

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Regular Board Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2020 – 6:00 PM – Administration Conference Room**

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

Actions in Open Meeting

1. Amend agenda adding under Old Business: Airport Hanger Rent; New Business: ACCG Defined Benefit Agreement & Resolution & Chairman Voting Rights by motion of Jeffery Haynes, 2nd by Taylor Bridges. Vote 4:0
2. Approved November 2, 2020 regular meeting minutes by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2nd by LaDon Durham. Vote 4:0

Commissioner Durham informed board, Mr. Chris Rounds has accepted the rent amount of \$750.00 per month, to be paid annually in amount of \$9000.00 for 2021 for Airport Paint Hanger. Attorney Bill Mills to draft contract.
3. Approved alcohol licenses for A & P Group, LLC- Pankajkumar Patel; The Store-Lee Torbett; & Jakin West-Hiren Patel by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2nd by LaDon Durham. Vote 4:0
4. Reappointed Chad Chapman & LaDon Durham to Airport Authority effective January 1, 2021 for a (2) year term expiring December 31, 2022 by motion of Charlie Sol, 2nd by Taylor Bridges. Vote 4:0
5. Reappointed Pernell Freeman to Blakely-Early County Recreation Department effective January 1, 2021 for a (3) year term expiring December 31, 2023. Jeffery Haynes, LaDon Durham & Taylor Bridges voted for Pernell Freeman; Charlie Sol voted for Travis Price. Vote 3/1
6. Recommend to City that Ray Enfinger to be reappointed as at-large representative to Blakely-Early County Recreation Department. Taylor Bridge, LaDon Durham and June Merritt voted for Ray Enfinger; Jeffery Haynes, Charlie Sol voted for Travis Price. Vote 3/2
7. Reappointed Fletcher Thompson & Meredith Whitehead to Assessor Board effective January 1, 2021 for a (6) year term expiring December 31, 2026 by motion of LaDon Durham, 2nd by Taylor Bridges. Vote 4/0
8. Approved nine names to be submitted to Hospital Authority for their selection for (3) appointments effective January 1, 2021 for a (4) year term expiring December 31, 2024: Sherry Newberry, Labon Greene, Lori Haddock, Sam Clinkscales, Alan Braswell, Annette Bankston, Brad Hughes, Jenny Grier and Shanbrika Haynes by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2nd by Charlie Sol. Vote 4/0

Closed Session

Entered at 6:30 p.m. by motion of Jeffery Haynes, 2nd by Charlie Sol. Vote 4:0

Exited at 6:45 p.m. to open meeting with authorization for Chairman to sign the Executive Session Affidavit by motion of LaDon Durham, 2nd by Charlie Sol. Vote 4:0

9. Approved for contract with Craig Hughes as Interim County Administrator until June 30, 2021 with current budgeted amounts by motion of Jeffery Haynes, 2nd by Charlie Sol. Vote 4/0
10. Approved William H. Mills for a (1) year term as attorney for county by motion of LaDon Durham, 2nd by Jeffery Haynes. Vote 4/0
11. Adopted Resolution to appoint New Chairman, Hank Jester, as the (CLC) “County Legislative Coordinator” for 2021 by motion of LaDon Durham, 2nd by Jeffery Haynes. Vote 4:0
12. Adopted ACCG Agreement Amendment #1 merging Department of Public Safety with Early County Defined Benefit Plan by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2nd by LaDon Durham. Vote 4:0
13. Adopted ACCG Resolution to amend Defined Benefit Plan for Early County Employees by motion of Jeffery Haynes, 2nd by LaDon Durham. Vote 4:0

14. **Approved clarifying County Chair can only vote in a tie by motion of Jeffery Haynes, 2nd by Charlie Sol. Enabling legislation will be presented at January meeting then sent to State Representation Gerald Greene to introduce in 2021 session of General Assembly. Vote 4:0**

Flu shot drawing winner for 2020 is Johnny Wimberly.

Adjourned at 7:15 p.m. by motion of Jeffery Haynes, 2nd by Taylor Bridges. Vote 4:0

Clarence H. Jester, Chairman

Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk