

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Special Board Meeting Minutes
May 1, 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, Taylor Bridges, LaDon Durham, Craig Hughes, County Administrator and Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk. Jeffery Haynes by phone

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

1. Approved to proceed forward in hiring (2) new hires in Board of Elections. Business hours to change from 35 per week to 40 by motion of LaDon Durham and 2nd by Taylor Bridges. Vote 4:0
2. Approved to hire (1) full time employee with no insurance, and (2) part time employees at the Airport by motion of LaDon Durham, 2nd by Charlie Sol. Vote 4:0

Adjourned at 5:50 p.m. by motion of LaDon Durham, 2nd by Charlie Sol. Vote 4:0

Clarence H. Jester, Chairman

Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 1, 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, Taylor Bridges, LaDon Durham, William H. Mills, Attorney, Craig Hughes, County Administrator and Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk. Jeffery Haynes by phone 6:10 p.m. and arrived at 6:20 p.m.

Actions in Open Meeting

1. Approved April 5, 2021 regular meeting minutes by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2nd by LaDon Durham. Vote 3:0
2. Approved mobile home tax releases in the mount of \$5,003.92; 2020 property tax releases in amount of \$745.83 by motion of Jeffery Haynes, 2nd by Taylor Bridges. Vote 4:0
3. Approved to purchase the (5) 2021 Ford F-150 with equipment for Sheriff Department with (4) annual payments of \$70,824.27 with Sheriff Price's approval by motion Charlie Sol, 2nd by Jeffery Haynes. Vote 4:0
4. Approved a 50/50 purchase with City of Blakely for the Blakely-Early County Transfer Station a new Caterpillar Model 914M Wheel Loader for \$147,999.00 plus the auto reverse fan \$1,920.00. The old wheel loader is to be sold. County's portion \$74,959.50 by motion of Jeffery Haynes, 2nd by Taylor Bridges. Vote 4:0

Closed Session

Entered at 7:21 p.m. by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2nd by Charlie Sol to discuss

litigations. Vote 4:0

Exited at 7:29 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

1. Accepted offer from the City of Blakely to pay (1/2) of what owed in Dissolvement of Public Safety, and instructed Attorney for County, Bill Mills to write up agreement by motion of LaDon Durham, 2nd by Charlie Sol. Vote 4:0

Adjourned at 7:35 p.m. by motion of Jeffery Haynes, 2nd by Taylor Bridges. Vote 4:0

Clarence H. Jester, Chairman

Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Special Board Meeting Minutes
May 10, 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, Taylor Bridges, Craig Hughes, County Administrator and Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk. Jeffery Haynes arrived at 5:25 p.m. LaDon Durham was unable to attend.

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

Actions in Open Meeting

1. Approved to join National Association of County (NACo) recommended by ACCG by motion of Charlie Sol, 2nd by Taylor Bridges. Vote 3:0

Adjourned at 6:36 p.m. by motion of Charlie Sol, 2nd by Taylor Bridges. Vote 3:0

Clarence H. Jester, Chairman

Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Special Board Meeting Minutes
May 17, 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, Taylor Bridges, Jeffery Haynes, and LaDon Durham, Craig Hughes, County Administrator and Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk.

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

Adjourned at 6:36 p.m. by motion of Jeffery Haynes, 2nd by LaDon Durham. Vote 4:0

Clarence H Jester, Chairman

Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Special Board Meeting Minutes
May 27, 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, Taylor Bridges, Jeffery Haynes, and LaDon Durham, Craig Hughes, County Administrator and Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk.

The meeting was held as posted for executive session.

Actions in Open Meeting

- 1. Approved reallocating funds in Public Works and Solid Waste since eliminating (1) position in Public Works; Keith Higginbotham promoted to Assistant Public Works Supervisor with a \$5,000.00 raise, rest of employees 75 cent raise except for part-time with no over-time unless storm related, including \$50.00 a month for use of personal cell phones by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2nd by LaDon Durham. Jeffery Haynes voted against. Vote 3:1**
- 2. Denied request for Solid Waste part-time employee position to full-time, leave way it is operating by motion of LaDon Durham, 2nd by Charlie Sol. Vote 4:0**
- 3. Approved increase request from Blakely-Early County Recreation Department “BECRD” of \$500.00 annually by motion of Jeffery Haynes, 2nd by Charlie Sol. LaDon Durham and Taylor Bridges voted against. Chairman Clarence H. Jester voted in favor. Vote 3/2**
- 4. Approved to transfer the following from General Fund budget to SPLOST 2018 budget: Administration-\$1900.00; Airport-\$8500.00; Assessor-\$900.00; Public Works-\$13,500.00; Public Buildings-\$1200.00; and Sheriff-\$34,000.00. (see list in minute file) by motion of LaDon Durham, 2nd by Jeffery Haynes. Vote 4:0**
- 5. Approved budgets for Law Library, EMA, SPLOST 2018, T-SPLOST, LMIG, Consultant Fee, Drug Abuse Treatment, Jail Fund Building by motion of Jeffery Haynes, 2nd by LaDon Durham. Vote 4:0**
- 6. Tabled Retirement change from 30/55 to 20/55 for county employees till receive further information from ACCG by motion of Jeffery Haynes, 2nd by Charlie Sol. Vote 4:0**
- 7. Approved to keep the same policy as FY 2021 with new rate increases by motion of Charlie Sol, 2nd by Jeffery Haynes. Vote 4:0**
- 8. Approved to remove from General Fund budget expense Administration-\$634.00; Probate-\$1,350.00 and Solid Waste-\$4000.00 (see list in minute file) by motion of Jeffery Haynes, 2nd by LaDon Durham. Vote 4:0**
- 9. Approved request from City of Arlington to contribute \$2,500.00 for Arlington Recreation Department by motion of Jeffery Haynes, 2nd by Charlie Sol. LaDon Durham and Taylor Bridges voted against. Chairman Clarence H. Jester voted in**

favor. Vote 3:2

Adjourned at 6:55 p.m. by motion of Jeffery Haynes, 2nd by Taylor Bridges. Vote 4:0

Clarence H Jester, Chairman

Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk