

**CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2017
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM
PUBLIC HEARING 5:45 P.M.
BOC MEETING 6:00 P.M.**

1/5/2017 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Those present were: Chairman James Everett, along with Commissioner Alpha Benefield, Jesse Crews, Ronnie Pollock, and Luke Gowen; County Administrator Shawn Boatright; 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.

Chairman Everett declared the Public Hearing open at 5:45 p.m. and stated the Public Hearing has been duly advertised as Notice of Intent to Abandon Unopened Street, traversing between Block 141 and 142 of the 1904 Colony Company Domains (St. George), which appears of record in Plat Book A, page 1, of the land records of Charlton County, Georgia. The aforesaid plat shows traversing between Block 141 and 142 an unopened street running in a north-south direction approximately eighty feet (80') in width.

Hearing no comments, the Public Hearing ended at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Everett declared the BOC meeting open at 6:00 p.m.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Gowen made motion to amend agenda to include the following items:

Move #8 agenda item to #14

and change #8 to include Discussion of 2014 SPLOST - Recreation Account - Chatman Mobley Park and Tennis Court

Discussion of Appeal Waiver and Settlement Agreement for Rayonier Atlantic Timber Company

Hiring of Building Inspector

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

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES - DECEMBER 15, 2016

Commissioner Crews made motion to approve December 15, 2016 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Minutes become integral part of Minutes.

5. BOC APPOINTMENTS - CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN AND COUNTY ATTORNEY

Commissioner Benefield made motion to reappoint Commissioner Everett as Chairman for 2017. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gowen made motion to reappoint Commissioner Benefield as Vice Chairman for 2017.

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

Commissioner Crews made motion to reappoint County Attorney John Adams as Attorney for 2017. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO ABANDON ALLEYWAY - MICHAEL GAINEY

After hearing no comments at the Public Hearing, Commissioner Crews made motion to approve Resolution to Abandon Unopened Street traversing between Block 141 and 142 running in a north-south direction approximately eighty feet (80') in width, owned by Michael, Deborah, and Steven Gainey. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

7. RATIFY EVERBRIDGE CONTRACT - ANNUAL FEE \$8,500.00

Commissioner Crews made motion to ratify Everbridge Contract, annual fee for \$8,500.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Contract becomes integral part of Minutes.

8. CONSIDER STATE COURT SOLICITOR AND STATE COURT JUDGE SALARY SUPPLEMENT

Amended Item:

2014 SPLOST - Recreation Account - Chatman Mobley Park and Tennis Court -

Commissioner Gowen made motion to start gathering information for proposed projects for the 2014 SPLOST Recreation Account, to include tennis courts and a building at the Chatman Mobley Park. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Appeal Waiver and Settlement Agreement for Rayonier Atlantic Timber Company -

Commissioner Crews made motion to approve Appeal Waiver and Settlement Agreement for Rayonier Atlantic Timber Company for \$28,137.18 for tax years 2013 through 2015. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Hiring of Building Inspector

Based on Administrator Boatright's recommendation, Commissioner Pollock made motion to hire Greg Eaves as Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, with a 90 day probation period. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF E&R SPREADSHEET DATED 12/13/2016

Commissioner Crews made motion to approve December, 2016 timber, and E & R Listing. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EARL LAWSON, CPA - AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER

Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve Engagement Letter for Earl Lawson, CPA to provide the services to complete the December 31, 2016 Audit. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

11. DISPOSITION OF EXCESS PROCEEDS - JAIL SPLOST

Commissioner Crews made motion to transfer existing Jail SPLOST monies to the general fund, in order to pay existing debt. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONTINGENCY LINE OF CREDIT RESOLUTION

Commissioner Crews made motion to approve Contingency Line of Credit Resolution. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Pollock, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Resolution becomes integral part of Minutes.

13. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ROAD DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT PURCHASE - SPREAD AND SKID STEER

Based on equipment being under state contract, Commissioner Pollock made motion to approve road department purchase for a Caterpillar Inc. Model 289D Compact Track Loader for \$72,995.00 and a Spreader for \$36,900.00 from Reynolds-Warren Equipment Company, to be purchased with 2014 SPLOST funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

14. FYI - OKEFENOKEE OCCASION: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2017

Agenda Item Amendment - Consider State Court Judge and State Court Solicitor Salary Supplement -

Attorney Adams excused himself from the meeting.

Commissioner Gowen made motion to increase annual salary supplements for the position of solicitor-general from \$24,000 to \$35,000.00 and increase annual salary supplement for the position of state court judge from \$26,000.00 to \$37,000.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

15. FYI - BOC RETREAT, TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017

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

Fire Department Volunteers expressed appreciation to the Board for allowing them to have Santa with the children.

Ike Elliott voiced concern of Advanced Disposal schedule for trash pickup during the holidays and asked about the roads and ditches around Springlake.

Joe Hannan thanked the Board for hiring of Fire Chief Lewis and informed the Board that Airport Authority meetings are needed.

Commissioner Crews made motion to appoint Joe Hannan and Alpha Benefield for the NOTAM meetings. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

17. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Open House for the EMA/EMS Building is scheduled for Friday, January 20, 2017, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Commissioner Gowen thanked the Sheriff's Department for their contribution to Toys for Tots for the holidays and congratulated Chief Lewis for his appointment as Fire Chief.

Commissioner Benefield thanked the staff and citizens for their services in 2016.

Commissioner Crews thanked the fire department volunteer for allowing him to attend the Fire Banquet.

Commissioner Pollock thanked everyone for their support in 2016.

Commissioner Everett thanked the volunteer fire department and EMS for their services.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

None.

19. NEXT BOC MEETING, 6:00 P.M. THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017 - BOC CONFERENCE ROOM

20. ADJOURN

Commissioner Crews made motion to adjourn meeting at 6:50 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

James E. Everett, Chairman

Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk