

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARINGS
A. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE
B. ALLEYWAY ABANDONMENT, SARAH SHEFFIELD, BLOCK 52
THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2019
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM
5:30 P.M.

WORKSHOP AGENDA
6:00 P.M.

8/1/2019 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC HEARINGS - 5:30 P.M.

Those present were: Chairman James Everett, County Administrator Hampton Raulerson, County Clerk Jenifer Nobles, and HR Clerk Becky Harden.

Elizabeth Backe, Southern Georgia Regional Commission was present to brief the community on the process to be used to develop the Comprehensive Plan, announce opportunities for public participation in development of the plan and obtain input on the proposed planning process. Ms. Backe stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

Petition from Sarah Sheffield, for consideration of Abandonment of Alleyway, Block 52, lots 1,2,3,8, 9. &10, as shown on the plat of St. George and the 1904 Colony Company Domains as recorded with the land records of the Clerk of Superior Court for Charlton County, Georgia in Plat Book A, page 1 was considered and discussed.

WORKSHOP - 6:00 P.M.

Those present were: Chairman James Everett, along with Commissioners Alphya Benefield, 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. Commissioner Crews was absent.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Invocation and Pledge to the Flag was led by Chairman Everett.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Gowen made motion to amend the agenda to include discussion of Proclamation of Support of Twin Pines Materials, LLC. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Benefield made motion to adopt the August 1, 2019 Agenda with amendments, motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. HEAR EARL LAWSON AND DON CREWS, 2018 AUDIT REPORT

Earl Lawson and Don Crews were present to discuss 2018 Audit Report. Mr. Lawson discussed federal monies received for the year and stated that management is to be commended, that financial condition and debt equity ratio is good; with all funds balanced and positive.

5. HEAR ASHLEY GOWEN, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Ashley Gowen, Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce and Development Authority was present with Economic Development update. Mrs. Gowen stated that Branding updates are being made to promote tourism with focus on trains and the Okefenokee. Upcoming occasions for the year are "Miss Okefenokee Festival, to be held in October, 5K Run in November, National Small Business Day in December; promoting shopping on Main Street. The Board asked Mrs. Gowen for assistance in promoting hotel for Charlton County and asked that increase for workforce readiness also be promoted.

6. DISCUSS PERSONNEL POLICY REVIEW

Updated Personnel Policy was discussed. The Board discussed the need of Review and Legal Analysis of current policy. The Board asked that they be provided with copies of current personnel policy.

7. DISCUSS COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board asked that County Administrator's Responsibilities be added to the next agenda.

8. DISCUSS LEASE OF MOTOR GRADER

Lease of 12M3 Motor Grader was discussed. The Board asked that Road Superintendent Ronnie Pollock be at next meeting to answer questions concerning the lease.

Commissioner Gowen exited meeting at 6:40 p.m.

9. DISCUSS GEORGIA FORESTRY MOU

County Attorney Adams reviewed the Rural Fire Defense Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding including Addendum with Georgia Forestry Commission. Agreement will be added to next agenda for the Board's consideration.

The Board discussed Proclamation of Support of Twin Pine Materials, LLC and agreed they would be in support of mining operation, contingent on EPD and others signing off on project, also.

10. NEXT BOC MEETING, 6:00 P.M., THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019

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

None.

12. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

The Board thanked all those in attendance.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

Commissioner Jones made motion to enter executive session at 6:45 p.m. to discuss property and personnel. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Everett announced the Board in open workshop at 7:15 p.m. and stated that property and personnel were discussed in executive session and no action was taken.

14. ADJOURN

Commissioner Benefield made motion that meeting be adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

James E. Everett, Chairman

Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk