

**Board of Commissioners of Candler County**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 7, 2018**  
**6:00 p.m.**

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The Board of Commissioners of Candler County met for the regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 7, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., in the Commissioners' boardroom at 1075 East Hiawatha Street, Suite A, Metter, Georgia. Those attending the meeting were Candler County Chairman Glyn Thrift; Candler County Vice-Chairman Brad Jones and Commissioners Donny Wells, Wayne Culbertson and David Robinson; Candler County Administrator, Doug Eaves; Candler County Attorney, Kendall Gross; and Candler County Clerk, Maranda K. Lank. Guest included Candler County Clerk of Court, Jenny Grimes; Candler County Industrial Development Authority, Molly Olson; Candler County Tax Assessor's Office, Marain Grier and Lanell Jarriel. EMC Engineering, Inc. representative, Jeremy Heart; Jeremy Nastworthy, Bobby dum, Steve Powell, Victoria Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Alton West, and the Metter Advertiser representative, Jerri Goodman.

**Call To Order**

Chairman Thrift called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Wells delivered the invocation followed by Chairman Thrift leading the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

**Public Hearing**

Chairman Thrift called the Public Meeting to order.

**Old Business**

**Road Closure – Open Gap Road**

Mr. Gross gave Mr. Jeremy Nasworthy, Lone Oak Cattle Company, requested the Board vote to close a portion of Open Gap Road.

Vice-Chairman Jones requested the property in question to be displayed on the map. Mr. Steve Powell pointed out an error of on the tax assessors map. He stated his objection to the closure of the road as it is a valuable access to the timber property especially in the case of fire and rescue situations.

Commissioner Wells made a motion seconded by Chairman Jones to not close Open Gap Road due to the objection of a neighboring landowner. The motion passed with three in favor of leaving Open Gap Road as a County Maintained Road and two against. Chairman Thrift and Commissioner Robinson voted against the motion.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Commissioner Culbertson made the motion seconded by Commissioner Wells to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2018 Work Session and Regular meetings and the April 13, 2018 Called meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**Amendment to the Agenda**

Commissioner Wells made the motion seconded by Commissioner Robinson to amend the agenda to first, add an Executive Session to discuss anticipated litigation and a personnel issue after the Financial Report. Secondly, under New Business, to add Acquisition of New Equipment by SPLOST purchase. The motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report**

Mr. Eaves presented the financial report as of April 30, 2018.

**Executive Session**

Commissioner Robinson made the motion to enter into an Executive Session at 6:32 p.m. seconded by Commissioner Wells to discuss possible litigation and personnel. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Culbertson made the motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Jones to adjourn the Executive Session and resume with the regular business meeting at 7:09 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson made the motion to authorize Chairman Thrift to sign the *Closed Meeting Affidavit*. Commissioner Wells seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Action from first Executive Session**

Mr. Eaves recommended the Board give authorization Ken Jarrad as SDS representative to take further necessary actions outlined in a prior letter to the City of Metter. Chairman Thrift made the motion seconded Commissioner Culbertson by to proceed with the action. The motion passed unanimously.

**New Business**

**Insurance Renewal**

Mr. Eaves stated the FY2019 BCBS renewal for County health insurance had been received. An increase of 7% will result in an increase of county paid portion from \$662.74 a month to \$710.30 per month per covered employee. The County loss ratio was .823 which was lower than the pool trended at .87. Mr. Eaves went on to say the main reason for the County's loss ratio being lower is the level of participation the County has in the group since the County covers all employees. Commissioner Robinson made the motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Jones to accept the FY2019 Insurance Renewal presented by Glenn Davis and Associates. The morion passed unanimously.

Mr. Eaves stated that life, vision, dental, short term disability and long term disability had been priced out. However, Gaurdian, the County's current provider, remained to have the lowest prices. The County did have an increase in short term and long term disability due to the number of losses. The cost increase are reflected in the FY2019 proposed budget. The total increases for Gaurdian are \$7,332.00 Vice-Chairman made the motion seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to remain with Gaurdian. The motion passed unanimously.

### **St. Matthews Church Road Paving-Approval to Begin Right of Way Acquisition Process**

Jeremy Heart with EMC Engineering, Inc. presented the site development plans for the band three project, St. Matthews Church Road TSPLOST Project. Commissioner Culbertson made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Jones to tentaviley approve the site development plans as they are for St. Matthews Church Road and move forward with the development of the land acquisition maps. The motion passed four to one with Commissioner Robinson voting against.

### **Candler County Tax Assessors Office-Contracted Appraisal Service**

Marian Grier of the Candler County Tax Assessors Office presented the to the Board two bids for a contracted field appraiser service. Of the four companies Mrs. Grier contacted, two submitted quotes. The Board of Tax Assessors met and voted to accept the quote from the Millions Pines Company, LLC. The quotes are as follows:

- The Millions Pines Company, LLC – \$38,272.00
- Georgia Mass Appraisal Solutions & Services, Inc. – \$47,500.00

Commissioner Robinson made the motion seconded by Chairman Thrift to contract with The Millions Pines Company, LLC to perform the field appraisal work for Candler County, subject to Mr. Gross's approval of the proposed contract, once approved and executed he may begin work. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Candler County DFCS Board-Reappointment of Lena Braziel**

Chairman Thrift made the motion seconded Commissioner Robinson by to reappoint Ms. Lena Braziel to the Candler County DFCS Board. Ms. Braziel's new term will begin July 1, 2018 and end June 30, 2023. The motion passed unanimously

### **Catepillar Backhoe Purchase**

Vice-Chairman Jones made the motion seconded by Commissioner Wells to declare the 420DIT Backhoe with serial number BLN06127 surplus and accept the \$25,000.00 trade-in value toward the purchase of the new 2012 420F4X4ESA Backhoe with loader with a sales price of \$77,000.00. The total cost of the backhoe will be \$56,280.00. This is after the \$25,000 trade-in and the added 48 month extended warranty that costs \$4, 280. This purchase will be made with the 2011 SPLOST. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Report from Chairman**

Chairman Thrift had nothing to report at this meeting.

### **Report from County Administrator**

Mr. Eaves delivered his report to the Commissioners

- Officially presented the FY2019 Budget to the Board. Calendar and availabilit. He requested the Board bring their original books back to have updated reports. May 22, 2018 will be the Public Hearing.
- Open Records Request received from the City of Metter's SDS attorney, Smith & Welch.
- Requested the Board's authorization to send letter. Chairman Thrift made the motion seconded by Commissioner Robinson to send the letter to the City of Metter. The motion passed unanimously.

- Recommended the Sheriff act as the Candler County EMA Director. Chairman Thrift made a motion seconded by Commissioner Robinson to make permant the leave of absence of the current EMA Director. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Robinosn made the motion seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to offer the Cander County EMA position to the Candler County Sheriff. It will remain a separate budget area and not dissolved into the Sheriff's Office budget. The motion passed unanimously with Commissioner Wells abstaining.

**Report from County Attorney**

Mr. Gross had nothing to report at this meeting.

**Report from Commissioners**

Commissioner Wells had nothing to report from District 4.

Vice-Chairman Jones had nothing to report from District 2.

Commissioner Robinson reported he is pleased to see paving in District 3. Grant funding expected for shoulder work.

Commissioner Culbertson had nothing to report from District 1.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Session**

Commissioner Wells made the motion to enter into an Executive Session at 8:21 p.m. seconded by Vice-Chairman Jones to discuss personnel only that only included the Board and Mr. Gross. The motion passed unanimously.


Commissioner Wells made the motion seconded by Commissioner Wells to adjourn the Executive Session and resume with the regular business meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

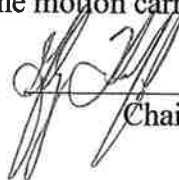
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**Other Business**

**Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion at 8:41 p.m. seconded by Commissioner Wells to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

  
 Maranda K. Lank, Clerk  
 Attest

  
 Chairman Glyn Thrift

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2.  
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3.  
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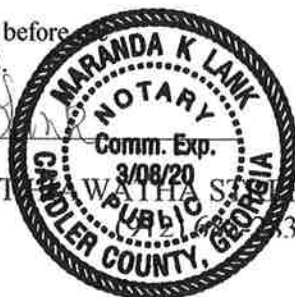
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This 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.

  
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Glyn Thrift, Chairman  
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Sworn to and subscribed before  
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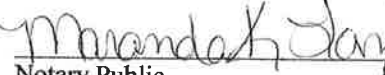
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