

CALLED MEETING

COMMISSION CHAMBER
November 28, 2023

Augusta Richmond County Commission convened at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 28, 2023, the Honorable Garnett Johnson, Mayor, presiding.

PRESENT: Hons. Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Garrett, Scott, McKnight, Lewis and Guilfoyle, members of Augusta Richmond County Commission.

ABSENT: Hon. Pulliam, member of Augusta Richmond County Commission.

Mr. Mayor: Madam Clerk, I call this meeting to order. Attorney Brown.

1. LEGAL MEETING

- A. Pending and potential litigation**
- B. Real estate**
- C. Personnel**

Mr. Brown: Thank you, Mayor and Commissioners. We would request a motion to go into executive session for the discussion of personnel, pending and potential litigation and real estate.

Ms. McKnight: So move.

Mr. Frantom: Second.

Mr. Mayor: Madam Clerk, we have a motion by the commissioner from the 3rd and the second from the commissioner from the 7th. Let's vote.

Mr. Mason out.
Motion carries 8-0.

Mr. Mayor: Thank you, Madam Clerk. We're now in executive session. Thank you.

[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

Mr. Mayor: Ladies and gentlemen, thank ya'll for being here today. Madam Clerk, I call this meeting back to order.

The Clerk: Yes, sir.

Mr. Mayor: Attorney Brown.

- 2. Motion to authorize execution by the Mayor of the affidavit of compliance with Georgia's Open Meeting Act.**

Mr. Brown: Thank you, Mayor Johnson, Commissioners. We would request a motion to execute the closed meeting affidavit.

Mr. Garrett: So moved.

Mr. Mason: Second.

Mr. Mayor: I have a motion and a proper second. Madam Clerk, we're voting.

Mr. Lewis out.

Motion carries 8-0.

Mr. Mayor: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Attorney Brown, are there any motions as a result of our executive session?

Mr. Brown: Yes, sir.

Ms. Douse: Mayor Johnson, I motion to approve the payment request by the Civil and Magistrate Court of Richmond County for the monthly payment of \$500 commencing January of 2023 to Judge Shawn Merzlak for his services as a part-time Civil Court Judge of Richmond County, Civil and Magistrate Court.

Mr. Garrett: So moved.

Mr. Mason: Second.

Mr. Mayor: Madam Clerk, I have a motion and a proper second. We're voting.

Mr. Lewis out.

Motion carries 8-0.

Mr. Mayor: Attorney Brown.

Mr. Brown: Thank you, Mayor Johnson. We would request a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the settlement of all claims of Interstate Storage LLC in the aggregate amount of \$35,000 payable to Interstate Storage LLC and Mark A. Cleary as their attorney, further authorizing the Administrator to disburse the amount of \$35,000 waiving Augusta, Georgia Code of Ordinances Sections and conflict for this instance only and for other purposes.

Mr. Mason: So move.

Mr. Garrett: Second.

Mr. Mayor: All right, Madam Clerk, there's a motion and a second. We're voting.

Mr. Garrett votes No.
Mr. Lewis out.
Motion carries 7-1.

Mr. Mayor: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Attorney Brown, does that conclude our motions?

Mr. Brown: Yes, sir.

Mr. Mayor: All right. With that concluding our motions, Madam Clerk, I consider this meeting closed and turn it over to the Public Service Committee Chairman.

[MEETING ADJOURNED]

Lena J. Bonner
Clerk of Commission

CERTIFICATION:

I, Lena J. Bonner, Clerk of Commission, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Called Meeting of the Augusta Richmond County Commission held on November 28, 2023.

Clerk of Commission

