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

The Board of Commissioners of Candler County met for the regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 6, 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; Candler County Commissioners Wayne Culbertson, Donny Wells and David Robinson; Candler County Administrator, Doug Eaves; Candler County Clerk, Maranda K. Lank and Candler County Attorney, Kendall Gross. Guest included Candler County Payroll Clerk, Crystal Carter; Candler County Registrar Board member, Gary Howard, ACCG Marketing & Field Services Representative, Joe Dan Thompson; Glenn Davis and Associates Brian Glenn, Glen Deal and the Metter Advertiser representative, Jerri Goodman.

Call To Order

Chairman Thrift called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Thrift delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes

Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion seconded Commissioner Culbertson to approve the following minutes: September 7, 2017 Called Meeting; September 14, 2017 Called Meeting; September 18, 2017 October 2, 2017 Work Session and Regular Meeting; and, October 26, 2017 Called Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to amend the agenda

Chairman Thrift made a motion seconded Vice-Chairman Jones to amend the agenda adding an executive session and relocating the purchase of two trucks. The motion passed unanimously.

- Add executive session
- Move the two trucks

Executive Session

Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion at 6:07 p.m. seconded by Commissioner Robinson to enter into an Executive Session to discuss personnel and contract negotiations only. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Wells made a motion at 6:45a.m., seconded by Vice-Chairman Jones to adjourn Executive Session and resume with the regular business meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Thrift made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Jones to authorize Chairman Thrift to sign the *Closed Meeting Affidavit*. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report



Mr. Eaves presented the financial report to the Board. All accounts are balanced with the exception of the payroll account that can be corrected through the auditors adjusting entries and a small amount in transit.

New Business

Award of General Liability Insurance

ACCG Representative, Joe Dan Thompson presented the quote submitted for the property and liability quote.

Glenn Davis and Associates, Brian Glenn introduced Allen Davis who presented the quote submitted for the property and liability quote.

This item was tabled until Glenn Davis can resubmit their bid that includes the bonds.

Award of Ambulance RFP

Mr. Eaves recommended the Board consider purchasing the F350 ambulance from Custom Works at \$154,853.00

Commissioner Wells made a motion at seconded by Chairman Thrift to purchase from the 2011 SPLOST one F350 or F450 ambulance from Custom Works depending on the turn radius at \$154,853.00. The motion passed with four in favor and one against.

Christmas Bonus Recommendation

Mr. Eaves recommended the Board consider a \$400.00. Christmas Bonus for County employees including the Agriculture Extension Office, but excluding the County Constitutional Officers, elected officials and grant employees. The estimated amount to be \$34,600.

Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion at seconded by Chairman Thrift to grant Christmas Bonuses at \$400.00. The motion passed with four in favor and one against.

Approval of Candler County Administrator Contract

Mr. Gross reminded the vote made in the September 2017 meeting to hire Douglas R. Eaves. He then asked the Board for a motion to execute the contract drafted thereof. Commissioner Wells made a motion seconded by Commissioner Robinson to execute the contract subject to the changes made to include the six months buy-out should Mr. Eaves contract not be renewed and should remain in place until January 2019 being included to hire Douglas R. Eaves as Candler County Administrator. The motion passed four to one.

Approval of Temporary Alcohol License

Mr. Eaves presented to the Board a request from Mr. Smith Baggett to obtain a temporary business license under the hardship clause. Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion at seconded by Commissioner Wells to grant Smith Baggett a temporary alcohol license. The motion passed unanimously.

Let the record reflect that Commissioner Wells left the meeting.

Approval of 2018 Holiday Schedule

Mr. Eaves presented the 2018 Holiday Schedule. Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion at seconded by Commissioner Robinson to. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointments to Fill Candler County Tax Assessor Board Vacancy

Chairman Thrift presented stated Mr. Jimmy Lanier requested he be considered for the vacancy on the Tax Assessor Board. Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to appoint Jimmy Lanier to the Tax Assessor Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointment to Fill Candler County Department of Family and Children Services Vacancy Tabled

Old Business

Report from the Chairman

Report from the County Administrator

Received the Order approving the Tax Digest.

Met with FEMA for the recovery cost \$110,971.00

Grinding RFP is out, one bid submitted.

Filed for ALUCA to get prepared for the 2020 census

The EMS building, Steve's Garage Doors submitted a bid to repair the bay door.

Mr. Eaves requested a motion for the repairs to be made to the EMS Building bay doors.

Vice-Chairman Jones made the motion seconded Commissioner Culbertson Steve Overhead and Strickland Electric. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from the Commissioners

Commissioner Culbertson stated all roads in District 1 had been repaired.

Vice-Chairman Jones stated Jones Road is in good condition. He then updated the Board on the Sheriff Department study. Mr. Gross stated the damage to Excelsior Church Road should be repaired then the damages submitted to the company that owned the truck.

Commissioner Robinson reminded the Board to remember Webb Circle.

Executive Session

Vice-Chairman Jones made the motion seconded Commissioner Robinson to enter into an Executive Session at 8:18 p.m. to discuss personnel 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 9:17 p.m. with Commissioner Robinson seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Actions From Executive Session

Commissioner Robinson made a motion at seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to hire Stacie Valesquez to fill the upcoming vacancy for the Candler County Accounts Receivable clerk. The motion passed with three votes with Vice-Chairman Jones abstaining.

Chairman Thrift made the motion to relieve Jason Douglas as Candler County EMS Director and replace him with Gordon Lowe seconded by Vice-Chairman Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion at seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to purchase one F150 Super Cab for the Road Superintendent for the Public Works Department at \$26,746.22. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Thrift stated he still believes Candler County needs an EMS Director a truck. He then made a motion to purchase the second meeting. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Other Business

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion at 9:33 p.m. seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Maranda K. Lank, Clerk

Attest

Chairman Glyn Thrift