

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Special Board Meeting Minutes  
May 2, 2022 – 5:00 PM – Administration Conference Room**

Called to Order by Chairman Clarence H. Jester at 5:00 p.m. Present Clarence H. Jester, Charlie Sol, Taylor Bridges, Jeffery Haynes, Stephanie Chandler, County Administrator and Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk.

The meeting was held as posted for a budget work session.

Adjourned at 5:52 p.m. by motion of Jeffery Haynes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Taylor Bridges. Vote 5:0

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Clarence H. Jester, Chairman

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Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
May 2, 2022 – 6:00 PM – Administration Conference Room**

Called to Order by Chairman Clarence H. Jester at 6:00 p.m. Present Clarence H. Jester, Charlie Sol, Taylor Bridges, LaDon Durham, Jeffery Haynes, William H. Mills, Attorney, Stephanie Chandler, County Administrator and Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk.

**Actions in Open Meeting**

1. **Approved April 4, 2022, regular meeting minutes by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Sol. Vote 5:0**
2. **Approved Planning Commissions Operational Guidelines (By-Laws) update by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaDon Durham. Vote 5:0**
3. **Appointed Keith Brewer to serve on Tax Assessor board filling the unexpired term of Meredith Whitehead ending December 31, 2026, by motion Taylor Bridges, 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaDon Durham. Vote 5:0**
4. **Approved Early County Department of Public Safety retirees prior to merger a 3% COLA for FY 2023 by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaDon Durham. Vote 5:0**

Adjourned at 6:32 p.m. by motion of Jeffery Haynes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Sol. Vote 5:0

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Clarence H. Jester, Chairman

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Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Joint Public Hearing Minutes  
May 4, 2022 – 6:00 PM – Administration Conference Room**

Called to Order by Chairman Clarence H. Jester at 6:00 p.m. Present Clarence H. Jester, Charlie Sol, Taylor Bridges, Stephanie Chandler, County Administrator and Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk. Unable to attend Jeffery Haynes.

Also, present: Southwest Georgia Regional Commission-Shane Kelsey; Planning Commission: Jim Wasdin, John Hunter, Mandy Chapman, Pam Harris; City of Blakely-Mayor Travis Wimbush, Melinda Crook-City Clerk; City of Jakin-Judy Young, County Clerk; City of Damascus-Mayor Morris Hayes.

The hearing was held as posted to discuss the next steps and to have any changes that need to be made submitted by next week.

Adjourned at 6:15 p.m. by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaDon Durham. Vote 4:0

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Clarence H. Jester, Chairman

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Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Special Board Meeting Minutes  
May 9, 2022 – 5:00 PM – Administration Conference Room**

Called to Order by Chairman Clarence H. Jester at 5:00 p.m. Present Clarence H. Jester, Charlie Sol, LaDon Durham, Jeffery Haynes (phone), Stephanie Chandler, County Administrator and Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk. Taylor Bridges was unable to attend.

The meeting was held as posted for a budget work session.

**Actions in Open Meeting**

1. Approved to apply for USDA grant to purchase new accounting program, update phone system, computer/scanners for Administration Office. County portion will be paid out of SPLOST funds by motion of Charlie Sol, 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaDon Durham. Vote 4:0
2. Approved to apply for USDA grant to purchase HVAC machine, bumper jack, boom mower & a (1) ton flat bed with dump body for Public Works. County portion will be paid out of SPLOST funds by motion of Charlie Sol, 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaDon Durham. Vote 4:0
3. Approved to apply for USDA grant to purchase roll off container for Solid Waste. County portion will be paid out of SPLOST funds by motion of Charlie Sol, 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaDon Durham. Vote 4:0
4. Approved (2) vehicles with equipment for sheriff department, lights, security signs, radios for jail and staff, secure filing cabinets, upgrade on computers for jail department. County portion will be paid out of SPLOST funds by motion of Charlie Sol, 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaDon Durham. Vote 4:0

Adjourned at 5:55 p.m. by motion of LaDon Durham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Sol. Vote 4:0

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Clarence H. Jester, Chairman

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Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Special Board Meeting Minutes  
May 13, 2022 – 3:00 PM – Phone Conference**

Called to Order by Kay Olubowale with Southwest Georgia Regional Commissioner at 3:00 p.m. Present Kevin Naramore-Jakin Councilman, Melinda Crook-City of Blakely Clerk, Morris Haynes-Mayor of Damascus, and Tandie M. Cloud, Early County Clerk.

The phone conference was held to discuss the changes submitted on the SWOT 5-year Comprehensive Plan.

Since all agreed on changes, the phone conference adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Special Board Meeting Minutes  
May 25, 2022 – 5:00 PM – Administration Conference Room**

Called to Order by Chairman Clarence H. Jester at 5:00 p.m. Present Clarence H. Jester, Charlie Sol, Taylor Bridges, Jeffery Haynes, and LaDon Durham, Stephanie Chandler, County Administrator and Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk, Sam Clinkscales, Insurance Agent.

The meeting was held as posted to discuss options for insurance cost.

Adjourned at 6:07 p.m. by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaDon Durham. Vote 5:0

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Clarence H Jester, Chairman

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Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Special Board Meeting Minutes  
May 31, 2022 – 3:00 PM – Administration Conference Room**

Called to Order by Chairman Clarence H. Jester at 3:00 p.m. Present Clarence H. Jester, Charlie Sol, Taylor Bridges, Jeffery Haynes, and LaDon Durham, Stephanie Chandler, County Administrator and Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk, Sam Clinkscales, Insurance Agent.

The meeting was held as posted to discuss options for insurance cost.

**Actions in Open Meeting**

1. Approved AmBetter HMO plan with a \$1,500.00 deductible, help pay (5) employees to transition to Medicare and cover one of our 1<sup>st</sup> responders of their \$10,000.00 out of pocket expenses by motion of Jeffery Haynes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Sol. Vote 5:0

Adjourned at 3:08 p.m. by motion of LaDon Durham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Taylor Bridges. Vote 5:0

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Clarence H Jester, Chairman

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Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk