



**Board of Commissioners of Candler County**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**October 2, 2017**  
**6:00 p.m.**

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The Board of Commissioners of Candler County met for the regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 2, 2017, at 6:00 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; Candler County Vice-Chairman Brad Jones and Commissioners Donny Wells and David Robinson; Candler County Administrator, Doug Eaves; Candler County Clerk, Maranda K. Lank and Candler County Attorney, Kendall Gross. Guest included Glen Deal, Linda Davis, David Flanders, Dr. and Mrs. Smith, and the Metter Advertiser representative, Jerri Goodman. Commissioner Wayne Culbertson was unable to attend the meeting.

**Call To Order**

Chairman Thrift called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice-Chairman Jones delivered the invocation followed by Chairman Thrift leading the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Commissioner Wells made a motion seconded Vice-Chairman Jones to approve the following minutes: August 7, 2017 Work Session and Regular meeting; August 17, 2017 Public Hearing; August 24, 2017 10am Public Hearing; August 24, 2017 6pm Public Hearing; August 24, 2017 7pm Called Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**

**Dr. Smith**

Dr. Smith addressed the Board requesting more financial assistance to Candler County Hospital. He then asked Mr. Gross directly for an explanation. Mr. Gross responded to Dr. Smith's comments. Mr. Eaves then explained the separation of the 1 mil for the 2016 Tax Digest and the 2017 Tax Digest. The receivables from the 2016 and prior 1 mil will continue to be paid to the hospital, but all new tax revenues received from the 2017 Tax Digest will come to the County Commissioners to assist in payments to the debt. Vice-Chairman Jones further addressed Dr. Smith's comments.

**David Flanders**

Mr. Flanders addressed the Board regarding loan payments and defaulting.

**Cleaning RFP**

Mr. Eaves reported to the Board the cleaning RFP. His recommendation was for the Board to allow him to negotiate with Clean by Lucy, who was the only submission. Vice-Chairman Jones made the motion to allow Mr. Eaves to negotiate with Clean by Lucy seconded by Commissioner Wells. The motion passed unanimously.

*Let the record reflect that Vice-Chairman Jones and Mr. Gross left the meeting.*

**Appointment of Member to the Tax Assessor Board**

Tabled

**Revised Travel Policy**

Mr. Eaves produced a revised travel policy that addressed a per diem for meals. Chairman Thrift made the motion seconded by Commissioner Wells for a \$30 per day for low cost destination and \$40 per day for high cost destination.

**Authority to Issue an RFP to acquire a new ambulance from 2011 SPLOST**

Mr. Eaves requested the Board permit him to issue an RFP for a new ambulance from the 2011 SPLOST, to acquire bids for a new 4x4 truck for Public Works.

**Adoption of Comp Plan Resolution**

Mr. Eaves informed the Board that the Regional Commission approved the proposed comp plan. He then requested a motion adopt the "Another Bloomin' Plan". Chairman Thrift made a motion to adopt "Another Bloomin' Plan" seconded by Commissioner Robinson. The motion passed with three votes.

(Exhibit A)

**Ratify Candler County School Board Tax Levy**

Mr. Eaves produced a Resolution to ratify and levy the Candler County School Board millage. Chairman Thrift made the motion to ratify the Candler County School Board millage rate seconded by Commissioner Robinson. The motion passed with three votes.

(Exhibit B)

**Ratify County Administrator Contract**

Tabled

**Old Business**

Commissioner Wells stated that a citizen, Bryan McGowan, has requested to place a mobile home on one acre. Mr. Eaves needs better clarity from Mr. Gross. Mr. Gross stated he needs to study the ordinances prior to giving an answer.

*Let the record reflect Mr. Gross reentered the meeting.*

**Report from the County Administrator and Financial Report**

Mr. Eaves Commissioner Wells made the motion seconded by Chairman Thrift to borrow operating funds from the Landfill Closure Account to be repaid as soon as funds are received from the 2017 Tax Digest. The motion passed with three votes.

Motorola Contract is completed.

General Liability insurance is bid are issued.

LMIG – 2016 striping is complete, grassing and shoulders are being rebuilt along Turner Road, Stillmore and Rosemary Church Road are complete.

The Candler County Agricultural Agent, Christopher Earls, is transferring December 1<sup>st</sup> to another county. The vacancy will be filled in January.

**Report from the Chairman**

Chairman Thrift had nothing to report.

**Report from the Commissioners**

Commissioner Culbertson was not present for this meeting.

Commissioner Robinson reported on Commission District 3.

- Update on Webb Circle CDBG Grant
- State Route 57 around mile marker 2 shoulders are too steep

Vice-Chairman Jones left the meeting early.

Commissioner Wells made a formal announcement that he will not seek reelection for Commissioner District 4 during the 2018 General Election. Commissioner Wells will retire with twenty-two years of public service to Candler County.

**Other Business**

**Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Wells made a motion at 7:37 p.m. seconded by Chairman Thrift to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.



Maranda K. Lank, Clerk  
Attest



Chairman Glyn Thrift