

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA

AGENDA

CALLED MEETING

8:00 a.m.

Friday, December 13, 2024

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation and *Pledge of Allegiance*
3. Approval of Agenda
4. New Business
 - a. Consideration of the appointment of three (3) members to the Elections Board as required under SB 212
 - b. Consideration of a recommendation to the Election Board as to the hiring of the Election Supervisor
 - c. Consideration of the creation of the position of Chief Clerk of Elections and recommendation for staffing
 - d. Consideration of a request to ratify the temporary, part time hiring of administrative staff
5. Adjournment

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The Board of Commissioners of Candler County met for a called meeting on Friday, December 13, 2024, at 8:00 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, and David Robinson in attendance. County Administrator Bryan Aasheim County attended remotely, and Clerk Kellie Lank was present.

The following guests were present at the meeting: Candler County Chairman-elect, Brad Jones along with Commissioner-elect, Tre' Ross were present. The Metter Advertiser was notified of the meeting, but did not have a representative present.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Thrift called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance –

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

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. New Business

a. Consideration of the appointment of three (3) members to the Elections Board as required under SB 212

Administrator Aasheim requested the Commissioners appoint three members to the Elections Board as required by Georgia Senate Bill 212 that was passed May 6, 2024. As summary, SB 212 is a bill to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to probate courts, and Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, respectively, so as to end activities and duties of probate court judges relating to elections; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. Aasheim explained this bill requires action taken by the Board of Commissioners to establish a Candler County Election Board and an Elections Supervisor by December 15, 2024 to be in compliance with SB 212. An advertisement has made public in the Metter Advertiser for the open positions for the Elections Board and received responses from Robert Franklin and Jasper Stone. Formation of the new board has been discussed with County Attorney, Kendall Gross, prior to Judge Thompson transferring all records for elections. County Administrator Aasheim, County Attorney Gross and Probate Judge Thompson collectively recommend that the Candler County Board of Commissioners appoint John Garity and Janice Smith to serve four-year terms; and, Gary Howard to serve a two-year term as required under SB212.

Vice-Chairman Hendrix made a motion to appoint John Garity and Janice Smith to serve four-year terms; and, Gary Howard to serve a two-year term forming a Candler County Election Board as required under SB212. Commissioner Thomas provided a second. The motion carried 4-0.

b. Consideration of a recommendation to the Election Board as to the hiring of the Election Supervisor

Administrator Aasheim presented a recommendation to the Candler County Election Board as to the hiring of the Election Supervisor. Under Georgia State Law and SB 212, the newly established Candler County Election Board is permitted to hire an Election Supervisor, by recommendation and approval of the Candler County Board of Commissioners. County Administrator Aasheim, County Attorney Gross and Probate Judge Thompson collectively recommend that the Candler County Board of Commissioners recommend Victor Fordham to continue in the role of Election Supervisor.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to recommend Victor Fordham continue in the role of Candler County Election Supervisor. Vice-Chairman Hendrix provided a second. The motion carried 4-0.

c. Consideration of the creation of the position of Chief Clerk of Elections and recommendation for staffing

Administrator Aasheim presented a recommendation to the Candler County Election Board as to the hiring of the Chief Clerk of Elections. Under Georgia State Law and SB 212, the newly established Candler County Election Board is permitted to hire staff, to include a Chief Clerk, by recommendation and approval of the Candler County Board of Commissioners. County Administrator Aasheim, County Attorney Gross and Probate Judge Thompson collectively recommend that the Candler County Board of Commissioners create the position as Chief Clerk of Elections and recommend Kristen Presley to continue serving in this role as Chief Clerk of Elections.

Vice-Chairman Hendrix made a motion to recommend that the Candler County Board of Commissioners create the position as Chief Clerk of Elections and recommend Kristen Presley to continue serving in this role as Chief Clerk of Elections. Commissioner Thomas provided a second. The motion carried 4-0.

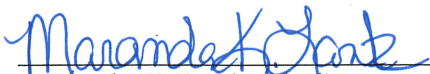
d. Consideration of a request to ratify the temporary, part time hiring of administrative staff


Administrator Aasheim requested the Board ratify the temporary, part-time hiring of administrative staff beginning January 1, 2025. He explained that he had contacted Ms. Renee Williams who had recently covered the office while all administrative staff attended the State of the Community Address. Ms. Williams was agreeable to serve in the position at a rate of \$12.00 per hour, Monday through Friday, with hours being 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a period of time to be determined.

Vice-Chairman Hendrix made a motion approve hiring Renee Williams as described by Administrator Aasheim. Commissioner Thomas provided a second. The motion carried 4-0.

5. Adjournment-

Commissioner Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 a.m. Vice-Chairman Hendrix provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.


 Maranda K. Lank, Clerk
 Attest


 Chairman, Glyn Thrift

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

5:00 P.M.

January 6, 2024

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation and *Pledge of Allegiance* – Candler County 4H Senior Board Member, Elle Carter
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Executive Session – Personnel
5. Local Act Appointments
 - a. Vice-Chairman
 - b. County Administrator
 - c. County Attorney
 - d. County Clerk
 - e. EMS Director
 - f. Road Superintendent
6. Department Reports
 - a. Metter Fire Department – Jason Douglas, Fire Chief
 - b. EMS – Xavier Winkler, Director
 - c. Roads & Bridges – Jerry Lanier, Roads Superintendent
 - d. Solid Waste – Robert Hendrix, Landfill Supervisor
 - e. Recreation – Mike Robins, Recreation Director
 - f. Assessor's Office – Report Only
 - g. Sheriff's Office – Report Only
7. Approval of Minutes –
 - a. December 2, 2024 1st Regular Monthly Meeting
8. Citizens wishing to address the Commission – *Citizens will be allowed to address the commission individually for a period of up to 5 minutes.*
 - a. Patrick Ferrell – Silicon Ranch
 - b. Jeanette Medina – 171 Creekside Way, noise complaint
9. Application for Commission approval
 - a. TEMPORARY SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOL PERMIT: Bulloch Academy, fundraiser at Pine Needle Plantation, Wednesday, February 1, 2025 from 7-10 p.m.
 - b. TEMPORARY SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOL PERMIT (NON-PROFIT):
 - i. Request from the Jay Bowen Foundation for a waiver of the sixty (60) day application period (Section 2.A.(1))
 - ii. Jay Bowen Foundation Dinner & Auction, Pine Needle Plantation, Saturday, February 8, 2025