

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 1, 2021
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00 P.M.

7/1/2021 - 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 Benefield made the motion to amend the July 1, 2021 Agenda to include the following, to be discussed after Mr. Bobby Franklin.

A. Hear Dana O'Quinn and Board of Assessors

B. Consider Approval of Fencing Bids, St. George Dump Area

C. Consider Approval of Memorandum of Agreement Between BOC and Coastal Pines Technical College

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Crews made motion to approve July 1, 2021 Agenda to include amendments. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve June 3, and June 17, 2021 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

5. HEAR BOBBY FRANKLIN -SITE PLAN APPROVAL

Bobby Franklin and Marcus Sack discussed Riverbend Oaks Apartments Site Plan with the Board.

Parking and Detention plans will be approved by the State. Plan is to build 180 apartment units over 2 or 3 phases. 18 - 20% of units will be handicapped accessible. Land is being cleared for town homes with garages, storage units, and duplexes. Site Plan becomes integral part of Minutes.

AGENDA ITEM AMENDMENTS -

A. Hear Dana O'Quinn and Board of Assessors - Dana O'Quinn and Gary Tippins asked the Board to consider increasing Board of Assessors stipend from \$30.00 per meeting to \$100.00 per meeting.

Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve \$100.00 stipend beginning August 1, 2021. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Ms. O'Quinn reported that the Assessment Notices have gone out on time.

B. Consider Approval of Fencing Bids, St. George Dump Area - Bids received were as follows:

Clyde's Chain Link Fence - \$10,100.00

T & T Fencing - \$12,330.00

Commissioner Gowen made motion that bid be awarded to Clyde's Chain Link Fence for \$10,100.00, to be paid with 2020 SPLOST funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

C. Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve Memorandum Agreement Between Charlton County Board of Commissioners and Coastal Pines Technical College. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Agreement becomes integral part of Minutes.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF VARIANCE REQUEST FOR TOMMY & MARSHA RODDENBERRY

Commissioner Crews made motion to table Variance Request for Tommy and Marsha Roddenberry. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - SECTION 2-3

After advertising and hearing no objections in two (2) Public Hearings, Commissioner Crews made motion to approve Ordinance Amendment Section 2-3 Purchase Orders; designation of Purchasing Agent. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Amendment becomes integral part of Minutes.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL POLICY

Commissioner Crews made motion to approve Financial Policy of Charlton County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Copy of Financial Policy becomes integral part of Minutes.

9. DISCUSS PTO PROPOSAL - PERSONNEL POLICY

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve Personal Time Off Policy, effective January 1, 2022, with stipulation that 40 hours may be sold back to the County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Policy becomes integral part of Minutes.

10. DISCUSS AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT - PREMIUM PAY

Commissioner Benefield made motion to table discussion of American Rescue Plan Act - Premium Pay. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Gowen recommended that the Board meet to discuss Premium Pay and Separate Distributions.

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF UNISON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COUNTY PARTICIPATION CONTRACT

Glyn Thomas and Allie Dixon, Unison Behavioral Health gave update. Mr. Thomas reported that he appreciates Board member John Lairsey and the new site on Kingsland Drive is more accessible to serve the public. Commissioner Crews made motion that Unison Behavioral Health County Participation Contract be approved. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously,

Contract becomes integral part of Minutes.

12. RATIFY PURCHASE APPROVAL FOR AMBULANCE

Commissioner Gowen made motion to ratify purchase of Ambulance Approval for \$196,554.00 from Custom Trucks to replace ambulance that was totaled. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

13. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF QUOTE FOR BOOM MOWER REPAIR

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve purchase from Dixon New Holland for Boom Mower Repair for \$5,761.22. for the Road Department. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

14. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FIRE STATION ROOFING REPAIR BIDS

Bids for Folkston and Winokur Fire Station Roof Repairs were received as follows:

Childers - \$58,000.00

Gary Tippins Construction - \$62,544.96

Commissioner Crews made motion that Gary Tippins (Local) be awarded bid for \$62,544.96. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

15. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF WELLNESS REPORT - MAY, 2021

The Board acknowledged receipt of May, 2021 Wellness Report.

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

17. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Benefield wished everyone a Happy Holiday, thanked Chamber for promotion and service to Charlton County, and a successful Juneteenth Celebration.

Commissioner Crews invited everyone to attend July 4th Celebration in St. George.

Commissioner Jones asked for update of Traders Hill plan for Park Improvements - Will be replacing 15 hookups, 50 and 30 amp, replacing roof and renovating bathrooms. County Administrator is working with Health Inspector Oakley and Gary Tippins on Park Improvements.

Commissioner Gowen asked for update of Camp Pinckney drainage project.

County Attorney Adams reported that he answered Opioid Lawsuit in regards to Charlton County. If Judge accepts plan, monies will possibly be disbursed by population per county.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

None.

19. NEXT MEETING, THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2021 - BOC CONFERENCE ROOM 6:00 P.M.

20. ADJOURN

Commissioner Benefield made motion that meeting adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

James E. Everett, Chairman

Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk