



**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
APRIL 13, 2021**

Present: Moses Bell, Shirley Greene, Mikel Trapp, Timothy Roseborough, Doug Pauley, Clarence Gilbert, Cornelius Robinson, Council Members; Jason Taylor, County Administrator; Laura Johnson, Assistant County Administrator; Kenneth Davis, County 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 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 Special Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Trapp, seconded by Vice Chair Greene, to approve the Agenda. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

3. INVOCATION

Council Member Gilbert led the invocation.

4. NEW BUSINESS

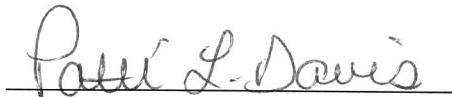
A. Purchase of Switchgear for 9-1-1 in the amount of \$57,500. Chairman Bell stated this vote will be for the actual amount of \$57,478 to cover the expense for the switchgear. Part of the money needed will come from the 9-1-1 tariff fund, but at this time, this amount has not been determined. The hope is that 50% will come from this fund with the remaining 50% coming from fund balance. Council Member Trapp made a motion to approve the purchase of the switchgear for \$57,500, seconded by Vice Chair Greene. Again, Chairman Bell stated the actual cost in the amount of \$57,478. Council Member Pauley inquired when the matter will be addressed concerning the charges being accrued daily; will this be voted on in the near future or will this be allowed to continue to accrue. Per Chairman Bell, there have been discussions with Mr. Dowling, and he stated

once the switchgear is approved, there will be no additional charges. However, the hope is that the County will not have to pay the current accrued charges, and we will try to work through this. So, Council Member Pauley stated at this time, we do not know whether or not the \$36,506 will have to be paid, and Chairman Bell stated this is correct. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

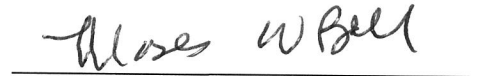
- B.** Authorizing the County Attorney to Consult with Additional Bond Attorney. Motion made by Council Member Trapp, seconded by Council Member Roseborough, to approve the request for the County Attorney to consult with the additional bond attorney. Chairman Bell believes everyone knows why this is needed. Council Member Pauley inquired if the reason why this consultation is being made with an additional bond attorney would need to be put on the record. Per Vice Chair Greene, during the process of looking at the New Administration Building contract, there was a conflict of interest stated by our current Bond Attorney, Mr. Ray Jones. Therefore, the County would then need advice from an additional bond attorney. ***Motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

5. ADJOURN

At 5:36 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Trapp, seconded by Council Member Roseborough, to adjourn. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***



PATTI L. DAVIS
CLERK TO COUNCIL



MOSES BELL
CHAIRMAN