



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 29, 2010**

Present: R. David Brown, David L. Ferguson, Mary Lynn Kinley (arrived 6:27 p.m.), Kamau Marcharia, Dwayne Perry, Carolyn B. Robinson, Mikel R. Trapp, Council Members; Philip L. Hinely, County Administrator; Shryll M. Brown, 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 Herald-Independent, The State, and Winnsboro Cablevision, and fifty individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.

2. INVOCATION

Council Member Kinley led in the invocation.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Council Member Ferguson; seconded by Vice Chairman Trapp to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 22, 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Administration and Finance

Committee Chairman Robinson reported the committee met to discuss the request of the Dutchman Creek Volunteer Fire Department. The request was for the county to assist in building a fire substation. *The recommendation of the committee, and so moved by Committee Chairman Robinson, was allow Mr. Hinely and the fire department to work up a proposal to allow the erection of a 30' x 50' pole building at 2414 River Road. The proposal would include the county's match up to \$20,000.00 for a term of two (2) years, beginning July 1, and that the county would own the property. The motion was seconded by Council Member Perry.* During discussion, Chairman Brown set forth that this will affect 175 homes and will take the ISO rating from a ten down to a five for those homes, which will be a major insurance savings. Council Member Marcharia maintained that he supported any endeavor that would enhance the quality of life and safety of the citizens of Fairfield County. He added that he had previously asked how many structures in the last five years have been saved, given to the amount of money that is put into the fire budget. He set forth the poor condition of the Jenkinsville Fire Department and stressed he was disturbed about not being able to protect that community. *The motion carried unanimously.*

PRESENTATION

□ Dutchman's Creek Volunteer Fire Department – Mr. Ned Gwin

- Will be located at 2414 River Road.
- Study was done in March, 2008 and it was determined that a substation located on River Road near Rock Hill Baptist Church would take approximately 175 structures from an ISO rating of 10 to a rating of 5. This would place these structures within five road miles of a station.
- About half the beneficiaries of this station Durham Place and the side streets, White Oak Church Road, River Road from the substation to US 21, Great North Road, part of US 21 between Ridgeway and Mitford. The other half would be in an area beyond Cedar Point Road. This includes Wateree Creek Valley, Woodside, Wateree Keys and Gunsite.
- According to information provided by the Fire Marshal, a wood frame house insured for \$250,000 would have a premium of \$3,469.00 with a rating of 10. If it goes to a 5, this would drop to \$961.00.
- At a minimum, want to build a 30 x 50 heated pole building, at a cost of approximately \$30,000. Since the county agreed to assist up to \$20,000, Dutchman's Creek may choose to put in water and a restroom, etc.
- Would house one of the existing fire engines in it. There would be no requirement for additional equipment to be purchased. Recently, Dutchman's Creek received a grant for a fire engine, which is currently in Columbia. It has a 2,500 gallon water capacity, which will assist the other stations around the area (tanker and pumper). Hope to get this in possession soon.
- The property is currently owned by Dutchman's Creek Volunteer Fire Department. The title will be transferred over to the county.

Questions:

- ? Do you have the volunteer staff for that station?
- ? Hopefully legislation will pass for training to be offered on the website, which will help volunteers who cannot go on Saturday or whenever training is currently being offered.
- ? Asked that the county be gender-conscious when building new fire stations.

□ Fairfield County Economic Development Strategic Plan – Dr. James Morris, Genesis Consulting Group

Summary of Recommendations:

- **Organizational Recommendations**
 - Create A Fairfield County Economic Development Board
 - Create A Private-Sector Committee To Raise Private Funds For Exclusive Support Of ED Plan
 - Complete A Formal Target Industry Study That Fits In With This Study
 - Develop For County ED Organization A Comprehensive "Marketing Plan" To Brand County In Relation To ED Efforts
 - Maintain Existing Strong Relationship And Financial Commitment To Central SC Alliance
 - Verify And Ensure Central SC Alliance Marketing Efforts Dovetail With County ED Mission And Future Developed County-Wide Vision Statements
- **Physical Infrastructure**
 - Establish A Water/Sewer Coordinating Council To Spearhead Water/Sewer Master Plan
 - Establish Yearly "Set-asides" For General Economic Development Uses
 - Create A Local-level Public/Private Partnership To Undertake Critical Need Infrastructure Improvements For Broadband Initiatives
 - Establish Yearly "Set-asides" For Specific Economic Development Uses
 - Verify Existing Inventory Of Available Industrial Properties And Buildings

- **Education And Workforce**
 - Establish A Curriculum Advisory committee Of Business/Industry Leaders For The Career Center
 - Establish Yearly "Set-asides" For Targeted Efforts Aligned With ED To Enhance Accountability
 - Selectively Market Via Specific Talking Points: Education/Workforce Themes That Highlight Availability, Educational Attainment And Workforce Skills
 - Prepare Scripted Answers To RFI's For Regional Education/Workforce Themes
- **Community Coordination And Cultural Relations**
 - Implement A Community Improvement Council To Address Key Issues Head On
 - Formal Initiative By County Council To Develop And Adopt A "Vision Statement" For The County
 - Dovetail A "Strategic Planning Effort" Covering Wide Range Government/Community Planning
- **Compatible Industries And Business Development**
 - Re-energize The "CEO Roundtable" Of C-Level Leaders For Industrial/Commercial Enterprise
 - Implement Through ED Organization A Formal BRE Program With Regular Visitation Schedule
 - Establish Specific Liaisons Between The County's QuickJobs Center And VC Summer For Ongoing Identification And Matching Of Labor Needs

Questions:

- ? Broadband would help everyone.
- ? Received two grants that will assist in allowing health care professionals to track diabetes and cardiac problems for three years.
- ? A lot of good information shared. Everyone is going to have to have buy-in to make it work.
- ? The references to staff and positions, is this addition to the current Economic Development Director?
- ? Would it be appropriate to give the School Board a copy of this study?
- ? Consensus to request Genesis Consulting Group to present the plan at the next Intergovernmental Council meeting.
- ? Would hiring a public relations person be a positive move for the county?

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Second Reading: Ordinance No. 578 – Authorizing The Conversion Of One Or More Existing Lease-Saleback Fee-In-Lieu Of Tax Arrangements Between Isola Usa Corp., And One Or More Affiliated Or Related Entities, And Fairfield County, South Carolina, Related To Certain Interests In Real Property With Improvements, And Certain Personal Property To One Or More A Simplified Fee-In-Lieu Of Tax Arrangements; And Other Related Matters. *It was moved by Council Member Ferguson; seconded by Vice Chairman Trapp to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 578. The motion carried unanimously.*

B. Second Reading: Ordinance No. 579 – Authorizing An Amendment To The Master Agreement Governing The I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park By And Between Richland County, South Carolina, And Fairfield County, South Carolina, To Expand The Boundaries Of The Park To Include Certain Real Property Located In Richland County, And Other Related Matters. *It was moved by Council Member Ferguson; seconded by Vice Chairman Trapp to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 579. The motion carried unanimously.*

7. NEW BUSINESS

None.

8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Deputy Administrator Anderson reported:

- a. Workers' Compensation Audit (inmates and volunteer firemen). The county will be receiving a refund this year. Will bring report on the other aspect of the policy at a later time.
- b. Received reimbursement of \$33,000 from the state for E-911 equipment upgrade compliance.
- c. Recreation Department 11-12 year old football team is hosting the district championship.
- d. Received thank you letter from Mr. Mike Quinn of Gordon Memorial Church for the county's efforts in paving the parking lots of both sides of the county building.
- e. State has imposed certain caps on the counties. The county would certainly need to be careful in its allocations to ensure it has a positive impact.

9. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. November 30, 2010: Council invited to a seminar relating to attracting retirees to the county, 6:30 p.m., Haslett Realty.
- b. December 3, 2010: Town of Winnsboro parade, 6:30 p.m.

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

Provided as information.

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Provided as information.

12. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Perry: Commented on the Fairfield High Alumni reunion.

Kinley: Extended invitation to all to attend the Hospital gala. Commented on the passing of Mr. Al Hanna.

Marcharia: Commented on economic development and growth down the I-77 corridor.

Ferguson: Asked Council's consensus of having Mr. Hinely prepare a recap of the benefits of the Multi-County Industrial Park Agreements over the last two to three years. Also expressed that he had received some concerns relating to the New Armory.

Robinson: Reported she met with and received input from some of the elected officials regarding legislation proposed in the SCAC Judiciary and Corrections Steering Committee.

13. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 P.M., upon the unanimous approval of Council.

SHRYLL M. BROWN
CLERK TO COUNCIL

RUSSELL DAVID BROWN
CHAIRMAN