

**MINUTES  
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019  
6:00 P.M.  
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD JAIL BUILDING**

Colleton County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 6:00 PM, at the County Council Chambers, Old Jail Building. Dr. Flowers called the meeting to order with Council Members Gene Whetsell, Steven Murdaugh, Art Williams, Phillip Taylor in attendance.

Others present included: Kevin Griffin, Sean Thornton, Ruth Mayer, Susan Keith, Jeff Ament, Vermelle Simmons, Iris Hill, Jane Darby, Eleanor Hodges, Isreal Hodges, Audrey Bailey, Angensln Grant (?), Ladson Fishburne, Jessie Gooding, Tom Whitacre, Roy Williams, Lori Bell Beard

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Regular Meeting March 5, 2019

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Flowers said he would like to amend the agenda for Executive Session to add Item 3. LCOG- Contractual Matter Walterboro Works and Item 4. Legal Briefing on cases in the community that may affect council.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve amending the agenda for the items and was seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Awards and Recognitions**

None

**Appearances & Public Presentations**

Vermelle Simmons – US Census Bureau

Ms. Simmons gave an overview of how important the Census Report is and how it effects the county's funding.

### **Administrator's Briefing**

Mr. Griffin said I know we put in a good many resources to try and help increase our county numbers with the upcoming Census and I think last year we (Council) designated Mr. Larry Lightsey to be a leader for the county's census efforts and we will be in contact with ya'll (Census Bureau) about designating or helping us designate those community leaders that we can put on that committee to help us get a better count. We are also working with the City and some other folks to do that. As Ms. Simmons said it is roughly \$1499/per person currently. If we are able to get additional people with the current Census verses the last Census it would be additional funds for the county.

At our last meeting we had a visit from a Beaufort County Council member regarding the Lowcountry Region Wide Cleanup on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. We have spoken with the City and they are also going to sign on to the event. Right now we have a little over 150 City and County employees and still counting that have signed up for the April 22<sup>nd</sup> event. We are going to stage at seventeen different locations around the county. From County Staff standpoint we are going to have one shift of County Staff in the morning and another in the afternoon. We are going to try to switch those shifts off and have each of those come through the Colleton County Museum/Farmer's Market, which is kinda going to be our home base and have lunch for those that are participating. I have already had a couple of Council members who have volunteered to provide some food and do some cooking. Also Mr. Fishburne is here from Keep Colleton Beautiful and I would like to give him a chance to give an update from the community side.

Mr. Fishburne- Keep Colleton Beautiful, said we have a real solid foundation right now. Over 150 volunteers, potentially out on the streets picking up litter. We have over 10 sponsors who are donating or giving us space to host the volunteers. They are donating water, supplies, bags and some funds for food. In case someone cannot make it to the museum we will be able ...inaudible... We have less than 20 days left before the event so this is the final push and we just need everyone's support. Please come out and volunteer.

Mr. Griffin said he also wanted to remind council on the April 26-27 we have the Rice Festival coming up. That Friday afternoon, we generally close County Offices in order to provide parking in this complex and other areas and we will be doing that as well. The Rice Festival Committee has asked to use the adjacent parking lot for vendors and other things, so there will be a number of things going on right here around the county complex.

Mr. Griffin said he also wanted to point out something that we don't use very often in the procurement standards, which is item "I" Resolution 19-R-31, which is a cooperative purchasing agreement. This is a section in our code that allows us to piggyback on to other local governments or state governments, contracts in the case that provides a benefit to the county or gets us the best price. We were in the market and had actually talked to the vendor about getting a new frontend loader garbage truck. They called us

back and the North Carolina Sheriff's Association had ordered a garbage truck, how they got involved I'm not exactly sure and cancelled their order. The lead times on these items are generally anywhere from 12-18 months. They provided us the North Carolina State Contract information and allowed us to piggyback off of their purchasing ordinance. The only other time I recall we used that was using on our GIS Data with Kucera Inc. where we partnered with the Pee Dee Regional COG to do our aerial flights and parcel data. I know that is something different and you don't see very often and wanted to point it out. If you have any questions I will be glad to answer them.

No questions were asked

## **Public Hearing**

None

## **Old Business**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 19-O-01, Authorizing the Acceptance of the Transfer of Authority for Conducting Municipal Elections in the Town of Smoaks and the Town of Williams to the Colleton County Voter Registration and Election Commission; to Define the Powers, Duties and Responsibilities Assumed by the Colleton County Voter Registration and Election Commission for the Conduct of Municipal Elections in the Town of Smoaks and the Town of Williams; to Provide for Reimbursement of all Costs and Expenses Incurred by the Colleton County Voter Registration and Election Commission in the Conduct of Such Municipal Elections; and to Provide for Other Matters Relating Thereto

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 19-R-21, To Award the Contract for Aggregate Hauling on Behalf of the CTC

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

The motion carried unanimously.

## **New Business**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading By Title Only Ordinance 19-O-02, To Provide for the Levy of Taxes in Colleton County, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; to Provide for All Other Appropriations Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto

A motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 19-R-24, To Declare April as Fair Housing Month

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 19-R-25, To Approve a Policy of Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Disability Status and to Designate an ADA Coordinator

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 19-R-26, To Authorize an Additional Five-Year Sole Source Purchase Arrangement Between Colleton County Fire-Rescue Commission and Globe Turnout Gear

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 19-R-27, To Authorize an Additional Five-Year Sole Source Purchase Arrangement Between Colleton County Fire-Rescue Commission and Stryker/Physio-Control for Cardiac Monitors/Defibrillators, AEDs, Chest Compression Devices and Related Equipment for a Period Not to Exceed Five Years

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 19-R-28, To Approve Purchase of a Kenworth Truck with a Roll-off Hoist as Included in the 2018-2019 Lease Purchase

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 19-R-29, To Accept the Grant for the Colleton County Summer Feeding Program for 2019

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 19-R-30, To Declare February as Black History Month in Colleton County

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 19-R-31, To Authorize the County to Enter into a Cooperative Purchasing Arrangement in Accordance with Section 3.08.195 of the County's Purchasing Ordinance for the Purchase of a Peterbuilt Front End Loader Garbage Truck

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 19-R-32, To Appoint Member to Board Vacancies

A motion to approve (the resolution) Jacqueline Harvey-Brown to Keep Colleton Beautiful by acclimation was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 19-R-33, 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. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Items for Information and Public Record**

None

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

No Comments

**Council Time**

No Comments

**Executive Session**

- a) Economic Development
  - 1. Project Gem
  - 2. Project Capital
  - 3. Contractual - LCOG Workforce Development
  - 4. Legal Briefing- Prospective cases in county

**Regular Session**

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

No further actions were taken.

The meeting was adjourned.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Joseph F. Flowers, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council

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