

Regular Meeting of County Commissioners
Tuesday June 17, 2020

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Commissioners was convened virtually at 10:03 a.m. with the following persons in attendance:

Reuben B. Collins II, Esq., President, County Commissioner
Bobby Rucci, Vice President, County Commissioner
Gilbert O. Bowling, III, County Commissioner
Amanda M. Stewart, M.Ed., County Commissioner
Deborah Hall, Deputy County Administrator
Wesley Adams, County Attorney
Carol A. DeSoto, Clerk to the Commissioners

**Thomasina O. Coates, M.S., County Commissioner was absent.*

Call to Order/Pledge

Commissioner Collins called the meeting to order, and Sheriff Troy Berry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

A roll call was taken. Commissioners Collins, Rucci, Bowling and Stewart were present.

**Commissioner Coates was absent.*

Discussion: Law Enforcement in Charles County

Sheriff Troy Berry, Charles County Sheriff's Office and Chief Carl Schinner, Town of La Plata Police Department joined the Commissioners to discuss law enforcement and community policing in Charles County. Both Sheriff Berry and Chief Schinner spoke about current community engagement programs and policies used by law enforcement in Charles County. They both also stressed the need to get more of the youth involved and spoke of some of the current programs for youth.

The Commissioners discussed next steps to include looking at criminal justice as a whole and having follow up discussions with the State Delegation, elected officials, law enforcement, members of the judicial system and the community.

At 10:48 a.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, Stewart, and Collins present voting in favor to adjourn.

**Commissioner Coates was absent.*



Carol A. DeSoto, Acting Clerk



Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President