



**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
JULY 12, 2021**

**Present:** Moses Bell, Shirley Greene, Mikel Trapp, Timothy Roseborough, Cornelius Robinson, Clarence Gilbert, Council Members; Brad Caulder, Interim County Administrator; Kenneth Davis, County Attorney.

**Absent:** Doug Pauley

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 forty two other individuals.

Due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus), the meeting is being live-streamed through the County's YouTube page in order to keep citizens informed.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion made by Council Member Trapp, seconded by Vice Chair Greene, to approve the agenda. ***The motion carried 6-0.***

**3. INVOCATION**

Council Member Gilbert led the invocation.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Vice Chair Greene, seconded by Council Member Roseborough, to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of June 28, 2021. ***The motion carried 6-0.***

**5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**6. 1<sup>ST</sup> 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.**

- Randy Bright - Hospital

**7. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS**

**A.** Second Reading of Ordinance No. 772: An Ordinance to Establish and Recognize Juneteenth as a Public Holiday and Special Day for Fairfield County. Motion made by Council Member Trapp, seconded by Vice Chair Greene, to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 772. Council Member Robinson inquired of Mr. Caulder if there is a cap on holidays. Mr. Caulder stated he is not aware of a cap. ***The motion carried 6-0.***

**B.** Resolution No. 2021-08: A Resolution Appointing Fairfield County's Representatives on the Commission of the Fairfield Joint Water and Sewer System. Motion made by Council Member Trapp, seconded by Vice Chair Greene, to approve Resolution No. 2021-08 to include the appointment of Brad Caulder, Interim County Administrator, and Council Member Roseborough to the Fairfield Joint Water and Sewer System Commission. ***The motion carried 6-0.***

**C.** Resolution No. 2021-09: A Resolution to Approve the Settlement Between Fairfield County and Dominion Energy SC, Inc., f/k/a S.C. Electric & Gas Company ("DESC"), and Authorizing the Council Chair and, if necessary, the Interim County Administrator, to Execute the Agreement and Related Documents. Motion made by Vice Chair Green, seconded by Council Member Roseborough, to approve Resolution No. 2021-09. ***The motion carried 6-0.***

**9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES**

None.

**10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

None.

**11. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**A.** Mr. Bill Coleman – County Transportation Committee Update. Mr. Caulder stated Mr. Bill Coleman is the engineer with the County Transportation Committee and is here to give Council an update. Mr. Coleman stated he is with Infrastructure Consulting and Engineering (ICE), and this company is the CTC engineer for Fairfield County. The company is also a general engineer for the County under separate contract. The purpose of Mr. Coleman attending the meeting tonight is to explain how the CTC operates and to give some history. He invited Council to call him at any time with questions, and if he does not know the answer, he will find it quickly. The CTC members are appointed by the legislative delegation. At the present time, there are four members, and there have been as many as 12. There is no set number, and these are citizens from the community who serve unpaid with no mileage. The Committee has three to four meetings per year. The delegation also appoints the Chairman. The CTC is a spinoff from the C-Program. In the 1990s, the system was changed with the creation of the CTC's giving the counties the right and authority to spend their money. The sole purpose of the CTC is to spend the money that comes from DOT, and this money comes from the gas tax. In the year that just started, 3.99 cents of the .26 cents of gas tax goes to the CTC. The CTC runs from July 1 to June 30. The County is projected to get \$1,573,200 from the current year. The Committee receives the money and has to spend 1/3 on DOT roads. The rest can be spent on County roads. They are not limited to 1/3, but a minimum of 1/3 must be spent. Allendale County gets the least amount of money and Richland County gets the most. The apportionment is based on three things, 1/3 of the area of each county, 1/3 of the population and 1/3 of the rural roads. The rural roads are updated yearly, population is updated with the census, and the area does not change. Fairfield County is 2.28% of the area of the State. It has 1.52% of the roads in the State and the population is 0.52%. The current census may result in a small loss for the County. Fairfield County gets a total of 1.44% of the pie which is up to about \$110,000,000. This year, a joint venture is being done with DOT. DOT has a base crew, and they will do the base with the CTC doing the paving. The roads to be done are Rockbridge Road going to the new Molly Park at Wateree and about 2.5 miles of S99 starting at Sheldon Road going toward 215. The Committee allows Mr. Jamie Johnson, who is the resident maintenance engineer for the County, to make presentations for what he needs, and he is accommodated in every possible way because he knows what is needed. Mr. Coleman is involved in four different counties, and Fairfield County is the only one that has a committee comprised of citizens, and Mr. Coleman stated this works much better. All roads are built to SCDOT specs, including the work and the materials. Fairfield's CTC mission is to pave the dirt roads

of the County. After this year, there will be 96 unpaved roads in the County. Chairman Bell asked for Mr. Coleman to explain how the roads are paved per district. Per Mr. Coleman, there has been a formula for paving roads for about 10-12 years. This was improved upon about six years ago. The formula consists of the following: a residence gets 2 points, a church gets 2 points, a cut through road gets 5 points and then the density is the big item, to include houses per mile. If a road has 10 houses and is a mile long, it is awarded 10 points. If a road has 10 houses and is one-half mile long, it is awarded 20 points because there would be more houses per mile. Once the points are established, the districts are rotated. District 6 does not have any more roads, and District 7 will not have any more roads after this year. There are two exceptions to the rule, piggy backing (paving a spur that is less than 1000 feet, which is paved with the main road) and if there is a dirt road leading to the road to be paved, this will also be paved. Private drives are not done and common drives are not eligible for pavement. Every month, the CTC gets a statement from DOT that tells the bank balance, the income for that month and how much was spent. Interest is paid on the bank balance. DOT also keeps up with how much money is committed. The contracts of the CTC are County contracts, and these are done through procurement following the necessary procedures. The work is done, taking draws on a monthly basis, with the County paying the contractor and the CTC. A request is then sent to DOT for reimbursement. The County finances and DOT reimburses. Chairman Bell thanked Mr. Coleman for attending the meeting tonight and all the work the CTC does. Vice Chair Greene also thanked Mr. Coleman and appreciates that he responds very quickly to phone calls.

- B.** Mr. Bryant Brown, GMK Associates, Inc. – Courthouse Update. Mr. Caulder stated Mr. Brown was not able to make the meeting tonight. Chairman Bell stated Mr. Brown called him today and explained why he could not be here tonight. Chairman Bell stated Council Member Robinson asked a question at the last meeting. Based on this, Mr. Brown was requested to be here tonight. There have been no changes to the project scope, so the plan that was put forward continues to be done. Council has agreed to do this work. About a month ago, Mr. Brown met with the Finance Committee and some of the Courthouse personnel, and all of the work is going forward. Mr. Brown was requested to attempt to reduce the cost, and he is diligently working on this.
- C.** Request of Action: Request Approval for Speculative Grading Project Number 12603.03. Mr. Caulder asked Mr. Davenport to give further details on this item. Per Mr. Davenport, he has been working with an engineering

firm, Davis & Floyd, to develop and design a rough graded pad in the Fairfield Commerce Center. As Council knows, the County is currently out of product. All existing buildings have been sold along with the spec building. There is available property in the Commerce Center, but it is raw. There is \$1M from the spec building sale and also \$660,000 of grant funding available. The engineer estimated the cost to be somewhere between \$1.6M and \$1.7M. The project was bid out, and there were eight bidders who responded. The low bidder was at \$1.129M, which is significantly lower than the budget. There is the possibility that there could be change orders due to unsuitable soil that would have to be removed or potentially expanding the pad if a user came in requesting this, so the difference between \$1.66 and \$1.129 cannot be spent at this time. Council is being asked to approve moving forward with the project. The contractor is currently ready to go with their equipment on flatbed trucks at the site. Motion made by Council Member Trapp, seconded by Vice Chair Greene, to approve the Request of Action. ***The motion carried 6-0.***

#### **14. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT**

None.

#### **15. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME**

Robinson: Council Member Robinson stated Council Member Pauley wished the record to show that he is on vacation, therefore, was unable to attend the meeting tonight.

Bell: Chairman Bell stated on Saturday from 10-11:30, a Town Hall is scheduled in Ridgeway for District 1 at the Ridgeway Fire Department in the bay area. Several County agencies will be in attendance, and Chairman Bell encouraged folks to attend. The address is 350 South Palmer Street, Ridgeway.

#### **16. 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 6:29 p.m., motion made by Council Member Trapp, seconded by Council Member Roseborough, to go into executive session concerning the below listed items. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

- A.** Receipt of Legal Advice – Discussion Regarding Valencia Bridge Update Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §30-4-70(a)(2).

- B.** Receipt of Legal Advice – Discussion Regarding Solid Waste Disposal Fees Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §30-4-70(a)(2).
- C.** Receipt of Legal Advice – Discussion Regarding Potential Sale of Providence Free-Standing Emergency Room Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §30-4-70(a)(2)
- D.** Receipt of Legal Advice – Discussion Regarding Road Maintenance Fee Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §30-4-70(a)(2).
- E.** Receipt of Legal Advice – Discussion Regarding Agricultural Exemption Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §30-4-70(a)(2).
- F.** Receipt of Legal Advice – Discussion Regarding Commerce Center Bridges Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §30-4-70(a)(2).
- G.** Receipt of Legal Advice – Discussion Regarding Possible Sale of Former Hospital Property and Existing Leases Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §30-4-70(a)(2).

At 6:59 p.m., motion made by Council Member Trapp, seconded by Vice Chair Greene, to come out of executive session and return to regular session. ***The motion carried 6-0.***

Council Member Robinson made a motion to authorize the County Attorney to search for an expert witness in a pending litigation matter, seconded by Vice Chair Greene. Chairman Bell restated the motion, to fund the expert witness for the Commerce Center bridge activities. ***The motion carried 6-0.***

**17. ADJOURN**

At 7:00 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Trapp, seconded by Vice Chair Greene, to adjourn. ***The motion carried 6-0.***



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MOSES BELL  
CHAIRMAN