

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
September 11, 2023 – 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, Stephanie Chandler, Administrator, and Lakieta Warren, County Clerk

**Actions in Open Meeting**

1. Approved SWGRC Authorizing Resolution for the Rural Transit 5311 Program by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaDon Durham. Vote 5:0
2. Approved the RFQ Electrical Savings Recommendation Master Development Agreement by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaDon Durham. Vote 3:2. Landon Durham, Taylor Bridges and Clarence H. Jester voted yes. Jeffery Haynes and Charlie Sol voted no.
3. Approved the request of the Blakely- Early County Chamber of Commerce Brick Fundraiser for the Veterans Memorial and civilians by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Landon Durham. Vote 4:1. Clarence H. Jester, LaDon Durham, Jeffery Haynes and Taylor Bridges voted yes. Charlie Sol voted no.

Adjourned at 7:34 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



Lakieta Warren, County Clerk

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Public Hearing Meeting Minutes  
October 18, 2023 – 6:00 PM – Administration Conference Room**

Called to Order by Chairman Clarence H. Jester at 6:00 p.m. Present Clarence H. Jester, Jeffery Haynes, Charlie Sol (arrived @6:16 p.m.), LaDon Durham, Stephanie Chandler, Administrator, and Lakieta Warren, County Clerk. Taylor Bridges not present

The public hearing was held as advertised for the purpose of millage increase. The Board answered the public's questions about Tax increase.

Since there were no other comments, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



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Clarence H. Jester, Chairman

  
Lakieta Warren, County Clerk

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Public Hearing Meeting Minutes  
October 25, 2023 – 4:00 PM – Administration Conference Room**

Called to Order by Chairman Clarence H. Jester at 4:00 p.m. Present Clarence H. Jester, Jeffery Haynes, Taylor Bridges, Stephanie Chandler, Administrator, and Lakieta Warren, County Clerk. Charlie Sol and LaDon Durham were not present.

The public hearing was held as advertised for the purpose of millage increase. The Board answered the public's questions about Tax increase.

Since there were no other comments, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.



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Clarence H. Jester, Chairman

  
Lakieta Warren, County Clerk

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Special Called Meeting Minutes  
October 25, 2023 – 4:11 PM – Administration Conference Room**

Called to Order by Chairman Clarence H. Jester at 4:11 p.m. Present Clarence H. Jester, Jeffery Haynes, Charlie Sol, Taylor Bridges, Stephanie Chandler, Administrator, and Lakieta Warren, County Clerk. LaDon Durham not present

Special Called meeting for the purpose of 2025 Capital Improvement program for Early County Airport through GDOT.

Approved to apply for grants for this project by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeffery Haynes. Vote 4:0.

Adjourned at 4:16 p.m. by motion of Jeffery Haynes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Taylor Bridges. Vote 4:0.



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Clarence H. Jester, Chairman

  
Lakieta Warren, County Clerk

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Called Meeting Minutes  
October 25, 2023– 5:30PM – Administration Conference Room**

Called to Order by Chairman Clarence H. Jester at 5:15 p.m. Present Clarence H. Jester, Jeffery Haynes, Taylor Bridges, Charlie Sol LaDon Durham, Stephanie Chandler, Administrator, and Tandie Cloud, County Clerk.

Approved the millage rate of 11.00% for incorporated and unincorporated areas of Early County, the Board of Education set their millage at 15.961% by motion of LaDon Durham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Taylor Bridges. Vote 5:0

Adjourned at 5:35 p.m. by motion of Jeffery Haynes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaDon Durham. Vote 5:0



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Clarence H. Jester, Chairman

  
Lakieta Warren, County Clerk

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
October 2, 2023 – 6:00 PM – Administration Conference Room**

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

**Actions in Open Meeting**

1. Approved to utilize the 125 Insurance Plan from Champion Health by motion of Jeffery Haynes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Taylor Bridges. Vote 5:0
2. Approved RLF Application for Bruce Singleton's company in the amount of \$300,000.00 a local business that is yielded to create 10-15 local jobs by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaDon Durham. Vote 5:0

Adjourned at 6:51 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

  
Lakieta Warren, County Clerk


**Early County Board of Commissioners – Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
November 6, 2023 – 6:00 PM – Administration Conference Room**

Called to Order by Chairman Clarence H. Jester at 6:00 p.m. Present Clarence H. Jester, LaDon Durham, Jeffery Haynes, Charlie Sol, Taylor Bridges, William Mills, Attorney, Stephanie Chandler, Administrator, and Lakieta Warren, County Clerk. Jeffery Haynes arrived at 6:06 p.m.

**Actions in Open Meeting**

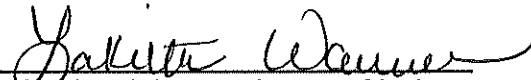
1. Approved October 2, 2023, regular, public hearing and called meeting minutes by motion of LaDon Durham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Taylor Bridges. Vote 4:0
2. Approved Mental Health Resolution ACCG by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2<sup>nd</sup> LaDon Durham. Vote 5:0
3. Approved the sale of the Mini Excavator on GovDeals and split proceeds with the City of Blakely by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaDon Durham. Vote 5:0

Adjourned at 6:24 p.m. by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Sol. Vote 5:0



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Clarence H. Jester, Chairman

  
Lakieta Warren, County Clerk

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
December 4, 2023 – 6:00 PM – Administration Conference Room**

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

**Actions in Open Meeting**

1. Approved November 6, 2023, regular meeting minutes by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Sol. Vote 5:0.
2. Approved the 2024 Qualifying Fees by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaDon Durham. Vote 5:0.
3. Approved William H. Mills for a (1) year term as attorney for Early County by motion of Jeffery Haynes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Taylor Bridges. Vote 5:0.
4. Approved alcoholic beverage licenses for P.T. Patel- AP Food Mart; and R.T. Patel- Jakin Liquor LLC and Jakin Trading, LLC, River Side Travel Center B. Patel by motion of LaDon Durham and 2<sup>nd</sup> Taylor Bridges. Vote 5:0.
5. Approved the Reappointments for the Planning Commission Pamela Harris, Katherine Speight & Mandy Chapman by motion of Taylor Bridges and 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaDon Durham. Vote 5:0.
6. Approved The Reappointments of the Airport Authority Nelson Hattaway, Ken Craft & Ray Jarrett by motion of Taylor Bridges and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeffery Haynes. Vote5:0.
7. Approved the membership of Stephanie Chandler and the continuation of Wallace O'neal to the Golden Triangle RC&D board along with the \$250.00 membership fee by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Sol. Vote 5:0.
8. Approved the submission of the (9) nominees for the Hospital Authority Board by motion of Jeffery Haynes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Taylor Bridges. Vote 5:0.
9. Approved the 2024 Early County Holiday Calendar by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Sol. Vote 5:0.



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Clarence H. Jester, Chairman



Lakieta Warren, County Clerk

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2024 – 6:00 PM – Administration Conference Room**

Called to Order by Chairman Clarence H. Jester at 6:00 p.m. Present Clarence H. Jester, Jeffery Haynes Taylor Bridges, Charlie Sol, William H. Mills, Attorney, Stephanie Chandler, Administrator; and Lakieta Warren, County Clerk. LaDon Durham was not present.

**Actions in Open Meeting**

1. Approved December 4, 2023, regular meeting, by motion of Charlie Sol, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Taylor Bridges. Vote 4:0
2. Approved RLF Resolution by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Sol. Vote 4:0
3. Approved the Resolution for 2024 Election Qualifying Fees by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Sol. Vote 4:0
4. Approved to hire Early County ANR Extension agent Kelsea Hancock by motion of Charlie Sol, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Taylor Bridges. Vote 4:0
5. Approved E. Reynolds RLD Application for \$250,000.00 by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Sol. Vote 4:0
6. Approved to negotiate The Hospital Authority Attorney's fees by motion of Jeffery Haynes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Sol. Vote 3:1, Jeffery Haynes, Taylor Bridges and Charlie Sol voted yes, Chairman Clarence H. Jester voted no.
7. Approved Alcohol License for Log Cabin Restaurant, by motion of Charlie Sol, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Taylor Bridges. Vote 4:0
8. Approved Freddie Speight to continue appointment for the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission board by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Sol. Vote 4:0
9. Approved Charlie Sol to continual appointment for the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission board by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeffery Haynes. Vote 3:0.

The board agreed to table the Executive Session until next meeting for Commissioner LaDon Durham to be present.

Adjourned at 6:45 p.m. by motion of Jeffery Haynes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Sol. Vote 4:0



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Clarence H. Jester, Chairman



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Lakieta Warren, County Clerk

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
February 5, 2024 – 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, Jeffery Haynes, LaDon Durham, Stephanie Chandler, County Administrator, William Mills, Attorney, and Lakieta Warren, County Clerk.

**Actions in Open Meeting**

1. Approved January 2, 2023, regular meeting minutes by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Sol. Vote 5:0
2. Approved to amend the Agenda for the February 2024 meeting to address the MOU for Hecatee Energy, LLC Purchase Power agreement bid project by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Sol. Vote 5:0
3. Approved Auditor's report for the FY 2022-2023 by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaDon Durham. Vote 5:0
4. Approved the Budget Amendments for the incoming and outgoing of the EC Airport insurance monies and to record incoming PILOT payments and taxes paid to the Early County School System by motion of LaDon Durham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Taylor Bridges. Vote 5:0
5. Approved the Conduct of Meetings for the Early County Board of Commissioners, with the adjustment of three (3) minutes for public comments by motion of Ladon Durham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Taylor Bridges. Vote 4:1, Charlie Sol voted no.

Adjourned at 6:35 p.m. by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Sol. Vote 5:0



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Clarence H. Jester, Chairman



Lakeita Warren, County Clerk