

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00 P.M.

5/20/2021 - 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; and visitors as recorded hereafter. Attorney John Adams was absent.

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 amend agenda to include Consider Approval of Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security Pre-Application for the Purchase of Warning and Communication Equipment. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve May 20, 2021 Agenda with amendment. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve May 6, 2021 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT (SECOND MEETING)

Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve Financial Report. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

6. FIRST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Commissioner Crews entered meeting at 6:05 p.m.

The Board had first reading of Proposed Ordinance Amendment Section 2-3 Purchase orders; designation of purchasing agent.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FIREFIGHTER PROPERTY PROGRAM AGREEMENT

Fire Chief C. L. Lewis was present. Commissioner Jones made motion to approve Firefighter Property Program (FFP) Cooperative Equipment Agreement and Procedures Georgia Forestry Commission Fire/Emergency Services Entity State of Georgia. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST -

Fire Chief Lewis was present. Commissioner Jones made motion to approve Purchase Order request from the fire department for 6 AED's from Stryker (sole provider) for \$13,481.10, with trade in, to be paid with 2014 SPLOST monies. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

EMS Director Bruce Young was present. Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve Georgia

Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security Pre Application for Warning and Communication Equipment, at a cost of \$112,874.11. County share would be \$16,931.12 (\$15,000.00 grant monies are budgeted) and balance could come from current SPLOST monies. Commissioner Crews seconded motion. Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF APRIL, 2021 WELLNESS REPORT

The Board acknowledged receipt of April, 2021 Wellness Report.

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

Holly Lloyd thanked the Board for support and allowing the rental of fields at Deuce Lloyd Park for the benefit that was held for the Tyson family.

Holly Lloyd and Lindsey Howell were present, along with several visitors concerning incident at Deuce Lloyd Ball Park during a recreation baseball game. Police reports were presented to the Board for their consideration.

Dana O'Quinn, Julie Hughes, and Wendy Hernandez, Chamber Board members were present and presented update of Chamber of Commerce activities. Report becomes integral part of Minutes.

11. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Crews discussed motor coach tours in Charlton County and gave update of revitalization of Woodpecker Trail.

Commissioner Benefield and Mrs. Dana O'Quinn are working on data showing the need for hotel development in Charlton County.

Commissioner Benefield thanked visitors for attending meeting concerning recreation program and stated it is all about safety for our kids.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

Commissioner Benefield made motion to enter executive session at 6:25 p.m. to discuss potential litigation and personnel. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Everett opened meeting at 6:40 p.m. and stated potential litigation and personnel was discussed in executive session and no action was taken.

13. NEXT BOC MEETING, THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2021 - BOC CONFERENCE ROOM 6:00 P.M.

14. ADJOURN

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

James E. Everett, Chairman

Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk

