

Candler County Board of Commissioners  
Monday, May 2, 2022  
5:00 p.m.

The following is a summary of the subjects acted on during the May 2, 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**

Vice-Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

**2. Invocation and *Pledge of Allegiance***

Commissioner Thomas provided the invocation and Vice-Chairman Jones led *Pledge of Allegiance*.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

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

- 9 E . Consideration of a lease purchase agreement with CAT / Yancey for a CAT D3-12LGP Bulldozer SNXKY02630 for a total amount of \$151,697.00 and annual payments of \$35,465.25 and authorization for the Chairman and County Administrator to execute the required lease documents

- F . Consideration of an agreement with Quality Tire Recycling for trailer rental and pickup and transfer of used tires from the Candler County recycling center

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to amend and approve the agenda as requested. The second to the motion was provided by Commissioner Thomas. The motion carried 3-0.

**4. Citizens wishing to address the Commission**

District Attorney, Tripp Fitzner, approached the Commissioner to discuss the Public Defender's Office FY2023 budget request. Mr. Fitzner stated he did not request an increase. However, the County's contribution is changing. The budget for the circuit is based on the Decennial Census. Every ten years the numbers get adjusted based on the population within the counties that make up the district. These numbers have been made available for preparation of the FY2023 Budget. Candler County is part of the Middle Judicial Circuit. Mr. Fitzner stated that while he is not asking for any more money than he did last year, there is a \$2,283.67 increase in contribution for the year. Candler is one of three counties that ended up paying more along with Toombs and Emanuel Counties. Mr. Fitzner closed with thanking the Commissioners for their support.

## 5. Department Reports-

- a. **Metter Fire Department, Jason Douglas:** City of Metter Fire Chief Douglas presented the April fire report and reported 42 calls with 2 mutual aid assists for the month. He mentioned that Pulaski will handle capital purchase for FY2023 budget as well as the adjustments Vice-Chairman Jones inquired about were being discussed during the City's budget workshop that night. (Exhibit A)

*\*\*\*Commissioner Hendrix entered the meeting at 5:12 p.m.\*\*\**

- b. **Candler County EMS, Joseph Reynolds:** EMS Director Reynolds presented the monthly financial report and transport statement. Director Reynolds thanked the Board for the acquisition of the new response truck. A discussion was held on purchasing a brush guard for this vehicle should the decaling and lights install not go over the budgeted allowance. Director Reynolds spoke about "Prolonged COVID" which is COVID with intensifies existing symptoms. He also cautioned of the Summer Variant. (Exhibit B)
- c. **Roads & Bridges, Jerry Lanier:** Roads Superintendent Lanier informed the Board that the 2022 grass cutting season had begun and that the cutting crews were actively working on the County's rights-of-way. Superintendent Lanier concluded the report as Chairman Thrift entered the room.

*\*\*\*Chairman Thrift entered the meeting at 5:20 p.m.\*\*\**

- d. **Landfill, Robert Hendrix:** Administrator Aasheim reported that Landfill Supervisor, Hendrix was unable to attend the meeting, but all is going well at the Landfill.
- e. **Recreation:** Coach Robins was unable to attend, but Administrator Aasheim reported that Early Voting is currently being held in the Jack Strickland Building for the May 24<sup>th</sup> Primary Election. Also, he has received confirmation that the poles and lights for the Lighting Project will be delivered in mid-June.

## 6. Financial Report

Administrator Aasheim delivered the April 2022 Financial report. (Exhibit C)

- All accounts are balanced as of April 30, 2022
- The General Fund operating account closed the month with \$4,243,369.12. The total for the General Fund Contingency account was \$239,478.62.
- The Hospital Line of Credit 1Mil account balance is \$446,127.29. This balance will carry the loan payments during the time the '18 SPLOST Proceeds are deferred to the IDA.
- The Special Services District (SSD) balance at month end was \$1,087,742.07.
- The '18 SPLOST 20% Hospital account balance is \$10,936.69.
- The FY2022 budgeted transfer of \$80,000.00 from the General Fund Operating account into the Landfill Closure account was made during April.
- A final all-encompassing FY2022 Budget Amendment should be presented before June 30, 2022.
- The 2018 SPLOST Distribution collected \$151,530.96.

**7. Approval of the Minutes –April 18, 2022 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting**

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve the April 18, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Vice-Chairman Jones provided the second. The motion carried 5-0.

**8. Old Business**

There was no Old Business to discuss during this meeting.

