

**MINUTES  
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2012  
6:00 P.M.  
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD JAIL BUILDING**

Colleton County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 6:00 PM, at County Council Chambers, Old Jail Building. Evon Robinson called the meeting to order with Council Members Dr. Flowers, Gene Whetsell, Phillip Taylor, Steven Murdaugh in attendance.

Others present included: Ruth Mayer, Karla Daddieco, Sean Thornton, Kevin Griffin, Mary Harris, Eleanor Hodges, Isreal Hodges, Tommy Mann, Pete Anderson, Iris Hill, Jimmy Syfrett, Mark Walling, John Seigler, Jodi Crosby, Chryse Jackson, S.G. Drew

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

**Changes to the Agenda**

None

**Appearances & Public Presentations**

Lowcountry Leadership Charter School- Jodi Crosby & Chryse Jackson

Chryse Jackson said they were currently in the application process in trying to start up a charter school. She explained in detail what a charter school was and how they work. She then asked to obtain a letter of support from council.

No actions were taken by council at this time.

**Approval of Minutes**

Regular Meeting March 6, 2012

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

The motion carried unanimously.

**Awards and Recognition's**

None

**Administrative Briefing**

Mr. Griffin said we have been fairly deep in our budget planning and our Finance Directors got the 1<sup>st</sup> draft done. We are a little late getting into that this year cause following what is happening at the State Legislative level and I know all of you are aware of that. We will be moving that forward with 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the budget in the May

meeting. I asked council to move forward with purchase of new ortho photography for the Tax Assessor's Office. That flight has already been completed and is in the can and we should have that hopefully by the end of June. It will be a large help to us in updating our information as well as in the current re-assessment process.

The Ball Park is still moving along very well. Everything is out of the ground as far as concession and scoring tower. We had a pre-season tournament on Saturday. It went very well. We had over 500 kids out there. I believe they awarded 7 different trophies. We had a good turnout and it went extremely well and looking forward to a good ball season.

Monday a week ago Senator Brad Hutto came down and visited with county folks the entire day. I think I know where the council folks got a chance to meet with him while he was here. I was very interested as you know in the current re-districting plan he will be a new Senator for Colleton County and he asked me to bring a message to the council that he is very much in support of fully funding the Local Government fund and is going to do what they can on their side of the isle to make that happen.

Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM will be the ribbon cutting and grand opening of the new Colleton County Farmer's Market and will get you some more information on that. Senator Pinckney has already committed and a number of our other Legislative Delegation as well.

The Rice Festival annually is here at the end of the month April 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. If any of the council members would like to ride in the parade, please contact us and we will be glad to make accommodations for your transportation.

### **Public Hearing**

None

### **Old Business**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 12-O-02, to Amend Chapter 2.28 - Boards, Committees, and Commissions Generally, Section 2.28.020 – Requirements, Duties and Responsibilities for all County-Appointed Boards and Commissions, by Repealing in its Entirety Paragraph H.

Mr. Murdaugh moved to table this and the next ordinance until we have time for a legal briefing in executive session and was seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 12-O-03, to Amend Chapter 2.32 – Board of Disabilities and Special Needs to Decrease the Number of Members From Nine to Seven.

## **New Business**

Resolution 12-R-39, To Approve Various Mutual Aid Agreements Between the Colleton County Sheriff's Office and Surrounding Jurisdictions.

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

Mr. Murdaugh said there is a lot of agreement in this resolution. I'm assuming that when we adopt these that all of the other counties and municipalities will also adopt them, but can we get some follow-up that all of the various counties and municipalities agree.

Mr. Griffin said his understanding is this is primarily for a joint training exercise. That each have to do it to participate within the exercise that is setup by the State Law Enforcement and each has to agree to the similar agreement to be able to participate, but we can get you more information from the Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Murdaugh said they obviously have a place to execute the agreement and we have already executed on our side. I just wanted to make sure that if for some reason one does not execute that it is brought to our attention.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-40, To Declare Saturday, May 12th, as Stewardship Day 2012 for the Edisto River Basin.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-41, To Declare April as Fair Housing Month.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-42, 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. Murdaugh and seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-43, To Congratulate Lowcountry Community Action Agency for Thirty-Eight Years of Service to the Colleton County and Hampton County Communities and to Pledge Support for Its Continued Efforts on Behalf of Our County Residents.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-44, To Authorize Renewal of the Lease Agreement By and Between Colleton County and Old St. Bartholomew Chapter for Genealogical Research for a Portion of the Building at 609 Black Street in Walterboro.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-45, To Award the Contract for Repair/Replacement of Electronics Package (Security System) at the Colleton County Detention Center to L & S Electronics, Inc.

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

Mr. Murdaugh said just an observation that the completion date is blank and didn't know whether that was because we had not approved it and it was altered by our approval date, but is there a time frame that we know of.

Mr. Griffin said 45 days. They are ready to go. They're just waiting on us.

Mr. Robinson said where is this company from?

Mr. Griffin said a number of places, but this is in Charleston. The current equipment they are doing an upgrade and was a cost savings there if we used some of the existing equipment and then just updated the actual electronics.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-36, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to table the resolution until we have a legal briefing in executive session and was seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

## **Items of Information & The Public Record**

None

## **Public Comments**

John Seigler-Spoke about Mr. Carl Headden. Asked council to have some formal recognition honoring Mr. Headden and suggested placing a memorial chair in council chambers and a certificate recognizing the many years of active participation with the council.

## **Council Time**

Dr. Flowers said Mr. Headden was a faithful attendant to our meetings and always express himself. I certainly don't have any problems looking into how we would recognize him. I would like to ask the administrator to look into how we can proceed with doing something like this. I have no problem with it.

Mr. Robinson said he concurred with your statement, we all know Mr. Headden was always here and as the gentleman said whether you liked what he said or didn't like it, he expressed himself. I think that is one thing that we have in this country we can have freedom of speech and say what we want to say. Might not like it, but you can still say it and Mr. Headden certainly did that. I concur with my colleague that some form of recognition would be proper and asked the administrator to look into it.

## **Executive Session**

- a) Legal
- b) Contractual
- c) Economic Development

## **Regular Session**

Mr. Robinson said all items were discussed in executive session.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 12-O-02, to Amend Chapter 2.28 - Boards, Committees, and Commissions Generally, Section 2.28.020 – Requirements, Duties and Responsibilities for all County-Appointed Boards and Commissions, by Repealing in its Entirety Paragraph H and was seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 12-O-03, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 12-O-03, to Amend Chapter 2.32 – Board of Disabilities and Special Needs to Decrease the Number of Members From Nine to Seven and was seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Flowers said we have the board vacancies on Resolution 12-R-36. There are two vacancies on the Colleton County Commission of Alcohol & Drug Abuse and two people

have applied (Nancy W. Breland, Roman Cunningham) I make a motion to approve them by acclimation and Mr. Murdaugh seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Flowers said since Nancy Breland was put on the Alcohol & Drug Commission, she needs to be removed as an applicant for Keep Colleton Beautiful and the Board of Disabilities & Special needs.

Mr. Murdaugh made a motion to appoint Deborah McMillen to the Keep Colleton Beautiful Commission, appoint Dewey Griggs, John D. Bryan, Joan McLauren to the Disabilities & Special Needs Board, appoint Franklin M. (Matt) Avant to the Recreation Commission by Acclimation and was seconded by Dr. Flowers.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ballots were given to council members for the Land Use Zoning Board of Appeals and the results were Philip Rizer and Grahame Holmes were appointed 3-0 with Councilman Murdaugh and Councilman Flowers not voting do to conflicts.

Mr. Murdaugh made a motion to adopt Resolution 12-R-47, To Authorize a Fund Balance Appropriation from Fund 100 – General Fund for Economic Development Projects and was seconded by Dr. Flowers.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ordinance 12-O-06, Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-in-Lieu of Taxes Agreement Between Colleton County, South Carolina, and Project Frankfurt; and Other Matters Relating Thereto Including, Without Limitation, Payment of a Fee-in-Lieu of Taxes and was seconded by Dr. Flowers.

The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Flowers made a motion to approve Resolution 12-R-46, To Authorize the Purchase of an Additional Ambulance from Select Custom Apparatus, a Wheeled Coach Dealer and was seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Flowers made a motion that Colleton County joins the Southern Carolina Alliance so we can have a better Economic Development apparatus in place and was seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Whetsell asked if they were going to consider anything on the Charter School.

Mr. Murdaugh said I'm not exactly sure what they are asking us to do other than do a letter of support.

The meeting was adjourned

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

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Evon Robinson, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council

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