

**MINUTES
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017
6:00 P.M.
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD JAIL BUILDING**

Colleton County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 6:00 PM, at the County Council Chambers, Old Jail Building. Dr. Flowers called the meeting to order with Council Members Steven Murdaugh, Gene Whetsell, Evon Robinson, Phillip Taylor, in attendance.

Others present included: Sean Thornton, Kevin Griffin, Ruth Mayer, Nate Bristo, Eleanor Hodges, Isreal Hodges, Sr., John Fleming, Iris Hill, Carl Coffin, Michelle Strickland, Jack Wright, Ron Rikenbacker, Janet Smith, Roy Williams, James Rutledge, ? Davis, Johnny Holmes, Art Williams, Charles Davis

Mr. Robinson gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting April 4, 2017
Budget Meeting April 21, 2017

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

Appearances & Public Presentations

John Fleming- Southern Carolina Alliance Quarterly Report

Mr. Fleming gave a review of the project activities, product developments, and marketing highlights for Colleton County as well as Regionwide.

Cliff – 1st Annual Gullah Caribbean Connection Festival

Mr. Cliff said Angel Eyes Community Outreach is hosting this fundraising event to promote the youth in Colleton County. The goal is to raise funds to create and provide activities for our youth and promote talents in Colleton County.

Administrator's Briefing

Mr. Griffin said we did have a good budget meeting at the Colleton Museum/Farmer's Market on Friday. It was very productive, got a number of things done. We were hoping before tonight's meeting we would have an answer back on where we stand on the

State Budget. Look like they have gotten hung up on the roads bill and the last I saw about 10 minutes ago, the House has now rolled the Roads Bill into the General Budget Amendment, which is going to Conference Committee. It looks like it is going to be a few more days till we figure where we are. Our biggest concern there certainly is the Retirement shortfall and a portion of that they are putting on local governments to cover. There have been a couple of different propositions there to cover at least 1% of the 2% that is going to be put on our backs to cover to try to take of the retirement shortfall that has been created. Over the last number of years, that's certainly a driver on many of the other things we can do in our budget. We are still working on some other items with Solid Waste. I do not have that on the agenda tonight. We have not gotten a full response from Waste Management's legal team, but I believe we will have that back by our June meeting.

We have had some good response and we have been able to get a full plan together on the Smoaks ambulance situation. As you know that has been a major need we have had for quite some time. Finally been able to create an opportunity as long as everything goes well with the State ...inaudible... bill that we will be able to locate an ambulance there to back up that side of the county. We have certainly had a large hole exposed.

The rail project with Palmetto Railways, we had a good meeting this week with Palmetto Railways, SCE&G, Coastal Electric Coop., and the SC Power Team, which is the Statewide arm of the Electric Cooperatives. They are all still very interested in the sites that they have there and making them available to us. Looks like if everything goes well, the bonds were sold last Thursday and will have a closing with Palmetto Railways this Tuesday afternoon in Charleston at their offices. Hopefully by our next meeting Palmetto Railways will own the railroad and we will be ready to market and go to work on these other projects we have been working on.

Cheehaw Landing, I know that is a request we made to our Legislative Delegation to commit some funding to. Jonny Steglitz and I have both spoken with Richard Byrd, chief engineer with DNR and they have actually created a design for that project and had it ready to go knowing that it was a need, so it is funded and we should have that done within the next 6-8 months.

One item on the agenda regarding FestiVELO is bicycle festival we had last year and I thing Michelle Strickland is here, to her good work and the City's good work they made their headquarters last year with over 300 cyclist at the Museum/Farmer's Market, but we ended up with so many cyclist we ran out of room to put them and they have requested this year to be able to use part of the Recreation Area as a campsite for their RV's and other folks. The request here with the resolution would be the portion of the old football practice field and baseball field across from the middle school would be that section. It would not interrupt the operations of the actual Recreation Center itself.

We have also been contacted this week by a group called Paddle Florida, that has well over 100 members down there that they want to have their 1st Paddle SC Event. This is

a group of canoe and kayakers that go basically all over the US. They take a large group and canoe and kayak on different rivers throughout that area. They bring pretty large logistics as well to cater every night. They are going to start at Colleton State Park in October and work their way down Dorchester & Charleston County all the way down to Edisto Beach State Park over about four days. They also want to involve all of our local caterers in different events, but they have also asked to use West Bank Landing as one of their stops, they have a site on Russell Creek in Charleston County. You will see an item on next month's agenda regarding that.

Old Business

2nd Reading Ordinance 17-O-03, To Provide for the Levy of Taxes in Colleton County, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018; to Provide for All Other Appropriations Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto.

A motion to approve 2nd reading was made by Mr. Murdaugh and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

1st Reading **by Title Only**, Ordinance 17-O-04, To Amend The Colleton County Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 3.08 – Purchasing In Order To Meet Federal Grant Requirements.

A motion to approve 1st Reading by Title Only was made by Mr. Murdaugh and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-34, To Approve the Use of the County Parking Lot by the Friends of the Colleton County Animal Shelter for the Fourth Annual Walk and Wag on September 23, 2017.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Murdaugh and seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-35, To Approve the Use of the Ace Basin Sports Complex Old Field and Parking Lot by Individuals Participating in the Annual FestiVELO Ride in November.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Murdaugh and seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-36, To Authorize a Five-Year Sole Source Purchasing Arrangement for Kenworth Trucks.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-37, To Approve Memorandum of Agreement for Mutual Aid Support between Colleton County Fire-Rescue and the Marine Corps Air Station in Beaufort, SC.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-38, to Authorize an Appropriation from the General Fund (Fund 100) Fund Balance in the Amount of \$38,000 to Lowcountry Community Action Agency Direct Assistance for the Operation of the Homeless Shelter.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-39, To Reschedule the July County Council Meeting and Cancel the August County Council Meeting.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-40, To Appoint Member to Board Vacancy.

A motion to approve Tamara R. Chisolm Dobison to the Colleton County Commission of Alcohol & Drug Abuse was made by Mr. Murdaugh and was seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-41, To Authorize the Council Clerk to Advertise for Board Vacancies.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

Items for Information and Public Record

None

Public Comments (3 minutes per person/max time 20 min.)

None

Council Time

Mr. Taylor welcomed everyone to the meeting and wanted to bring to everyone's attention the Johnsville 10th Annual May Fest in Smoaks, May 19th-21st. Parade, Saturday 11:00 AM, Gospel Singing 5:00 PM Sunday, Barbeque Cook Off That Friday. Jimmy Wiggins is the contact for that event and welcomes everyone.

Dr. Flowers welcomed everyone to the county council meeting tonight and recognized Mayor, Jane Darby and Iris Hill from Edisto Beach.

Mr. Murdaugh apologized for not being able to make it to the Rice Festival Parade as he had a prior commitment.

Executive Session

- a) Personnel
 - 1. Library Board
 - 2. Alcohol & Drug
 - 3. Solicitor
 - 4. Sheriff

Regular Session

Dr. Flowers said the items were discussed in executive session.

No further actions were taken.

The meeting was adjourned.

Date: _____

Joseph F. Flowers, Chairman

ATTEST:

Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council

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