**9. New Business**

- a. Consideration of a request to include safety striping of Pulaski Highway from the Pulaski city limits to the Bulloch County line to the 2022 LMIG project at an estimated cost of \$12,650 to be funded with TIA discretionary funds**

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- b. Consideration of a request from the County Administrator to allocate funding for the FY23 Fire Budget Capital Payment to the Special Services District Fund (270) in the amount of \$36,620**

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve a request from the County Administrator to allocate funding for the FY23 Fire Budget Capital Payment to the Special Services District Fund (270) in the amount of \$36,620. Commissioner Hendrix provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

- c. Consideration of an appointment to the Board of Directors of the L.C. Anderson Memorial Library**

To be discussed during executive session.

- d. Consideration of an appointment to the Metter-Candler Recreation Department Advisory Board**

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to table this item. Commissioner Hendrix provided a second. The motion carried 4-1 with Vice-Chairman Jones abstaining.

- e. Consideration of a lease purchase agreement with CAT / Yancey for a CAT D3-12LGP Bulldozer SNXKY02630 for a total amount of \$151,697.00 and annual payments of \$35,465.25 and authorization for the Chairman and County Administrator to execute the required lease documents**

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f. **Consideration of an agreement with Quality Tire Recycling for trailer rental and pickup and transfer of used tires from the Candler County recycling center**

Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion to approve an agreement with Quality Tire Recycling for trailer rental and pickup and transfer of used tires from the Candler County recycling center. Commissioner Hendrix provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0. (Exhibit D)

**10. Report from Chairman**

Chairman Thrift reported a pleasant experience attending the ACCG Annual Conference.

**11. Report from County Administrator**

Administrator Aasheim reported on:

- Requested two interested Commissioners to attend the initial zoning meetings led by the Regional Commission May 9<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>. Vice-Chairman Jones requested May 11<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Robinson also volunteered. Commissioner Hendrix stated he would be an alternate.
- Governor Kemp invited the Commissioners to a fund-raising luncheon May 3<sup>rd</sup> in Swainsboro.
- Received \$3,049.00 for the ACCG Worker's Compensation 2021 Audit refund.
- Health Insurance across the board increase is as expected at 15% and the Stop Loss increased by 10%.
- Requested executive session for personnel.

**12. Report from the County Attorney**

Attorney Gross had nothing to report at this meeting.

**13. Reports from Commissioners**

- a. **Gregory Thomas, District 1** – Commissioner Thomas reported on the ACCG Annual Conference he attended with Chairman Thrift in Savannah.
- b. **Brad Jones, District 2** – Vice-Chairman Jones stated the fog lines are barely visible when wet. He requested that the other Board members observe the fog lines in their districts.
- c. **David Robinson, District 3** – Commissioner Robinson an update on the shoulder and signs along Hwy 57. The new GDOT contact has not responded.
- d. **Blake Hendrix, District 4** – Commissioner Hendrix report all is good in District 4.

**14. Executive Session – Personnel**

At 6:15 p.m. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. Commissioner Thomas provided the second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

At 7:19 p.m. Commissioner Robinson made motion to exit executive session and re-enter the regular meeting. Commissioner Thomas 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 Thomas made a motion to authorize EMS to hire Michael Edwards as a part time EMT-A. Commissioner Hendrix provided the second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to appoint Ms. Ava Hendrix and Ms. Jerri Goodman to the L.C. Anderson Memorial Library Board for a term to begin on July 1, 2022. Commissioner Robinson provided the second to the motion.

**15. Adjournment**

Commissioner Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Commissioner Hendrix provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.



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Kellie Lank, County Clerk

AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
5:00 P.M.  
May 2, 2022

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.*
  - a. Middle Judicial Circuit District Attorney, Tripp Fitzner – FY2023 Budget Request
5. Department Reports
  - a. Metter Fire Department – Jason Douglas
  - b. EMS – Joseph Reynolds
  - c. Roads & Bridges – Jerry Lanier
  - d. Solid Waste – Robert Hendrix
  - e. Recreation – Mike Robins
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15. Adjournment

# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CANDLER COUNTY

Glyn Thrift  
Chairman

Bryan Aasheim  
County Administrator

Brad Jones  
Vice-Chairman

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 May 2, 2022

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

3.  
The executive session was called to order at 6:15 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2022.

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2022.

Maranda K. Lank  
Notary Public



Glyn Thrift  
Glyn Thrift, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners of Candler County

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