



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 12, 2018**

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

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 thirty five 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 Vice Chair Goins and seconded by Council Member Ruff to approve the Agenda. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

3. INVOCATION

Council Member Pauley led the invocation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Vice Chair Goins to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 22, 2018. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

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.

- Jeff Morris - Teacher Village
- Shirley Greene - Economic Development
- Jeff Schaffer - Congratulations
- Randy Sisk - Animal Control
- Randy Bright - Animal Ordinance and Executive

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Lease Agreement Between Fairfield County and Fairfield Medical Associates, P.A.; and Other Related Matters. Chairman Smith opened the public hearing at 6:14 p.m. Mr. Randy Bright signed to speak on this matter. At 6:17 p.m., Chairman Smith closed the public hearing by motion of Council Member Pauley and second by Vice Chair Goins. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***
- B. An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Lease Agreement Between Fairfield County and Community Health Foundation of Fairfield County; and Other Related Matters. Chairman Smith opened the public hearing at 6:17 p.m. No one signed to speak; therefore, Chairman Smith closed the public hearing at 6:17 p.m. by motion of Council Member Douglas and second by Council Member Pauley. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***
- C. An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Lease Agreement Between Fairfield County and South Carolina ENT, Allergy & Sleep Medicine, P.A.; and Other Related Matters. Chairman Smith opened the public hearing at 6:18 p.m. No one signed to speak; therefore, Chairman Smith closed the public hearing at 6:18 p.m. by motion of Council Member Robinson and second by Vice Chair Goins. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

- A. **First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 713** - An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes and Incentive Agreement to an Economic Development Project Located in Fairfield County; the Execution and Delivery of Documents Necessary to Effectuate the Intent of this Ordinance; and Other Related Matters. It was moved by Council Member Robinson, seconded by Vice Chair Goins to approve First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 713. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***
- B. **First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 714:** An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 535 to Establish the Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Animal Control in Fairfield County and Revise Chapter 4, Animals, of the Code of Ordinances, Fairfield County, South Carolina. It was moved by Council Member Pauley, seconded by Vice Chair Goins, to approve First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 714. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***
- C. **Resolution No. 2018-10** - A Resolution Specifying the Composition of the Commission of the Fairfield Joint Water and Sewer System; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding; and Other Matters Related Thereto. It was moved by Council Member Ruff, seconded by Vice Chair Goins to approve Resolution No. 2018-10. Council Member Trapp inquired concerning the Amended and Restated

Memorandum of Understanding. Chairman Smith asked Mr. Taylor to further explain. Per Mr. Taylor, this essentially reiterates the composition of the board of the joint entity. The board is composed of seven members, three of which originate from the County Council and three of which originate from the Town Council, with one joint member approved by both entities. The County composition includes the County Administrator, a Council member and a citizen, which is similar for the Town composition. Mr. Taylor then asked Mr. C. D. Rhodes to comment further. Mr. Rhodes stated this issue is coming back before Council because of the creation of the Joint Authority under a very specific set of laws to authorize its creation. One of the requirements of the Act is that the initial members of the Joint Authority come to agreement as to the composition of the board. This was addressed in the original memorandum, but there were some crossed wires between the County and the Town. In order to make sure everyone is on the same page, this is a reaffirmation of the composition of the board in this Resolution so there is no question going forward. Council Member Trapp inquired if the Town had already passed their Resolution. Per Mr. Rhodes, they have not, but this item should be on an upcoming agenda soon. Chairman Smith inquired the difference between the original MOU and the current MOU as they appeared to be very similar. Per Mr. Rhodes, they are very similar. There was a draft that was initially agreed upon by the Town and County around this time last year. Earlier this year, there were some changes made dealing with the Mitford Rural Water District, and this is where the crossed wires occurred with the Town. The original draft is now being used which had already been passed by the Town. ***The motion carried 6-1 with Council Member Trapp voting nay.***

9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

A. Disabilities and Special Needs Board

B. Hospital Board

It was moved by Council Member Trapp, seconded by Council Member Douglas to accept the minutes from the Disabilities and Special Needs Board and Hospital Board as presented. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

None.

