

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

The Board of Commissioners of Candler County met for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 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, Vice-Chairman Brad Jones and Commissioners Donny Wells and Wayne Culbertson; Candler County Administrator, Doug Eaves; Candler County Clerk, Maranda K. Lank; and Candler County Attorney, Kendall Gross; Dan Chicola, EMC Engineering, Inc; Candler County Election Board member, Gary Howard; Candler County Sheriff John Miles, Jr. and Chief Investigator, Melvin Ivey; Richard Deal and Blake Bloser of Lanier, Westerfield, Deal, & Proctor, CPAs; Candler County Coroner Allen Tyler; The Metter Advertiser representative, Jerri Goodman; Guest included Glenn Deal. Commissioner Robinson was unable to attend.

Call To Order

Chairman Thrift called the meeting to order at 6:24 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 by Commissioner Wells to approve the January 19, 2017 Called Meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Amendments to the Agenda

Chairman Thrift requested a motion to amend the agenda to add the following items:

- **Clerk of Elections**
- **Update from County Attorneys from Candler and Trutlen- Candler Hiring Doug Eaves as Candler County Administrator**

Commissioner Wells made a motion seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to amend the agenda adding items as stated by Chairman Thrift. The motion carried unanimously.

Jerri Goodman from the Metter Advertiser took pictures of the presentation.

New Business

Presentation of Resolution Plaque Honoring Commissioner Meridy

Chairman Thrift requested former Commissioner Virgil Montee Meridy, who served the remaining term for his late father Commissioner Henry V. Meridy approach the Board to be presented a plaque honoring them both for their service to Candler County.

Ratify the Vice-Chairman as an Additional Signature

Commissioner Wells made a motion seconded by Chairman Thrift to add the Vice-Chairman as an additional signature in the absence of the Chairman for contracts. The motion carried unanimously.

Inmate Medical Insurance Coverage

After a brief update, Mr. Eaves suggested the Board consider contracting with ACCG to prepare the fee schedules for Inmate Medical versus Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Mr. Eaves recommended terminating Blue Cross and Blue Shield as the insurance provider for Inmate Medical. Also, he recommended paying the outstanding balance of approximately \$2400.00 to the Physician's Assistant provided through Candler Family Medical Group considering Blue Cross and Blue Shield has not paid this bill. Furthermore, Sheriff Miles and Mr. Eaves will negotiate with the local pharmacies to obtain the best prices for prescriptions.

Chairman Thrift made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Jones to terminate Blue Cross and Blue Shield as the Inmate Medical Insurance provider. The motion carried unanimously.

Clerk for Elections

Mr. Gross stated Ms. Mary "Dee Dee" Clark had submitted her resignation and the need for a Public Notice to advertise the opening. Mr. Gross further recommended the Board allow Mr. Gary Howard accept the applications for the position.

Chairman Thrift made a motion seconded by Commissioner Wells to allow Gary Howard to accept the applications for Chief Deputy Registrar. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gross Stated he would prepare the ad.

Update from County Attorneys from Candler and Treutlen- Candler Hiring Doug Eaves as Candler County Administrator

Mr. Gross reported the Treutlen County Attorney, Tom Evert had relayed the Treutlen County Board of Commissioners were to meet on February 7, 2017 to discuss this topic. However, Mr. Evert conveyed he did not have a problem with Mr. Doug Eaves serving as Interim Candler County Administrator and did not think the Treutlen County Commission would either. Mr. Gross concluded the report stating Mr. Evert would inform him after the meeting should the Treutlen County Commission require a more formal agreement.

Mr. Eaves stated the agreement will be memorialized in the Treutlen County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes.

Old Business**Revised Mobile Home/Subdivision Ordinance**

This item was tabled.

Savannah Communications – Radio Equipment

Commissioner Jones stated he had met with Sheriff Miles, Investigators Ivey and Wells. Problems were recognized and they are working on those prior to an agreement.

Draft Emergency Management Ordinance

This item was tabled.

Pending Local Legislation

Mr. Gross reported this item pertained to the Probate Judge becoming the Election Superintendent. He had only to submit the Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioner to House Representative Butch Parris.

Public Defender Issues

Mr. Gross stated he would like this item to remain on the agenda until further notification.

SPLOST

All County Departments had submitted their wish list.

Consideration of Bids for Replacing Floor at Jack Strickland Building

The Board agreed this project should be advertised prior to accepting bids.

Commissioner Wells made a motion seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to publicly advertise for bid replacing the flooring at the Jack Strickland Building. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report

Mr. Eaves gave a preliminary financial report for two reasons. One, the transition from Harris to Edmunds had left the County with unreconciled opening entry balances which are causing some difficulty in bank reconciliations. Secondly, several months had passed since the General Fund had been reconciled. The smaller accounts are basically in fairly decent shape. Mr. Eaves went on to explain recent actions taken to resolve these issues included, he and the auditors had been working together on the opening entries to make which is a process that is ongoing. To get the preliminary totals for the General Fund, was take the current balance on the bank statement and went back and tried to get a good total of the outstanding checks. As a result, Mr. Eaves stated he found that the General Fund available balance was \$91,525.00. The outstanding check balance would overdraw the account by \$128,119.00. Considering the payroll processing amount and the low balance, Mr. Eaves stated he took immediate remedial steps to prevent he moved \$100,000.00 from the old Pineland General Fund account into the Queensborough General Fund account. Along with the deposit of around \$25,000.00, this squared the account up. For further security, Mr. Eaves stated he requested Chairman Thrift contact Dennis Allen to transfer \$250,000.00 from the line of credit into the Queensborough General Fund account. Candler

County Tax Commissioner, Patty Sikes, although on vacation assured Mr. Eaves that her accounts were processing the January payments.

Mr. Eaves concluded his report by stating he foresaw a much more accurate financial report for the March meeting considering the current plan of action he had in place.

Report from the Chairman

Chairman Thrift delivered a brief synopsis of Georgia counties that allocate millage rates for their local hospitals.

Report from the County Administrator

Mr. Eaves had nothing to report.

Report from the Commissioners

Vice-Chairman Jones had nothing to report

Commissioner Wells reported he was very thankful the striping project had finally begun.

Commissioner Robinson was not present.


Commissioner Culbertson had nothing to report.


Other Business

Several citizens spoke regarding the service fees added to the tax bills to assist the Hospital.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion at 7:30 p.m. seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.


Maranda K. Lank, Clerk


Chairman Glyn Thrift