

1 **RICHLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**
2 **EXCERPT FROM SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**
3 **April 1, 2022**
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5 *[Members Present: Jason Branham, Christopher Yonke, Gary Dennis, Mettauier Carlisle,*
6 *Bryan Grady, Terrence Taylor, Beverly Frierson, John Metz, Stephen Gilchrist]*
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8 Called to order: _____

9 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: - by roll call vote, Mr. Price.

10 MR. PRICE: Alright. Those in favor of the motion –

11 MS. FRIERSON: Could you please repeat the motion, Mr. Price?

12 MR. PRICE: Okay, I believe I have it here. This would be an amendment to
13 Article I, §2, second paragraph. In the event that any – well, I'm sorry y'all don't have
14 the second paragraph, this would be a new paragraph – In the event that any seat of
15 the officers of the Commission becomes vacant during the calendar year, a special
16 election shall be held to fill the vacancy and that person shall complete the term of the
17 officer that's being replaced.

18 MS. FRIERSON: Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Alright, ready for the roll call vote.

20 MR. PRICE: Those in favor of that motion? Yonke?

21 MR. YONKE: Aye.

22 MR. PRICE: Carlisle?

23 MR. CARLISLE: Aye.

24 MR. PRICE: Frierson?

25 MS. FRIERSON: Aye.

26 MR. PRICE: Metz?

27 MR. METZ: Aye.

1 MR. PRICE: Branham?

2 MR. BRANHAM: Aye.

3 MR. PRICE: Grady?

4 MR. GRADY: Aye.

5 MR. PRICE: Taylor?

6 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.

7 MR. PRICE: Gilchrist?

8 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Aye.

9 MR. PRICE: Dennis?

10 MR. DENNIS: Aye.

11 MR. PRICE: Okay, that motion passes.

12 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: It carries. Alright, and now we are down to Item B.

13 MR. BRANHAM: Mr. Chair, if I could?

14 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Yes, sir, Mr. Branham.

15 MR. BRANHAM: I'm sorry. I did have a second motion as to the amendment of
16 the Rules.

17 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Okay.

18 MR. BRANHAM: And this, I move to amend Article I, §2 of the Rules of
19 Procedure of this Commission to replace the time at which regular annual officer
20 elections are conducted; whereas, the current rule calls for elections to occur in the first
21 meeting of the calendar year, the proposed rule amendment is to conduct regular
22 annual officer elections in December of each calendar year.

1 MS. FRIERSON: [Inaudible] and something else I need to bring to your attention.
2 Prior to our voting on this matter you had a motion that had two parts, and remember I
3 said, would you please subdivide it and you said okay. And one of those was to follow
4 the recommendations of the County Attorney, and then we went to this other part. Could
5 we go back to the subdivision of that, and if you don't feel comfortable making the
6 motion I will.

7 MR. BRANHAM: No, I think we're already following the advice of the County
8 Attorney, so the motion was the motion; it was the purpose of following the advice of the
9 County Attorney, but my motion wasn't to follow the advice of [inaudible].

10 MS. FRIERSON: [Inaudible] parliamentarian if we have one. I'm not ready for
11 that particular motion.

12 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Oh, so did you withdraw that motion, that second
13 motion, Mr. Branham, that two-part motion earlier? You didn't withdraw it, did you?

14 MR. BRANHAM: Well I, I mean, if you wanna call it an amendment of it. I have it
15 written down and I read, you know, what the motion was. I said, I move to, and that was
16 the motion, so. You know, we took the vote, now I'm making another motion.

17 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: I think we're done with that vote. I'm talking about the
18 second part of that, it was a two-part piece to that, was it not? It may not have been.

19 MR. BRANHAM: I mean, it's a second motion. I'm not sure, maybe somebody
20 else can help me understand. It's a second motion.

21 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: It may not have been.

22 MR. BRANHAM: Okay.

1 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: So you're headed now to make a second motion on the
2 amendment of the Rules, is that right?

3 MR. BRANHAM: Yes, and this is in effect the motion that was made in
4 December, that the Commission voted on in December. So you know, just trying to put
5 back before the Commission those same motions that were deemed we ought to take
6 up again.