11. OLD BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Appointment of Commission Members to the Fairfield Joint Water and Sewer System.** Mr. Taylor reported that the formation of the committee needs to be

performed. Mr. Taylor and Don Wood will be placed on the committee automatically. Council needs to put forth a recommendation for a Council member and a member of the public. This update is for informational purposes, and the appointments will be placed on an upcoming agenda.

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Vernon Kennedy, Director Behavioral Health Services - Update and Overview of Services. Mr. Kennedy thanked the Council for the opportunity to present tonight and also thanked the Council for the support over the years.

- Mr. Kennedy began with the hours of service, to include Monday and Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The mission statement of the organization is: Dedicated to providing quality, accessible and affordable alcohol and other drug intervention, treatment and prevention education services to residents of Fairfield. This has remained the mission statement for over 45 years.
- The primary goals include working to delay the onset of youth drug use and promote healthy and safe living, improve emotional, behavioral and social functioning, reduce substance use, increase sobriety and sustain recovery that produces better outcomes and prevent or reduce frequency and severity of recurrence.
- The agency was created in 1973 to provide services throughout the County. In 1979 the County Council designated the organization to be the sole authority for substance use disorder services. Following this, 501C3 status was obtained. The organization is run with strict confidentiality policies and oversight and contains licensed, certified and trained staff.
- Funding: The majority of the funding comes from grants with some funds coming from federal, state and local authorities.
- Staff: The organization is comprised of 12 full-time staff, one part-time staff and a couple of independent contractors. The staff goes through a rigorous program to achieve certification.
- Description of Services: The organization searches for the best services to offer and solicits input from the community as to what services to offer. Most prevention services are free to the public with fees charged for all treatment services. Three months is the typical stay of someone who receives these services.
- Specific Services: The organization is very well known for the DUI re-licensing program. Mr. Kennedy also went over other services provided, to include drug testing, prevention services, youth/adult/family counseling, opioid education and Narcan distribution training, among many other services.
- A grant was recently secured to enable the organization to utilize billboards. Two of these are located on 321 Business and one on I-77. This helps to spread the message that alcohol, tobacco and marijuana are still drugs. Other drugs also include heroin, hallucinogens, cocaine, prescription drugs, crystal meth, etc.

- Prevention works: This includes increase in decision-making, increase in perceived risks toward alcohol, tobacco and other drugs and decrease in favorable attitudes toward alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. A large part of prevention is being present in the schools.
- The organization is also present in the County churches with the FAN program (Faith, Activity and Nutrition), which was a great success.
- Demographics: 379 people were served in some way through the clinical services in FY2018, 132 female and 247 males, 6% of those were from the military. Most of the clientele were 30-64 years of age with 60% and 26% age 18-29.
- Referral sources include Probation, Pardon and Parole Services, DMV, DSS, school and self-referral.
- Primary or secondary diagnosis remains alcohol, tobacco and marijuana; however, cocaine, opiates and amphetamines fluctuate from year to year. The opiates numbers will increase for Fairfield as well as across the state. Research bears out the fact that if individuals can get into and complete a program within 121 days, they stand a better chance of sustaining recovery. Some clients are served in some cases multiple times after being involved in a program. In 2018, 61% of the clients were new clients. Employment, living arrangements, arrest status, alcohol use and substance use are also monitored. Many people are living with substance use or abuse disorders and most do not receive treatment.
- Recovery: There are over 23 million Americans living in long-term recovery with many pathways to recovery. One method the organization is proud of is the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) which is a gold standard in treating opioid abuse disorders. Our nation is experiencing many deaths per day from this crisis. Mr. Kennedy reviewed some of the medications used for opioid use disorder, alcohol use disorder and tobacco use disorder. The new facility has made more treatment options available, and Mr. Kennedy thanked the Council for their support in this endeavor.

Council Member Pauley inquired what the main abuse is among the young people seen in Fairfield County. Per Mr. Kennedy, this is usually alcohol, tobacco or marijuana with marijuana being on the rise. Some of the youth also have behavior issues. Council Member Pauley also inquired how someone could request to have a presentation done by the department. Mr. Kennedy stated anyone can call the Behavioral Health Office to request a presentation. Vice Chair Goins thanked Mr. Kennedy for the great work, and she knows firsthand that these programs work. However, it also takes the person acknowledging their problem and also the family support. Mr. Kennedy agreed these are very important elements, and it is also important for people to share their stories. Council Member Douglas also thanked Mr. Kennedy for the good work.

