

**MINUTES  
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2015  
6:00 P.M.  
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD JAIL BUILDING**

Colleton County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at 6:00 PM, at the County Council Chambers, Old Jail Building. Steven Murdaugh called the meeting to order with Council Members, Gene Whetsell, Dr. Flowers, Evon Robinson (arrived 6:05PM), Phillip Taylor in attendance.

Others present included: Kevin Griffin, Ruth Mayer, Sean Thornton, Joseph Hamilton, Alan Linkous, Sam Howell, Donna Lamb, Susan Johnson, Carl Coffin, Danny Hieronymus, Buddy Hill, Catherine Braxton, Libbie Green, Ronnie Osgood, Ian Padgett

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

**Appearances & Public Presentations**

Promise Zone Presentation given by Southern Carolina Alliance

No presentation was given

**Approval of Minutes**

Regular Meeting June 2, 2015

Special Meeting June 19, 2015

Special Meeting June 24, 2015

Special Meeting July 21, 2015

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

The motion carried unanimously

**Awards & Recognitions**

Colleton County Council Proclamation – Proclaiming the Week of July 27 – August 2, 2015 as Gullah-Geechee Nation Appreciation Week

Mr. Murdaugh read the Proclamation into the record and presented it to Queen Quet, Chieftess of the Gullah-Geechee Nation.

A motion to approve the Proclamation was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Administrator's Briefing**

Mr. Griffin said we will be having a reception at the Farmer's Market following the meeting tonight honoring the Gullah-Geechee Nation Appreciation Week.

Following up on the Promise Zone, on July 15<sup>th</sup> there was a rather extensive community meeting on the Promise Zone at USC Salkehatchie.

On August 20<sup>th</sup> we will have the Colleton County Chamber of Commerce will be having their Business After Hours at the Dogwood Hills Course facility starting at 5:30PM and we will have the ceremonial first tee and a small program and then move into the After Hours.

Mr. Murdaugh asked Mr. Griffin who someone might contact if they had questions regarding the Promise Zone.

Mr. Griffin said it would be best to point them to his office and speak to myself or Meagan and then we will forward them on. Actually the Southern Alliance is the lead agency that is handling the Promise Zone, but if it is something relating to Colleton County we would be glad to funnel it up to them.

**Public Hearing**

Ordinance 15-O-07, Granting Easement No. 893051 to South Carolina Electric and Gas Across a Portion of Property Owned by Colleton County Located along Robertson Boulevard between North Jefferies Boulevard and Colleton Loop in or near the City of Walterboro, County Colleton, SC; Such Easement is to be Used for the Installation, Operation and Maintenance of Electrical and Gas Facilities within Colleton County, SC; to Authorize Execution and Recording of the Easement Documents; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

No comments were made.

Ordinance 15-O-08, To Enact Regulations Regarding Smoking in Public Places in order to Protect the Public Against the Harmful Effects of Secondhand Smoke.

No comments were made.

Ordinance 15-O-09, Granting a Lease to Willtown Tavern, LLC and to Authorize the County Administrator to Negotiate, Finalize, Execute and Record a Lease Document for Willtown Tavern, LLC; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

No comments were made.

**Old Business**

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Ordinance 15-O-07, Granting Easement No. 893051 to South Carolina Electric and Gas Across a Portion of Property Owned by Colleton County Located along Robertson Boulevard between North Jefferies Boulevard and Colleton Loop in or near the City of Walterboro, County Colleton, SC; Such Easement is to be Used for the Installation, Operation and Maintenance of Electrical and Gas Facilities within Colleton County, SC; to Authorize Execution and Recording of the Easement Documents; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

A motion to approve 3<sup>rd</sup> reading was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Ordinance 15-O-08, To Enact Regulations Regarding Smoking in Public Places in order to Protect the Public Against the Harmful Effects of Secondhand Smoke.

A motion to approve 3<sup>rd</sup> reading was made by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously.

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading 15-O-09, Granting a Lease to Willtown Tavern, LLC and to Authorize the County Administrator to Negotiate, Finalize, Execute and Record a Lease Document for Willtown Tavern, LLC; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ordinance 15-O-11, To Ratify FY15 Grant And Budget Resolutions And Related Appropriations For All Funds; To Ratify Transfer And Other Resolutions Previously Authorized By Council; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 15-R-70, To Authorize Execution of a Hangar Lease Agreement by and Between Colleton County and the Walterboro-Colleton County Airport Commission.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 15-R-71, To Authorize Renewal of an Agreement Between Colleton County and the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice for the Housing/Detention of Juveniles.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 15-R-72, To Authorize the Budgeting of Funds for Various Grants Received for FY 2015-2016.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 15-R-73, To Authorize Execution of an Agreement Between Colleton County on Behalf of The Colleton County Sheriff's Office and Alcohol & Drug Abuse for the Provision of Services for the Alcohol Enforcement Team (AET).

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 15-R-74, To Award the Contract for Architectural and Engineering Services for the Airport Terminal Renovation Project to Watson Tate Savory Architects, Inc.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 15-R-75, To Award the Contract for Architectural and Engineering Services for the Harrelson Building Customer Service Center Project to Mead and Hunt, Inc.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 15-R-76, To Award the Contract for Architectural and Engineering Services for the Colleton County Solid Waste Transfer Station Project to Alliance Consulting Engineers, Inc.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 15-R-77, To Award the Contract for LPA Design Engineer for Various Transportation and Enhancement Projects.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 15-R-78, To Award the Contract for HVAC Maintenance and Repairs for Colleton County to Commercial & Residential H & A, LLC.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 15-R-79, To Approve a Mutual Aid Agreement Between the Colleton County Sheriff's Office and the Beaufort County Detention Center.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 15-R-80, To Authorize a Fund Balance Appropriation from Fund 142 - Infrastructure/Industrial Development Fund for Direct Assistance to CCEDC, One, Inc. for Economic Development Projects.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 15-R-81, To Approve the Facility Operation Agreement between Colleton County and the Colleton Center for the Operation of the Hampton Street Auditorium.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 15-R-82, To Approve Renewal of Service Contracts for the Sheriff's Office.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 15-R-83, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies.

A motion to approve the following by acclimation was made by Dr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

Colleton County Board of Disabilities: Patti Lohr  
Colleton County Commission of Alcohol & Drug Abuse: Dolphus Pinckney, Roman Cunningham & Vera Bodison

The motion carried unanimously.

The following were appointed by Ballot:

Colleton County Recreation Commission: Matthew Hooker & Benjamin Kennedy

#### **Items for Information and Public Record**

None

#### **Public Comments**

None

#### **Council Time**

Mr. Taylor said he had gotten a note from Mr. Phillip Slaytor, county planner as well as Mr. Jared Fralix, they are working on some neighborhood projects and they want to engage the community in this effort, so on August 3<sup>rd</sup> there is going to be a community neighborhood meeting and it says Colleton County seeking public input regarding improvements of the Green Park, Pine Hill, and Sunny Dell Neighborhoods. All the local neighborhood residence are encouraged to attend. The meeting place is Black Street Early Childhood Center cafeteria and that is 256 Smith Street in Walterboro. The time is 5:30 – 8:30 PM, the date is Monday, August the 3<sup>rd</sup>, if people have questions about this meeting they can contact Mr. Phillip Slaytor at 549-1709.

Mr. Murdaugh said that is the same night I know a lot of folks are scheduled to be at the conference at Hilton Head.

Mr. Robinson said in our last meeting we discussed something about the possibility of doing something to commemorate the late Senator Pinckney. I did not attend our last meeting and I was wondering whether it was discussed ...inaudible... we were going to get the sub-committee together or something to discuss.

Mr. Murdaugh said the last meeting was only a special meeting and we didn't get into that, but we do need to appoint one of our committees to take the lead in that so that we can plan it. I don't have the committee appointments with me this evening, but what I will do is contact the individual members to the appropriate committee and of course if anybody wants to volunteer, we will appoint it to the committee. We have standing committees that we rarely use and this might be an opportunity for us to appoint it to the appropriate committee unless

Mr. Robinson said okay, he would like to be a part of that.

Mr. Murdaugh said okay.

Mr. Whetsell said Mr. Murdaugh didn't you last time name who was on that committee?

Mr. Murdaugh said I think we talked about names we thought was on the committee, but I want it verified.

Mr. Whetsell said you called the committee and the names were named at that time.

Mr. Murdaugh said he didn't remember.

Mr. Robinson said I think Mr. Whetsell is right and I volunteered at that time.

Mr. Murdaugh said it doesn't have to be that committee we can form a special committee and I don't have a problem with that. Councilman Robinson if you would like to head that up, I would suggest you have at least three members on it.

Mr. Robinson said okay he would contact him and see who he would want to recommend from the standing committee to work with these people to come back with something for council.

### **Executive Session**

- a) Economic Development
  - 1) Project Global
  - 2) Project Lion King
  - 3) Project Cricket
  - 4) Project GP
  - 5) Project Shellfish
- a) Contractual
  - 1) Property Insurance
  - 2) CPST- Bank of New York – REPO Trust Agreement

b) Legal Brief – Pending Litigation and FOIA

**Regular Session**

Mr. Murdaugh said we discussed numerous items in executive session.

**Old Business**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 15-O-10, To Provide For The Issuance And Sale Of Not Exceeding \$\_\_\_\_\_ Taxable General Obligation Bonds Of Colleton County, South Carolina; To Prescribe The Purposes For Which The Proceeds Shall Be Expended, Including The Refunding Of Special Source Revenue Bonds Of The County; To Provide For The Payment Thereof; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

A motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading was made by Dr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

No further actions were taken.

The meeting was adjourned.

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

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Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council

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