

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
5:00 P.M.
August 17, 2020

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation and *Pledge of Allegiance*
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Citizens wishing to address the Commission
5. Approval of Minutes
6. Old Business
 - a. Review and Discussion of Current Ordinances Pertaining to EMS Fees and Solid Waste Disposal
 - b. Discussion of Poly Carts
 - c. Discussion of Zoning for unincorporated Candler County
 - d. Discussion regarding a proposal from Kreider Repair to repair a 2001 New Holland 4WD tractor
 - e. Consideration of a request from the County Extension Coordinator to increase the stipend to Savannah Tanner, Emanuel Co. Extension Agent, for a research trial to be performed in Candler County
7. New Business
 - a. 2020 Tax Digest
 - b. Consideration of a request from County Administrator to issue an RFP for an ambulance for EMS
 - c. Consideration of expenditures related to COVID-19 to be submitted for reimbursement by the CARES Act
8. Report from Chairman
9. Report from County Administrator
10. Report from Attorney
11. Reports from Commissioners
12. Executive Session
13. Adjournment

Board of Commissioners of Candler County
Regular Meeting
August 17, 2020
5:00 p.m.

The Board of Commissioners of Candler County met for the regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 17, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., in the Commissioners' boardroom at 1075 East Hiawatha Street, Suite A, Metter, Georgia. Those attending the meeting were Candler County Chairman, Glyn Thrift; Vice-Chairman Brad Jones; Candler County Commissioners Wayne Culbertson, David Robinson, and Blake Hendrix; Candler County Administrator, Bryan Aasheim; Candler County Attorney, Kendall Gross; Candler County Clerk, Kellie Lank. This meeting was offered via teleconference to the public. The Metter Advertiser was represented by Jerri Goodman.

Call to Order

Chairman Thrift called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Robinson delivered the invocation and Chairman Thrift led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to amend the agenda adding item 7C. Consideration of expenditures related to COVID-19 to be submitted for reimbursement by the CARES Act
 Commissioner Robinson provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

No citizens attended this meeting to address the Board.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes presented for approval included June 15, 2020 Public Hearing and 1st Regular Meeting, June 22, 2020 Called Meeting and June 29, 2020 Called Meeting, July 6, 2020 1st Regular Meeting, and August 3, 2020 1st Regular Meeting. Commissioner Robinson stated that the June 29, 2020 Called Meeting had one mistake in the spelling of the agenda title.

Commissioner Culbertson made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Vice Chairman Jones provided a second. The motion carried. 5-0

Old Business

Review and Discussion of Current Ordinances Pertaining to EMS Fees and Solid Waste Disposal
 This item remained on the table.

Discussion of Poly Carts

This item remained on the table.

Discussion of Zoning for unincorporated Candler County

This item remained on the table.

Discussion regarding a proposal from Kreider Repair to repair a 2001 New Holland 4WD tractor
 Commissioner Robinson made a motion to remove this item from the agenda. Vice-Chairman Jones provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

Consideration of a request from the County Extension Coordinator to increase the stipend to Savannah Tanner, Emanuel Co. Extension Agent, for a research trial to be performed in Candler County

Mr. Aasheim reported Ms. Daughtry withdrew this request due to the realization that the research trial would not be beneficial to all Candler County farmers.

New Business

Consideration of a resolution to levy ad valorem taxes for 2020

Mr. Aasheim presented a resolution to levy ad valorem tax for 2020 at a millage rate of 12.379 mills in both the incorporated and unincorporated area of the county and an additional 1 mill county wide to be used for the hospital debt reduction.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to adopt a resolution to levy ad valorem tax for 2020 at a millage rate of 12.379 mills in both the incorporated and unincorporated area of the county.

Commissioner Culbertson provided a second. The motion carried 5-0. (Exhibit A)

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to levy an additional 1 mill county wide to be used for the hospital debt reduction. Commissioner Culbertson provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Aasheim added the possibility of holding a called meeting to ratify and certify the millage rate adopted by the Candler County Board of Education. By consensus of the Commissioners, a called meeting was scheduled for August 24, 2020 at 9:00 am.

Consideration of a request from County Administrator to issue an RFP for an ambulance for EMS

Mr. Aasheim requested the Commissioners consider issuing an RFP for an ambulance for Candler County EMS as appropriated in the FY2021 budget.

