

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2020 – 6:00 PM – Administration Conference Room**

Called to Order by Chairman June Merritt at 6:00 p.m. Present June Merritt, Charlie Sol, Taylor Bridges, LaDon Durham, Jeffery Haynes, William Mills, Attorney, and Tandie Cloud, County Clerk.

Actions in Open Meeting

1. **Approved February 3, 2020 corrected regular meeting minutes with deletion of section #4 by motion of Charlie Sol, 2nd by Taylor Bridges. Vote 4:0**
2. **Denied Mobile Home tax refund to Crystal M. McCay, accepting recommendation from Tax Commissioner, Ann Harrell by motion of LaDon Durham, 2nd by Taylor Bridges. Vote 4:0**
3. **Approved Resolution for preparation and submittal of Community Development Block Grant Application for ASPIRE building by motion of Jeffery Haynes, 2nd by Charlie Sol. Vote 4:0**
4. **Approved Resolution to Amend Fy 2020 Budget by motion of LaDon Durham, 2nd by Taylor Bridges. Vote 4:0**
5. **Approved going into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2nd by Charlie Sol. Vote 4:0**
6. **Approved to return to Open Meeting and authorized the Chairman to sign the Executive Session Affidavit by motion of Jeffery Haynes, 2nd by Taylor Bridges. Vote 4:0**
7. **Approved contract with Craig Hughes for appointment as County Administrator for \$60,000.00 with contract to expire December 31, 2020 by motion of LaDon Durham, 2nd by Jeffery Haynes. Vote 4:0**

Adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by motion of Jeffery Haynes, 2nd by Charlie Sol. Vote 4:0

June Merritt, Chairman

Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk

Minutes

**Called Joint Meeting-Early County Board of Commissioners and Blakely City Council
March 9, 2020, City Hall**

A called meeting of the Early County Board of Commissioners and Blakely City Council was held on March 9, 2020 in City Hall and was convened at 5:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the FEMA grant for the purchase of generators for the city and county.

Representing the county were Commissioners Taylor Bridges, LaDon Durham, Charlie Sol and June Merritt.

Representing the city were Ray Jarrett, Margaret Zachery, Al Hutchins, Travis Wimbush and Melinda Crook.

Chairman June Merritt called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order; Mayor Travis Wimbush called the City Council meeting to order.

A review of the history to the FEMA application was given as well as the current status. LaDon Durham made motion that county move forward with application, Taylor Bridges seconded. Vote 3:0

Motion made by Ray Jarrett, and seconded by Margaret Zachery for the city to continue with the application also. Vote 3:0

Mayor pointed out that Audrey Hughes has served as project manager thus far. However, she has given a two-week notice and will be leaving in approximately 14 days. City has incurred approximately \$7,000 in expenses to date for her salary, but will not be willing to carry project forward with a new manager.

County agreed to assume responsibility for securing a new project manager in order for the application to move forward and will bear the future expense. First refusal a project manager will be given to Mrs. Hughes. Motion to this effect was made by Taylor Bridges, seconded by LaDon Durham. Vote 3:0

Motion to adjourn county session made by Taylor Bridges, seconded by LaDon Durham. Vote 3:0

City also adjourned their council meeting.

June Merritt, Acting Clerk
Early County Board of Commissioners

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Special Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2020 – 1:00 PM – Administration Conference Room**

Called to Order by Chairman June Merritt at 1:00 p.m. Present June Merritt, Charlie Sol, Taylor Bridges, LaDon Durham, Jeffery Haynes, Craig Hughes, County Administrator and Tandie Cloud, County Clerk.

The budget committee meeting was held as advertised to allow the full board to discuss FY 2021 county budget for Public Works, Solid Waste and Public Buildings and Parks.

Approved recommendation from former County Administrator, Spencer Mueller to raise John Hatcher, FBO-Airport salary to \$25,000.00 beginning July 1, 2020 by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2nd by LaDon Durham. Commissioners Bridges and Durham voted in favor; Commissioners Haynes and Sol voted against, Chairman Merritt voted in favor. Vote 3:2

Adjourned at 2:45 p.m. by motion of LaDon Durham, 2nd by Taylor Bridges. Vote 4:0

June Merritt, Chairman

Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Special Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2020 – 1:00 PM – Administration Conference Room**

Called to Order by Chairman June Merritt at 1:00 p.m. Present June Merritt, Charlie Sol, Taylor Bridges, Jeffery Haynes, Craig Hughes, County Administrator and Tandie Cloud, County Clerk. LaDon Durham was unable to attend.

The budget committee meeting was held as advertised to allow the full board to discuss FY 2021 county budget for Tax Commissioner, Assessment Office, Code Enforcement and Planning Commission.

Since there was no further budget business the meeting was adjourned.

June Merritt, Chairman

Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Called Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2020 – 2:30 PM – Administration Conference Room**

Called to Order by Chairman June Merritt at 2:30 p.m. Present June Merritt, Charlie Sol, Taylor Bridges, Jeffery Haynes, Craig Hughes, County Administrator and Tandie Cloud, County Clerk. LaDon Durham was unable to attend.

PUBLIC HEARING

Approved recommendation from Baker Donelson Attorney, Andrew Rotenstreich for (2) Verizon Towers to be built in Early County. Locations (1) on Lucile Hwy., (1) Hwy 273 in Cedar Springs by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2nd by Charlie Sol. Vote 3:0

Adjourned at 2:47 p.m. by motion of Jeffery Haynes, 2nd by Charlie Sol. Vote 3:0

June Merritt, Chairman

Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Special Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2020 – 1:00 PM – Administration Conference Room**

Called to Order by Chairman June Merritt at 1:00 p.m. Present June Merritt, Charlie Sol, Taylor Bridges, LaDon Durham, Craig Hughes, County Administrator and Tandie Cloud, County Clerk. Jeffery Haynes was unable to attend.

The budget committee meeting was held as advertised to allow the full board to discuss FY 2021 county budget for Clerk of Superior Court, Probate, and Agricultural Extension Office.

Approved Resolution allowing Tax Commissioner to waive certain penalties and interest by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2nd by LaDon Durham. Vote 3:0

Approved new lighting at Public Works shop, once presented with a few more bids to make a final decision by motion of LaDon Durham, 2nd by Taylor Bridges. Vote 3:0

Approved to discontinue use of Pay Matrix in setting salaries by motion of LaDon Durham, 2nd by Taylor Bridges. Vote 3:0

Adjourned at 2:25 p.m. by motion of LaDon Durham, 2nd by Charlie Sol. Vote 3:0

June Merritt, Chairman

Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Emergency Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2020 – 4:00 PM – Conference Call**

Called to Order by Chairman June Merritt at 4:00 p.m. Present June Merritt, Charlie Sol, Taylor Bridges, LaDon Durham, Craig Hughes, County Administrator and Tandie Cloud, County Clerk. Jeffery Haynes was unable to call in.

The emergency meeting was held as advertised by conference call to allow the full board to discuss the Declaration of Local Emergency.

Approved Declaration of Local Emergency by motion of LaDon Durham, 2nd by Charlie Sol. Vote 3:0

Adjourned at 4:14 p.m. by motion of Charlie Sol, 2nd by Taylor Bridges. Vote 3:0

June Merritt, Chairman

Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Special Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2020 – 1:00 PM – Administration Conference Room**

Called to Order by Chairman June Merritt at 1:00 p.m. Present June Merritt, Charlie Sol, Taylor Bridges, LaDon Durham, Craig Hughes, County Administrator and Tandie Cloud, County Clerk. Jeffery Haynes was present by phone.

The budget committee meeting was held as advertised to allow the full board to discuss FY 2021 county budget for Emergency Management, Rural Fire, Commissioners, and Administration.

Approved County Administrator Craig Hughes, to explore avenues to streamline all board meetings, cost amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 by motion of LaDon Durham, 2nd by Taylor Bridges. Vote 4:0

Adjourned at 2:18 p.m. by motion of LaDon Durham, 2nd by Jeffery Haynes. Vote 4:0

June Merritt, Chairman

Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Special Meeting Minutes
March 31, 2020 – 3:00 PM – Administration Conference Room**

Called to Order by Chairman June Merritt at 3:00 p.m. Present June Merritt, Charlie Sol, Taylor Bridges, LaDon Durham, Craig Hughes, County Administrator and Tandie Cloud, County Clerk. Jeffery Haynes was present by phone.

The budget committee meeting was held as advertised to allow the full board to discuss FY 2021 county budget for Board of Elections, and Sheriff's Department.

Approved County Administrator Craig Hughes, to proceed in setting up live streaming with Omni Sound and Lighting for Commissioners Boardroom by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2nd by LaDon Durham. Vote 4:0

Adjourned at 4:10 p.m. by motion of LaDon Durham, 2nd by Jeffery Haynes. Vote 4:0

June Merritt, Chairman

Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk