

**Board of Commissioners of Candler County
Called Meeting
January 17, 2017
4:00 P.M.**

The Board of Commissioners of Candler County held a called meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at 4:00 p.m., in the Commissioners' boardroom at 1075 East Hiawatha Street, Suite A, Metter, Georgia. The purpose of the called meeting was to handle unfinished business from the January 3, 2017 regular meeting and other business brought before the Board. Those attending the meeting were Candler County Chairman Glyn Thrift, Vice-Chairman Brad Jones and Commissioners Donny Wells and Wayne Culbertson; Candler County Clerk, Maranda K. Lank; and Candler County Attorney, Kendall Gross; Guest included Metter Advertiser representative, Jerri Goodman; Candler County EMS Director, Mel Kelly; Candler County Sheriff's Department, Investigator Justin Wells; Candler County Tax Assessor Board member, Lara Vines; City of Metter Administrator, Mandi Cody; Lance Holloway, Randy Hadden, Sue Allen, Commissioner David Robinson was unable to attend the called meeting.

Call To Order

Chairman Thrift called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-Chairman Jones delivered the invocation followed by Chairman Thrift leading the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Agenda Amendments

Chairman Thrift requested a motion to amend the agenda removing discussion of the Candler County Hospital Authority's Request for Candler County Commissioners to secure a \$6.5 million loan at Queensborough National Bank and Trust and to add the following items:

- **Appointment of Public Building Authority Representative in place of William Lindsey**
- **Appointment of a Representative to the Concerted Services Board**
- **Renewal of the Cannon Copy Contract**
- **Acceptance of the Birthday House Bid**
- **Appointment of signature for EMS Contracts/C&S Healthcare Billing Contract**
- **EMC Engineering Inventory of Roads**
- **Mutual Aid Agreement Tattnall/Candler/City of Metter**
- **Elections – Judge Tony Thompson**

Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to amend the agenda removing and adding items as stated by Chairman Thrift. The motion carried unanimously.

SPLOST

Chairman Thrift presented to the Board the proposed list of SPLOST items from the following departments to be considered for drafting local legislation to be presented to the Georgia General Assembly.

- Tax Commissioners Office
- Tax Assessors Office
- Clerk of Court
- Sheriff's Department
- Roads and Bridges
- Solid Waste/Recycling
- Probate Court
- EMS
- Recreation Department

Mr. Gross advised in order to be in compliance with the statute, there needs to be a cost estimate for the proposed SPLOST items. Chairman Thrift replied he would like two commissioners to assist in revision of the proposals. Mr. Gross also mentioned some departments had done a very good job preparing their proposal to the point of including previous invoices, and others were just an itemized list with no supporting documentation.

Bids for Culvert Pips

Chairman Thrift requested the Board ratify the decision previously made to accept Parker Engineering's low bid of \$3,000.00 to replace culvert pipes for the FEMA Project. Chairman Thrift also stated bids ranged from \$3,000.00 to \$16,000.00.

Commissioner Wells made a motion seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to ratify acceptance of Parker Engineering's bid of \$3,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Revised Mobile Home Ordinance

Chairman Thrift reported Marian Grier, interim Chief Tax Appraiser, had respectfully requested to allow time for her to review the revised mobile home ordinance. Vice-Chairman Jones replied he had read the ordinance and was prepared, but would agree to table a motion until the February Regular Meeting to allow Mrs. Grier time to review the ordinance as well.

Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion seconded by Commissioner Wells to table the Revised Mobile Home Ordinance until the February 6, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Draft Emergency Management Ordinance

Chairman Thrift reported errors in the proposed Emergency Management Ordinance originally presented by former County Administrator Lindsey were recently found and requested the Board to table this ordinance as well. The motion carried unanimously.

Draft Emergency Management Ordinance (continued)

Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion seconded by Commissioner Wells to table the Draft Emergency Management Ordinance until the February 6, 2017 Regular Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Public Building Authority Representative in place of William Lindsey

Chairman Thrift informed the Board that due to the resignation Candler County Administrator, William F. Lindsey a vacancy had formed on the Public Building Authority Board. Current members include Chairman Thrift, Brinson Lanier and Robert West.

Commissioner Wells made a motion seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to appoint Vice-Chairman Jones to fill the vacancy on the Candler County Public Building Authority. The motion carried unanimously with Vice-Chairman Jones abstained.

Appointment of a Representative to the Concerted Services Board

Chairman Thrift informed the Board that due to the resignation Candler County Administrator, William F. Lindsey a vacancy had formed on the Concerted Services Board. He went on to say William George, Jr. had expressed interest in serving in place of Mr. Lindsey.

Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to appoint William George Jr. to fill the vacancy on the Concerted Services Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Renewal of the Cannon Copy Contract

Chairman Thrift presented the Cannon Copy Contract to the Board outlining minor increases as well as upgrades to color copiers in two departments and leasing a new printer for the Board of Commissioners to be used for printing checks. Vice-Chairman Jones requested both the existing Sheriff's Department's Canon Copier contract be included with the proposed Candler County Cannon Copier contract be included in one invoice. Chairman Thrift stated he would make that request.

Commissioner Wells made a motion seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to accept the proposed Candler County Canon Copier Contract with the provision that the two contracts be invoiced as one. After a brief discussion, the motion carried three to one with Chairman Thrift and Commissioners Wells and Culbertson voting in favor and Vice-Chairman Jones opposed.

Acceptance of the Birthday House Bid

Commissioner Wells made a motion seconded by to accept Briar Creek Properties, Inc.'s bid of \$1,250.00 for the Birthday House. The motion carried unanimously. According to the Public Notice, the party entering the winning bid will be expected to remove the structure from the location not later than thirty (30) days from the completion of purchase.

Appointment of signature for EMS Contracts/C&S Healthcare Billing Contract

Chairman Thrift opened the floor to Candler County EMS Director, Mel Kelly to explain the purpose of requesting a new appointment for a designee to sign contracts. Mr. Kelly began by stating all contracts and service delivery agreement had been sign by the previous county administrator. Now that Mr. Lindsey has resigned, a new designee will be needed to execute documents concerning EMS. Contracts in need of execution are for the billing company and generator service.

Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion seconded by Commissioner Wells to approve the contracts. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion seconded by Commissioners Culbertson to designate Chairman Thrift to sign contracts in the absence of a County Administrator. The motion carried unanimously with Chairman Thrift abstaining.

EMC Engineering Inventory of Roads

Chairman Thrift informed the Board of a meeting he had with Dan Chicola of EMC Engineering. He went on to say Mr. Chicola is going to prepare an estimate for a pavement and striping evaluation survey. This evaluation will include a five year projection for the county as a whole. The survey is intended to be used as a comprehensive plan of action for roads under immediate need. Chairman Thrift also stated he requested Mr. Chicola to prepare the documents for the Georgia Department of Transportation to approve initiation of land acquisition for the Saint Matthews Church Road TIA Project.

Mutual Aid Agreement Tattnall/Candler/City of Metter

Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to continue the Mutual Aid Agreement with Tattnall County and the City of Metter. The motion carried unanimously.

INCLUDE AGREEMENT

Elections – Judge Tony Thompson

Chairman Thrift opened the floor to Mr. Gross. Mr. Gross stated the Board had previously requested that he look into to revising the local legislation that created the Candler County Election Board. Mr. Gross requested the wishes of the Commission to pursue this avenue. If so, a resolution should be drafted and presented to the Georgia General Assembly. The resolution would reestablish the Candler County Probate Judge as the Superintendent of Elections for Candler County. Mr. Gross advised the Board to not carry out this business during a called meeting, but to advertise so that if anybody within the community had an objection they would have an opportunity to voice their opinion. Once, the resolution is adopted by the Board Mr. Gross stated he would then submit the adopted resolution to the legislature to go through the normal process of becoming a Bill. Commissioner Culbertson stated it was his understanding from his past experience that there were supposed to be three public hearings. Mr. Gross replied

that was not true. Commissioner Culbertson then inquired of what would become of the Board of Registrars. Mr. Gross answered the Board of Registrars would still be in place, but the Election Board would be dissolved. Commissioner Culbertson then countered so the election part of it is going to Tony and the voter registration part is staying with the current Board. Mr. Gross clarified that he did not want to get into personalities, but the elections would be the responsibility of the Probate Judge. Commissioner Culbertson then stated you would have to appoint another Board of Registrars. Mr. Gross then explained appointments would be made by the Grand Jury with input from the Chief Judge within the circuit. Chairman Thrift then stated the resolution should be passed during the February 6, 2017 Regular Meeting. Mr. Gross then advised that should be the latest the resolution be adopted should they expect the General Assembly to take action during this session.

Other Business

None.

Executive Session

No motion was made to enter into an executive session during this meeting.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion at 5:03 p.m. seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.



Maranda K. Lank, Clerk



Chairman Glyn Thrift