

AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
5:00 P.M.  
November 16, 2020

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. Old Business
  - a. Consideration of an amendment to the FY2021 Family Connections Budget
  - b. Consideration of an agreement for an employment budget with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for the Regional Drug Task Force FY2021
6. New Business
  - a. Consideration of a proposal to purchase one (1) LUCAS device for Candler County EMS in the amount of \$13,002 with four (4) years of preventative service for \$2,733.60.
  - b. Review and discussion of initial cost estimates for renovation of the Candler County Courthouse
  - c. Sheriff Miles – To speak on the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Sheriff Office, the City of Metter and Candler County
7. Report from Chairman
8. Report from County Administrator
9. Report from Attorney
10. Reports from Commissioners
11. Executive Session
12. Board Appointments / Nominations
  - a. Candler County Hospital Authority – Nominations for two (2) vacant positions beginning January 1, 2021
  - b. Candler County Zoning Panel (proposed)
13. Adjournment





**Board of Commissioners of Candler County  
Regular Meeting  
November 16, 2020  
5:00 p.m.**

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The Board of Commissioners of Candler County met for the regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 16, 2020, at 5:00 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; Candler County Commissioners Wayne Culbertson, David Robinson, and Blake Hendrix; Candler County Administrator, Bryan Aasheim; Candler County Attorney, Kendall Gross; Candler County Clerk, Kellie Lank. Other guests attending the meeting included John Larry Consnahan, Sheriff John Miles, David Miles. This meeting was offered via teleconference to the public. Gregory Thomas attended virtually. The Metter Advertiser was represented by Jerri Goodman.

**Call to Order**

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

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Hendrix delivered the invocation and Chairman Thrift led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

**Approval of Agenda**

Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the following item. Commissioner Culbertson provided a second. The motion carried 4-0.

- 6. c. Sheriff Miles – To speak on the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Sheriff Office, the City of Metter and Candler County**

**Citizens Wishing to Address the Board**

Mr. John Larry Consnahan approached the Commission expressing concerns and a request to abandon a road located on his property.

**Old Business**

**Consideration of an amendment to the FY2021 Family Connections Budget**

This item remained tabled.

**Consideration of an agreement for an employment budget with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for the Regional Drug Task Force FY2021**

This item remained tabled.

**New Business**

**Consideration of a proposal to purchase one (1) LUCAS device for Candler County EMS in the amount of \$13,002 with four (4) years of preventative service for \$2,733.60.**

Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion to approve the purchase of one (1) LUCAS device for Candler County EMS in the amount of \$13,002 with four (4) years of preventative service for \$2,733.60. Commissioner Robinson provided a second. The motion carried, 5-0.

**Review and discussion of initial cost estimates for renovation of the Candler County Courthouse**

Mr. Aasheim presented the proposed budget and alternates submitted by BAK Builders for the renovation projects and cost at the Candler County Courthouse. No action was taken at this meeting.

**Sheriff Miles – To speak on the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Sheriff Office, the City of Metter and Candler County**

Sheriff Miles approached the Commissioners to make them aware of his intentions to exit the Shared Services Agreement entered into and dated June 11, 2018 between the Sheriff, City of Metter and Candler County for the provision of E-911 Radio / Dispatch Services and Jail Services. Sheriff Miles expressed he reluctantly entered into this agreement, and later found out that the terms of the agreement had been altered after he had firmly stated of what he would be willing to agree to and what he would not. He then stated once he learned of the alteration, he planned for exit from this agreement. He then asked the Commissioner to join him in the “Out Clause” in this Shared Services Agreement specifically pertaining to E-911 Radio / Dispatch Services and Jail Services. Mr. Gross confirmed the legality of the Out Clause and the twelve-month notification requirement.

**Report from Chairman**

Chairman Thrift reported he, Mr. Aasheim and Vice-Chairman Jones attended a City Council Meeting the previous week.

**Report from County Administrator**

See attached County Administrator’s Report

- The Regional Commission about the required Hazard Mitigation Public Hearing. This meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2020 at 4:30 pm in the Commissioners Office Boardroom.
- The 4H coordinator position has been approved by UGA and the opening has been posted. It will stay open for 30 days.
- Discussion of budget surplus at the Public Defender’s office. After following through with direction to communicate with surrounding County’s Mr. Aasheim reported the counties, he spoke to intended to allow the Public Defender to keep the surplus.
- ACCG will not be raising the dues in 2021
- The District 9 Legislative meeting among others, a focus is to improve the EMS fee collection.
- Magistrate Court clerk has made aware of an issue concerning dog cases, where the dog is removed from the owner, but the animal shelter consistently does not have space for these case dogs.
- Christmas tree expense. Commissioner Culbertson donated some Christmas trees and ornaments.

**Report from County Attorney**

Mr. Gross reported he received a phone call from the County Law Library where they Law Library Committee voted to agree to paying \$25,000 towards the virtual system requested by Judge Reeves.

**Report from Commissioners**

Commissioner Culbertson representing Commission District 1, requested Mr. Lanier come out to Portal Highway and patch some deep potholes.  
Vice-Chairman Jones representing Commission District 2, had nothing to report at this meeting.  
Commissioner Robinson representing Commission District 3, had nothing to report at this meeting.  
Commissioner Hendrix representing Commission District 4, reported Ms. Nancy Norton thanked all of them and the road department for paving Hope Valley Circle.

**Executive Session**

Vice-Chairman Jones moved to exit into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 6:39 p.m. Commissioner Robinson provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Vice Chairman Jones moved to exit Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 7:07 p.m. Commissioner Robinson provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.


Commissioner Robinson moved to authorize Chairman Thrift to sign the *Closed Meeting Affidavit*. Commissioner Hendrix provided the second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

**Board Appointments / Nominations**

- **Candler County Hospital Authority – Nominations for two (2) vacant positions beginning January 1, 2021**
- **Candler County Zoning Panel (proposed)**

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Hendrix moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m. Commissioner Culbertson 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

# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CANDLER COUNTY

Glyn Thrift  
Chairman

Brad Jones  
Vice-Chairman

Bryan Aasheim  
County Administrator

Wayne Culbertson  
Commissioner

David Robinson  
Commissioner

Blake Hendrix  
Commissioner

### CLOSED MEETING AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF CANDLER

#### 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 November 16, 2020
2. During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.
3. The executive session was called to order at 6:39 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);
- Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(2);
- Discussion of the future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(4);
- Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6);
- Other

This 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.

  
Glyn Thrift, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners of Candler County

  
Notary Public



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