

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

5:00 P.M.

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation and *Pledge of Allegiance*

Approval of Agenda

Candler County Department Reports

- a. Metter Fire Department – Jason Douglas, Fire Chief
 - b. Candler EMS – Xavier Winkler, Director
 - c. Candler EMA – Justin Wells, Director
 - d. Roads & Bridges – Jerry Lanier, Roads Superintendent
 - e. Landfill – Robert Hendrix, Landfill Supervisor
 - f. Metter-Candler Recreation Department –
 - g. Board of Assessor's – written report - Mobile Home Permits, Electrical Permits
 - h. Candler County Sheriff – John Miles, Sheriff - written activity report
3. Approval of Minutes –
 - a. August 4, 2025 1st Regular Meeting Minutes
 - b. August 7, 2025 Called Meeting
 - c. August 18, 2025 2nd Regular Monthly Minutes
 - d. August 22, 2025 Called Meeting
 4. Citizens wishing to address the Commission – *Citizens will be allowed to address the commission individually for a period of up to 5 minutes.*
 - a. Shelly Strange – Metter Animal Shelter
 5. Application for Commission approval
 - a. John Wickstrom, Sike Brothers, Inc. _East Hiawatha Street Paving Project Status Report
 6. Old Business
 - a. Consideration of options for repair and/or removal of the gymnasium located at 150 S. Register St due to hurricane damages
 - b. Consideration of proposals for repairs and maintenance costs for buildings at the Metter-Candler Recreation Department
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- e. Consideration of a Vehicle Equity Lease and Service Agreement between the Candler County Board of Commissioners and Roberts Trading Company LLLP d/b/a Idealease of Savannah for the capital lease-purchase of a 2026 International HX520 and Heavy Dump Bed at an original value of \$241,400 with a monthly lease payment of \$3,585.00 to include maintenance (excluding tires)

8. Report from County Administrator

9. Report from Attorney

10. Reports from Commissioners

11. Report from Chairman

12. Executive Session

13. Adjournment

**Candler County
Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, September 2, 2025
5:00 p.m.**

The Board of Commissioners of Candler County met for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 meeting, at 5:00 p.m., in the Commissioners' boardroom at 1075 East Hiawatha Street, Suite A, Metter, Georgia.

Chairman Brad Jones presided with Vice-Chairman Blake Hendrix, Commissioners David Morales, Jonathan Williamson and Tre' Ross in attendance. Also attending were County Administrator, Bryan Aasheim; County Clerk, Kellie Lank; Assistant County Attorney, Cindy D. Ballew. The Metter Advertiser was notified of the meeting, Taylor Crosby was present.

Guests attending this meeting included: Candler County Sheriff's Captain and EMA Director, Justin Wells; Candler County EMS Director, Xavier Winkler; Candler County Public Works Superintendent, Jerry Lanier; Candler County Landfill Manager, Robert Hendrix; EMC Engineering Services, Inc., Dan Chicola; Sikes Brothers, Inc., John Wickstrom and Shelly Strange.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brad Jones at 5:00 p.m.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Jones called on Commissioner Ross to deliver the invocation and lead the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Ross made a motion to approve agenda as presented. Commissioner Williamson provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

Department Reports

a. Metter Fire Department – Jason Douglas, Fire Chief

Administrator Aasheim presented the August 2025 Fire Report on behalf of City of Metter Fire Chief Jason Douglas, who was not present. He reported that the department responded to 43 calls in August, the same number as during the previous year. (Exhibit A)

b. Candler EMS – Xavier Winkler, Director

County EMS Director Xavier Winkler presented the August 2025 response report, noting that EMS responded to 210 total calls, averaging 6.7 calls per day compared to 6.3 at this time last year. He reported a significant increase in refusal lift assist calls this month. Winkler stated that the first year of the new app implementation continues to face issues, with a dispatch test failing earlier in the day, though technical support is expected this week. Staffing remains strong, with nearly all paramedic positions filled, one Advanced EMT position open, one paramedic currently on leave, and another testing for an A-EMT position. An additional application has been received for a part-time position. The new ambulance is scheduled for delivery in November, approximately 180 days from the bid, with the VIN number received and the build scheduled to begin in late October or November. EMS has also received the Lucas device and is currently testing different bags for the new ambulance. (Exhibit B)

c. Candler EMA – Justin Wells, Director

EMA Director Justin Wells reported that his office is currently working on several grants and that hazard mitigation plans remain on track for completion prior to the expiration of the current plan.

Administrator Aasheim noted he and Director Wells attended a recent 4.5-hour Hazard Mitigation Stakeholders meeting attended by 8 to 16 participants. Aasheim and Wells also attended a FEMA webinar, where it was emphasized that the federal government is seeking local governments to identify additional resources for hazard planning, mitigation, and response efforts due to federal cost-cutting measures.

d. Roads & Bridges – Jerry Lanier, Superintendent

Roads and Bridges Superintendent Jerry Lanier reported multiple equipment issues, including three motor graders, a brush cutter, and a compactor that are currently down. One dump truck is in the shop for injector repairs, while another has returned to service, and a motor grader is awaiting a replacement sensor. Additional issues include a broken transmission line on the ditching machine and a transmission line issue with the compactor. The brush cutter is also down behind a church in Pulaski. In the meantime, crews are using a tractor with a box blade to handle calls for road issues. One motor grader has been returned to service, and parts are expected to bring at least one additional unit back into operation by tomorrow.

Administrator Aasheim noted that the motor graders are 1.5 years into their lease, with the final payment due in January, followed by one trailing year. Replacement options were considered but found unaffordable this year.

e. Landfill – Robert Hendrix, Landfill Supervisor

Landfill Manager Robert Hendrix reported that he will examine the lawn mower from the Recreation Department that requires repair. Hendrix also discussed issues with a Scagg lawn mower needing pulley and spindle repairs. The Board agreed to attempt in-house repairs to avoid outside shop costs. Chairman Jones directed him to swap the broken Scagg mower with another from the landfill so the Recreation Department has a functional unit in the meantime, and then proceed with repairing the damaged mower at the County Shop.

f. Metter-Candler Recreation Department –

Administrator Aasheim reported on behalf of the Recreation Department, noting that the Recreation Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for September 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., and football field evaluations will take place this evening at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Jones stated that the lights at the northern concession stand, bathrooms, and kitchen were replaced from fluorescent to LED by local business volunteers at no cost to the county. A donated light pole was also installed, which resulted in the accidental hit of a 4-inch sewer line that was subsequently replaced, clarifying its location. Another company has volunteered to install lighting on the new pole to improve illumination behind the northern concession stand and bathrooms. Chairman Jones further noted that the sheetrock ceiling inside the concession stand is in poor condition and requires repair. Chairman Jones requested it be recorded in the minutes that his personal line truck was used pro bono by another contractor to drill the hole and set the donated light pole at no cost to the county.

g. Board of Assessor's – No report available.

h. Candler County Sheriff – John Miles, Sheriff - written activity report

A written report for the month of August, including a snapshot and statistics, was provided in the packet.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. August 4, 2025 1st Regular Meeting Minutes**
- b. August 7, 2025 Called Meeting**
- c. August 18, 2025 2nd Regular Meeting Minutes**
- d. August 22, 2025 Called Meeting**

Vice-Chairman Hendrix made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2025 First Regular Meeting, the August 7, 2025 Called Meeting, the August 18, 2025 Second Regular Monthly Meeting, and the August 22, 2025 Called Meeting as presented. Commissioner Ross seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously, 5-0.

4. Citizens wishing to address the Commission – *Citizens will be allowed to address the commission individually for a period of up to 5 minutes.*

a. Shelly Strange – Metter Animal Shelter

Ms. Shelly Strange, 777 Strange Road, Cobbtown, Candler County, addressed the Board regarding concerns with the Candler County Animal Shelter. She stated that the shelter is not meeting basic animal needs or public expectations and alleged it is operating as a “managed intake” facility rather than an “open admission” shelter, which she believes violates policies, Department of Agriculture standards, and animal sheltering laws. She provided examples, including a past instance where a picture of a stray was requested instead of direct pickup and recent posts on the shelter’s Facebook page showing strays not housed at the shelter. Ms. Strange also described a negative interaction with the new shelter director in June and noted she received no answers regarding statistics or policies. She further stated that the City Manager confirmed the shelter is operating as “no-kill” and questioned whether the public or commissioners were aware of this.

Administrator Aasheim clarified that the shelter has operated as a “no” or “extraordinarily low-kill” facility since before 2020, by City Council vote, with an emphasis on rehabilitation and adoption. Ms. Strange expressed concern that animals are being kept up to 100 days in 16 pens, resulting in hundreds being turned away and contributing to overpopulation, particularly among cats. She cited a recent case involving 15 abandoned cats, including a pregnant one, that received no response from animal control. She advocated for broader services, including euthanasia to address overcrowding, and asserted that while only about 10% of animals are euthanized, many more are turned away.

Chairman Jones noted that Ms. Strange had received her allotted five minutes, explained that animal control is provided by the City of Metter (with the county contributing a portion of costs), and advised her to contact City Hall to be placed on their agenda. Ms. Strange reiterated her prior unsuccessful attempts to contact city officials, expressed frustration as a taxpayer, and suggested the county consider gradually separating from the city’s animal control services. Chairman Jones thanked her for her comments.

No other citizens wished to address the commission.

**** Assistant County Attorney, Cindy D. Ballew, entered the meeting at 5:04 p.m. ****

5. Applications for Commission Approval

a. John Wickstrom, Sike Brothers, Inc. – East Hiawatha Street Paving Project Status Report

Mr. John Wickstrom of Sikes Brothers, Inc. provided an update on the East Hiawatha Road project. He reported that work is underway on the large head wall at Dog Pound Road, with concrete work scheduled for completion this week. Remaining curb work, plume, and the wall into the ditch area are ongoing, along with ditch paving and pin treatment at the core. Final grading, shoulders, ditches, and sidewalks will follow, after which stone on the roadway will be touched up and tested for depth and density. Fine grading and paving from the lift station to Highway 46 will be completed prior to signals, grafting, dressing, cleanup, and punch list work. Utility relocations, including gas and City of Metter utilities, are in progress. The projected completion timeline is 45 working days, with a target date of October 31, 2025, weather permitting.

Administrator Aasheim thanked Mr. Wickstrom for being present at this meeting. He then expressed frustration with project delays, citing public safety concerns related to access to the animal shelter and noting that the project has been ongoing for 1 year and 4 months. He urged the contractor to expedite the work. Chairman Jones reiterated the project’s critical importance for EMS, ESO, and animal shelter access. He acknowledged that the project is six months past due, in part due to utility relocations and change orders, and noted the \$100 per day liquidated damages in the contract. However, he stated the Board was less concerned about past damages and more focused on completion. He asked Mr. Wickstrom for a confident completion date and offered a two-week extension. Mr. Wickstrom accepted, moving the projected completion date to November 17, 2025.

Discussion followed regarding drainage issues along the roadbed, including pond and field runoff, and the possibility of raising the finished grade in the future. Engineer Daniel Chicola confirmed that raising the grade is a viable option once positive drainage is established. Chairman Jones requested that Mr. Wickstrom provide bi-weekly progress reports via email to the County Administrator for distribution to the Commissioners. Mr. Wickstrom agreed, and Chairman Jones thanked him for his report.

6. Old Business

a. Consideration of options for repair and/or removal of the gymnasium located at 150 S. Register St due to hurricane damages

Administrator Aasheim reported that a proposal for demolition has been solicited through GORDIAN to solicit contractors. He explained that both GEMA and FEMA are awaiting the county's decision, but noted that FEMA funding would require the building to meet FEMA standards, which could potentially negate its value. He added that a decision on the gymnasium is necessary before moving forward with other hurricane-damaged facilities. Although no final notice has been issued by FEMA, the project is tied to Hurricane Helen, which was scheduled for closeout.

Vice-Chairman Hendrix made a motion to table the item for one more meeting. Commissioner Williamson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously, 5-0.

b. Consideration of proposals for repairs and maintenance costs for buildings at the Metter-Candler Recreation Department

Administrator Aasheim reported that only proposals from Bird Construction had been received and recommended deferring a decision until the gymnasium matter is resolved.

Commissioner Morales made a motion to table consideration of the proposals for repairs and maintenance costs for buildings at the Metter-Candler Recreation Department. Commissioner Ross seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously, 5-0.

7. New Business

a. Consideration of an amendment to a contract between Candler County and Allgreen Services, LLC (January 13, 2011) for the provision of waste disposal services in Candler County

Administrator Aasheim reported that the county has an existing agreement with All Green Services LLC for waste collection at \$12.70 per can. Due to the closure of the landfill, All Green will begin transporting trash to their transfer station on October 1, incurring an additional \$5.30 per cart disposal fee. This new fee will be added to property tax bills the Tax Assessor and collected by the Tax Commissioner. Administrator Aasheim recommended adopting the amendment to maintain the existing agreement, noting its 5% annual cap has helped keep collection costs low. He stated that the county will cover October and November fees from reserves and emphasized that this is a pass-through service, with the county collecting the fee on behalf of the vendor. He further noted that county collection is the most economical approach for residents, preserving economy of scale and reducing payment risks for All Green.

Chairman Jones made a motion to approve the amendment to the contract with All Green Services LLC for waste disposal services in unincorporated Candler County. Commissioner Ross seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously, 5-0. (Exhibit C)

b. Consideration of a proposal from Coastal Sports Turf for annual herbicide and fertilization services at the Metter-Candler Recreation Department

Administrator Aasheim referenced a prior presentation from Jeff Dekle of Coastal Sports Club LLC, who provided two options: \$6,950 for services on specific fields (Fields 1, 2, 3, T-ball, and softball) or \$8,000 for all fields including the football field (8.5 acres), with the second option excluding overseeding. He noted that the prior administration handled these services internally and asked the Commission to decide whether to act now or defer until a recreation director is hired. Aasheim stressed the need for a consistent turf management program across the entire park, but acknowledged the \$8,000 option is not included in the current budget.

At 5:52 p.m., Chairman Jones recused himself from the discussion and vote due to a personal relationship with the company owner, and Vice-Chairman Hendrix assumed control of the meeting.

Commissioner Williamson expressed support for turf maintenance as an upfront investment that yields long-term benefits and emphasized that well-maintained fields are essential to recreation activities. Commissioner Ross initially made a motion to approve the Coastal Sports Turf proposal, favoring a comprehensive approach for all fields. Following discussion regarding the possibility of combining the \$8,000 annual pest management and fertility services with the \$6,950 overseeding and additional fertilizer proposal, Commissioner Ross revised his motion to table the item in order to request a combined proposal and review past spending history. Vice-Chairman Hendrix seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0, with Chairman Jones abstaining.

Chairman Jones re-entered the meeting at 5:58 p.m. and resumed control.

c. Consideration of a proposal from Colley Tractor for a TP60FHC-8028 rotary cutter attachment for use at the Metter-Candler Recreation Department at a cost of \$1,970.00 to be paid with 2024 SPLOST funds

Administrator Aasheim presented a proposal to purchase a rotary cutter from Colley Tractor at a cost of \$1,970, to be funded from 2024 SPLOST. The cutter would be primarily used for maintenance of the walking trail, which is currently in disrepair with issues including damaged sidewalks and fallen trees. He asked whether the purchase should be paid from the previously appropriated \$20,000 for recreation equipment or through an additional appropriation. Aasheim raised concerns about stumps along the trail and the risk of equipment damage, recommending that the Commission table the item to allow inspection of the trail before making a decision. He further noted the trail is currently unsafe and unusable but that volunteers have expressed interest in assisting with cleanup.

Chairman Jones asked the Assistant County Attorney whether commissioners could use personal equipment in a volunteer capacity to assist with clearing the trail. Assistant County Attorney Ballew advised that there would be no gratuity issue if a commissioner acted as a private citizen, donating personal equipment and time. However, he recommended formal board authorization to address liability and to clarify that the commissioner would be acting in a private capacity.

At 6:09 p.m., Commissioner Williamson recused himself from the meeting due to potential action regarding his volunteer offer. Chairman Jones then made a motion to authorize Jonathan Williamson, as a private citizen, to use his equipment to assist in clearing stumps around the walking trail at the recreation park. Commissioner Ross seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.

Commissioner Williamson re-entered the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

Administrator Aasheim reiterated three options for funding the rotary cutter purchase: (1) not proceed with the purchase, (2) use the previously appropriated \$20,000 for recreation equipment, or (3) make an additional

appropriation from 2024 SPLOST. He noted that the county already owns a small tractor that could operate the rotary cutter.

Chairman Jones motioned to purchase the TP60 FHC-8022 rotary cutter from Colley Tractor for \$1,970. Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Following discussion regarding the funding source, the recommendation was made to use 2024 SPLOST funds for the purchase, preserving the \$20,000 recreation allocation for other improvements. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

d. Consideration of a proposal from CAT Yancey for a periodic maintenance agreement on a 420 IT ES Backhoe (3,791 hours) for 1,000 hours with 500-hour service intervals at an anticipated cost of \$4,544

Administrator Aasheim presented a proposal for a periodic maintenance agreement on the 2021 420 ITES Backhoe (3,791 hours) covering 1,000 hours with 500-hour service intervals, at an anticipated cost of \$4,544. He clarified that while specific funds are not budgeted, general equipment maintenance funds are available in the Roads budget. He confirmed the equipment is currently operational and explained that the county would not be required to pay upfront, but would instead be invoiced for services rendered. The agreement establishes a maximum price for two PMs, typically with reduced travel fees.

Commissioner Williamson made a motion to approve the Cat Yancey PM agreement in the amount of \$4,544. Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0. (Exhibit D)

e. Consideration of a Vehicle Equity Lease and Service Agreement between the Candler County Board of Commissioners and Roberts Trading Company LLLP d/b/a Idealease of Savannah for the capital lease-purchase of a 2026 International HX520 and Heavy Dump Bed at an original value of \$241,400 with a monthly lease payment of \$3,585.00 to include maintenance (excluding tires)

Administrator Aasheim presented a vehicle equity lease and service agreement for the capital lease purchase of a 2026 International HX620 Heavy Dump Truck. The agreement reflected an original value of \$241,400 with a monthly payment of \$3,585, which included maintenance but excluded tires. He noted that the County Attorney had not yet reviewed the agreement and recommended tabling the item until such review could be completed.

Administrator Aasheim also explained that the model number in the lease form was incorrectly listed as HX520 instead of HX620, and that the insurance deductible had been adjusted from \$1,500 to align with the county's \$2,500 deductible. He further clarified the need to confirm a discrepancy between the "original value" of \$241,400 and the previously discussed purchase price of \$198,063.36, stating he would request clarification from Idealease.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to table the purchase of the dump truck. Commissioner Williamson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

8. County Administrator Report

a. Discussion Regarding the Costs Associated with Redesign of the County Website and/or Logos

Administrator Aasheim reported on research regarding the costs of establishing a separate county website, noting that the current website is shared with the City of Metter at a cost of \$150 per month for hosting. He explained that the current website is not mobile-friendly or ADA compliant, which will be a federal requirement by 2027. ADA compliance would take at least six months to implement and includes features such as screen readers, language conversion, and text/color adjustments for accessibility.

He presented the following cost options for website development and ongoing maintenance:

- **Option 1:** Approximately \$11,000–\$12,000 initial development plus \$9,000 annual fee (total initial investment ~\$20,000–\$21,000, then \$9,000 per year).
- **Option 2:** \$13,000–\$14,000 for website development and \$5,000 for logo development (total \$18,000–\$19,000 initial). Ongoing costs: \$2,400 per year for maintenance/hosting plus \$750 per year for ADA compliance (total \$3,400 annually).
- **Option 3 (includes mass communication system):** \$29,598 initial investment and \$17,050 annual service cost (approximately \$6,000 higher than Code Red). The mass communication system would allow broader outreach and could replace Code Red.

Administrator Aasheim noted that logo development services ranged from \$5,000 to \$6,000, and hosting services alone ranged between \$3,500 and \$8,600 annually. He recommended creating a single county landing page with links to all county functions and constitutional officers. He also stated that the vendor who provides code codification services offers the most integrated, though most expensive, option.

He cautioned that a logo redesign would require changing branding on county vehicles and assets. Minor content updates to the website could be managed internally, while larger updates would be handled by the vendor. Although Administrator Aasheim did not view the project as a top priority, he stressed that the website is one of the county's limited direct communication channels with the public.

Administrator Aasheim further announced the resignation of State Court Public Defender Duff Ayers, effective December 31st, with Mr. Ayers serving through the end of the year. The search for a replacement must begin.

He also reminded the board of scheduled public hearings for the millage rate on Wednesday, September 3rd, at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., with a zoning meeting scheduled for 5:00 p.m. and a recreation meeting scheduled for 6:00 p.m.

Administrator Aasheim concluded his report stating he notified a resident via letter about a golf club right-of-way issue, with the 10-day period not yet expired, and requested Executive Session to discuss personnel.

9. County Attorney Report

Assistant County Attorney Ballew provided an update on the road abandonment process. She reported that letters were sent for Defair Loop Road and Coleman Road, abstracts have been received, notices have been sent, and advertisements prepared and sent to the Metter Advertiser. Attorney Ballew then requested the Commissioners hold a public hearing on October 6th. She further noted that the abstract for Meridy Road has not yet been received and stated she would follow up on the matter.

10. Commissioner Reports

District 1 – Commissioner David Morales had no report at this meeting.

District 2 – Commissioner Jonathan Williamson had no report at this meeting.

District 3 – Commissioner Tre' Ross had no report at this meeting.

District 4 – Vice-Chairman Blake Hendrix had no report at this meeting.

11. Chairman's Report –

Chairman Jones noted the need to install a pole at the landfill for a surveillance camera, observing that the project might require a similarly extensive process as previous initiatives where authorization was granted for pro bono work.

12. Executive Session –Personnel

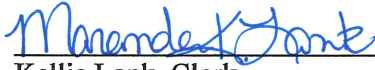
Chairman Jones moved to exit into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 6:51 p.m. Commissioner Ross provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Jones moved to exit Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 8:06 p.m. Vice-Chairman Hendrix provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

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

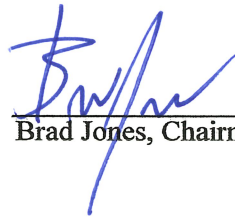
Action taken after Executive Session**13. Adjournment**

At 8:08 p.m., Chairman Jones moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Morales provided the second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.



Kellie Lank, Clerk

Attest



Brad Jones, Chairman

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CANDLER COUNTY

Brad Jones
Chairman

Bryan Aasheim
County Administrator

Blake Hendrix
Vice-Chairman

David Morales
Commissioner

Jonathan Williamson
Commissioner

Tre' Ross
Commissioner

CLOSED MEETING AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF CANDLER

AFFIDAVIT OF CHAIRMAN OR PRESIDING OFFICER

Brad Jones, 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 September 2, 2025.

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

3.
The executive session was called to order at 6:51 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);

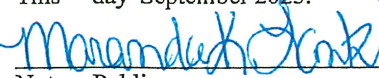
_____ Discussion of the future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(4);

☒ 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);

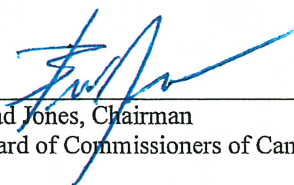
_____ Other

This 2nd day of September 2025.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
This 2nd day September 2025.


Notary Public




Brad Jones, Chairman
Board of Commissioners of Candler County

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(912) 685-2835 FAX (912) 685-4823

Exhibit A

Metter Fire Rescue Response ListAug-25Call Type and Jurisdiction

Aug-25

	Structure	Vehicle	Res.	Brush	Inv.	Alarm	Heli.	Haz.	Service	Med.	Other	Total
City	0	0	4	1	0	4	8	0	0	6	0	23
County	0	3	4	2	2	7	0	0	1	10	0	29
Total	0	3	8	3	2	11	8	0	1	16	0	

Total Calls	43
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Total 44 ==1 Mutual aid given to Emanuel County

Aug-24

	Structure	Vehicle	Res.	Brush	Inv.	Alarm	Heli.	Haz.	Service	Med.	Other	Total
City	0	1	2	0	0	3	8	3	0	7	2	26
County	0	0	0	4	1	4	0	0	2	4	2	17
Total	0	1	2	4	1	7	8	3	2	11	4	

Total Calls	43
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Total 44 ==1 Mutual aid to Emanuel County

Exhibit B

AUGUST 2025 Candler Co EMS End of the Month Report

Scene to CCH	70
Scene to EGRMC	20
Scene to Meadows	5
Mutual Aid	2
Scene to Air	1
CCH to MUMC	9
CCH to St. Joseph's	1
CCH to WellStar MCG	6
CCH to EGRMC	13
CCH to Meadows	1
CCH to Nursing home	10
Refusal	36
Refusal/Lift Assist	26
Coroner	0
Cancelled Call	4
Fire Standby	2
Ems Not Needed	3
 Total	 210

CANDLER COUNTY EMS MONTHLY TRIPS REPORT

EMTS TRANSPORTS	25-Jan	% of Total	25-Feb	% of Total	25-Mar	% of Total	25-Apr	% of Total	25-May	% of Total	25-Jun	% of Total	25-Jul	% of Total	25-Aug	% of Total	25-Sep	TOTALS	TOTAL BY %
SCENE TO CCH	74	73%	62	69%	72	72%	67	67%	82	67%	62	65%	79	75%	70	71%	568	70%	
SCENE TO EGRMC	21	21%	22	24%	23	23%	25	25%	34	25%	24	25%	23	23%	20	20%	192	24%	
SCENE TO MEADOWS	3	3%	1	1%	3	3%	5	5%	2	5%	4	4%	1	1%	5	5%	24	3%	
SCENE TO EVANS	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	
SCENE TO DOCTORS	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	
SCENE TO JENKINS	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	
SCENE TO MEMORIAL	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	
SCENE TO CANDLER-SAV	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	
SCENE TO TATMALL	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	
SCENE TO ST JOSEPH	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	
SCENE TO AIR	2	2%	0	0%	2	2%	1	1%	2	2%	2	2%	0	0%	1	1%	10	1%	
RES TO HOSPICE HOUSE	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	
MUTUAL AID	1	1%	4	4%	0	0%	2	2%	0	0%	2	2%	2	2%	2	2%	13	2%	
TRANSPORT FLIGHT CREW	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	
TOTAL CALLS TO SCENE	102		90		100		100		120		95		105		98		810		
CCH TO DODGE COUNTY	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	
CCH TO MEMORIAL	13	28%	10	23%	11	31%	7	28%	8	18%	9	33%	13	30%	9	22%	80	28%	
CCH TO CANDLER	0	0%	1	2%	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	3	1%	
CCH TO FAIR VIEW	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	
CCH TO ST JOSEPH	1	2%	0	0%	2	6%	2	8%	0	0%	1	4%	3	7%	2	5%	11	4%	
CCH TO WELLS MCG	0	0%	5	12%	1	3%	1	4%	5	11%	2	7%	5	11%	6	15%	25	8%	
CCH TO PEDMONT AUGUSTA	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	
CCH TO DOCTORS	3	6%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	
CCH TO EGRMC	19	40%	16	37%	7	20%	8	32%	19	43%	8	30%	12	27%	13	32%	102	33%	
CCH TO MEADOWS	5	11%	2	5%	1	3%	1	4%	4	9%	3	11%	1	2%	0	0%	4	1%	
CCH TO PEDMONT MACON	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	
CCH TO EVANS MEMORIAL	1	2%	2	5%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	1%	
CCH TO NURSING HOME	4	9%	7	16%	12	34%	5	20%	8	18%	3	11%	9	20%	10	24%	58	19%	
CCH TO HOSPICE HOUSE	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	
TOTAL TRANSFER CALLS	47		43		35		25		44		27		44		41		305		
TOTAL TRANSPORTS	149		133		135		125		164		122		149		139		1116		
REFUSAL	33	52%	24	47%	38	64%	48	72%	46	72%	40	64%	35	52%	36	51%	302	53%	
REFUSAL/LIFT	12	19%	10	20%	10	17%	12	18%	14	19%	12	19%	13	19%	26	37%	109	21%	
CORONER CALL	5	8%	9	18%	2	3%	3	4%	7	9%	3	4%	8	12%	4	6%	41	8%	
CANCELLED CALL	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	0%	
NO PT CONTACT	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	
DOA/TURNED OVER TO HOSPICE	3	5%	1	2%	5	8%	0	0%	2	3%	4	6%	4	6%	2	3%	21	4%	
FIRE STANDBY	8	13%	2	4%	2	3%	3	4%	3	4%	6	9%	2	3%	3	4%	29	6%	
EMS NOT NEEDED	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	
DOA AT NURSING HOME	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	
TOTAL OTHER CALLS	63		51		59		67		75		67		67		71		520		
TOTAL MONTHLY EMS CALLS	212		184		194		192		239		189		216		210		1636		

Exhibit C

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CANDLER

**2nd ADDENDUM TO AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES BETWEEN
CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA AND ATLANTIC WASTE SERVICES,
INC. dba ALLGREEN SERVICES**

This Agreement is made and entered into this 2nd day of September 2025, by and between Candler County, Georgia, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, hereinafter referred to as "Candler" and Atlantic Waste Services, Inc. dba Allgreen Services hereinafter referred to as "Allgreen."

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Candler is a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, operating by its duly elected Board of Commissioners, and,

WHEREAS, Candler is empowered to enter into contracts for the provisions of services to its citizens, and,

WHEREAS, Garbage and refuse collection is a service that Candler provides to its citizens, and

WHEREAS, Allgreen provides garbage and refuse collection to counties and municipalities throughout southeast Georgia, and

WHEREAS, Candler and Allgreen entered a contract wherein Allgreen agreed to provide garbage and refuse collection services to Candler on January 13, 2011, for a term of five years, hereinafter referred to as the "Original Agreement", and

WHEREAS, said agreement provided the terms and conditions by which Allgreen would provide the services of garbage and refuse collection and the payment by Candler to Allgreen for such services, along with other specified conditions as stated in said Agreement, and

WHEREAS, upon the end of the Original Agreement's term, the parties agreed to extend the terms to annual and renewable one-year terms to which the parties are still operating under these terms today, and

WHEREAS, Since the inception of this agreement for garbage and refuse collection services, Candler has provided its landfill for disposal of all county waste at no charge to Allgreen, and

WHEREAS, Candler now has decided to close its landfill effective October 1, 2025, which will require Allgreen to dispose of all County solid waste collected in the Allgreen transfer station located in Bulloch County, and

WHEREAS, effective October 1, 2025, Allgreen will pay all transportation and disposal cost associated with dumping all Candler solid waste volumes into its transfer station, and

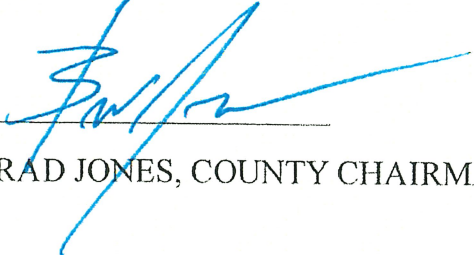
WHEREAS, with the change in disposal location and disposal cost being assumed by Allgreen, the service rates for said services will be modified to **\$12.70** for collection services and **\$5.30** for disposal cost per cart per month, and

WHEREAS, the new term of this agreement will be for a period of one (1) year (12 months), effective October 1, 2025, and expiring on September 30, 2026, with annual and renewable terms as specified in the original agreement, and

WHEREAS, future rates for services will continue to be computed by changes in the annual consumer price index, water, sewer and trash collection index and shall coincide with the county's fiscal year budget, and

In **WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto, for and in consideration of the mutual benefits and promises passing between Candler and Allgreen as set forth in the Original Agreement, amendments to the original agreement and this 2nd Amendment

CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA

By: 

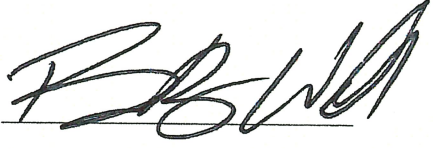
BRAD JONES, COUNTY CHAIRMAN



Dated: 9-3-2025

Witness: 

ATLANTIC WASTE SERVICES, INC. Dba ALLGREEN SERVICES

By: 

BEN WALL, PRESIDENT

Dated: 9-4-25

Witness: 



PM AGREEMENT

PARTS, FLUIDS, LABOR & TRAVEL

YANCEY BROS. CO. PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

CUSTOMER ACCOUNT NAME: Candler County Boc CUSTOMER NO: 802917 QUOTE NO: 35608
 PM CONTACT (NAME, EMAIL & PHONE): QUOTE DATE: 8/22/2025

Model	Serial	Starting Hours	Agreement Length (Month/Hours)	Service Hr Intervals	Total Pre-Paid Price	Cost Per Hour Price*	Pay Per Service Price*
420 IT ES	H8T01761	3,791	12 1,000	500	\$4,544.00	\$4.54	See accompanying service price list

* The cost per hour pricing and pay per service pricing set forth in this agreement may be subject to periodic adjustment during the term of the agreement to account for cost increases, as detailed in the terms and conditions (see reverse side).

YANCEY RESPONSIBILITIES
Parts, Fluids, Labor & Travel Included To service oil compartments at recommended oil OMM intervals
Track And Schedule P.M. Services
Visual Walk-Around Inspection With Machine-Specific Checklist
Check All Fluid Levels All Compartments, Top Off. Three (3) gallons included
Change Oil And Filters In Accordance With Mfg. Lubrication & Maintenance Guide
Perform Scheduled Oil Sampling (SOS) All Compartments
Change Primary/Secondary Air Filter @ 1000 Hours
Change Fuel Filters / Water Separator
Grease Entire Machine
Dispose Of Used Oil And Used Filters
Change Air Conditioning Filters As Needed For An Additional Charge
Personal Consultaion On Abnormal Oil Samples And Problems Detected Or Checklist
Maintain Records Of All PM Service History

CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES
Install a Telematics System, Product Link or Equivalent
Grease Machine and Check Oil Levels Daily Top off as necessary with fluids meeting OEM
Perform 10, 50, 100 and 250 Hour Maintenance As outlined in the lubrication and maintenance manual
Perform All Cooling System Maintenance As Required By Lubrication And Maintenance Manual
Make Machine Available For PM Service Upon Arrival Of PM Technician, in a safe environment
Machine must be located in the state of Georgia
Maintain a Working Product Link system if installed

**Condition Monitoring service is included
with
Yancey's premium PM agreements**

Our C.M. analyst will manage the following fleet services:

- Track hours and schedule services in advance and on time
- Ensure the correct PM service level is performed
- Monitor health & utilization by sending event reports daily and providing monthly reports

Terms of Agreement: This agreement is subject to all Yancey Bros. Co. ("Yancey") standard terms and conditions set forth on the reverse side.

CUSTOMER INITIALS: BA

THIS AGREEMENT IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. BILLING:

- If customer elects pre-paid billing, Yancey will generate an invoice up front for the entire agreement term for each serial number at the applicable pre-paid price.
- If customer elects cost per hour billing, Yancey will generate an invoice each month for each serial number for the previous billing period hourly usage at the applicable cost per hour price (i.e., usage hours multiplied by applicable cost per hour rate).
- If customer elects pay per service billing, Yancey will generate an invoice for each service for each serial number at the time of the service at the applicable pay per service price.

2. PRICE ADJUSTMENTS:

The cost per hour pricing and pay per service pricing set forth in this agreement are guaranteed for a period of six months from the agreement start date. Upon each six-month anniversary of the agreement start date during the agreement term (including any renewal term), Yancey may, at its option, increase the cost per hour pricing and pay per service pricing then in effect under this agreement by the percentage increase in U.S. Bureau of Labor Producer Price Index WPUFD42 (PPI Commodity data for Final demand, not seasonally adjusted) (the "PPI") over the immediately preceding six-month period, provided that the PPI increased by at least two percent over such six-month period.

