

**MINUTES  
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015  
6:00 P.M.  
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD JAIL BUILDING**

Colleton County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 3, 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, Phillip Taylor in attendance.

Others present included: Kevin Griffin, Ruth Mayer, Sean Thornton, Roy Williams, Horace Simmons

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Regular Meeting October 6, 2015  
Special Meeting October 20, 2015

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

The motion carried unanimously.

**Administrator's Briefing**

Mr. Griffin said Ms. Kaye Maxwell is here from Southern Carolina Alliance. Just a couple of brief updates, we continue to work through the process with FEMA. We have had a little over 1,000 individual assistance applications in the county. To date we do have the individual assistance FEMA Disaster Recovery Center opened over at the Rec Center and they have had a good many folks over there. The primary issues folks have been having, we haven't had that many displaced people, as far as out of their homes, but we've got a lot of wells that are contaminated and some other items that they are working through. Obviously the biggest issue we are dealing with now is mosquitoes. We are spraying as often and as many times that we can, but with these current conditions, until we get some colder weather they are going to be bad with the amount of water we have and continue to have. Just like a day like we had today, it doesn't matter how much spread Sun., Mon., and today, once you get one rain it washes away and a new crop are going to come in. Hopefully, we can get some colder weather, but I do know they have been an issue.

We have the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala at the Museum tomorrow night, celebrating 30 years of the existence of the museum.

We had a Legislative Delegation meeting last night at Edisto Beach. It was well attended. We had six of our eight delegation members in attendance. I gave them an update on FEMA. Mr. Danny Black gave them an update on Southern Alliance and what is going on with them right now as well as Ms. Sabrina Graham gave them an update on what is happening with Lowcountry Council of Governments. We also presented to them an application for Water Resource Funds, actually to amend our earlier application for another security camera to go at Bennett's Point, where we now have one at West Bank, Bennett's Point and Public Landing. We have also gotten the technological glitches of getting that equipment there and being able to get the signal back out accomplished and hope to procure those within the next 30-45 days and begin installation. They did agree to fund the 3<sup>rd</sup> camera, which was roughly \$17,000. We also had a list of park applications, as you know Parks and Recreation Development Funds were laid over for a year in the 2015 budget we had two years of funding. The items that were funded were playground equipment for Neyles Community Center, which is basically some replacement there, Cottageville Community Center, East Side Acres Park, Colleton County Rec. Program \$12,500 to begin construction of a youth golf practice area out there. They approved the funding and also refresh playground equipment at Jonesville Community Center.

### **Public Hearing**

Ordinance 15-O-12, Approving The Issuance By Colleton County Intermodal Corporation Of Revenue Bonds For The Purposes Of Economic Development Of Colleton County; Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of The Deposit And Reimbursement Agreement Between Colleton County And Colleton County Intermodal Corporation; To Provide For The Issuance And Sale Of General Obligation Bonds Of Colleton County, South Carolina, If Necessary, To Fund Obligations Of Colleton County Under The Deposit And Reimbursement Agreement To Promote The Economic Development Of Colleton County; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

No Comments were made.

Ordinance 15-O-17, To Ratify Ordinance 15-O-16, which Granted a Lease to H&H Lowcountry Management, LLC d.b.a. Double Bogey Restaurant & Bar and Authorized the County Administrator to Negotiate, Finalize, Execute and Record a Lease Document for H&H Lowcountry Management, LLC d.b.a. Double Bogey Restaurant & Bar; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

No comments were made.

### **Old Business**

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading, Ordinance 15-O-12, Approving The Issuance By Colleton County Intermodal Corporation Of Revenue Bonds For The Purposes Of Economic Development Of Colleton County; Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of The Deposit And Reimbursement Agreement Between Colleton County And Colleton County Intermodal Corporation; To Provide For The Issuance And Sale Of General Obligation Bonds Of Colleton County, South Carolina, If Necessary, To Fund Obligations Of

Colleton County Under The Deposit And Reimbursement Agreement To Promote The Economic Development Of Colleton County; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Ordinance 15-O-17, To Ratify Ordinance 15-O-16, which Granted a Lease to H&H Lowcountry Management, LLC d.b.a. Double Bogey Restaurant & Bar and Authorized the County Administrator to Negotiate, Finalize, Execute and Record a Lease Document for H&H Lowcountry Management, LLC d.b.a. Double Bogey Restaurant & Bar; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 15-O-13, To Amend Various Sections of Chapter 13.12 - Flood Damage Prevention of Title 13, Buildings and Construction, of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 15-O-14, To Authorize the Rezoning of a 2.5 Acre Parcel at Bennett's Point, Identified as TMS 334-00-00-074, from Community Commercial (CC) to Rural Conservation-2 (RC-2).

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

The motion carried unanimously.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 15-O-15, To Authorize the Transfer of the Property Located at 10913 Cottageville Highway and Identified by T.M.S. No. 152-02-00-015 to the Town of Cottageville; to Authorize Execution of the Quit-Claim Deed; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading **BY TITLE ONLY** Ordinance 15-O-18, Providing for Infrastructure or Special Source Revenue Credits to [Project Ring]; Authorizing an Infrastructure Credit Agreement Between Colleton County and [Project Ring]; Providing for the Allocation of Fees-In-Lieu of Taxes payable under the Agreement for Development for a Joint County Industrial Park with Hampton County; and Other Matters Relating Thereto.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 15-R-95, To Approve Appointment to the Lowcountry Workforce Investment Board.

A motion to approve the resolution (appointing Kimberly Alexander of Universal Distributors) was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 15-R-96, To Declare Surplus Various 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. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 15-R-97, To Authorize the Council Clerk to Advertise for Board Vacancies.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 15-R-98, To Authorize the Submittal of a Grant Application to the South Carolina Department of Public Safety for a Victims of Crime Act Grant.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 15-R-99, To Award the Contract for Timber Harvesting to Elliott Sawmilling Company, Inc.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 15-R-100, To Appoint Members to the Fire-Rescue Commission.

Ballots were given to all council members. The results of the ballots were as follows: Clyde Capers and S.G. "Scooter" Drew were appointed to the two vacancies. Mark Farish was appointed to the unexpired term of Mr. Mixson.

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

None

### **Public Comments**

Roy Williams said he was worried about the mosquito problem and asked what they were doing about it.

Mr. Murdaugh said we normally don't do question and answers, but we kinda hit on that so I will let the administrator

Mr. Griffin said I hit on that earlier. We are dealing with some very unusual conditions. We are spraying and running three to four trucks every night. Such as a night like tonight you can't spray. Everyone up and down the coast of South Carolina are dealing with these conditions, until we get some cold weather they are going to be bad. We can spray all we can spray, but it's only going to do so much as far as that is concerned.

### **Council Time**

Mr. Taylor said he wanted to extend his thanks to Southern Carolina Alliance as well as Clemson University for inviting me to come to a regional meeting with the students from Clemson University and they treated us very kind and Ms. Kaye did a very good presentation of Colleton County on power point to everyone that was there. I wanted to extend a public thank you to them for doing that.

Mr. Robinson said while we know we have a crisis, but the mosquito response is based on calls from communities. Is that correct?

Mr. Griffin said yes they need to call if they have not already, but we are hitting any of the major neighbor hoods throughout where we have major residential areas and they have a route they are working now, but we are a county of over 1,000 square miles, so they are moving as hard as they can to get everyone.

Mr. Robinson said so as soon as you can get to me. I have had a lot of calls myself. Trust me you can start right at my house.

Mr. Griffin said I failed to point out in the Administrator's Briefing you all had asked at our last meeting about the traffic signal in front of the high school. If you look in your packet I've got the correspondence between the School District and SCDOT. They had an initial traffic study done before the school was constructed, and then they had another one done after the school was active. The report that came back from DOT said it didn't warrant. They made some recommendations, but said it didn't warrant a traffic signal at that time. I did talk with the Superintendent and they do plan to take another bite at the apple. I expressed to him, council's

willingness to partner/support do anything we can, to send a letter of recommendation. He is aware of that and I just wanted to bring you up to date.

**Executive Session**

- a) Personnel
  - 1) Human Resources
  - 2) Library

**Regular Session**

Mr. Murdaugh said the items were discussed in executive session.

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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