



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
JUNE 27, 2016**

Present: Carolyn B. Robinson, Mary Lynn Kinley, Kamau Marcharia, Dan W. Ruff, Billy Smith, Walter Larry Stewart, Council Members; Jason C. Taylor, County Administrator; Davis Anderson, Deputy County Administrator; Shryll M. Brown, Clerk to Council; Jack James, County Attorney

Absent: Marion B. Robinson

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, Winnsboro Cablevision and one hundred twelve other individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Chairman Robinson set forth that an issue has come forward and Council needs to amend the agenda to add Item 12C, under New Business, to allow the Council to consider amending the 2015-2016 County budget in order to purchase a Rehab vehicle for the County Rescue Squad. So moved by Council Member Smith; seconded by Council Member Ruff. **The motion carried 5-1. {Vice Chairman Marcharia voted nay}.***

3. INVOCATION

Council Member Smith led in the Invocation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*It was moved by Council Member Smith; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 13, 2016. **The motion carried unanimously.***

5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Lisa Brandenburg - Inform Council of Six Concessions Granted To Citizens Against The Quarry By S. C. Mining Council

6. 1ST PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES): INPUT MUST PERTAIN TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, FOR WHICH NO PUBLIC HEARING IS REQUIRED OR HAS BEEN SCHEDULED. THE TOTAL TIME ALLOCATED TO THIS PUBLIC COMMENT SEGMENT IS 30 MINUTES.

- ☐ Ms. Pelham signed to speak; but declined when her name was called
- ☐ Mr. Randy Sisk - Quarry
- ☐ Mr. Randy Bright - Quarry

{6:17 P.M. - Council recessed}.

{6:25 P.M. - Council returned from recess}.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

Application And Expenditure For The 2016 JAG (Justice Assistance Grant) Funds. At This Public Hearing, Fairfield County Will Provide Information Concerning The Proposed Use Of The Funds In An Identified Program Purpose Area. *Chairman Robinson opened public hearing at 6:25 P.M.*

Mr. Jason Taylor set forth that the application is primarily going to be used to purchase five mobile fingerprint readers by the Sheriff's Department, and the total grant is \$10,187.00.

Sheriff Montgomery was asked if he had any comments. Sheriff Montgomery described the fingerprint reader, saying it is hand-held and can be placed in the pocket. He stated this device can identify somebody that is not showing up in their system if they have been fingerprinted before, the Sheriff's Department can run the fingerprint across the pad, and it will pop up in blue ray and will run straight to the computer. The Sheriff's Department will get a hit back on their information, such as driver's license, address, criminal history, etc. *Chairman Robinson closed public hearing at 6:27 P.M.*

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

None.

9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

Provided as information.

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

None.

11. OLD BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration Of Approval Of Application For 2016 JAG (Justice Assistance Grant) Funds. *It was moved by Council Member Kinley and Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Ruff to approve the Application for 2016 JAG Grant Funds.* During discussion, Vice Chairman Marcharia inquired if this grant is through the federal government, and not Council. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

B. Report From AdHoc Committee Regarding Courthouse Relocation Project/Vote From Council To Accept The Committee's Recommendation On (1) Alternate Site; (2) Funding Source. Vice Chairman Marcharia gave the following report:

- Committee met to discuss the Courthouse relocation and building a new Courthouse.
- Maps were provided depicting the Town limits and where the Courthouse could be placed.
- The initial thought was to place it at the HON Building; however, it is outside the City limits. According to the law, the Courthouse must be in the County seat.
- The committee's recommendation is to submit to full Council an alternate site and to further elaborate on the Courthouse relocation.
- The committee looked at the finances that are going to be required to initiate this.

*It was moved by Vice Chairman Marcharia; seconded by Council Member Smith that Council accept the Courthouse Committee's recommendation on the proposed site for the Courthouse Annex, and to authorize the County Administrator to move forward in getting a proposal from Mead and Hunt to modify the plans they have previously drawn for the HON Building to fit on the new site. During discussion, Council Member Stewart inquired what is being considered as alternate sites; where is the site that is being proposed. **The motion carried unanimously.***

C. Council To Consider Amending The 2015-2016 County Budget In Order To Purchase A Rehab Vehicle For The County Rescue Squad. Chairman Robinson set forth that Council made a motion initially to amend the agenda; and at this time, there is an amendment to that: *Council Member Smith stated he would like to make a motion to amend the motion of adding Item C to New Business, allowing Council to consider amending the 2015-2016 County budget in order to purchase a Rehab vehicle for use by the County Rescue Squad: by striking the language concerning the 2015-2016 budget.*

*Council Member Ruff rescinded the second to the original motion. **The amendment to the motion carried unanimously.***

It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Smith to allow the County Administrator to move \$19,264.04 in funds from line item 5616 (Firefighter Supplies and Equipment) to line item 5605 (Vehicle Replacement) of the General Fund, which will then be added to \$13,032.96 from an insurance claim on a former vehicle, for the purpose of purchasing a Rehabilitation Vehicle for the Rescue Squad, for a total of \$32,300.00. During discussion, Council Member Smith asked to give a timeline on what this is about, which he did as follows:

- Rehab truck for fire services. A rehab truck is a vital firefighting service on the fire ground providing firefighters and other emergency personnel with immediate medical attention, including rehydration, treatment of smoke inhalation and the prevention of such life threatening conditions as heart stroke and heart attack. Fire Rehab is designed to ensure that the physical and mental wellbeing of members operating at the scene of an emergency don't deteriorate to the point where it affects the safety of any members. Firefighting is inherently dangerous in the best of circumstances and additional physical or mental stress increases the danger.
- There had previously been some information, and staff was working to find a remedy to that. It was brought to his attention this past Friday that there was a need for a new Rehab truck. At the time, did not know what it was. Looked into it, and was told that the County did previously have one; it was involved in an accident, which is the information just shared about \$13,000.00 from an insurance claim. The only replacement for some time has been a Rescue Squad truck that does not have a/c in it, which is not going to provide much rehabilitation to someone who is coming out of a fire into a one hundred degree temperature in these summer days. Need to get something for these folks so that they can seek some rehabilitation. Were told that the Rehab truck was requested in the 2016-2017 budget; but the idea at the time was that the County would be able to recycle a Transit vehicle for that use. That turned out to not be a realistic opportunity due to some difficulties there. Contacted Administration and staff and discussed what the options were--boiling down to one of two things: purchase the truck under the current budget cycle, which runs out in three days. There is enough money to do that, or purchase the truck under the 2016-2017 budget--although funding was not adopted into the final, approved budget for the reasons already mentioned. Thought that option one was best, as it would be easier to take money that we already know is left over and is not needed from the current budget; make the purchase than to take money from the front side of the

coming budget, when we don't know what all that is going to be used for. Administration seemed to agree with that option. The sooner the County can get a Rehab truck to be able to utilize, the better. Asking the other Council members to join in voting yes on this purchase.

Vice Chairman Marcharia voiced that initially, he said nay on this; however, he does understand the nature of this, and the reason why he did it was because Council would be out of order, and he is glad Council looked at it and wanted to bring it back into focus. He expressed that he was also concerned that when issues like this come up, Council is given less than twenty-four hours to be notified when having to consider spending thousands and thousands of taxpayers' money on short notice--certainly for a good cause. He stated the proper procedure would have been to put this in the Finance Committee, as is historically done, and if Council can bring issues that they deem crucial and ask that it be voted on, it sets a precedent.

Council Member Smith maintained that this is a little off track of policy, but it was the only opportunity to do it within the current budget and use money that is already known will be left over, than to pull out of money that the County does not know what's going to happen in the coming year. He added that it is such a safety-sensitive item and more of an emergency procurement. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Request Of Action: Engineering Services. Mr. Taylor set forth that the County has advertised for Request for Qualifications for engineers, and received seventeen different qualification packets. This is for the purpose of essentially pre-selecting engineers when there is a need for an engineer, the County would have already gone through the process and can select one of the pre-qualified engineers. Have taken and graded them; out of the seventeen, 4 were selected and taken to the Finance Committee. The committee recommended that this be moved forward with Council to approve the 4 that were selected: Alliance Consulting Engineers, Davis and Floyd Incorporated, Goodwyn Mills and Cawood and Mead and Hunt. These engineers would be granted indefinite delivery contracts, so that when the County needed something, the County can go to these pre-qualified engineers that have been selected. *It was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Ruff to approve the Request of Action for Engineering Services. The motion carried 5-1. {Council Member Stewart voted nay}.*

B. Request Of Action: Waste Management. Mr. Taylor pointed out that the County currently uses Waste Management for trash collection. This matter has gone before the Finance Committee, and are recommending to full Council to continue with the existing contract that allows the County to continue for a period of 3 years at a fixed rate of \$55.18 per ton for collection. This will continue for the next 3 years while the County considers other options, but will lock the County into the existing rate with no increases or CPI. *It was moved by Council Member Smith; seconded by Council Member Kinley and Council Member Ruff to approve the Request of Action for Waste Management. The motion carried unanimously.*

C. WIOA Youth Case Manager 100% Grant (SC Works). Mr. Taylor stated this position is fully grant funded and would be to help youth in obtaining jobs, on-the-job training and job placement. The position would be filled upon Council's granting authority to do so in accepting the grant. *It was moved by Council Member Smith; seconded by Council Member Kinley and Council Member Ruff to approve the WIOA Youth Case Manager 100% Grant.* During discussion, Vice Chairman Marcharia voiced that he would

like to see the strategic plan of how that is going to work out; what are the expectations; what are the evaluations of how this program is called out; who is the target population; how is this going to manifest in getting to the population and a track record of where these programs have been successful, etc. Council Member Smith inquired who will the Case Manager report to. **The motion carried unanimously.**

D. Project Updates. Mr. Davis Anderson gave a PowerPoint presentation showing the progress of the following sites: Drawdy Park Walking Trail, Sheriff's Evidence Room, Jenkinsville Fire and EMS, Lake Monticello Recreation, Mitford Recreation, Ridgeway Fire Station, TY Lin Strategic Plan and Detention Center Roof. Council Member Smith asked if staff would follow up on the clean-up of the Dawkins site. Vice Chairman Marcharia commented about the community meeting that was held last weekend.

E. Motion Period Process. Vice Chairman Marcharia agreed to reserve any motions he may have at this time until County Council Time.

14. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT

None.

15. 2ND PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES): INPUT CAN BE TO INTRODUCE AN ITEM NOT CURRENTLY UNDER COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION OR BRING A CONCERN TO COUNCIL'S ATTENTION. THE TOTAL TIME ALLOCATED TO THIS PUBLIC COMMENT SEGMENT IS 30 MINUTES.

- ☐ Mr. Tim Mitchell - Hospital Point Of Service Collection Policy
- ☐ Mr. Randy Bright - A Healthy Fairfield

16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Vice Chairman Marcharia

- Indicated he was going to make a motion, but decided, instead, to have a little discussion on the issue of violating confidential information when the Council goes into Executive Session. Echoed Council Member Smith's concern about signs being left after the election.

Council Member Smith

- Thanked the Clerk for her due diligence in informing the Council on the guidelines for amending the budget. Also addressed the issue of looking at the constraints on where, when and how political signs are placed during the campaign season.

Chairman Robinson presented Council Member Stewart with a plaque, which read: Fairfield County Council extends its grateful appreciation and sincere gratitude to the Honorable W. Larry Stewart for his invaluable leadership, dedication and loyal service to Fairfield County and the citizens of District 3 during his 16-month tenure on County Council. Council Member Stewart stated he enjoyed the time he has spent on Council and wished it could have been longer.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

*At 7:03 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Smith; seconded by Vice Chairman Marcharia and Council Member Kinley to go in executive session to discuss economic development updates regarding Department of Commerce projects. **The motion carried unanimously.***

*At 7:38 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Smith; seconded by Council Member Kinley to come out of executive session and return to open session. **The motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Robinson reported no action was taken in executive session and no motions to come forward.

18. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 P.M., upon the unanimous approval of Council.

SHRYLL M. BROWN
CLERK TO COUNCIL

CAROLYN B. ROBINSON
CHAIRMAN