

AGENDA  
Called Meeting  
5:00 P.M.  
Wednesday, March 10, 2021

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation and *Pledge of Allegiance*
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Discussion regarding the 2018 SDS Agreement for Fire Services and the City of Metter's rejection of the County's offer of settlement
5. Executive Session
6. Adjournment

**Board of Commissioners of Candler County  
Called Meeting  
March 10, 2021  
5:00 p.m.**

The Board of Commissioners of Candler County met for a called meeting on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 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 Gregory Thomas, David Robinson, and Blake Hendrix; Candler County Administrator, Bryan Aasheim; Candler County Attorney, Kendall Gross. Other guests attending the meeting included City Council member James McKie. This meeting was offered via teleconference to the public. The Metter Advertiser was represented by Jerri Goodman. Candler County Clerk, Kellie Lank, did not attend this meeting.

**Call to Order**

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

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to approve the agenda. Chairman Thrift provided a second. The motion carried 3-0.

**Discussion regarding the 2018 SDS Agreement for Fire Services and The City of Metter's rejection of the County's offer of settlement**

County Administrator Aasheim provided the commission with a summary of the City of Metter's meeting which was held on Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Aasheim relayed that the City Council voted 5-0 to reject the County's proposal to settle the fire dispute with the primary stated objection being an issue with allowing the County to drill a well for irrigation at the Recreation Department. Aasheim further relayed that the City Council viewed the deadline set by the Commission's offer was an "ultimatum" and City Council had a negative reaction to that as well. Further, Aasheim relayed that during the City's deliberations on the proposal, Vice-Chairman Jones asked to address the council and his request was ignored by the mayor and council. Commissioner Hendrix stated that he had met with Mayor Ed Boyd earlier in the day (March 10<sup>th</sup>) in an effort to come to a resolution, but that he did not make any progress in moving the issue to a resolution. The commission deliberated regarding the current status of the negotiations and the City's rejection of the offer and what to do going forward.

Chairman Thrift made a motion to opt out of the Intergovernmental Agreement for Fire Protection between the City of Metter, Town of Pulaski, and Candler County and to send twelve months' notice as required by the agreement. Vice Chairman Jones provided the second. The motion carried with a vote of 3-2. Chairman Thrift, Vice Chairman Jones and Commissioner Robinson voted in favor of the motion; Commissioners Thomas and Hendrix voted opposed.

**Executive Session – Personnel**

Commissioner Robinson moved to exit into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 6:12 p.m. Vice-Chairman Jones provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hendrix moved to exit Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 6:38 p.m. Vice-Chairman Jones provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

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

Commissioner Hendrix moved to authorize the Rec Director Robins to offer Allison Chassereau a part-time position at the recreation department at a rate of \$8.50 per hour. Commissioner Robinson provided the second. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Robinson moved to authorize EMS Director Reynolds to hire Rachel Canady as a part-time EMT. Commissioner Thomas provided the second. The motion carried 5-0.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. Commissioner Hendrix provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.



Maranda K. Lank, Clerk  
Attest



Chairman, Glyn Thrift

# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CANDLER COUNTY

Glyn Thrift  
Chairman

Brad Jones  
Vice-Chairman

Bryan Aasheim  
County Administrator

Gregory Thomas  
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 March 10, 2021

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

3.  
The executive session was called to order at 6:12 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.

  
Glyn Thrift, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners of Candler County

Sworn to and subscribed before  
this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.

  
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Notary Public  
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