

AGENDA
CALLED MEETING
9:00 A.M.
December 18, 2023

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation and *Pledge of Allegiance*
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Tamara Garcia – Appeal Hearing
5. Executive Session - Personnel
6. Adjournment

Board of Commissioners of Candler County
Called Meeting
December 18, 2023
9:00 a.m.

The Board of Commissioners of Candler County met for a called meeting on Monday, December 18, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' boardroom at 1075 East Hiawatha Street, Suite A, Metter, Georgia. Chairman Glyn Thrift presided with Vice-Chairman Brad Jones and Commissioners Gregory Thomas, David Robinson and Blake Hendrix were in attendance. County Administrator Bryan Aasheim attended virtually. County Clerk Kellie Lank and County Attorney Kendall Gross were in attendance. The Metter Advertiser was notified of the meeting, but did not have a representative present.

Candler County Sheriff John Miles and Deputy Edwin Aviles attended this meeting.

Call to Order

Chairman Thrift called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance –

Commissioner Thomas deliver the invocations and Chairman Thrift led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Thomas provided a second. The motion carried 4-0.

Tamara Garcia- Appeal Hearing

Administrator Aasheim informed the Board of a request from Mrs. Tamara Garcia for an appeal hearing after being terminated from Candler County EMS by the County Administrator which was ratified during the December 4, 2023 Commission Meeting. Administrator Aasheim explained Ms. Garcia has been properly notified as required by the Candler County Personnel Policy by certified mail. However, the Board of Commissioners Office has not received a response from Mrs. Garcia, and have not received the return receipt from the certified mailing. Administrator Aasheim called the time at 9:07 a.m. and Mrs. Garcia had yet to appear at the called meeting for the appeal hearing she requested.

Administrator Aasheim stated the Board has met the notification requirements of the policy for granting an appeal hearing. He then requested the Commissioners to express their desire as to allow Mrs. Garcia a second appeal hearing or to deny any further request. Attorney Gross suggested that due to Mrs. Garcia's failure to appear could be deemed as waiving for her demand for an appeal.

At 9:09 a.m. neither Mrs. Tamara Garcia nor any other individual on her behalf appeared for the appeal hearing.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to deny Tamara Garcia's appeal of a personnel action taken against her by them County Administrator. Commissioner Thomas provided a second. The motion carried 4-0.

Executive Session-personnel

Vice-Chairman Jones moved to exit into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 9:10 a.m. Commissioner Robinson provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

****Commissioner Blake Hendrix entered the meeting at 9:12 a.m.****

Commissioner Robinson moved to exit Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 9:37 a.m. Commissioner Thomas provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Vice-Chairman Jones moved to authorize the signing of the *Closed Meeting Affidavit* certifying that executive session was for personnel. Commissioner Thomas provided the second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to terminate the employment of Paramedic Thomas Hanners with the Candler County EMS. Vice-Chairman Jones provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

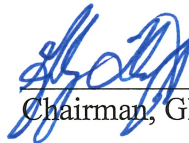
Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion to hire retired EMS Director Jimmy Twiggs to serve in the capacity of consultant/interim director and empower Administrator Aasheim to negotiate with Mr. Twiggs. Commissioner Thomas provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment

Commissioner Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 a.m. Commissioner Robinson provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.



Maranda K. Lank, Clerk
Attest



Chairman, Glyn Thrift