After some discussion, Commissioner Culbertson made a motion to authorize Mr. Aasheim to issue an RFP for an ambulance for EMS with a F-450 base or like model. Chairman Thrift provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

Consideration of expenditures related to COVID-19 to be submitted for reimbursement by the CARES Act

Mr. Aasheim requested the Board to ratify the submission of certain eligible EMS payroll expenses to support the initial disbursement of \$103,617 for the CARES Act 30% reimbursement. He also requested the Commissioners consider and approve a request to utilize the remaining eligible payroll expenditures

from EMS and eligible payroll expenditures from the Sheriff's Office to support the remaining 70% of Phase 1 funds in the amount of \$241,773.

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to ratify and approve the submission of the payroll expenditures for the 30% and 70% reimbursement request as outlined by Mr. Aasheim to receive full reimbursement of CARES Act funds. Commissioner Robinson provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

Report from Chairman

Chairman Thrift mention that the Public Works department has a personnel shortage due to social distancing and COVID-19 positive results. He also mentioned that the Eden Church Road project is well underway. Mr. Aasheim confirmed the leveling course is on now.

Report from the Administrator

See attached County Administrator's Report (Exhibit B)

- Annual Solid Waste Inspection and letter from EPD- Mr. Aasheim and Brant Lane will work on a plan to present to the Commissioners.
- 9.2 years on Landfill Capacity Report
- Cell Tower request

Report from County Attorney

Mr. Gross requested an executive session for personnel only.

Report from Commissioners

Commissioner Culbertson representing Commission District 1, had nothing to report. Vice-Chairman Jones representing Commission District 2, reported excess sand on St. Matthews Church Road at Silo Road. Also, there is a culvert on Odom Road that has been displaced from the ditch. Commissioner Robinson representing Commission District 3, updated on Eden Church Road. Commissioner Hendrix representing Commissioner District 4, Reads Circle needs leveling.

Executive Session

Commissioner Hendrix moved to exit into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 5:56 p.m. Commissioner Robinson provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hendrix moved to exit Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 7:59 p.m. Commissioner Culbertson provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Vice Chairman Jones moved to authorize Chairman Thrift to sign *the Closed Meeting Affidavit*. Commissioner Robinson provided the second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment

Vice Chairman Jones moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Commissioner Culbertson provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.


Maranda K. Lank, Clerk
Attest


Chairman, Glyn Thrift

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CANDLER COUNTY

Glyn Thrift
Chairman

Brad Jones
Vice-Chairman

Bryan Aasheim
County Administrator

Wayne Culbertson
Commissioner

David Robinson
Commissioner

Blake Hendrix
Commissioner

CLOSED MEETING AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF CANDLER

AFFIDAVIT OF CHAIRMAN OR PRESIDING OFFICER

Glyn Thrift, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Candler County, being duly sworn, states under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of his knowledge and belief:


1. The Board of Commissioners of Candler County met in a duly advertised meeting on August 17, 2020
2. During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.
3. The executive session was called to order at 5:56 p.m.
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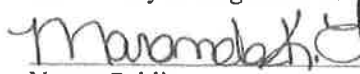
The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law:

- Consultation with the county attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the county or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(1);
- Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(2);
- Discussion of the future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(4);
- Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6);
- Other

This 17th day of August 2020.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 17th day of August 2020.


Glyn Thrift, Chairman
Board of Commissioners of Candler County


Notary Public



State of Georgia

Candler County

RESOLUTION TO LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES FOR 2020

WHEREAS, the Candler County Board of Commissioners is the authority charged with the responsibility to levy ad valorem taxes to carry out the governing authority's purposes for the required Maintenance and operations of the County; and,

WHEREAS, the Candler County Board of Commissioners have adopted a budget for the current fiscal year requiring imposition of ad valorem taxes in a sufficient amount to provide the necessary maintenance and operational needs of the County; and,

WHEREAS, the Candler County Board of Commissioners did cause to be published the Current Tax Digest and Five Year History of Levy as required by the O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32; and,

WHEREAS, the Candler County Board of Commissioners did advertise a tax roll back for the incorporated and unincorporated tax districts and did hold the public hearing as required; and,

WHEREAS, the Net Countywide Digest totals \$275,817,375 in value for all categories of real and personal property; therefore,

The Candler County Board of Commissioners does hereby order to be levied against that digest value at Gross Millage Rate 14.7886 in all tax districts; and,

Per the O.C.G.A. § 48.8-91 the County is required to calculate a countywide rollback based on the Local Option Sales Tax Proceeds of \$664,614.61 such rollback being equal to 2.4096 Mills; and,

WHEREAS, the Insurance Premium Tax Proceeds of \$460,489.28 has been used in its entirety to fund services in the unincorporated area of the County pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 33-8-3; therefore,

The Candler County Board of Commissioners, in a REGULAR MEETING held on August 17, 2020, does hereby order to be levied against the Net Candler County Tax Digest of \$275,817,375 a Net Millage rate, after rollback, of 12.379 Mills in all tax districts for Maintenance and Operational purposes; and,

The Candler County Board of Commissioners does hereby order levied an additional net millage rate of one Mill in all districts against the Hospital Digest of \$275,817,375 for the purpose of the provision of retiring existing hospital debt and other purposes.

