

Board of Commissioners of Candler County
Regular Meeting
July 10, 2017
6:00 p.m.

The Board of Commissioners of Candler County met for the regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 10, 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, David Robinson and Wayne Culbertson; Candler County Administrator, Doug Eaves; Candler County Clerk, Maranda K. Lank and Candler County Attorney, Kendall Gross. Guest included Candler County Road Superintendent, Jerry Lanier; Dan Chicola, EMC Engineering, Inc; Linda Davis and Metter Advertiser representative, Jerri Goodman.

Call To Order

Vice-Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Wells delivered the invocation followed by Chairman Thrift leading the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Approval of the Minutes

Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion seconded Commissioner Robinson to approve the following minutes: June 5, 2017 Work Session, Regular Meeting and Executive Session, June 8, 2017 Public Hearing, June 13, 2017 Budget Workshop/Called Meeting and June 22, 2017 Budget Adoption. The motion carried unanimously.

Amendments to the Agenda

Chairman Thrift requested an amendment to the agenda to include the items listed below.

- **Insurance for Baseball Tournaments**

Commissioner Wells made a motion seconded Vice-Chairman Jones to amend the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

2018 LMIG List

Mr. Eaves presented the 2018 LMIG list Mr. Lanier prepared along with the map. Mr. Chicola presented to the Board the cost estimates. Mr. Eaves requested the Board to provide input as to the roads the Board desired to place on the 2018 LMIG list. Mr. Eaves suggested preparing a three year plan for LMIG projects. Mr. Chicola will prepare Excelsior Church and St. Matthews evaluated and tailor a report for those two roads within ten day. He will then add the remaining roads, Mr. Lanier had listed on the 2018 LMIG proposed list. Mr. Eaves requested this information for the August Regular Meeting.

St. Matthews Road Alignment

Mr. Chicola presented the map for the Saint Matthews Church Road right of way alignment map for the tier three TIASPLOST project. After discussion of the right of way alignment for this project, the Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion seconded Commissioner Culbertson to approve the realignment and proceed with the submission to Georgia Department of Transportation for approval prior to right of way acquisition process begins. The motion carried unanimously.

Interviewing of County Administrator Position

Tabled until after Executive Session

Facility Management

Mr. Eaves recommended the Board consider relocating the Agricultural Extension Resources and 4H Office to the Adult Learning Facility Building to better utilize the space of County owned property. Commissioner Robinson made a motion seconded Chairman Thrift to relocate the Agricultural Extension Resources and 4H Office to the Adult Learning Facility Building to better utilize the space of County owned property. The motion carried unanimously.

Business License Ordinance

Mr. Eaves requested the Board reevaluate the penalty phase of the Candler County Business License Ordinance. There is no penalty for the first thirty days, then a \$100 tax, then a \$250/day penalty. Would this be a penalty the Board wants to enforce? Mr. Gross elaborated on the history of said ordinance. Then stated if the Board chose to lower the fee, the ordinance would need to be amended. Commissioner Culbertson made a motion seconded Commissioner Robinson to amend the Business License Ordinance to lower the penalty from \$250/day to \$25/day as well as to be enforced by the Sheriff or the Code Enforcement Officer. The motion carried unanimously.

Alton Slater

Mr. Slater was not present at the meeting.

Insurance for Baseball Tournaments

Mr. Gross stated he received the insurance documentation from Portal Panther Tournament and provided proof the Candler County is listed on their insurance certificate. Mr. Gross stated all documentation is in compliance. Mr. Eaves stated he will communicate this with Coach Robins.

Old Business

Mr. Eaves requested an update on the Courthouse door project from Vice-Chairman Jones.

Report from the County Administrator and Financial Report

Mr. Eaves stated a request from the Metter Advertiser had been received. Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion seconded by Chairman Thrift to purchase a full page ad for \$800 in the Metter-Candler Community Guide & Chamber Directory. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eaves presented the June monthly financial report and bank balances. E911 fund request from Bulloch E911 for utilizing these funds for PSAP improvements. Mr. Eaves then explained the Comparative Budgeted and Actual Report.

Report from the Chairman

Chairman Thrift was not present during this meeting.

Report from the Commissioners

Commissioner Culbertson reported on Commission District 1.

- No issues reported

Vice-Chairman Jones reported on Commission District 2.

- Jones Road
- CDBG Grant
- Radar contact with DOT for Sheriff Department

- Potholes on Dutch Ford Road
- Deputy Tax Commissioner Position
- Salem Church Road
- Road sign damage to Cotton, Stockinghead, and Watson
- Dog Call report from 2015/2016 available

Commissioner Robinson reported on Commission District 3.

- No issues reported

Commissioner Wells reported on Commission District 4.

- Has reported concerns to Mr. Lanier.

Other Business

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice-Chairman Jones made the motion seconded Commissioner Wells to enter into an Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. to discuss personnel, land acquisition and possible litigation. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Jones made the motion to adjourn the Executive Session and resume with the regular business meeting at 8:57 p.m. with Commissioner Wells seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wells made the motion seconded Commissioner Robinson to authorize Chairman Thrift to sign the *Closed Meeting Affidavit*. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Taken

Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion seconded Commissioner Culbertson to compensate the newly appointed Deputy Tax Commissioner, Jolene Scott, \$.50 per hour retroactive in the absence of Tax Commissioner Patty Sikes from the time she went on leave until the day of her return.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion at 9:00 p.m. seconded by Commissioner Wells to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.



Maranda K. Lank, Clerk

Attest



Chairman Glyn Thrift