

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

Colleton County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 6, 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 (arrived 6:15PM) in attendance.

Others present included: Ruth Mayer, Karla Daddieco, Sean Thornton, Kevin Griffin, Mary Harris, Eleanor Hodges, Isreal Hodges, Tommy Mann, Becky Morehead, Janet Ganiene, Steve Ganiene, John Seigler, Charles Roberts, Keith Crosby, Ted Standfield, Pam Sheaf, Kathy Heckler, Sirena Memminger, Alick Jackson, Lillie Mae Bryant, Karen V. Boyd

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

Changes to the Agenda

Mr. Taylor made a motion to add Resolution 12-R-38 To Award the Contract for Interior and Exterior Door Painting at the Library to the Low Bidder, SAS Painting and Design and Resolution 12-R-39, To Approve a Contract With Kucera International Inc. for Aerial Photography and Structure Footprint Mapping for Colleton County and was seconded by Dr. Flowers.

The motion carried unanimously

Appearances & Public Presentations

Board of Disabilities & Special Needs requesting to change board membership- Gilda Barnwell, Dean Redd

Mr. Redd explained to council why the board was requesting to reduce the membership requirements from nine to seven members.

Dr. Flowers said he thought it was a reasonable request.

Audit Presentation: Baird & Company- Butch Widden

Butch Widden and Connie Gamble reviewed the audit with the council members.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting February 7, 2012

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Awards and Recognition's

None

Administrative Briefing

Mr. Griffin said you have the official statement from the bond sale on March 1st. This is the four million dollar GO Bond, primarily for the recreation park. We ended up with a 2.49% rate, which is actually a point and a quarter less than where we thought it would be. This also is reflected in our new bond rating.

The two additions to the agenda, generally we try not to do that if we don't have to on major items, but we had two pop up as directed from our workshop back in January when we started working on some upgrades and some needed upkeep on the library. We sent out a bid for the painting in the library that did not come in prior to us sending the agenda out. We did get it late last week and have added that. The other item is Kucera International. As you well know every ten years the state requires us to once again fly our aerial ...inaudible... photos for the county. We were able to partner, as you know it is getting very close to the end of the flying season, even more so this year with the warm weather we have had. We were offered the opportunity to very quickly jump on and have them go and fly the county this year at a reduced rate because we are actually able to piggyback on a contract that was already let with some counties in the upstate including Florence, Marlboro, Darlington, and so on. With that being said, we felt it would be good to go ahead and add that so we could get it done this year and should have that in house by the end of June.

Another item on the agenda tonight, Judge Buckner had come a while back and made a presentation on the Assign a Highway. At that time council had directed us to see if we could find a suitable vehicle to expand the Assign a Highway program and be able to pick some of these folks up and go to certain areas. Mr. Steiglitz over in Fleet Management, we had a van that came off line he was able to spend a little bit of money on and upgrade the transmission and we are going to bring it back into service as the Assign a Highway van, so we will be able to expand that program.

The progress on the ballpark is coming along quickly. It is starting to come out of the ground with both the sporting tower and the concession and restroom building. It is looking really well.

We have had over 500 kids sign up for baseball/softball this year. Our pre-season tournament will be Saturday, March 31st, so put it on your calendar.

Public Hearing

Ordinance 12-O-01, Granting an Easement to the City of Walterboro Across a Portion of the Property Located at the Corner of Washington Street and Jefferies Boulevard, the Site of the Colleton County Courthouse; Such Easement to be Used to Construct and

Maintain a Part of the City's Planned Streetscape Improvement Project; to Authorize Execution and Recording of the Easement Document; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

No comments were made.

Ordinance 11-O-22, Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of Colleton County, South Carolina, Capital Improvement And Refunding Special Source Revenue Bonds (Industrial Park Project), Series 2012 In The Amount Of Not Exceeding \$4,860,000; The Entering Into Of Certain Covenants And Agreements, And The Execution And Delivery Of Certain Instruments By Colleton County Relating To The Issuance Of The Bonds, Including An Indenture; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

No comments were made.

Old Business

3rd Reading Ordinance 12-O-01, Granting an Easement to the City of Walterboro Across a Portion of the Property Located at the Corner of Washington Street and Jefferies Boulevard, the Site of the Colleton County Courthouse; Such Easement to be Used to Construct and Maintain a Part of the City's Planned Streetscape Improvement Project; to Authorize Execution and Recording of the Easement Document; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

A motion to approve 3rd reading was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Resolution 12-R-22, To Declare Surplus a Traillite Camper/Trailer and Authorize its Donation to the Coastal Amateur Radio Association.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-23, To Authorize the County Administrator to Execute on Behalf of the Colleton Register of Deeds Office a Contract with ACS Enterprise Solutions, LLC for the Compact Book System.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-24, To Accept the Grant for the Colleton County Summer Feeding Program for 2012.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-25, To Declare Surplus Various Equipment from the Library and To Authorize Its Sale in Accordance with County Policy.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-26, To Authorize a Transfer from Council's Contingency Account in the Amount of \$12,000 for Replacement of the Roof at the BZS Community Center.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-27, To Approve Renewal of a Contract with ACS Firehouse Software and to Authorize the County Administrator to Execute Same on Behalf of Fire-Rescue.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-28, To Approve Placing a 1996 Ford Econoline Van Back into Service.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-29, To Declare Surplus Various Vehicles and Equipment/Scrap Metal, and Authorize Their Sale in Accordance With County Policy.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-30, To Approve Renewal of a Contract with Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company for Actuarial Valuation Services for Post-Employment Benefits.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-31, To Authorize Use by the Rice Festival of the Parking Lot Located Along the Washington Street Side of the Garage Area of the Floyd Buckner Building.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-32, To Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of a Coastal Community Foundation Grant in the Amount of \$12,000 for the Library.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-33, To Approve Renewal of a Contract By and Between Colleton County and Odyssey HealthCare Operating B, LP d/b/a Odyssey Hospice for the Provision of Emergency Transport for Hospice Patients.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-34, To Approve Renewal of a Mutual Aid Agreement Between Colleton County Sheriff's Office and Florence County Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Griffin said Chief Deputy Stanfield is here and wants to make a request to council, possibly make an amendment to this resolution.

Mr. Stanfield said in addition to the MOU with Florence County, we also have a MOU from Darlington County.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to amend the resolution to include Darlington County and was seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-35, To Declare Surplus Various Patrol Vehicle Equipment and to Authorize its Sale in Accordance With County Policy.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Whetsell asked if there was anyone here that can answer a question. Do we have any kind of notice or anything that a person could serve only on one board? I think Dr. Joe and Mr. Murdaugh were two council members on here prior the rest of us and I wonder if they remember anything.

Mr. Taylor said he had raised the question when he came on the board in relation to it because I looked at the committees and saw a couple of people serving on two commissions and some of our commission are a little more active than others. Some only meet for instance the board of appeals, if there is an appeal that shows, others meet monthly and other things and I think this is one of the issues that Mr. Murdaugh was bringing up last month that we take a look at all of our commission and see what we are doing.

Mr. Whetsell said that doesn't answer the question.

Mr. Taylor said right, but when I talked to the administrator he said there was nothing in the books that basically said you couldn't serve on more than one.

Mr. Murdaugh said who is serving on two.

Mr. Whetsell said we have one listed here on three of them.

Council continued to discuss the controversy.

Mr. Robinson said let's consult our attorney for an opinion.

Mr. Thornton said I don't like to give opinions in open session. That should be executive session.

Mr. Taylor said I would like to table this resolution until we have discussed this in executive session and was seconded by Dr. Flowers.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-37, To Award the Contract for Roof Repair at The Colleton County Jail to the Low Bidder, Feltmann Inc.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

1st 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.

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

Mr. Murdaugh said he would support this for 1st reading, but felt there should be some changes made.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No 12-R-38, To Award the Contract for Interior and Exterior Door Painting at the Library to the Low Bidder, SAS Painting and Design at \$16,000.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No 12-R-39, To Approve a Contract With Kucera International Inc. for Aerial Photography and Structure Footprint Mapping for Colleton County for \$42,000.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Items of Information & The Public Record

None

Public Comments

None

Council Time

Dr. Flowers made a motion to approve 1st Reading By Title Only of an ordinance reducing membership for Board of Disabilities & Special needs and was seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Whetsell said there is a seat on the front row that was always occupied for the last ten years that I can speak for by Mr. Carl Headden. He probably never missed more than five meetings during this ten year period. Now, whether you liked him or not he was going to say whatever he had on his mind. Sometime you would agree with it and some time you would not, but he was faithfully in coming and letting you know how he felt and Mr. Headden passed away a couple of weeks ago and he won't be meeting with us anymore, but I just would like to recognize the fact that he has been with us for a lot of time and was really concerned when he brought up a matter, he was concerned about that because he felt like it would make our county a better and a safer place in which to live and I would like to recognize it at this time as he was a real Colletonian.

Mr. Robinson said thank you Mr. Whetsell, I know we can all concur to what you said in regards to Mr. Headden He expressed his self like you said whether you liked it or not and I think that is one thing good about democracy. You don't always go along with everyone, but you can express yourself.

Executive Session

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

Regular Session

Dr. Flowers made a motion to have the administrator negotiate the contract as discussed in executive session and was seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned

Date: _____

Evon Robinson, Chairman

ATTEST:

Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council

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