

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2021 – 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, LaDon Durham, Jeffery Haynes, Taylor Bridges, William Mills, Attorney, Craig Hughes, Administrator; and Tandie Cloud, County Clerk.

Actions in Open Meeting

1. Amend agenda adding “ARPA” America Rescue Plan Act under New Business by motion of LaDon Durham, 2nd by Taylor Bridges. Vote 4:0
2. Approved June 7, 2021 regular meeting, June 3, 7 & 23, 2021 Special meeting, June 7, 2021 Public Hearing, June 23, 2021 Called meeting, June 29, 2021 Joint meeting with City of Blakley minutes by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2nd by LaDon Durham. Vote 4:0
3. Reappointed Cassidy Enfinger to Department Family and Children Services “DFACS” effective July 1, 2021 for a (5) year term expiring June 30, 2026 by motion LaDon Durham, 2nd by Taylor Bridges. Vote 4:0
4. Approved policy for acceptance of private roads to public roads for maintenance by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2nd by LaDon Durham. Vote 4:0
5. Approved Resolution on Authorization to accept GDOT contract for Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act by motion of LaDon Durham, 2nd by Taylor Bridges. Vote 4:0
6. Approved for Early County Board of Commissioners to accept the Terms and Conditions and the county’s allocation of \$1,976,288.00 for the American Rescue Plan state and local recovery fund from the U.S. Treasury which were signed by Clarence H. Jester on July 9, 2021, by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2nd by Charlie Sol. Vote 4:0
7. Approved request from Celia Bostwick, Chamber of Commerce in partnering in a grant for 500 trees to help with lost from Hurricane Michael in October, 2018 by motion of LaDon Durham, 2nd by Taylor Bridges. Vote 4:0 No funds needed from county.

CLOSED SESSION

Entered at 7:08 p.m. by motion Taylor Bridges, 2nd by Charlie Sol to discuss litigations and personnel. Vote 4:0

Exited at 7:20 p.m. to open meeting with authorization for Chairman to sign the Executive Session Affidavit by motion of LaDon Durham, 2nd by Taylor Bridges. Vote 4:0

8. Approved hazard pay (Covid 19) for all employees that were employed by March 1, 2020 for (9) consecutive months by motion of LaDon Durham, 2nd by Taylor Bridges. Vote 4:0
Full time employees \$750.00/Part time \$375.00, taxes to be paid.

Adjourned at 7:26 p.m. by motion of Charlie Sol, 2nd by Taylor Bridges. Vote 4:0

Clarence H. Jester, Chairman

Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk

**Early County Board of Commissioners –Called Board Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2021 – 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, Taylor Bridges, Craig Hughes, Administrator; and Tandie Cloud, County Clerk. Also in attendance, Mayor Raymond Williams, Arlington; Mayor Morris Haynes, Damascus; Melinda Crook, City Clerk, Blakely. Mayor Melanie Rogers, Jakin unable to attend.

The meeting was held as posted for Local Option Sales Tax Renegotiations (L.O.S.T.).

Chair read the letter from State of Georgia, Department of Revenue, listing the percentage to each municipality. City of Blakely-40%; City of Arlington-3.1%; Town of Jakin-1.25%; City of Damascus-2% and Early County Commissioners-53.65%.

Since no comments, meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Clarence H. Jester, Chairman

Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Called Board Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2021 – 5:30 PM – Administration Conference Room**

Called to Order by Chairman Clarence H. Jester at 5:30 p.m. Present Clarence H. Jester, Charlie Sol, LaDon Durham, Jeffery Haynes, Taylor Bridges, Craig Hughes, Administrator; and Tandie Cloud, County Clerk. Also in attendance, Mayor Raymond Williams, Arlington; Mayor Morris Haynes, Damascus; Melinda Crook, City Clerk, Blakely. Mayor Melanie Rogers, Jakin unable to attend.

The meeting was held as posted for Joint Comprehensive Plan.

Kim Brook, Southwest Georgia Regional Commission spoke about all what will need to be completed in the next few months. Also, informed us that her replacement will be Shane Kelsey.

Since no comments, meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Clarence H. Jester, Chairman

Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk