonial Way and St. Mary's River Bluff has been held.

Commissioner Benefield thanked all in attendance and asked everyone to take care of your families.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

None.

13. NEXT BOC MEETING, THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021 ST. GEORGE COMMUNITY ROOM 6:00 P.M.

14. ADJOURN

Commissioner Benefield made motion that meeting be adjourned at 6:40 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

James E. Everett, Chairman

Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk