

**MINUTES
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2012
6:00 P.M.
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD JAIL BUILDING**

Colleton County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at 6:00 PM, at County Council Chambers, Old Jail Building. Evon Robinson called the meeting to order with Council Members, Gene Whetsell, Dr. Flowers, Steven Murdaugh, Phillip Taylor in attendance.

Others present included: Ruth Mayer, Karla Daddieco, Sean Thornton, Kevin Griffin, Mary Harris, Iris Hill, Jane Darby, Criss Soard, Billy O'Neal, Annie Soucha, Tom Leitzel, Bill Bootle, Gary Brightwell

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

Changes to the Agenda

Mr. Taylor made a motion to add Ms. Kay Maxwell from the Southern Carolina Alliance to Appearances & Public Presentations and was seconded by Dr. Flowers.

The motion carried unanimously.

Appearances & Public Presentations

Jodi Crosby- Lowcountry Leadership Charter School

Ms. Crosby gave an update on Lowcountry Leadership Charter School. They have received approval from the SC State department of Education and the SC Public Charter School District. November 15- December 15 will be open application period.

TCL Update- Tom Leitzel and Billy O'Neal

Mr. Leitzel explained all the progress they had made during the year and are fully operational with classes meeting now and other classes to follow. The State Chamber of Commerce has made a legislative priority to embark upon MSSE Certification, which is for manufacturing oriented businesses to gain certification and skills training processes. This would be a direction they would want to move forward in.

Kay Maxwell – Southern Carolina Alliance

Ms. Maxwell welcomed Colleton County to the Southern Carolina Alliance and introduced Morgan Rewis, marketing associate who will be working with her in marketing. Southern Carolina Alliance received a 1.25 million dollar USDA EDA Grant for Advanced Manufacturing Skills Academy. The grant is actually for \$650,000, the

other part is the match that SCA is going to match. This will be to provide some advanced welding training, which is beyond the Technical School level and is outlined in the marketing report given to council members. If you would like for us to come to the next meeting and give an overview, we will be glad to do that. We will be partnering with the SC Manufacturing Extension Partnership. We will be contracting with them to provide services. There are opportunities to work with our technical colleges in our region. There are actually two that represent our region; Denmark Technical College and Technical College of the Lowcountry. Our president Danny Black has a meeting scheduled with Mr. Leitzel.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting June 25, 2012

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

The motion carried unanimously

Awards and Recognition's

Mr. Robinson said when he walked in he saw the cup that we just recently won at the SCAC meeting that was held just a few days ago and once again I got excited just to see the cup. As I reflect on the cup, I thought about competition. Competition is great and is something that we all do in all matters of our life. When I look at a county of this size competing with larger counties across the state of South Carolina and we come out number 1; that says something about us and about the staff we have, about the administration, about the council members we have, and what we are trying to do for Colleton County. We are just elated to have received the award. It is based on the leadership we have in our administrator and the council members together and I think it is a great achievement for Colleton County.

Mr. Whetsell said he would like some words of appreciation for Kevin and Karla and everybody that had a part of it; Ms. Brightwell. It was a team organization in this thing that made it happen. It wasn't just one man, but Kevin was the man that put it together and he did a remarkable job. He had ten minutes to talk and I think he talked nine minutes and fifty-eight seconds. He did a great job and we should be proud of him.

Dr. Flowers said he would like to echo the same. Congratulate him on a great presentation that was not read. He came from the cuff. He did a great job with the presentation. I would also like to thank everybody involved with it. All of you did a great job. It showed that with a lot of hard work, dedication, cooperation and coordination a small county can do big things. We are very proud and happy to receive this award and I think it was certainly well deserved. A national award was received for the same thing. It shows not only State but also National recognition, which is great for this county.

Mr. Taylor said he concurred.

Mr. Murdaugh said unfortunately I was unable to be there, but I want to echo the same things. Just reading about it; the significance of it and my understanding is this is the first time a county our size has ever won the award, which is a significant achievement. Certainly a lot of hard work I am sure by many folks that went into this. Sometime we sit here and take the glory, but we really don't have much to do with it and we really want to thank everybody that really made this happen. Again, congratulations to all of you.

Administrative Briefing

Mr. Griffin said thank you for all the kind comments on the J Mitchell Graham award. It is real easy to make a presentation when you got good material and it comes from the heart. I would like recognize Ms. Brightwell & Mr. Clark who are here. They are the ones ..inaudible... Ms. Brightwell and Ms. Daddieco pretty much designed the thing on the fly. The thing that really stood out to the judges and the comments we got the whole time we were there is how the project completely exceeded our expectations. We went from 5-10 folks that are vendors in our Farmer's Market. We are well over 40 vendors now. Just in the short time it has been opened a little over seven months we have had over 100 outside events. SC Department of Commerce, the Donnelly Foundation, we have had numerous weddings, reunions, and continue to have those things and then the momentum we have already rolled over into with the Community Kitchen Program. Got a lot of good comments this week from the other administrators and our piers and I was real quick to tell them we are doing tours for \$75 an hour. (Chuckle)

Mr. Griffin said we have been working on a permit to do some clearing and day lighting at exit 62 for the park. Actually they have been working on it for a year and a half now and have finally gotten the clearance. Finally got the permit in hand Friday afternoon and we began work 8:00 Monday morning. If you get a chance go by and look. They have already done one quarter of the diamond interchange there; some clearing. It's really starting to look good. It's coming at a good time because we've got some fine folks that are going to be looking at the park in the next few months.

Mr. Griffin said he wanted to give a quick update from our CTC Commission. We had a significant meeting here last Thursday night. We've got a number of different projects we have been working on with them. Primarily we have had some questions; Thunderbolt Road is now in the Federal Road Program for 2012/2013, that is the spine road through the park. We've also got the Recreation Roads that have been approved through the CTC as well as the road into the New Colleton Venture Park, which was formally NY Wire. Along with that Purple Heart Drive next to Floralife had significant issues; that is their primary road for getting their product in and out of the facility. CTC was kind enough to work with us to help our local businesses, one of our local industries, getting that improved. That has been approved. Also, on the State Paving List we have submitted a suggested list of roads with the State Paving. Every year the CTC has to spend 25% of their dollars on State Roads; resurfacing/rehabbing. I am going to go down the list of those roads that were approved: Fairview Road, Shamrock Road, Camellia Road, Eckert Road, Salley Road, James, Mystic Lane, Ridgecrest, Honey Suckle, Churchill Road, Wintergreen Road, Teakwood Road, and White Sands Road. This is a significant assistance to us if we got folks bringing them into the

community. We are taking them around, showing them the community, showing the residential neighborhoods for them to look good and have the roads in good shape. If you got pot holes and things everywhere it says a lot about the community, but if you got them good and clean and those things they are doing, so that is a great assistance to us and I am glad the CTC has been able to work with us to get those thing moving along.

Mr. Griffin said one other item. A joint project between Public Works and CTC, well two items both regarding Edisto first, they also in an earlier meeting dedicated a significant amount of money to improving the drainage and doing some sidewalk work down at Edisto. Mr. Bill Washington has worked with the CTC to get a little money and we have improved Live Oak Road at Live Oak Landing, which is a rock road that comes off of Palmetto all the way down to the landing; we got some calls that had some real significant issues and we were able to crown that, also get the limbs cut out that were hitting the boating vessels going up and down the road. That has been approved and that work has been completed.

Mr. Griffin said another item from the CTC meeting; there was a ...inaudible... issue and intersection improvements were approved for Hwy. 17-A and Robertson Blvd.; this is going out towards Cottageville. It had number of significant incidents there and that has also been put in the State Program for improvement.

Mr. Griffin said I wanted to remind the community and the council that August 28th, that would be a Tuesday evening the Southern Carolina Alliance will be meeting here in Walterboro at the Dogwood Hills Country Club. Social time will start at 5:30 and the meeting will start at 6:00. ...inaudible... with PRTC and the ...inaudible... application has now been submitted to USDA. We are told that is a 30-60 day process prior to us hearing back. ...inaudible... get everything complete and approved so we can move forward with that. We will next month be starting the design process. Everything is still going well with the Ball Park.

Public Hearing

Ordinance 12-O-07, To Amend Chapter 8 – Administration, Section 8.3 Permits, Paragraph 8.3.2 (B) of the Colleton County Zoning Ordinance in Order to Promote Compliance With Development Requirements.

No comments were made.

To Solicit Public Input on Community Needs & Priorities for Housing, Public Facilities and Economic Development in the County Under CDBG Program.

Michelle Knight Explained The Program and Council Revised their Priority List.

No Public Comments were made.

Old Business

3rd Reading Ordinance 12-O-07, To Amend Chapter 8 – Administration, Section 8.3 Permits, Paragraph 8.3.2 (B) of the Colleton County Zoning Ordinance in Order to Promote Compliance With Development Requirements.

A motion to approve 3rd reading was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Dr. Flowers.

The motion carried unanimously.

2nd Reading Ordinance 12-O-08, Granting an Easement to South Carolina Electric and Gas Across a Portion of the Railroad Right of Way Owned Jointly By the City of Walterboro and Colleton County adjacent to Rivers Street in Walterboro, SC; Such Easement to be Used to Construct, Improve and Maintain a Part of the Electric Utility Distribution Network within the City of Walterboro and Colleton County, SC ; to Authorize Execution and Recording of the Easement Document; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Resolution 12-R-70, To Approve Renewal of Various Service Contracts for the Sheriff's Office.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-71, To Approve Purchase of a 2013 Wheeled Coach Ambulance.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-72, To Approve an Automatic Aid Agreement Between Colleton County Fire-Rescue and St. Paul's Fire District.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-73, To Authorize the Purchase of a Two Acre Parcel of Land (Portion of TMS 068-00-00-003) on Augusta Hwy, East of the Intersection of Huckleberry Hill Lane, for Use as a Site for a Fire Station.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-74, To Authorize the Purchase of a Two+ Acre Parcel of Land (Portion of TMS 120-00-00-008) on Peirce Road, Just North of Red Oak Road, for Use as a Site for a Fire Station.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-75, To Authorize the Purchase of Various Ambulance Equipment from Physio Control.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-76, To Approve the Use of the County Parking Lot for Colleton Medical Center's Heart Walk.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-78, To Declare Surplus Various IT Equipment and To Authorize Its Sale in Accordance with County Policy.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-79, To Designate Rudco Products Inc as a Sole Source Vendor for the Purchase of Four 35-Yard Compactors in the Amount of \$80,046 Plus Tax.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-80, To Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Grants and Non-Budgeted Revenues Received for FY2012-2013.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-81, To Authorize the Purchase of One 2013 Ford F-450 Service Truck From Walterboro Motor Sales.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-82, To Authorize an Appropriation from E-911 (Fund 141) Fund Balance and to Approve Purchase of Seven Motorola Narrow-Banding Radio Consoles.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-83, To Approve the Disposal/Sale of Waste Metal.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-84, To Declare Surplus Various Vehicles and to Authorize Their Sale in Accordance with County Policy.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-85, To Approve Purchase of One 2013 Navistar 7600 Roll-Off Truck for the Solid Waste Department.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-86, To Approve Sale/Donation of Obsolete Air Packs (SCBA's).

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-87, To Award the Contract for Construction of Three Fire Stations.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-88, To Amend the Current Ackerman Landscape and Irrigation, Inc. Contract to Include Landscape Services at Fire-Rescue Facilities.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-89, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies.

Mr. Murdaugh made a motion to Approved the following by acclimation and was seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

Colleton County Commission of Alcohol & Drug Abuse: Henry L. Pinckney, Laurie Harvey, Carol J. Marshall, Dullie Wright.

Colleton County Board of Assessment Appeals: Gary S. Stroble

Edisto River Canoe & Kayak Trail Committee: Linda Kelly Chamber of Commerce Representative

The motion carried unanimously.

The remaining boards were elected by Ballot

Colleton County Planning Commission: Deborah B. Kane, Buccie Harley, Brett S.Hughes, Benjamin S. Cook

Colleton County Resource & Development Board: Jennifer Bratsafolis & Henry D. (Hank) Amundson

Colleton County Board of Disabilities & Special Needs: Linda S. Ingram, Jesse C. Branham, Jr.

1st Reading Ordinance 12-O-09, To Authorize the Rezoning of a 0.342 Acre Parcel in Green Pond, Identified as a Portion of TMS 292-00-00-034, from Rural Conservation-2 (RC-2) to Rural Conservation-1 (RC-1).

A motion to approve 1st Reading was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

1st Reading Ordinance 12-O-10, To Amend the Colleton County Code of Laws by Repealing Various Chapters/Sections.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Items of Information & The Public Record

None

Public Comments

Annie Soucha-Wanted to talk about her taxes and the roads.

Council Time

Mr. Taylor said he was please to see Dr. Flowers was recognized as the 2011 conservationist of the year, so everyone needs to give him a handclap.

Mr. Murdaugh said a couple of times being on council I suspected he was conservative, but this is proof.

Mr. Whetsell said he wanted Mr. Griffin to update council on Mt. Carmel Hwy. We have a lady that is in the attendance that had written..Ms. Soard. Maybe you can bring us up to date.

Mr. Griffin actually Mr. Slaytor has been working on that very diligently. Actually, they have come in and addressed a number of electrical issues, ...inaudible... there is also a citation that has an issue on the property. There is a court date set, which has not been held yet. If you are not aware of that court date and would like to be available, if you work with Mr. Slaytor he could certainly make you aware of that date as well. One of the items that we had title reading on tonight applies directly to those types of properties.

Executive Session

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

Regular Session

Mr. Robinson said all items were discussed in executive session

Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept FM37-081412 Item A, B, C & D and was seconded by Dr. Flowers.

The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Flowers made a motion to approve the Administrator’s Contract as written and was seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Whetsell said he wanted to ask Mr. Griffin about the little church project out there behind Herndon’s

Mr. Griffin said it was on Bill’s list. Whether it got to it I don’t know. They have been super busy with all this rain.

Mr. Whetsell said well I asked Rev. Taylor just now and he said it had not been.

Mr. Griffin said he would check in the morning.

The meeting was adjourned

Date: _____

Evon Robinson, Chairman

ATTEST:

Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council

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