7 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: - the attorney, but the Rules do not – so we're fine with
8 being able to amend those Rules again to change the timeframe of when we would
9 elect officers now? I mean –

10 ATTORNEY: What my opinion was regarding was regarding the statute mostly.
11 What this is is that your Rules of Procedure say that as far as that amendment that it
12 would be in a regular meeting, this is a special meeting, so. But I'll leave that to the
13 Commission to determine what they wanna do as far as that. So this a special called
14 meeting –

15 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: To elect the officers.

16 ATTORNEY: - right, specifically to correct what happened previously. And so the
17 initial amendment, in order to allow that to happen so we can have elections is fine. To
18 change the date would be, you would be changing the regular rules of procedure. But
19 the Rules do say that it should be amended at a regular meeting. Which, I mean, you
20 have one in, like two days or three days so I'm not sure if –

21 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Mr. Branham, is there an urgency to do that today?

22 MR. BRANHAM: No, I just – yeah, so the earlier motion and the vote on that
23 motion, that was proper according to the County Attorney, is that right?

1 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Correct, the first one, yes.

2 ATTORNEY: Yes.

3 MR. BRANHAM: Alright, thank you. Yeah, happy to withdraw and defer that
4 matter to April 4th or some later date.

5 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Branham. So we will move on to
6 Item B., Election of Officers. The Chair will entertain a motion on Secretary.

7 MS. FRIERSON: I'm confused now.

8 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Alright.

9 MR. YONKE: May I comment before we move on?

10 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Sure.

11 MR. YONKE: We have in our Agenda amendment of the Rules and Procedure,
12 so if we had a question for another amendment to the Rules that we did prior, isn't this
13 still an okay time to talk about this? And I also see an error in this Agenda to, I mean, if
14 we're gonna look at all this, this is Item 4 not Item 5 that we're looking at.

15 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: I'm sorry.

16 MR. YONKE: For today's Agenda, the special called, we've got one, two, three,
17 that's V and we're looking at every, we're dotting all of our i's and crossing all of our t's
18 as we're going through these things today, so I wanna look at that. Also, did we have
19 our public notice announcement, did you read that into the Record, that this has been
20 sent out?

21 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Yep.

22 MR. YONKE: Okay, I felt like we skipped through it. Okay. So we're still on the
23 amendment of the Rules and Procedure and I was at both meetings, September – I

1 haven't missed a meeting – I live in Richland County, I care about my county and that's
2 why I'm up here. I applied like anybody else could. Alright, so if we can continue that
3 second aspect; I was very interested in moving our election to December to give the
4 new person an opportunity to be trained up. We are appointed by County Council, we're
5 a recommending Body. We don't know when County Council could replace one of us in
6 a new year. So I thought that was very important. So if we can continue to talk on that
7 before we move on I appreciate it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

8 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Thank you, Mr. Yonke. The only reason I brought up
9 whether or not we should consider waiting until our special called meeting is because
10 that's the rules. I think part of what we're struggling here with today is that in September
11 and in December we violated the Rules, which caused us to break a law. And so I just
12 wanna be clear that what we're doing is we're trying to make sure that we don't break
13 the law again and that we follow the Rules according to the statute and according to the
14 Rules that have been set forth by the Commission. Does that make sense? So part of
15 what – I want to just make sure that if there's no rush to do this, we're meeting again in
16 two days for a regularly scheduled meeting, so unless I'm missing something I want
17 somebody to explain to me what is the rush to do this when we have a regularly
18 scheduled meeting coming up in two days? Mr. Yonke?

19 MR. YONKE: I have an opinion on that matter. At our regularly scheduled
20 meeting, that's the time for the public to give us input on our Land Development Code
21 rewrite and the Land Development Code map, which we feel is pivotal right now in our
22 county. So this is a special called meeting that we have of our own time, of our own
23 Friday morning to discuss this. So what's the rush to not have a discussion?

1 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Correct me if I'm wrong, Mr. Price, but I thought our
2 called meeting today was to discuss the Land Development Code, is that right? And I
3 don't think the called meeting was to discuss what we're discussing today.

4 MR. PRICE: No, sir, this is the special called meeting for what we're discussing
5 now. We're to talk about the Land Development Code as the work session which will
6 take place immediately following this special called meeting.

7 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Yes, so we will talk about the LCD once we are
8 complete with this discussion, Mr. Yonke. Does that make sense?

9 MR. YONKE: That's making sense to me. I feel like that's the point I was trying to
10 make, we're still in a special called meeting right now to discuss these items. Instead of,
11 like kicking the can down the road we're still here at Item IV(a) if anyone else wanted to
12 make any comments I feel like this is a good time to do so.

13 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Mr. Dennis, did you have a comment?

14 MR. DENNIS: Yes, sir, I do. You know, the County Attorney gave his opinion, I
15 read it. You know, we are sitting right here at the amendments of Rules and
16 Procedures, we have meetings and we keep kicking the can down the road for a lotta
17 things. And I mean, this is a rule that we could simply just take a vote on, see the will of
18 the Commission, and it doesn't affect anything until the next December meeting, like
19 can we just not get it over with so that we can start back working on this LDC so we can
20 get all this stuff behind us? I mean, I don't see any legal ramifications for something that
21 we're trying to do to help us that we talked about in March of 2020, again in December
22 of 2020 and a couple of other meetings; specifically the September and December
23 meeting. I mean, we just keep putting things off. I'm just ready to move forward and just

1 get this LDC over with, to hear what the public has to say, dig into it deeper and deeper
2 and do what's best for Richland County.

3 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Totally agree with you, Mr. Dennis, and I think that was
4 our sentiment in September and in December. But we broke the law and so all I'm
5 simply saying to you and to this Commission is as we think about what we're doing
6 here, let's just make sure that there is no – if we decide that we're gonna delay this then
7 it's the election of officers and then we're back to the Agenda at hand, which is to focus
8 on the LCD. So if this Commission wants to take a vote on that I'm fine with taking a
9 vote on it. I will not support that because I don't think it's, we're at a point where we
10 need to just immediately do that today. But if there's – Ms. Frierson – and I think Mr.
11 Branham has a motion on the floor on that.

12 MS. FRIERSON: I was gonna say, I'll try to be as polite and dignified as possible.
13 You know, when I asked earlier, Attorney Wright, is there a problem when we are given
14 information that's false. I was not at the December meeting. I was ill, I had surgery that
15 week. And I'm not gonna go back over everything, I'm gonna be as polite as possible,
16 but I think that Mr. Gilchrist has laid out the situation quite accurately and I think it's
17 very, very important for us as a Commission to be wise enough to follow the advice of
18 the County Attorney. Now I was personally insulted when I read the written response of
19 one of the Commissioners to what you laid out to us. My understanding that you are the
20 County Attorney, and sometimes before the public we might say, well I just wanna go
21 ahead and do the Land Development, I don't wanna waste people's time. But I have
22 institutional knowledge, factual knowledge, that there's something else amiss. I'll just
23 say this, I think that everything this morning has been laid out beautifully and I think that

1 Mr. Gilchrist stated the situation accurately, and you did, too. We broke the law twice.
2 And there are ramifications for that. To avoid that and possible legal ramifications that
3 might be worse, I think it's best for us to follow your advice and at our next regular
4 meeting, which would be Monday, elect our officers, plain and simple.

5 ATTORNEY: As far as the law I think that the meeting today is to correct the, I
6 guess the errors from the previous meetings, which I think that to do that as far as the
7 election of officers I think that needs to be done the first time y'all meet, whether it's
8 special or regular which is now. As far as the amendment of the procedure to change
9 the date, your Rules say that that needs to be done at a regularly scheduled meeting.
10 And that's your Rules, that's not the statute, that's your Rules. So as far as the
11 amendment to change the date, if you wanna follow your Rules that would be at the
12 next meeting, since it's a regular scheduled meeting. But I think the elections have to
13 happen today so that we aren't in violation of the law.

14 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Totally agree with that. Yeah, I mean, that's – yes, sir,
15 Mr. Dennis?

16 MR. DENNIS: So, okay I understand what you're saying. So, but we can still
17 have discussion, like right now on it. We don't have to take a vote on that, correct?

18 ATTORNEY: Right, I mean, it's on the Agenda so you can discuss it but to
19 actually change the rules should be whenever you meet at a regular meeting.

20 MR. DENNIS: So you know, when I look at changing that Rule, you know, that's
21 something that we've talked about, because even when you – if we go to change that
22 rule at the next meeting and we change it to December, the acting Chair and Vice-Chair
23 would still be the acting Chair and Vice Chair till December 31st, right at 11:59. So if we

1 had any other special meetings we got that. But then, you know, that would allow the
2 new Chair and Vice Chair, Secretary, to receive training however they wanna receive it.
3 I mean, when I got elected I sought out personal, you know, training for *Robert's Rules*
4 cause I didn't, you know, I knew them but I didn't know what a chair and vice chair does.
5 You know, I mean, that's just one thing. So I sought out that and that gave me the
6 opportunity at the next meeting to, you know, get my feet wet and do a few things like
7 that. But you know, we just, I just think it's a good rule to have to hold it then. I mean,
8 we don't have to take a vote on it now, I'm perfectly fine with not taking a vote on it now.
9 But I mean, you know, all this was brought up because of those two rule changes so I
10 figured, you know, let's talk about them now. And then at the next meeting, according to
11 the County Attorney, that's when we do it, whether it passes or fails.

12 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: I'm good with that.

13 MS. FRIERSON: I just wanna say this.

14 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Ms. Frierson?

15 MS. FRIERSON: I guess God Almighty won't allow me to be quiet on it. You
16 know, I heard the terminology 'acting Chair', 'acting Vice Chair', no. And this business
17 about the training, that's what bothers me because it was stated, and correct me if I'm
18 wrong, Presiding Officer Gilchrist, that the so-called urgency was because someone at
19 their, to be an opportunity for there to be transition whereby the incoming new person
20 could be mentored or tutored or trained by the outgoing person. And I remember
21 specifically asking in the time that the transition was made from Mr. Gilchrist to Mr.
22 Branham, had that occurred even once, and the answer was no. And so when we say,
23 well let's, the reason for it, the rationale and want this training and so forth, I distinctly

1 recall when I first came on this Commission years ago it was required that we have
2 certain training. And I know the law is written wherein if there's certain occupations
3 wherein the training is not required, but I went through my training, anyway my point is it
4 bothers me when I'm given a verbal explanation as to, well the reason we really wanna
5 do this is because we want some training and transition and so forth, and then when
6 you find out it's been months and months and months, and correct me if I'm wrong, Mr.
7 Gilchrist, has anyone that was new reached to you even as of today, April 1st, for this
8 so-called urgent training?

9 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Well, in light of the fact that –

10 MS. FRIERSON: And mentorship.

11 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: - I'm back as your Chairman now, you know, obviously
12 we've not had the training. But I would ask Staff this question, just so that you can help
13 everybody understand this, in previous years prior to that discussion about training, was
14 there ever an effort to have a transition period so that the incoming officers would have
15 some access to some type of training? Has that ever occurred?

16 MR. PRICE: No, sir, not during that time. But I would like to state that this was
17 initiated by Staff and the only reason why it was initiated by Staff is because, you know,
18 when we would look at other bodies, especially whether it be elected or appointed, that
19 normally there was a time period in-between when the officers were elected to the time
20 when they actually would start, you know, serving I guess on their boards or, you know,
21 committees. So for example, we looked at the County Council, they have theirs at a
22 special called meeting in January but that chair really doesn't really kinda take the
23 position until usually February when they have their formal meeting. I mean, whether

1 you wanna look at it even from the President of the United States, elections take place
2 in November, they don't serve until January. So there's always been a little gap in-
3 between. I'm not saying anything was done wrong or just looking at anything in the past,
4 what we were just saying is, this would be a good opportunity that at the end of the year
5 if we know we're gonna already elect somebody probably not until February, so you see
6 you remember there is gonna be a gap in-between anyway, that that person would have
7 a chance to talk to Staff, maybe there's some things that they don't understand going
8 forward, maybe they're relatively new, maybe there's some things that they would like to
9 change going forward with how we do, you know, conduct our meetings. And that was
10 the only intent was just to give an opportunity for us to know who we're going to be
11 dealing with and kind of establish a plan going until the end of the year.

12 MR. BRANHAM: Yeah, Mr. Chair, if I could?

13 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Yes, sir, Mr. Branham?

14 MR. BRANHAM: I do wanna say I did appreciate, you know, that timeframe. Mr.
15 Gilchrist and I did have several conversations, we didn't sit together and meet face to
16 face, like for the special purpose of talking about transitioning one chair to another, but
17 we did have several conversations and have since that time. And then, you know, there
18 were opportunities to sit down with Mr. Price and Staff just to work through how the
19 preparation of agendas works and, you know, just to see how we wanted to fine tune
20 things and then be able to talk about the things that were coming up in that calendar
21 year were very helpful. Having said all of that, you know, my individual experience
22 shouldn't necessarily be the basis for what is appropriate and I just wanna say that I
23 appreciate all the conversation, the discussion today. My motion, my second motion to

1 amend the Rules of Procedure is withdrawn and, you know, I'm ready to participate in
2 officer elections whenever the Commission is.

3 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Thank you, Mr. Branham. Just for the Record and Mr.
4 Price thank you for reminding all of us that this was not initiated by the Planning
5 Commission but it was actually initiated by the Staff, because I think that may have
6 been some confusion there. But that's how that was actually originally initiated. Any
7 addition questions on that subject?

8 MS. FRIERSON: I have one question.

9 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Yes, ma'am, Ms. Frierson.

10 MS. FRIERSON: First of all I appreciate what Mr. Branham just stated. You
11 mentioned agenda items, Mr. Price. I don't care who answers this, it might be Mr.
12 Gilchrist, Branham, the attorney, Mr. Price, in terms of appropriateness, who is
13 supposed to prepare the agenda for our meetings?

14 MR. PRICE: It's always been Staff that prepares the agendas.

15 MS. FRIERSON: I'm not asking who has done them, who's supposed to? Cause
16 that seems strange to me. I'm just curious. I mean, like if you have a chairperson or is it
17 done in consultation, should it be done, or maybe even the attorney can give us his
18 opinion as to who is supposed to do the agenda for such meetings. I'm serious.

19 MR. DENNIS: I think I can actually shed some light on that.

20 MS. FRIERSON: Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Go ahead, Mr. –

22 MR. DENNIS: Looking at a few things it would be the secretary that would put the
23 agenda together, and then that agenda should go to the Chair and the Chair should

1 reach out to the Vice-Chair to look over everything, and then the agenda is sent back to
2 go out. And in the past meetings the elections of officers that we've had, we've always
3 said, hey Staff is the secretary. So they're the ones that have prepared it and the Chair
4 and the Vice-Chair should have been looking over it and I know the one meeting that I
5 had I looked at it before it went out. So I think that's how it's supposed to be set up from
6 what I've been reading, cause I mean, I got a lotta notes from that and I think, you
7 know, it comes from them because they're the ones getting the stuff in from the public
8 and would put that together.

9 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: County Attorney, would you like to comment on that?

10 ATTORNEY: Okay, generally I think it would be a secretary that would do that.

11 So the putting together of the agenda for this Body would be the secretary and if Staff is
12 the secretary then it would be Staff.

13 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Alright, thank you. Alright. No more discussion? We
14 are down now to the election of officers and the Chair will entertain some nominees. I'm
15 sorry, why don't we start with the Secretary, how about that? Ms. Frierson, did you –

16 MS. FRIERSON: I was, I didn't know you were going in that reverse order. I was
17 getting ready to nominate someone for Chair.

18 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Oh, okay. If it's okay we'll start with Secretary. The
19 floor is open. Now, don't have us do all this and then nobody wanna nominate nobody
20 [laughter]. So, let's go, let's do it.

21 MR. DENNIS: So the Secretary would be doing the agenda, would be coming to
22 the County and getting the Staff to do it, or do we follow the state statute saying that we
23 can elect the Staff as Secretary since they get all the emails in, they get the

1 correspondence. We don't have public emails for stuff to be sent to us. So I mean, that
2 comes –

3 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: But it's still their job to be the Staff of the Commission,
4 so if in fact we do elect a Secretary, obviously it's no different than, you know, the
5 offices of any other elected body; the Staff is still the Staff that will work with that
6 person. Does that make sense, Mr. Dennis?

7 MR. DENNIS: It does.

8 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: You have some great ideas about, I mean, you're
9 correct and – you wanna be Secretary?

10 MR. DENNIS: No. I mean, I get up every morning at 4:00am to read this LDC
11 and work on that before my real job, so that's just –

12 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Too much.

13 MR. DENNIS: Yeah. I mean, I have a family and a business, so I can't do it all.

14 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Alright, are there any motions on the floor? Come on,
15 y'all. Mr. Yonke?

16 MR. YONKE: I would nominate Staff. The public comes to them, like Mr. Dennis
17 said there's no public email.

18 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Mr. Attorney, do we nominate Staff to do that, is that
19 how that works?

20 ATTORNEY: I don't think you necessarily have to nominate Staff but if you don't
21 choose a Secretary it kinda automatically goes to Staff.

1 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Automatically defaults to that, okay. Got it. Alright, so
2 nobody wants to be Secretary. Okay then we'll default to the Staff then. Alright. Moving
3 on to Vice-Chair.

4 MR. BRANHAM: I'd like to nominate Gary Dennis for Vice-Chair.

5 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Okay. I also would like to nominate, re-nominate
6 Beverly Frierson. Anybody else? Okay. If we're not hearing any additional nominations
7 the floor is closed and we will take a vote. Mr. Price, roll call vote for Mr. Dennis.

8 MR. PRICE: Alright, those in favor of Gary Dennis for Vice-Chair. Yonke?

9 MR. YONKE: Aye.

10 MR. PRICE: Carlisle?

11 MR. CARLISLE: Aye.

12 MR. PRICE: Frierson?

13 MS. FRIERSON: Nay.

14 MR. PRICE: Metz?

15 MR. METZ: Aye.

16 MR. PRICE: Branham?

17 MR. BRANHAM: Aye.

18 MR. PRICE: Grady?

19 MR. GRADY: No.

20 MR. PRICE: Taylor?

21 MR. TAYLOR: Nay.

22 MR. PRICE: Gilchrist?

23 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Nay.

1 MR. PRICE: Dennis?

2 MR. DENNIS: Aye.

3 *[Approved: Yonke, Carlisle, Metz, Branham, Dennis; Opposed: Frierson, Grady, Taylor,*
4 *Gilchrist]*

5 MR. PRICE: Alright, that vote for Gary Dennis was 5/4 for Gary Dennis for Vice-
6 Chair.

7 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Alright. And that is a unanimous vote [inaudible]. Do
8 we take a vote on the second nominee or is that it?

9 MR. PRICE: I think because you do have a nominee I think you should take the
10 vote.

11 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Okay. Alright so call your roll call vote, Mr. Price.

12 MR. PRICE: Alright, those in favor of Beverly Frierson for Vice-Chair. Yonke?

13 MR. YONKE: Nay.

14 MR. PRICE: Carlisle?

15 MR. CARLISLE: No.

16 MR. PRICE: Frierson?

17 MS. FRIERSON: Yay.

18 MR. PRICE: Metz?

19 MR. METZ: No.

20 MR. PRICE: Branham?

21 MR. BRANHAM: No.

22 MR. PRICE: Grady?

23 MR. GRADY: Aye.

1 MR. PRICE: Taylor?

2 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.

3 MR. PRICE: Gilchrist?

4 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Aye.

5 MR. PRICE: Dennis?

6 MR. DENNIS: Nay.

7 *[Approved: Frierson, Grady, Taylor, Gilchrist; Opposed: Yonke, Carlisle, Metz,*
8 *Branham, Dennis]*

9 MR. PRICE: That motion, well I don't know if it's necessarily a motion but votes
10 were 4/5 in favor, so as far as the Vice-Chair, Gary Dennis received the majority of the
11 votes.

12 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Mr. Vice-Chairman, welcome aboard.

13 MR. DENNIS: Thank you, sir. Thank you, Commissioners for instilling your trust
14 in me. I promise not to let you guys down. We have a long way forward in the light of
15 things that have happened and I'm gonna work hard to make sure we don't hit those
16 areas again.

17 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Sounds good. Alright, moving on to Chair. The floor is
18 open.

19 MS. FRIERSON: I would like to nominate Mr. Stephen Gilchrist.

20 MR. YONKE: I'll nominate Mr. Jason Branham.

21 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Okay, any additional nominations?

22 MR. PRICE: I'm sorry, who made the motion for –

23 MR. YONKE: Yonke.

1 MR. PRICE: Okay.

2 MS. FRIERSON: We didn't get seconds on anything. I don't want things thrown
3 out so we might need to do that again.

4 MR. BRANHAM: Mr. Chair, can the County Attorney confirm we don't need
5 seconds for nominations for officer elections.

6 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Yeah, I was gonna ask him.

7 ATTORNEY: Right. Well if you're doing it in the way that you're making a motion
8 all motions need a second, but if you're just having the elections you can have the
9 elections.

10 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Yeah. Mr. Branham? Alright, so we have two
11 nominations on the floor. Any others? I'll nominate Mr. Taylor as well.

12 MR. TAYLOR: I respectfully decline.

13 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Okay.

14 MR. TAYLOR: Thank you though.

15 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Thank you, Mr. Taylor. Alright seeing none, Mr. Price
16 will take the vote.

17 MR. PRICE: Okay, first one is for Stephen Gilchrist for Chair. Yonke?

18 MR. YONKE: Nay.

19 MR. PRICE: Carlisle?

20 MR. CARLISLE: No.

21 MR. PRICE: Frierson?

22 MS. FRIERSON: Yay.

23 MR. PRICE: Metz?

1 MR. METZ: No.

2 MR. PRICE: Branham?

3 MR. BRANHAM: No.

4 MR. PRICE: Grady?

5 MR. GRADY: No.

6 MR. PRICE: Taylor?

7 MR. TAYLOR: Nay.

8 MR. PRICE: Gilchrist?

9 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Nay.

10 MR. PRICE: Dennis?

11 MR. DENNIS: Nay.

12 MR. PRICE: Okay. It was one in favor, eight against.

13 *[Approved: Frierson; Opposed: Yonke, Carlisle, Metz, Branham, Grady, Taylor,*

14 *Gilchrist, Dennis]*

15 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Yeah.

16 MR. PRICE: So the next one would be for Jason Branham. I'll go through the roll
17 call. Yonke?

18 MR. YONKE: Aye.

19 MR. PRICE: Carlisle?

20 MR. CARLISLE: Aye.

21 MR. PRICE: Frierson?

22 MS. FRIERSON: Nay.

23 MR. PRICE: Metz?

1 MR. METZ: Aye.

2 MR. PRICE: Branham?

3 MR. BRANHAM: Aye.

4 MR. PRICE: Grady?

5 MR. GRADY: Aye.

6 MR. PRICE: Taylor?

7 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.

8 MR. PRICE: Gilchrist?

9 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Aye.

10 MR. PRICE: Dennis?

11 MR. DENNIS: Aye.

12 MR. PRICE: Alright, Jason Branham has received eight votes to one. He is now
13 the Chair.

14 *[Approved: Yonke, Carlisle, Metz, Branham, Grady, Taylor, Gilchrist, Dennis; Opposed:*
15 *Frierson]*

16 MR. BRANHAM: No, I can wait – we're almost done.

17 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Oh no, that's right, I've got a couple more things, knock
18 it on out. Other Business? Thank you, Mr. Branham, by the way for offering up to serve
19 again, and thank you, Commissioners.

20 MR. BRANHAM: Thank you for service.

21 MR. YONKE: Thank you, Mr. Gilchrist, for your time.

22 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Absolutely. Alright, Other Business, anything else?
23 Okay, the Chair will entertain a motion to adjourn the special called meeting.

1 MR. BRANHAM: So moved.

2 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Alright.

3 ?: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Mr. Price, take a roll call vote real quick and then we'll
5 get this other party started.

6 MR. PRICE: Alright, those in favor of adjournment. Yonke?

7 MR. YONKE: Aye.

8 MR. PRICE: Carlisle?

9 MR. CARLISLE: Aye.

10 MR. PRICE: Frierson?

11 MS. FRIERSON: Aye.

12 MR. PRICE: Metz?

13 MR. METZ: Aye.

14 MR. PRICE: Branham?

15 MR. BRANHAM: Aye.

16 MR. PRICE: Grady?

17 MR. GRADY: Aye.

18 MR. PRICE: Taylor?

19 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.

20 MR. PRICE: Gilchrist?

21 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Aye.

22 MR. PRICE: Dennis?

23 MR. DENNIS: Aye.

1 *[Approved: Yonke, Carlisle, Frierson, Branham, Metz, Grady, Taylor, Gilchrist, Dennis]*

2 CHAIRMAN GILCHRIST: Alright.

3 MR. BRANHAM: Can we take about 10 minutes before we start back up with the
4 work session?

5 MR. PRICE: I'm sorry, I was gonna actually suggest that but thank you.

6 MR. BRANHAM: Okay, if we could aim for around 11:10. Thank you.

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8 [SPECIAL CALLED MEETING ADJOURNED]