

AGENDA
WORK SESSION
February 4, 2019
5:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. Mel Kelly – EMS Report
3. Mike Robins – Recreation Department Monthly Report
4. Jerry Lanier – Roads and Bridges Department Monthly Report
5. Robert Hendrix – Solid Waste/Landfill Report
6. Jason Douglas – Fire Department Monthly Report
7. Allen Tyler – Coroner
8. Shelly Strange – Animal Shelter and Animal Control Officer
9. Others Wishing to Address Commissioners
10. Adjourn

Board of Commissioners of Candler County
Work Session
February 4, 2019
5:00 p.m.

The Board of Commissioners of Candler County held a work session on February 4, 2019, at 5:00 p.m., in the Commissioners' boardroom at 1075 East Hiawatha Street, Suite A, Metter, Georgia. The purpose of the work session was to hear any business brought before the Board prior to the regular business meeting to be held at 6:00p.m. Those attending the meeting were Candler County Chairman, Glyn Thrift; Candler County Vice-Chairman, Brad Jones; Commissioners Wayne Culbertson, David Robinson and Blake Hendrix; Candler County Administrator, Bryan Aasheim; Candler County Deputy Clerk, Clara Frink; Candler County Attorney, Kendall Gross; Candler County EMS Director, Melburn Kelly; Candler County Public Works Director, Jerry Lanier; Candler County Landfill Director, Robert Hendrix; Candler County Coroner, Allen Tyler; Candler County Tax Assessor's Office, Chief Appraiser, Marian Grier and Deed Clerk, Jessica Gonzalez. Other guests attending the meeting included Shelly Strange, Donna Hensley, Maggie Woods, Keturah Fordham Wylemski, Michael Byrd, Rebecca Rapoza, Bonita Fisher, Jeff Star, Bobby Odom and Dan Chicola with EMC Engineering. The representative from the Metter Advertiser was Jerri Goodman. Candler County Recreation Department Director, Mike Robins and Candler County Clerk, Maranda K. Lank were not present for this work session.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Mike Robins – Recreation Department Monthly Report

Candler County Recreation Department Director, Mike Robins was not available to attend this work session. However, he did submit a January 2019 monthly report which Mr. Aasheim delivered to the Board. Strickland Building flooring is almost complete and should be done by the end of the week.

- Basketball is under way with the most players registered since Coach Robins has been the Recreation Department Director. Last year had forty-seven players. This year has fifty-seven.
- Strickland Building Flooring project is complete, and the contractor paid.
- Due to rain, the painting contractor has been unable to start the exterior painting project.
- Baseball and Softball registration begins this week. Flyers will go to the schools and an advertisement published in the newspaper, as well as Good Morning Metter email blasts.

Jerry Lanier – Roads and Bridges Department Monthly Report

Candler County Public Works Road Superintendent, Jerry Lanier approached the Board to deliver his monthly report.

- Road repairs are complete due to rain. Mr. Lanier stated the citizens are happy. Turkey Ridge is repaired. Commissioner Culbertson stated he had not had complaints the past week. Vice-Chairman Jones stated he had contacted Becky Loveall about a pothole just before Creekside Way. Mr. Lanier will follow up on the pothole repair.

Robert Hendrix – Candler County Landfill Monthly Report

Candler County Solid Waste and Recycling Center Supervisor, Robert Hendrix, approached the Board to deliver his monthly report.

- The leachate water has been hauled to the City of Metter Waste Water treatment plant.
- Mr. Aasheim has the annual report and has been electronically submitted with the help of the landfill engineers.

Jason Douglas Fire Department Report

City of Metter Fire Chief, Jason Douglas, was not present at this work session. However, he emailed the January 2019 report below.

- Vice-Chairman Jones, as the County’s liaison, inquired about any correspondences the City of Metter has made to communicate with the County for budget purposes regarding the Fire Protection. Mr. Aasheim replied he had sent a letter informing both City Manager, Mandi Codi and Chief Douglas of Vice-Chairman Jones being selected by the Board of Commissioners to serve as the County’s liaison during the budget process. However, he has not received communications from the City. Vice-Chairman Jones then asked if Chief Douglas delivered the report or emailed it. Mr. Aasheim replied the report was emailed. Chairman Thrift reported the City Council is aware that Chief Douglas does not attend the monthly Work Sessions.

Metter Fire Rescue Response List
Jan-19

Call Type and Jurisdiction

Jan-19

	Structure	Vehicle	Res.	Brush	Inv.	Alarm	Heli.	Haz.	Service	Med.	Other	Total
City	2	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	12	1	20
County	0	0	2	1	1	6	0	1	0	7	0	18
Total	2	1	2	1	2	6	2	1	1	19	1	

Total Calls	38
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39 Total Calls (1 Mutual aid given to Jefferson County Haz-Mat)

Jan-18

	Structure	Vehicle	Res.	Brush	Inv.	Alarm	Heli.	Haz.	Service	Med.	Other	Total
City	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	0	1	5	1	17
County	3	2	3	16	2	9	0	0	2	5	3	45
Total	5	3	4	18	4	10	1	0	3	10	4	

Total Calls	62
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Allen Tyler - Coroner

Candler County Coroner, Allen Tyler approached the Board to give the January monthly report.

- Seven calls for 2019
- No new news from the Scrap Yard bodies. A class ring was found, and one body positively identified.
- A report was passed out to the Board regarding when the Coroner is supposed to be called.

Mel Kelly-EMS Report

Candler County EMS Director, Melburn Kelly, presented his monthly transport report for January 2019. (Exhibit A)

- State system was down in January, so Mr. Kelly included the December 2018 report with the January 2019.
- Mr. Kelly requested the January 2015 report to complete the data report.
- Mr. Kelly submitted the attached financial report.
- The new radio system went live for EMS on Wednesday, January 30, 2019. Coverage check is very good. South coverage was lost at Hwy169 and Hwy121 just before the Altamaha River.
- Mr. Kelly stated that Mr. Aasheim has the BioMedical Cardiac Monitor Maintenance Agreement to present during the Regular Meeting.
- Requested the Board consider hiring the part-time paramedic. No name was mentioned.
- Phone call received last week about someone at the Candler County Hospital not hearing the radio communications.

Marian Grier-Candler County Tax Assessors Office

Mrs. Grier introduced newly hired deed clerk, Jessica Gonzalez, to the Board.

Shelly Strange-Animal Shelter and Animal Control Officer

Ms. Strange approached the Board with the following concerns she has regarding low level of animal services provided by the Metter Animal Shelter and the Animal Control Officer:

- Mismanagement of the Shelter Policy
 - Complaint is specifically that City Manager, Mandi Cody and Shelter Director, Rob Shore are not adhering to the Open Admissions Facility policies by turning away animals.
- Animal Control Officer failing to perform his duties.
 - Complaint is specifically that Tommy Condry is not the right fit for the job.
 - When complaints are filed, there are times he will not follow up. For example, a dog with no shelter is reported then ten days later the dog still has no shelter.
 - Ms. Strange has delivered animals to the shelter on cases where Mr. Condry did not.
 - Ms. Strange then spoke of the disreputable rescue.

Mr. Gross asked of the location the calls. He then explained the City/County Agreement for Animal Control. He then explained the Animal Control Officer is a City of Metter employee, not a County employee further explaining the Commission does not have any oversight ability. However, the County tax payers are paying for a service and if the citizens of the County are not getting the services then the Commissioners need to be apprised of it. Mr. Gross then asked Ms. Strange to explain the process she follows to make a complaint and have an animal taken into the shelter. Ms. Strange then stated she has been a formal volunteer for twelve years and people reach out to them. She explained when she receives a call, she will go look herself first. She has gone through the chain of command to try to explain to the City. After some discussion, Ms. Strange states that she does not take "No" for an answer and she follows up with the calls she receives. She also explained situations she has witnessed that she thinks inhuman. Ms. Strange offered to sit down to talk in debt.

Ms. Donna Hensley approached the Board to express her concerns as well. She spoke of similar situations Ms. Strange mentioned.

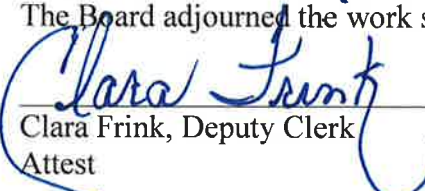
Maggie Woods approached the Board to tell her experience with the Animal Shelter and reporting an abandoned dangerous dog tied to a tree. That she was later charged with trespassing for helping the dog on the owner's property. She told the Commissioners of the location of the dog near Amanda Road.

Keturah Fordham Wylemski approached the Board from Screven County, stated she was involved due to partnering with Bonita Fisher to write a letter to the Metter Advertiser regarding Tommy Condry not performing his duties as animal control officer and in turn citizens were performing this duty physically, emotionally and financially. She then explained her involvement with the complaint against the affiliation of Tommy Condry and Joy Bohannon of GUARD. She then went into detail of the history of legalities filed against Joy Bohannon for animal abuse.

Others Wishing to Address Commissioner

Adjourn

The Board adjourned the work session at 6:02 p.m.



Clara Frink, Deputy Clerk
Attest



Chairman, Glyn Thrift

Candler County EMS

December 2018 Report

Total Call's for month of December – (95)

Non-Transports – (27) (2) Public Assist

Emergency Transports – (68)

Non-Emergency Transports – (0)

Transport % - (72%)

Non-Transport % - (28%)

Fly Outs – (0)

Mutual Aide – (0)

Fatality Accidents – (0)

Destination Name

Candler County Hospital ----- (32)

East Georgia Regional Hospital Statesboro ----- (22)

From CCH – (12) From Nursing Home – (0) By Request – (10)

Meadows Regional Hospital Vidalia ----- (4)

From CCH – (0) From Nursing Home – (1) By Request – (3)

Memorial Medical Center Savannah ----- (5)

Augusta University Hospital (MCG) Augusta ----- (2)

Saint Joseph's Hospital Savannah ----- (1)

Emanuel Medical Center Swainsboro ----- (1)

Response to County Jail ----- (0)

Nursing Home Responses – (13)

Total Hospital Transfers – (21)

Dec 2015 – (151)

Dec 2016 – (165)

Dec 2017 – (185)

Dec 2018 – (95)

Candler County EMS

January 2019 Report

Total Call's for month of January – (138)

Non-Transport's – (41) DOA – (2) Public Assist – (4)

Emergency Transports – (97)

Non-Emergency Transport's – (0)

Transport % - (71%)

Non-Transport % - (29%)

Fly Outs – (4)

Mutual Aide – (0)

Fatality Accident's – (0)

Destination Name

Candler County Hospital ----- (50)

East Georgia Regional Hospital Statesboro ----- (27)

From CCH – (12)

From Nursing Home – (1)

By Request – (14)

Meadows Regional Hospital Vidalia ----- (3)

From CCH – (0)

From Nursing Home – (1)

By Request – (2)

Memorial Medical Center Savannah ----- (3)

Augusta University Hospital (MCG) Augusta ----- (2)

Saint Joseph's Hospital Savannah ----- (2)

Emanuel Medical Center Swainsboro ----- (1)

Candler General Hospital Savannah ----- (2)

Responses to County Jail ----- (0)

Nursing Home Responses – (15)

Total Hospital Transfers – (21)

Jan 2015 – (?) Jan 2016 – (161) Jan 2017 – (170) Jan 2018 – (182) Jan 2019 – (138)