3. EXCLUSIONS:

This agreement does not include any of the following:

- Price above does not include taxes
- Any repairs other than Preventative Maintenance as outlined in the respective equipment manufacturer's lubrication and maintenance guide
- Routine adjustments like adjusting engine valve
- Replacement cab filters, hoses, clamps, bulbs, nuts, bolts, etc.
- Replacement filters such as engine air or fuel filters outside of the normal scheduled interval (250 and 500 hour interval PM services do not include engine air filter replacement)
- Replacement Tier 4 type machine diesel particulate filter and components

4. WARRANTY INFORMATION:

Yancey warrants the work performed to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of ninety days. Yancey's obligation under this warranty shall be limited to the repair or replacement at Yancey's premises of those new parts previously installed or labor previously performed demonstrated to be defective. Substandard repair work may be performed upon request of customer and according to customer's instructions, but such work will carry absolutely no warranty whatsoever. CUSTOMER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT THE LIMITED WARRANTY EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN IS IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, BY YANCEY WITH RESPECT TO ANY WORK PERFORMED HEREUNDER, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. CUSTOMER FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT THE LIMITED WARRANTY REMEDY EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN SHALL CONSTITUTE CUSTOMER'S SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY, AND YANCEY'S SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE LIABILITY, ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO ANY WORK PERFORMED HEREUNDER. CUSTOMER FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT NO PROMISE, WARRANTY, REPRESENTATION, OR AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND OR NATURE, WRITTEN OR ORAL, HAS BEEN MADE BY YANCEY AT VARIANCE WITH OR IN ADDITION TO THE LIMITED WARRANTY EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN.

5. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:

CUSTOMER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT YANCEY'S RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT ARE LIMITED TO THE PROVISION OF THE GOODS AND/OR SERVICES SPECIFICALLY OUTLINED HEREIN AND THAT YANCEY DOES NOT GUARANTEE THE DETECTION OR REPLACEMENT OF WORN OUT, DEFECTIVE, OR MALFUNCTIONING PARTS. FURTHER, CUSTOMER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT IN NO EVENT SHALL YANCEY BE LIABLE FOR ANY DIRECT, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, PUNITIVE, OR SPECIAL DAMAGES OF ANY KIND OR NATURE (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY LOSS OF ANTICIPATED PROFITS, LOSS OF TIME, OR OTHER ECONOMIC LOSS OR ANY INJURY TO PERSON OR PROPERTY) ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE FURNISHING, FUNCTIONING, OR USE OF ANY GOODS OR SERVICES PROVIDED HEREUNDER, REGARDLESS OF THE CAUSE OF ACTION OR THEORY OR LIABILITY AND REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YANCEY HAS BEEN SPECIFICALLY ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES.

6. AUTOMATIC RENEWAL:

This agreement shall automatically renew for successive periods of two years each (each, a renewal term) unless and until either party cancels the agreement. If customer previously elected pre-paid billing, upon renewal the agreement will convert to pay per service billing at the applicable pay per service pricing in effect as of the renewal date, unless customer again elects pre-paid billing or otherwise elects a different billing option. If customer previously elected cost per hour billing or pay per service billing, upon renewal the agreement will continue with the same billing method at the applicable pricing in effect as of the renewal date.

7. CANCELLATION:

This agreement can be canceled at any time by either party by providing written notice of cancellation (email is sufficient) to the other party. In the event of early cancellation, the account will be reconciled, and any charges due Yancey will be payable in full at that time and any credits due to the customer will be due to the customer at that time.

8. APPLICABLE LAW:

This agreement shall be deemed to be governed by the laws of the State of Georgia.

9. TELEMATICS:

To the extent that the customer's machine is equipped with Product Link%u2122, customer understands that data concerning the machine, its condition, and its operation is being transmitted by Product Link%u2122 to Caterpillar Inc. its affiliates ("Caterpillar") and/or its dealers to better serve our customers and to improve upon Caterpillar products and services. The information transmitted may include: machine serial number, machine location, and operational data, including but not limited to: fault codes, emissions data, fuel usage, service meter hours, software and hardware version numbers, and installed attachments. Caterpillar will not sell or rent collected information to any other third party and will exercise reasonable efforts to keep the information secure. Caterpillar recognizes and respects customer privacy. Customer agrees to allow this data to be accessed by Caterpillar and/or its dealers. Any e-mail addresses obtained as part of this agreement by Yancey will remain the private property of Yancey.

10. FORCE MAJEURE:

No party to this agreement shall be held responsible for delays or failure in performance resulting from an act beyond that

party's reasonable control. Such acts include but are not limited to the following: strikes or other labor disputes, lockouts, Acts of God, material shortages, riots, acts of war, governmental regulations imposed after the fact, fire, earthquakes, and other natural disasters. In the event of an occurrence giving rise to a delay or failure, the party whose performance is delayed or prevented shall give prompt written notice to the other party stating the particulars and all efforts to overcome the delay or failure. The time of performance shall be extended by the period of any such delay.

Customer Signature: _____

Date: _____

9/3/25

Yancey Bros. Co. Signature: _____

Date: _____