

Candler County Board of Commissioners
Monday, April 18, 2022
5:00 p.m.

The following is a summary of the subjects acted on during the April 18, 2022 regular meeting (Summary of an open meeting in compliance with O.C.G.A. §50-14-1 (2)).

Chairman Glyn Thrift presided with Vice-Chairman Brad Jones, Commissioners Gregory Thomas, David Robinson and Blake Hendrix in attendance. County Administrator Bryan Aasheim, County Attorney Kendall Gross were also in attendance. Clerk Kellie Lank scribed.

The Metter Advertiser was notified of the meeting. A recording will be provided to Jerri Goodman.

This meeting was offered via teleconference to the public. However, no citizens signed on to hear the meeting. There were no citizens present at the meeting.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Thrift called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

2. Invocation and *Pledge of Allegiance*

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

3. Approval of the Agenda

Administrator Aasheim requested that the agenda be amended to include the items below:

8. f. Consideration of a request from public works to declare as surplus a 2005 Ford F150 VIN#6647 and advertise for sale - To be added

g. Consideration of a request from the Candler County Industrial Authority for a letter of support to the Bulloch County Development Authority for a OneGeorgia EDGE grant application for site work at the Aspen Aerogels site – To be added

Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion to amend and approve the agenda as requested. The second to the motion was provided by Commissioner Hendrix. The motion carried 4-0.

4. Citizens wishing to address the Commission

There were no citizens present at this meeting.

5. Application for Commission approval, permit, or variance

a. Solar Permit Request - Bartley - 633 Ann Lane

Administrator Aaheim presented an application for a solar facility permit from Jason and Cynthia Bartley for a structure mounted solar panel array on a residence located at 633 Ann Ln, Metter GA (Parcel #026 030). All required information had been submitted.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hendrix provided the second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

6. Approval of the Minutes –April 4, 2022 1st Regular Meeting

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve the April 4, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Hendrix provided the second. The motion carried 4-0.

****Commissioner Thomas entered the meeting at 5:11 p.m.****

7. Old Business

a. Consideration of a contract for EMS Medical Director services

Administrator Aasheim presented an agreement for Professional Services and Employment of Medical Director for Candler County Emergency Medical Services. County Attorney Gross prepared the agreement naming Dr. Gary Branch as the new medical director.

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to approve to enter into a contract with Dr. Gary Branch for EMS Medical Director services. Commissioner Robinson provided the second. The motion carried 5-0. (Exhibit A)

8. New Business

a. Consideration of proposed EMS service fee changes to be effective July 1, 2022

Administrator Aasheim presented a proposal from EMS Director Reynolds to increase the EMS trip services fees to reflect current regional trip costs. As a result of a long overdue increase, he current EMS trip fees are below average for the region. This fee increase will help offset increasing operational costs.

Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion to approve. Commissioner Thomas provided the second. The motion carried 5-0. (Exhibit B)

b. Consideration of a PM agreement with CAT Yancey for a D6N LGP and a 926M QC for twelve months

Administrator Aasheim presented a preventative maintenance (PM) agreement with CAT Yancey for a D6N LGP and a 926M QC for twelve months. The previous PM agreement expired in March 2022. This proposed PM agreement is for 500 PM intervals with 2 PMs on each piece of equipment during the contract year. Payments are made per service for services rendered.

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to approve. Commissioner Thomas provided the second. The motion carried 5-0. (Exhibit C)

c. Consideration of an agreement with UGA Extension for funding of the Candler County UGA Extension office

Administrator Aasheim presented the agreement with UGA Extension for funding the Candler County UGA Extension office. He explained this is an annual agreement. This agreement also includes cost sharing for Ag Agent, Ross Greene and the FACS Agent position.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve. Commissioner Thomas provided the second. The motion carried 5-0. (Exhibit D)

d. Consideration of a proposal from Dominion Voting for support for the August runoff election and the November general election at a cost of \$6,500 per election

Administrator Aasheim presented a proposal for \$6,500.00 from Dominion Voting for support for the August runoff election and the November general election.

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to approve. Commissioner Thomas provided the second. The motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Robinson voting against. (Exhibit E)

e. Consideration of an agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections for an inmate detail for FY23 at a cost of \$49,318

Administrator Aasheim requested the Board consider entering into an agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections for an inmate detail for FY2023 at a cost of \$49,318.00. This agreement will serve as an assurance that Candler County will receive detail services provided the Georgia Department of Corrections releases the inmate detail to work in the future. Detail services have been on hold since 2020 due to the COVID pandemic. Payment is not required unless services are rendered by the inmate detail.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hendrix provided the second. The motion carried 5-0. (Exhibit F)

f. Consideration of a request from public works to declare as surplus a 2005 Ford F150 VIN#6647 and advertise for sale

Administrator Aasheim informed the board of a request from Roads Superintendent, Jerry Lanier, to surplus a 2055 Ford F150 with VIN#6647.

Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion to approve. Commissioner Thomas provided the second. The motion carried 5-0.

g. Consideration of a request from the Candler County Industrial Authority for a letter of support to the Bulloch County Development Authority for a OneGeorgia EDGE grant application for site work at the Aspen Aerogels site

Administrator Aasheim informed the Board of a request from Candler County Industrial Authority's Executive Director, Hannah Mullins. Her request involved the Candler County Commission authorizing Administrator Aasheim to write a letter of support to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. This will be a letter supporting the Development Authority of Bulloch County's application of a OneGeorgia EDGE for the funding to complete site work at the expansion site of Aspen Aerogels, LLC.

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve. Chairman Thrift provided the second. The motion carried 5-0. (Exhibit G)

9. Report from Chairman

Chairman Thrift requested executive session for personnel.

10. Report from County Administrator

Administrator Aasheim reported on:

- Workers Comp check
- EMS did not hire the last two approved EMS employees
- Allied requested landfill utilize fluff as ground cover
- Requested executive session for personnel

11. Report from the County Attorney

Attorney Gross had nothing to report at this meeting.

12. Reports from Commissioners

- a. Gregory Thomas, District 1 – Commissioner Thomas had nothing to report.
- b. Brad Jones, District 2 – Vice-Chairman Jones requested update on letter to the state representatives, and an update on the trees along the state highway 46. Fallen pine tree at Dutch Ford and Old Pence Farm loop.
- c. David Robinson, District 3 – Commissioner Robinson had nothing to report.
- d. Blake Hendrix, District 4 – Commissioner Hendrix had nothing to report.

13. Executive Session – Personnel

At 5:38 p.m. Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. Commissioner Robinson provided the second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

At 6:22 p.m. Vice-Chairman Jones made motion to exit executive session and re-enter the regular meeting. Commissioner Robinson provided the second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign *the closed meeting affidavit* and certify that the executive session was for personnel only. Commissioner Thomas provided the second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to authorize EMS to hire Andrew Freeman as a part-time paramedic at a rate of \$14.86/hour. Commissioner Thomas provided the second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

14. Adjournment

Commissioner Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. Commissioner Hendrix provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.



Kellie Lank, County Clerk