Adopted this 17th day of August, 2020.



Chairman, Glyn Thrift



County Clerk, Kellie Lank

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

The undersigned Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Candler County, keeper of the records and seal thereof, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct Copy of a memorandum of understanding approved and adopted by majority vote of said Board of Commissioners in a meeting assembled on August 17, 2020, the original of which memorandum of understanding has been entered in the official records of said Board of Commissioners under my supervision and is in my official possession, custody, and control.

I further certify that said meeting was held in conformity with the requirements of Title 50, Chapter 14 of the Official Code of Georgia.



Maranda K. Lank

Maranda Kellie Lank, Clerk
Board of Commissioners of Candler County

Exhibit B
CANDLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM: 9 – Report from County Administrator

SUBJECT: Review and discussion of Georgia EPD annual solid waste inspection and notice of deficiency

DATE: August 17, 2020

BUDGET INFORMATION: Estimated ~\$50,000

FUNDING SOURCE: TBD

PURPOSE:

To request that the Board of Commissioners:

- a. Review and discuss the Georgia EPD annual solid waste inspection reports and notice of deficiency

HISTORY:

- On June 22, 2020, Georgia EPD performed an annual inspection of the Candler County Landfill site (Inspection reports attached)
- On July 24, 2020, Candler County received a Notice of Deficiency letter from EPD related to the closed landfill and the current, operating, MSWL
- We are required to provide EPD a response letter within 30 days of the date of the notice; HHN&T is working on a response letter.

FACTS & ISSUES:

- 021-006D(MSWL) – The site was deficient for not having sufficient clean earth cover. This was known at the time of the inspection and we were actively working to remedy the situation. This is an ongoing mitigation that is consistent with daily landfill operations.
- 021-001D(L) – The closed landfill evidenced settling and needs to be regraded and grassed. Per HHN&T the closed landfill has experienced settling and needs to be surveyed and graded in order to allow for proper run off. They are preparing an initial plan for implementation of remediation to be included in the response letter. Estimated cost is \$25K-50K for survey, engineering, grading, etc.



Richard E. Dunn, Director

Coastal District
400 Commerce Center Drive
Brunswick, Georgia 31523
912-264-7284

July 24, 2020

Mr. Robert Hendrix
Public Works Director
842 Landfill Road
Metter, Georgia 30439

RE: Routine Solid Waste Inspection Notice of Deficiency
Candler County MSWL Phase II SUD-D – Permit No. 021-006D(MSWL)
Candler County SR-121 C&D/IL – Permit No. 021-005D(L) – Closed
Candler County SR-121 (SL) – Permit No. 021-001D(SL) – Closed

Dear Mr. Hendrix,

On June 22, 2020, the Environmental Protection Division's (EPD) Coastal District Office performed a routine compliance evaluation inspection on the Bryan County Closed Landfills. I met with you, representing the County. The inspection was conducted to assess compliance with the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act, the Georgia Rules for Solid Waste Management, Chapter 391-3-4, Permit, and the approved Design and Operations (D&O) Plans and Closure Plans.

A copy of the inspection report is attached for your review and appropriate action. The following deficiencies were noted and discussed during the inspection:

Site 1: 021-001D(L)

- The landfill is settling and needs to be regraded and grassed.

Site 3: 021-006D(MSWL)

- Design and Operations Plan - Operational Procedures, Condition 5. Intermediate Cover: *"If more than one lift is required in a cell/trench, a uniform compacted layer of clean earth cover not less than one (1) foot in depth shall be placed over each intermediate lift."*
The closed portion of Cell 4 does not have sufficient cover which is allowing waste to surface (flagging). This area must be covered and seeded to prevent further waste exposure.

Mr. Robert Hendrix
July 24, 2020
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Please submit a written response to the Division within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter with a detailed description of the actions taken or to be taken to correct the issues stated above.

The Division appreciates the time that you took from your normal duties to accompany me on this inspection. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (912) 264-7284.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Dance

Jonathan Dance
Environmental Specialist
Coastal District

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Attach: Municipal Solid Waste Evaluation Report 8/14/2019
 Post Closure Checklist 8/14/2019
 Post Closure Checklist 8/14/2019