

**MINUTES
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2014
6:00 P.M.
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD JAIL BUILDING**

Colleton County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 6:00 PM, at the County Council Chambers, Old Jail Building. Phillip Taylor called the meeting to order with Council Members, Gene Whetsell, Dr. Flowers, Evon Robinson, Steven Murdaugh in attendance.

Others present included: Ruth Mayer, Sean Thornton, Kevin Griffin, Tom Mann, Clarence Albright, Leroy Henderson, Mary Henderson, Isreal Hodges, Eleanor Hodges, Pete Anderson, Calvin Bailey, Becky Hill, James Rutledge, Roy Ziller, Horace Simmons

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

Appearances & Public Presentations

Completion of Palmetto 800 Radio Implementation, Marty Stallings, Colleton County Fire-Rescue.

Mr. Stallings thanked council for making the project feasible. Then gave an overview of how the implementation of the Palmetto 800 Radios was done. Explained how it worked very effectively during the snow/storm.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting March 4, 2014

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Awards & Recognitions

Proclamation "Week of the Young Child"

Mr. Taylor read the proclamation.

A motion to approve the proclamation was made by Dr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Briefing

Mr. Griffin said we had our kick off meeting with FEMA on the Winter Storm Damage about a week ago. We will have our 1st application meeting on April 10th. We have learned that our cleanup, the incidents that happened after the storm that we are currently working on debris management, initially I told council we are looking at a 75% payback from FEMA for those operations. We were informed if we get everything done within 90 days of the incident date that we will actually be able to take that up to 85%. All of that is going really well right now. We looked at possibly close this out by the end of next week, so that would certainly put us within that window. It will certainly lessen the impact on the county as far as that is concerned. With the initial response with all of our forces as well as ...inaudible... we are looking at roughly a 2 ½ million dollar impact overall in the county. Just on our county road operations and what we had to do in first response incidence as well, so if we get that extra 10% it certainly would be a big help. Later on in the packet you will see that we are officially submitting our application with a resolution from council to FEMA to do that. We do plan to address whatever impact that is to the budget within the FY14/15 budget year, which we will talk about further in our budget meeting. Speaking of budget meeting, I think all of you have been contacted. We will have our initial budget meeting on April 17th, which is a Thursday evening. We did just finish up the Revenues just this week. We are a little bit behind because of the storm, but I should be caught up pretty well by the end of the week. Revenues are fairly flat, they are not spectacular, but they are steady, they are pretty much where we thought they would be right now. Building permits have picked up. We have already run passed our goal in building permit fees, which is a good thing for the future. Also with a side note with that we got our un-employment figures and we were down to 6.8% this month, which is the lowest since 2006 that we have had in the county.

Also within the agenda, we got our Farm Market Kitchen bid in. There was a contractor that came in and we negotiated the price down to what you see in the packet. I will be glad to take any questions now or later on in the meeting if you have any questions about the detail there. Basically, what we did was when we created the bid we put all the equipment for the kitchen in just to see what we would get back on those prices. We know that we can get a vast majority of that equipment used at a greatly discounted price. The portions that did stay in, I think you will see was roughly \$46,000. Those are your hoods that are intact and set within the building as well as your sinks, which have to be set using specific plumbing heights and some other issues there. Everything outside of that as far as the equipment goes, Mr. Stieglitz , Fire Rescue, as well as Mr. Terry O'Quinn at Dukes Barbeque has volunteered his time, that is one thing they do is go to sales for their restaurant, he has volunteered his time and they are going to keep an eye out for anything we can find along those lines as well. If ya'll know of any other contacts, we will be glad to run them down. We have been looking at some other places that may have those equipments ready so we can greatly discount that.

We finished the Old Detention Center and Breland Building demo. We are just about to close that grant out completely. It's looking good.

We had a very successful State Humanities Conference at the museum. They had wonderful attendance. All their sessions were pretty much booked out and very happy to see that as well as the State Student Council Commission, which my daughter was a large part of and they came off. A very busy week, but I think Colleton County and Walterboro, showed very well for both of those instances.

Public Hearing

Ordinance 14-O-03, Providing For a Fee in Lieu of Tax Arrangement for Project Dent; Providing for The Allocation of Fees-In-Lieu of Taxes Payable Under the Agreement for Development for a Joint County Industrial Park with Hampton County; and Other Matters Relating Thereto.

No comments were made.

Old Business

2nd Reading Ordinance 14-O-04, To Further Amend The Agreement For Development Of A Joint County Industrial Park, By And Between Colleton County, South Carolina And Hampton County, South Carolina, Providing For The Development Of A Jointly Owned And Operated Industrial/Business Park, So As To Include Additional Property In Colleton County As Part Of The Joint County Industrial Park In Relation To Project Dent.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

1st Reading **BY TITLE ONLY** Ordinance 14-O-06, to Provide for the Levy of Taxes in Colleton County, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015; to Provide for All Other Appropriations Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto.

A motion to approve 1st reading was made by Dr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 14-R-30, to Declare April as Fair Housing Month.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 14-R-31, to Endorse the 2014 Community Development Block Grant, Community Enrichment Application for the Bama Road Drainage Project and Funds for the 10% Local Match for the Grant.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 14-R-32, to Award the Colleton Farm Market Commercial Kitchen Project in Accordance with Bid CC-13.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 14-R-33, to Sponsor an Aerospace Industry Summer Camp Program for Middle School Students.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 14-R-34, to Authorize the County Administrator, on Behalf of Colleton County, to Execute a Contract with SouthData, Inc. for Mailing Services.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 14-R-35, to Establish a Fleet Management Apprenticeship Program in Colleton County.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 14-R-36, to Formally Request Public Assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Costs Incurred by the County Related to Winter Storm Pax.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 14-R-37, To Authorize the Council Clerk to Advertise for Board Vacancy.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 14-R-28, to Appoint Members to Board Vacancies.

Mr. Murdaugh made a motion to approve Colleton County Library Board of Trustees: Elizabeth Johnston, Lowcountry Council of Governments: Tommy Mann by acclamation and Colleton County Land Use Zoning Board of Appeals: Tommy Mann by Ballot and was seconded by Dr. Flowers.

The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

No public comments were made.

Council Time

Mr. Murdaugh- I was amazed at how rapidly Fire Rescue responded when he had to call regarding the fire he had. They should be commended for that.

Evon Robinson- Very impressed with work done in this beautiful building. We are now sitting in a new complex which I know everyone is appreciative of this also, but I see the pictures have not been replaced and they are a historical part of this county. I would like to see those pictures restored. There is a lot of history in them.

Phillip Taylor- Wanted to recognize the great work that is going on in relation with Workforce Development. The Apprenticeship Program is on the cutting edge of what we have desired to happen and glad to see the county taking the 1st step in this. I think we will see more industry taking this same approach. Some of the strategies the Economic Development Team has been working on as well as this Summer Enrichment Program a partnership for young people to have the opportunity to participate with Boeing, I think that is an excellent opportunity. I believe we will see emerging industries follow suit with these types of strategies to create incentives to train our work force to be prepared for the jobs that are locating into the county.

Executive Session

- a) Real Estate
- b) Economic Development

Regular Session

Mr. Taylor said the items were discussed in executive session.

No further actions were taken.

The meeting was adjourned.

Date: _____

Phillip M. Taylor, Sr., Chairman

ATTEST:

Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council

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