- B. Parks and Recreation Security Update** - Mr. Taylor referred to the two recent incidents that have occurred in the parks. Administration has met with the Sheriff's Department and the City Police Department to request additional drive-bys. This is being monitored in an attempt to discourage this type of behavior in the future. Lighting and cameras are also being explored, in addition to possibly closing a road to control access. SCE&G will provide poles for the lighting at no

cost. The proposal to include the cost of the cameras will be brought before Council in the near future. Mr. Anderson also reported the bottom two courts will be removed along with the gazebo for safety purposes. Council Member Pauley inquired if the court inside the fence would be removed, and per Mr. Anderson, this will remain. Vice Chair Goins agrees with the County, Sheriff and law enforcement involvement, but it takes a community to help make change.

14. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT

None.

- 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 - Investment Advice

16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Ruff: Council Member Ruff thanked Mr. Kennedy for his work at Behavioral Health. Everyone has probably had a family member, associate or a friend who has had to deal with this in the past. He also thanked all the veterans for their service. Council Member Ruff also congratulated Mr. Bell and Mr. Gilbert for their election to Council and congratulated Mr. Trapp and Mr. Pauley for re-election.

Goins: Vice Chair Goins also thanked all the veterans for their service, commitment and care for the citizens. She congratulated all newly elected officials and re-elected officials. She is looking forward to working with everyone. To SCANA, Lee Michaels and Joe Shivers Security Company, she thanked them for making donations to help with this project to make the park area safer. Vice Chair Goins also had a recent meeting with Dr. Rhames concerning the Promise Program. She feels we cannot afford to not invest in this program. Also, she attended the ribbon cutting for the Northeast Campus and feels this goes to show that we must do our due diligence for the opportunities to come. She also referred to a term learned in a recent class – nimby which stands for "not in my backyard". We must all work together for opportunities. She also supports the teacher village, but more information is needed before proceeding. Vice Chair Goins also commented on the water and sewer needs of the County, and this need is desperate. This situation is not personal but must be dealt with in order to get a better quality of water and better water service. This would then put us in a better position to obtain grants.

Pauley: Council Member Pauley thanked everyone, especially District 5 constituents, for the support during his campaign and over the last two years. Certain decisions have not always been easy to make, but he has always tried to put the best interest of the County first. He is truly thankful for the ones who voted last Tuesday and who believe in him. He looks forward to the next four years and

hopes to continue to make a positive impact. He also congratulated Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Bell and Mr. Trapp and stated it has been a pleasure working with Council Member Ruff. Last Thursday, Council Member Pauley had the pleasure of assisting the Council on Aging with Meals on Wheels. They are in desperate need for volunteers, and he urged everyone to assist if at all possible.

Robinson: Council Member Robinson congratulated the candidates for winning. He also stated it has been a pleasure serving with Council Member Ruff and, in his honor, he will continue his fight concerning the monument. If this cannot be removed, he would propose getting names through a nomination process of African Americans in the area to do something in their honor. To the incoming candidates, you are about to see the other side of the fence.

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 7:12 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Douglas and seconded by Council Member Pauley to go into executive session for (a) Legal Matter - Update on Litigation Against SCANA/SCE&G in Reference to the Abandoned V.C. Summer New Nuclear Project, (b) Proposed Contractual Matter - Discussion Regarding a Potential Contractual Arrangement in Association with the Request for a Special Source Revenue Credit from the Fairfield County School District Education Foundation on Behalf of Gorelick Brothers Capital and (c) Economic Development Update - Discussion Regarding an Economic Development Project Located in Fairfield County and Execution of Documents in Relation Thereof. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

At 8:28 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Douglas and seconded by Council Member Ruff to come out of executive session and return to open session. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

No action was taken in Executive Session.

18. ADJOURN

At 8:29 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Douglas, properly seconded by Council Member Ruff to adjourn. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

PATTI L. DAVIS
CLERK TO COUNCIL

WILLIAM B. SMITH, JR.
CHAIRMAN