

AGENDA  
CALLED MEETING  
Tuesday, January 23, 2024  
9:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation and *Pledge of Allegiance*
3. Approval of Agenda
4. EMS Director Position – Interview Candidates
5. Executive Session - Personnel
6. Adjournment

**Board of Commissioners of Candler County**  
**Called Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 23, 2024**  
**9:00 a.m.**

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The Board of Commissioners of Candler County met for a called meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 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 Blake Hendrix and Commissioners Gregory Thomas, Brad Jones and David Robinson were in attendance. County Administrator Bryan Aasheim County Clerk Kellie Lank and Interim County EMS Director James Twiggs were in attendance. The Metter Advertiser was notified of the meeting, but did not have a representative present.

Guests attending the meeting included Xavier Winkler, applicant for the Candler County EMS Director position.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Thrift called the meeting to order at 9:00 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.

**EMS Director Position – Interview Candidates**

Administrator Aasheim welcomed Xavier Winkler and introduced himself. The Commissioner, Mr. Twiggs and County Clerk introduced themselves as well. Mr. Winkler then introduced himself and spoke of his thirteen years of experience with Emergency Management Services.

\*\*\**Vice-Chairman Blake Hendrix entered the meeting at 9:18 a.m.*\*\*\*

Vice-Chairman Hendrix took his seat at the board table and then introduced himself. Questions and answers transpired between Mr. Winkler, the Commissioners, Administrator Aasheim, and Mr. Twiggs for over an hour regarding Mr. Winkler's qualifications, current job duties, future ambitions and desire to relocate residences closer to the Bulloch and Candler County area. The Commissioners agreed to call an executive session to discuss personnel.

**Executive Session-personnel**

Vice-Chairman Hendrix moved to exit into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 10:34 a.m. Chairman Thrift provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.


Commissioner Jones moved to exit Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 10:59 a.m. Vice-Chairman Hendrix provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner 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.

Chairman Thrift made a motion to authorize County Administrator Aasheim to offer the position of EMS Director to Xavier Winkler and to negotiate salary and benefits as discussed in executive session. Vice-Chairman Hendrix provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Robinson moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 a.m. Commissioner Thomas 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

Blake Hendrix  
Vice-Chairman

Bryan Aasheim  
County Administrator

Gregory Thomas  
Commissioner

Brad Jones  
Commissioner

David Robinson  
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 January 23, 2024

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

3.  
The executive session was called to order at 10:18 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);

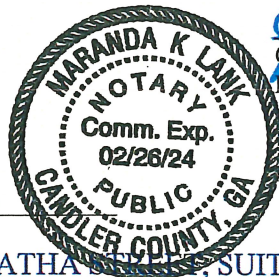
Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6);

\_\_\_\_\_ Other

This 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2024.

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2024.

Maranda K. Lank  
Notary Public



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

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