

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00 P.M.

8/15/2019 - 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 Crews made motion to amend agenda to include at #21 - Consider Approval of Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement Agreement. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Crews made motion to approve August 15, 2019 Agenda, with amendment. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gowen made motion to adopt July 18, and August 1, 2019 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT (SECOND MEETING)

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

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION

Commissioner Crews made motion to approve Proclamation of Support of Twin Pine Materials, LLC. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Proclamation becomes integral part of Minutes.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ALLEYWAY ABANDONMENT

Commissioner Benefield made motion to adopt Resolution to Abandon Unopened Alleyway, sole owner Sarah Sheffield, Block 52, lots 1,2,3,8,9, & 10 of the 1904 Colony Company Domains (St. George, GA.) which appears of record in Plat Book A, page 1, of the land records of Charlton County, Georgia, and issue quit claim deed to Sarah Sheffield. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

8. CONSIDER VARIANCE APPROVAL & APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE ALLEYWAY ABANDONMENT

Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve variance and advertise for public hearing to be held concerning alleyway abandonment for Amber & Justin Dunlap, Block 9, lots 1,2,3,4,5,6,7, & 1/2 of 8, running 20' feet in width, which appears of record in Plat Book "A" page 1, traversing in an east-west direction, (St. George, GA) of the 1904 Colony Co. Domains. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2019 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE VOTING DELEGATE

Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve appointment of Commissioner James Everett as ACCG 2019 Legislative Conference Voting Delegate for the Legislative Leadership Conference. Motion was

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

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL POLICY REVIEW

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve proposal from Jarrard & Davis, LLP, dated July 18, 2019 for Charlton County Personnel Policy and Legal Analysis. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Proposal becomes integral part of Minutes.

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve Resolution of County Administrator Responsibilities. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Resolution becomes integral part of Minutes.

12. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve County Administrator Employment Agreement. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Employment Agreement becomes integral part of Minutes.

13. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MOU AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding Affiliation Agreement Between Charlton County EMS and Rescue Training, Inc. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. MOU Agreement becomes integral part of Minutes.

14. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ACTION PACT LEASE AGREEMENT

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve Lease Agreement between Charlton County Board of Commissioners and Action Pact, Inc. for the use of premises for the operation of action pact's Head Start Program. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Action Pact Lease Agreement becomes integral part of Minutes.

15. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF GEORGIA FORESTRY RFD AGREEMENT AND MOU

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve Rural Fire Defense (RFD) Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) including Addendum Georgia Forestry Commission (GFC) and Fire Departments in Georgia. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Agreement becomes integral part of Minutes.

16. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MOTOR GRADER ENGINE REPAIR

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve Motor Grader Engine Repair for \$19,590.00, paid to Yancey. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

17. DISCUSS MOTOR GRADER LEASE

Commissioner Gowen made motion to purchase motor grader for \$276,397.00, (instead of lease) from Yancey with payments being paid with new SPLOST; purchase to include 5 year warranty with option to renew. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

18. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR USE OF ST. GEORGE FIRE STATION

Commissioner Crews made motion to approve Application for Use of St. George Fire Station for Melissa Sweat for September 8, and September 29, 2019. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Jones made motion that County Administrator be given the authority to approve Applications for Use of Community Rooms within guidelines and assuring dates are available. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

19. ACKNOWLEDGE ACCEPTANCE OF WELLNESS REPORT - JULY, 2019

The Board acknowledged acceptance of July, 2019 Wellness Report.

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

Several people were in attendance concerning Proclamation of Support for Twin Pine Materials, LLC. Because of size of crowd, non-citizens were asked to direct comments onto an index card and return same to the Clerk and local citizens were asked to keep comments to 3 minutes. Copy of index card is integral part of Minutes.

Cherokees of Georgia representative, Chief Red Hawk McGahee, was present, along with assistant to speak on his behalf, Jane Winkler, expressed concern of reports not being complete, possibly less employment than being advertised for the local community, net gain or net loss, asking what will happen to black bear, water, water wells. Mining project would devastate the area.

Teresa Crawford, St. George, asked the county for more time to make decision. Please consider the economic impact - the Okefenokee is a jewel where tourists travel from other countries to visit this area, we ask for more time to let us have peace about the impact of the mining company. Please protect our land and do not give it away.

21. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement Agreement for the cleanup of scrap tires, to be held October 14-18, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Agreement becomes integral part of Minutes.

The Board of Commissioners thanked all in attendance and assured them consideration will be given to all comments.

22. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

Commissioner Benefield made motion to enter executive session at 6:40 p.m. to discuss real estate. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

23. NEXT BOC WORKSHOP, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2019, BOC CONFERENCE ROOM - 6:00 P.M.

24. ADJOURN

Commissioner Benefield made motion that meeting be adjourned at 7:05 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

James E. Everett, Chairman

Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk