



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 23, 2017**

Present: Billy Smith, Doug Pauley, Neil Robinson, Jimmy Ray Douglas, Dan W. Ruff, Bertha Goins, Council Members; Jason Taylor, County Administrator; Davis Anderson, Deputy County Administrator; Tommy Morgan, County Attorney; Patti L. Davis, Clerk to Council.

Absent: Mikel Trapp.

In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80 (e), as amended, the following persons and/or organizations have been notified of the time, date and location of this meeting: The Independent Voice of Blythewood and Fairfield, The Country Chronicle, and one hundred twenty seven other individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Smith called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Council Member Pauley and seconded by Vice Chair Goins to approve the Agenda. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

3. INVOCATION

Vice Chair Goins led the invocation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Vice Chair Goins and seconded by Council Member Douglas to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 9, 2017. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation in Remembrance of Stanley (Skip) R. Hannon, Sr. This item was held until later in the meeting to allow for all family members to be in attendance.

6. 1ST PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES): All public comments made during this session must pertain to items on the agenda for which no Public Hearing is scheduled. Each speaker is allocated three (3) minutes for comment. The total time allocated for the public comment portion of the meeting is thirty (30) minutes. Those wishing to make public comment must sign to do so prior to the Council Chair calling the meeting to order. The Clerk to Council will make a public comment sign-up sheet available at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the meeting.

- Randy Sisk - Airport
- Randy Bright - Budget Report

7. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Concerning an Application to be Submitted to the South Carolina Community Block Grant Program, to Obtain Citizen Input. Chairman Smith opened the public hearing at 6:06 p.m. No one signed to speak; therefore, the public hearing was closed at 6:07 p.m.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

- A. Resolution No. 2017-06:** A Resolution Authorizing the Council Chairman to Execute First Amendment to the Performance Agreement Between Fairfield County, Element Television Company, LLC and South Carolina Coordinating Council for Economic Development. It was moved by Council Member Douglas and seconded by Vice Chair Goins to approve Resolution No. 2017-06. Chairman Smith requested Mr. Taylor explain this item for the benefit of the public. Per Mr. Taylor, this is a FILOT Agreement, and due to a federal tariff, Element TV has not been able to meet the threshold for jobs or investment. This does not cost the County in any way and is just a Resolution acknowledging that the County does not object to this modification of the FILOT Agreement. It also allows the company to take advantage of the tax credits and state incentives that they were initially offered even though the threshold is not being met for job creation and/or capital investment as was agreed upon. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

Chamber of Commerce. It was moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Vice Chair Goins to accept the minutes from the Chamber of Commerce. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

None.

11. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Proposed Water and Sewer Contract with the Town of Winnsboro.
- B. Proposed Hospital Transformation Agreement Between Fairfield Memorial Hospital, Providence Hospital and Fairfield County Council.

These items will be held until after executive session pending further discussion.

12. NEW BUSINESS

None.

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Teresa Lawson, Director, Fairfield County Detention Center - Update and Department Overview. On behalf of Ms. Lawson, Captain Carl Gray gave the following report, which covers the past five years:

- Updated Security System: Including cameras, locks, monitors, etc. The security system was modernized once Ms. Lawson was hired. Intercoms were added in vital areas and a PA system. Keeping track of rounds was updated and, once entered, this information cannot be changed. Digital monitors were placed. The company did a great job of tying all the data into one system. A 3-phase backup system is now in place and a very catastrophic event would have to occur to cause a loss of power.
- Kitchen: All appliances were aging and a systematic procedure has been used to replace those, including new steam tables, new refrigerators, warmers, ovens, etc. The freezer had been maintained over the years and has now been replaced.
- AC/heating units: All units were 17-18 years old and maintenance could no longer find the parts. The high efficiency units were replaced and running within one day. The thermostats were also removed and this is now controlled by maintenance.
- Boilers: With a 15 year life span, most were 15-17 years old. These were also systematically replaced. The new tankless system technology was used which is more cost effective.
- Roof: The roof was replaced with a coating to add another 5-7 years giving a 20-25 year warranty.

Vice Chair Goins commented that she appreciated the before and after photos. Captain Gray stated everything that is done is documented with photos before, during and after. Mr. Taylor asked Captain Gray to give some basic demographics on the Detention Center such as how many are typically housed, population and how many employees. There are 28 employees from the director to the officers on the floor. Typically there are around 90-95 inmates in the facility daily. One thing Captain Gray feels is overlooked with the Detention Center is that it is a 24-hour, 365 day a year facility, so the wear and tear is quite different from a typical office.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION: At this point, the Proclamation honoring Mr. Skip Hannon was read in its entirety by the Clerk. Afterward, Chairman Smith asked if any Council Members would like to comment. Council Member Pauley stated it was an honor to have known Skip for many years. The Fairfield County Fire Service is a better place because of him. He lived his life through dedicating his time in providing services to help others. Skip had 14 years of service in Pennsylvania and 30 years of service in Fairfield County. He had S.C. Fire Academy teaching hours of 12,127 and taught 13,190 students which is truly remarkable. Council Member Pauley thanked the family for being at the meeting tonight and thanked the fire service. Council Member Ruff echoed the above stating what an amazing man who gave so much of his life to protect so many people and also thanks to all our other firefighters who give their time and risk their lives for all of us. Council Member

Robinson gave his deepest condolences on behalf of the Council and the Robinson family. He knew Skip from personally answering a few calls with him in his prior capacity with the Sheriff's Department. All too often, we wait until a person has passed to give them much deserved accolade. In the future, he suggest that we recognize people when they are alive and in good spirits. Skip was a great guy and a lot of people looked up to him. Vice Chair Goins stated she knew Mr. Hannon for a few years and she appreciates that time. She thanked the family for their additional sacrifice and allowing him to serve the County. Council Member Douglas also thanked the family for allowing the County to have him for such a long period of time. Chairman Smith stated the Council appreciates what the fire service does very much and does take notice of it. To the family, the Council is aware that Skip was not with his family while putting in all the long hours, and their sacrifice is also appreciated. Chairman Smith then presented the Proclamation to the Hannon Family. Mrs. Hannon spoke briefly, thanking the Council knowing that Skip gave everything he had to the fire service. Skip first became a member of the fire department with his grandfather as a founding member. It was tradition then and now with both of Skip's sons becoming firefighters. He often said he wanted to teach young firefighters to be old firefighters and this was his passion.

- B. Quarterly Budget Report.** Mr. Taylor reported the budget should be reaching 25% with this being the first quarter, and as Council can see, most everything is on target with expenses being at 22%, a little under budget. Laura Johnson, Comptroller, was available for comment. All variances greater than 25% were investigated and have been explained, which was included with the report. Most of the variances pertain to annual maintenance agreements paid at the beginning of the fiscal year, which is not unusual. Other variances are due to travel taken at the beginning of the year, advertisements, workers' comp. insurance, property insurance being paid at the beginning of the year. Also, some are due to encumbrances. Requisitions have been entered for goods and services and the purchase order is generated obligating the funds. There were only 11 departments over 25%. No further questions were asked by Council due to the budget report being received prior to the meeting.
- C. Airport Fixed Based Operator (FBO) Agreement.** Mr. Taylor reported that Council received in their packet a Lease and Operating Agreement between Brian Steed and the County. The County has changed the operation of the Airport, which will be brought in as a County department as opposed to leasing or contracting the entire operation to a fixed base operator (FBO). Mr. Steed, the previous FBO, is more of a tenant to the County now, a contractor providing both airplane repair services and flight school. The activities of actually running the airport are being brought under the County. This agreement was reviewed by our in-house attorney along with Mr. James Stephens, head of the Aeronautics Commission for the State of South Carolina, and our engineer, WK Dixon. Since the agreement is in final form, Chairman Smith entertained a motion to be passed tonight. Council Member Douglas made a motion and seconded by Vice Chair Goins to approve the Airport Fixed Base Operator Agreement as presented. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

14. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT

The Clerk reported two recent additions to the calendar: (1) The Intergovernmental Meeting hosted by the School Board will be held tomorrow, Tuesday, October 24 at 6 p.m. at the School Board District Office Auditorium and (2) Town of Winnsboro will be hosting the next Intergovernmental Meeting on December 13, which is a Wednesday, 6 p.m. at the Winnsboro Women's Club building. Also, tonight the Council received updated Board and Commission vacancies with all vacant seats by district highlighted in yellow. Many seats will be expiring in early 2018 and the Clerk urged the Council to stay on top of this.

- 15. 2ND PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES):** All public comments made during this session must pertain to items not on the agenda or under Council's consideration. Each speaker is allocated three (3) minutes for comment. The total time allocated for the public comment portion of the meeting is thirty (30) minutes. Those wishing to make public comment must sign to do so prior to the Council Chair calling the meeting to order. The Clerk to Council will make a public comment sign-up sheet available at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the meeting.

- Randy Bright - Jobs

16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Goins: Asked if an advertisement could be done in the paper concerning the Board and Commission vacancies and also asked the Clerk to print up the qualifications for the positions in order for each district representative to put out into the community.

Ruff: Agreed with Vice Chair Goins concerning the advertisement and distribution of open Board and Commission seats. Anyone should have the opportunity to serve on our Boards and Commissions. Also, made mention of Terry Vickers' retirement from the Chamber. She worked for our County for so many years.

Pauley: Over the past few weeks, he has received several phone calls concerning Cambio Academy located on Greenbrier/Mosseydale Road. From his understanding, this is a private troubled teen residential treatment and rehabilitation center, housing females ranging in ages from 13-18 years old. It opened in May 2017 and since opening, the Fairfield County Sheriff's office has received 95 calls regarding the Center. With understanding that these teenagers do need help and also need a stable environment to live in, our main concern regarding Cambio is the Fairfield County residents who live within the Greenbrier Community and close to the facility. Reports have been made of the teens running away and showing up in citizens' yards and even making their way inside a residence. Another concern is how time-consuming it has become for the Fairfield County Sheriff's Department to respond to the calls averting them from other matters within the County. In speaking with Sheriff Montgomery, the calls usually require 2-3 deputies for each call response. Also, the Sheriff met with the owner, who lives in Ohio, to discuss ways to help improve these issues. However, after giving the owner time to try and improve the issues, unfortunately they still remain the same. At this point, the

County needs to look into options regarding the academy and determine what the most prudent next steps will be. None of us would want the academy to have to close, but our community must come first and reducing the burden on our taxpayer funded resources. He requested Mr. Taylor and the County Attorney to look into this matter and report options to the Council. Also, Sunday, October 29, the Sheriff is hosting the 2nd Annual Fall Festival from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. with games, hayrides and a Halloween contest in the back parking lot of the Sheriff's Department. Vice Chair Goins also commented on the statement concerning Cambio Academy. This has been an ongoing situation for quite some time and she feels it is time for a solution in an expedient manner.

Smith: Mentioned the great service Mrs. Beth Reid provided Fairfield County and the School District Board. She passed this past week, and he wanted to recognize her service. A lot of improvement has been made since Mrs. Reid was placed on the board.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION (The following statement is provided in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act: Subsequent to Executive Session, Council may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session.)

At 6:45 p.m., it was moved by Vice Chair Goins, seconded by Council Member Douglas to go into executive session for (a) Contractual Matter - Water and Sewer Contract with Town of Winnsboro, (b) Contractual Matter - Proposed Hospital Transformation Agreement Between Fairfield Memorial Hospital, Providence Hospital and Fairfield County Council, and (c) Potential Legal Matter - Detention Center. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

At 7:32 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Ruff and seconded by Vice Chair Goins to come out of executive session and return to open session. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

There was no action taken in executive session.

18. ADJOURN

At 7:33 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Robinson, properly seconded by Vice Chair Goins to adjourn. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

PATTI L. DAVIS
CLERK TO COUNCIL

WILLIAM B. SMITH, JR.
CHAIRMAN