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AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
5:00 P.M.  
Tuesday, January 4, 2022

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation and *Pledge of Allegiance*.
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Citizens wishing to address the Commission – *Citizens will be allowed to address the commission individually for a period of up to 5 minutes. Citizens should be prepared at the time of their appearance, wait outside the meeting room until called and observe social distancing measures prior to/after appearing before the commission.*
5. Department Reports
  - a. Metter Fire Department – Jason Douglas
  - b. EMS – Joseph Reynolds
  - c. Roads & Bridges – Jerry Lanier
  - d. Solid Waste – Robert Hendrix
  - e. Recreation – Mike Robins
6. Application for Commission approval, permit, or variance –
7. Approval of Minutes - December 20, 2021 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting
8. Financial Report
9. Executive Session – Personnel
10. Local Act Appointments
  - a. Vice-Chairman
  - b. County Administrator
  - c. County Attorney
  - d. County Clerk
  - e. EMS Director
  - f. Road Superintendent
11. Old Business
  - a. Consideration of a proposal from BAK Builders, LLC for modifications to the Tax Commissioner's office located at 25 W. Daniel St.
  - b. Consideration of a request from the Clerk of Court for ARPA funding to purchase records digitization from Kofile for archival imaging and indexing of land records
  - c. Consideration of a request from the Clerk of Court for authorization to apply for supplemental funding under a Superior Court reimbursement grant for additional, temporary staffing
  - d. Consideration of a request from the Clerk of Court for SPLOST funding for capital purchase of land records cabinets for plats
  - e. Appointment for Heart of Georgia Regional Council

12. New Business
13. Report from Chairman
14. Report from County Administrator
15. Report from Attorney
16. Reports from Commissioners
17. Executive Session
18. Adjournment

**Board of Commissioners of Candler County**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**January 4, 2022**  
**5:00 p.m.**

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The Board of Commissioners of Candler County met for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., in the Commissioners’ boardroom at 1075 East Hiawatha Street, Suite A, Metter, Georgia. Chairman Glyn Thrift presided with Vice-Chairman Brad Jones, Commissioners Gregory Thomas, David Robinson and Blake Hendrix in attendance. County Administrator Bryan Aasheim, County Attorney Kendall Gross, EMS Director Joe Reynolds, Public Works Supervisor Jerry Lanier, Metter Fire Chief Jason Douglas were also in attendance. Clerk Kellie Lank was not present for this meeting.

The Metter Advertiser was notified of the meeting but had no one in attendance.

Citizens present at the meeting were Susannah Lanier, 4-H Coordinator and Pressley Douglas, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade 4-H Officer. This meeting was offered via teleconference to the public. However, no citizens signed on to hear the meeting.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Thrift called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Thrift called on Pressley Douglas to provide the invocation and *Pledge of Allegiance*.

**Amendment to the Agenda**

Mr. Aasheim requested that the agenda be approved with no changes. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The second to the motion was provided by Commissioner Hendrix. The motion carried 5-0.

**Citizens Wishing to Address the Board**

There were no citizens present to address the Commission

**Department Reports**

- **Metter Fire Department, Jason Douglas:** Chief Douglas reported that it had been a tough month with a number of fires. He also reported concern about the stockpiles at Scrap Partners and stated that he had a meeting with new management.
- **Candler County EMS, Joe Reynolds:** Mr. Reynolds presented his monthly financial reports and trip count. Trips were up this month due to COVID-19. Attorney Gross inquired as to hospice trip charges from the EMS.
- **Public Works, Jerry Lanier:** Mr. Lanier commented on staffing and resources and that he would likely have to slow ditcher work due to employees being out.
- **Solid Waste, Robert Hendrix:** Mr. Hendrix was unable to attend the meeting.
- **Recreation, Mike Robins:** Mr. Robins was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Aasheim commented that the old gym had had a leaking toilet and used 805,000 gallons of water in the past month, resulting in a charge from the City of Metter of over \$8,000.

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**Application for Commission approval, permit, or variance –**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to table this item to the next meeting. Commissioner Thomas provided the second to the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**Financial Report**

Mr. Aasheim presented the SPLOST figures for December with total returns of \$142,255.81 which continues the positive trending. Aasheim requested that the financial reports be tabled until the next meeting.

Chairman Thrift made a motion to table the financial report until the next meeting. Commissioner Robinson provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

**Executive Session – Personnel**

Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion at 5:39 p.m. to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. Commissioner Hendrix provided the second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

At 5:49 p.m. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to exit executive session and return to the open meeting. Commissioner Hendrix provided the second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion to authorize Chairman Thrift to sign the closed meeting affidavit and certify that the executive session was for personnel discussion only. Commissioner Robinson provided the second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

**Local Act Appointments**

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to appoint Brad Jones as the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Hendrix provided the second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion to re-appoint Bryan Aasheim as the County Administrator. Commissioner Robinson provided the second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion to re-appoint Kendall Gross as the County Attorney. Commissioner Hendrix provided the second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to re-appoint Maranda K. Lank as the County Clerk. Commissioner Hendrix provided the second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to re-appoint Joseph Reynolds as the Candler County EMS Director. Commissioner Hendrix provided the second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion to re-appoint Jerry Lanier as the Candler County Roads & Bridges Supervisor. Commissioner Hendrix provided the second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

**Old Business**

Administrator Aasheim requested that the commission table items the following items to the next meeting:

**Consideration of a proposal from BAK Builders LLC for modifications to the Tax Commissioners Office located at 25 W. Daniel St;**

**Consideration of a request from the Clerk of Court for ARPA funding to purchase records digitization from Kofile for archival imaging and indexing of land records;**

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Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to table items 11a, b, c, and d, until the next commission meeting. Commissioner Robinson provided the second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

**Consideration of an appointment to the Heart of Georgia Regional Council**

Administrator Aasheim made a recommendation that the board appoint Mr. Marcus McCray.

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to appoint Marcus McCray to the Heart of Georgia Regional Council. Vice-Chairman Jones provided the second. The motion carried 5-0.

**Old Business**

**Consideration of an additional appropriation for the purchase of FAX components for the County Multi-Function Printers under the RICOH agreement**

Administrator Aasheim stated that due to an error the FAX modules had not been included in the original RFP or addenda. Mr. Aasheim requested that the board approve and that the RICOH agreement continued to the most cost effective for the county.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve an additional \$2,840 in SPLOST funding for the purchase of the FAX modules. Commissioner Thomas provided the second. The motion carried 5-0.

**Report from Chairman**

Nothing to report.

**Report from County Administrator**

- Administrator Aasheim stated that the city had conflicts with all proposed joint meeting dates in January and has proposed to meet on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the old pond house restaurant at 6:00 p.m.
- Aasheim stated that he was obtaining quotes from CAT for both D4 and D3 type bulldozers for possible lease-purchase for the inert landfill

**Report from the County Attorney**

County Attorney Gross discussed the pending civil litigation the County had started against an animal hoarder. He advised that he would like to proceed with the litigation.

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to authorize the County Attorney to proceed with litigation against Angela Lucas. Commissioner Robinson provided the second to the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

**Reports from the Commissioners**

- **Gregory Thomas, District 1** – Commissioner Thomas had inquired about the condition of Salem Church Rd. Aasheim stated that it wasn't currently on the LMIG schedule, but that it could be evaluated for resurfacing.
- **David Robinson, District 3** – Nothing to report.
- **Blake Hendrix, District 4** – Nothing to report.
- **Brad Jones, District 2** –
  - Inquired about the Turner Rd. overpass and Lake Church Rd. Aasheim stated that EMC Engineering had evaluated both sites and is to provide cost estimates which could be included in the 2022 LMIG bidding if desired.
  - Commented that he had concerns about the location of the coroner's van and its proximity to the 4-hr's activities. Suggested a shelter be looked at or another location.

**Executive Session – Personnel and Litigation**


At 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel and litigation. Vice-Chairman Jones provided the second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

At 7:27 p.m. Vice-Chairman Jones made motion to exit executive session and re-enter the regular meeting. Commissioner Hendrix provided the second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the closed meeting affidavit and certify that the executive session was for personnel and litigation only. Commissioner Thomas provided the second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Chairman Thrift provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

  
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 Maranda K. Lank, Clerk  
 Attest

  
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 Chairman, Glyn Thrift

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## CLOSED MEETING AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF GEORGIA  
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### 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 January 4, 2022

2.  
During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.

3.  
The executive session was called to order at 10:30 p.m.

4.  
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);

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Other

This 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

*Mara...*  
Notary Public



*[Signature]*  
Glyn Thrift, Chairman  
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