

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2021  
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM  
6:00 P.M.

8/5/2021 - 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 following agenda amendments:

- A. Consider Approval of Purchase For Ambulances - UV Lights
- B. Consider Designation of Auditorium - Courthouse Annex
- C. Consider Ratification of Purchase For Dispatch and Radio Equipment

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

Commissioner Crews made motion to adopt the August 5, 2021 Agenda, to include the above mentioned amendments. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve the July 17, 2021 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENTS -

A. Consider Approval of Purchase for Ambulances - UV Lights  
Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve purchase of two UV Antiviral lights for the two ambulances that are being built, at a cost of \$3,250.00 each from Custom Truck and Body Works. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

B. Consider Designation of Auditorium - Courthouse Annex

Commissioner Crews made motion to approve Resolution Establishing Additional Facilities to be Used as a Charlton County Courthouse Annex. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Resolution becomes integral part of Minutes.

C. Consider Ratification of Purchase for Dispatch and Radio Equipment

Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve ratification of purchase of equipment from Mobile Communications to replace what was destroyed by lightning on the radio tower and in dispatch, cost is \$133,982.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

5. HEAR WENDY LEE, BOARD OF EQUALIZERS DISCUSSION

Wendy Lee was present to report on update of Board of Equalizers. Presently, have one member Janet Snowden, and two more have agreed to serve. Names will be sent to grand jury for approval. Classes will be taken by end of year, once training is complete, will have a three person Board. Alternatives are also needed, and persons interested would need to contact Wendy Lee.

6. HEAR C. L. LEWIS - FIRE DEPARTMENT TRUCK

C. L. Lewis was present to discuss Fire Engine needs for the Fire Department. We've found two Fire Engines that will suit the needs of the fire department to replace the Fire Engine at the Ga Bend Station that has a malfunctioning pump. The pump repair would be in excess of \$20,000.00. One Engine from Chattahoochee, Florida, is \$20,000.00, and the second Engine, from Callahan, Florida is \$30,000.00. On behalf of Fire Board, Commissioner Crews reported that they would recommend repairing the truck and then budget for a new one. Commissioner Jones made motion to repair truck and budget for a new one. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

7. ST MARY'S RIVER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - DISCUSS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Chip Campbell, St. Mary's River Management Committee, was present to discuss amended Interlocal Agreement Governing the St. Mary's River Management Committee. Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve Amended Interlocal Agreement. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

8. DISCUSSION OF PTO POLICY

Commissioner Benefield made motion to rescind motion to change adopted PTO proposal and keep the current system in place. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

After even more discussion, Commissioner Benefield made motion to replace 40 hours with 80 hours of being able to sell back vacation hours. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews. Board voted, Commissioners Benefield Crews and Everett voted yes; Commissioners Jones and Gowen voted no. Motion carried.

9. CONSIDER AWARD OF TRADERS HILL BID

Adam and Tammy Bell were the only ones to submit a bid. They are proposing \$350.00 a month for renting the concession building and asking that they receive 10% of the rental fees from Traders Hill in return for them being the campground hosts and helping to maintain the grounds and facilities. Commissioner Jones made motion that County Administrator Raulerson negotiate terms and report back to the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF WELDER BID FOR ROAD DEPARTMENT

Three bids were received for a Bobcat 260 welder to replace the current welder that is not operational on the Shop's trucks, as follows:

Strate Welding - \$6,188.00  
Folkston Auto Supply \$6,217.78  
O'Reilly \$6700.00

Commissioner Jones made motion to award bid to Strate Welding for \$6,188.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

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

None.

12. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

The Board thanked all in attendance and for the service provided to Charlton County.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

Commissioner Crews made motion to enter executive session at 6:55 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Everett opened meeting at 7:00 p.m. and stated pending litigation was discussed in executive session and no action was taken.

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

15. ADJOURN

Commissioner Gowen made motion that meeting be adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

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James E. Everett, Chairman

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Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk