

MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022
REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.

Colleton County Council
Council Chambers, Old Jail Building
109 Benson Street
Walterboro, SC 29488

Present: Chairman Steven Murdaugh called the meeting to order with Council Members Dr. Joseph Flowers, Phillip Taylor, and Art Williams in attendance, with Council Member Gene Whetsell appearing virtually.

Others Included: Kevin Griffin, Sean Thornton, Meagan Utsey, Jon Carpenter, Kaela Brinson, Barry McRoy, Donna Lamb, Larry Lightsey, Crawford Moore, Sue Keith, Maryann Blake, Kimberly Mullinax, Bubba Trippe, Scott Biering, Charles Farmer, Landon Graham, Felicia Johnson, Anderson Grant, Jaqueline Harvey, John Givens, Herbert Craven, Jessie Gooding, Paula Todd, Kellye Whitaker, Johnny Bartley, Mark Wysong, Hiram E. M. Davis, Clarence Wiggins, Roy Williams, Aaron Brow, and R. Chaplin.

Approval of Minutes

- A. Regular Meeting November 1, 2022— Dr. Flowers moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 1, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams and the motion carried unanimously.

Appearances & Public Presentations

- A. Charles H. Farmer and Landon Graham— Genesis Healthcare
*** Please see the attached information.

Dr. Flowers: Are you a federal qualified healthcare system?

Mr. Graham: Yes, we are federally qualified healthcare.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, transportation is something that is an issue not only in this aspect, but in general.

Councilman Taylor: Stated, I planned to mention about transportation. We will schedule a meeting with LRTA and the county. There are somethings we have been talking about.

Mr. Graham: Thank you, let us know if there is any way we can help. We appreciate you all.

Public Hearing

Councilman Taylor made a motion to move into Public Hearing. Councilman Williams seconded that motion and the motion carried unanimously.

A. **Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing Concerning Program Performance and Accomplishments**

***Please see attachment with detailed information.

Mr. Williams: Stated, I am most curious about the sidewalks. I am concerned about why the sidewalks are not going down through Gadsden Loop where the housing project is. That is my main concern, thank you.

Ms. Mullinax: Stated, you are asking why the sidewalks are not going all the way down Gadsden Loop.

Mr. Williams: Yes.

Ms. Mullinax: Stated, the main reason for this is money. We did have it designed in there to start with, but the main reason is money. Also, Gadsden Loop is so small you really don't have much there. You have the roads, the ditch, and then the yards. There really is not much available land on that street for sidewalks. Unless, everyone is willing to do the easements and everything.

Mr. Williams: Stated, there is a good bit of housing in that area. Sidewalks there would allow the kids to walk from there to the school rather than through the woods and on the road.

Ms. Mullinax: Stated, right now what we did was the first "U" and there maybe more money. There again, this project was a phase project in the beginning, long ago, we had it designed in phases, and this was the first phase of it. This phase took a lot longer than we expected and took a lot more money than we expected. There is also a lot of work that is not involved with this project, but it is with the City of Walterboro. They are doing a lot of sewer upgrades and a lot of water upgrades in this same area. So, there are a lot of improvements. It is just taking a lot of time and different grants to get it all done.

Mr. Williams: Inaudible...

Mr. Brown: Stated, I live on Red Comet and my neighbors that live on both sides of me are here. We are concerned about the drainage in our area of Pine Needle and Red Comet. When it rains, the water settles there, but it does not drain out the street. Sometimes our yards are full of water because the ditches are full of water, and it takes a couple of days for the water to evaporate and move on. On Red Comet there are two houses that have been abandoned for a while, as well as, on Gadsden Loop near Rivers Street. Also, there is very little man hole covers in our area, and I know you talked about sewer and water systems being upgraded in our area. We are just concerned about these things because when the water is there we have mosquito infestations from the standing water and things of that nature.

Ms. Johnson: Stated, I live at Rivers Street and last year my house got flooded out in my garage. The man that was doing the road told me that they stopped right here. The only thing you all did was dig a hole and put bricks around my house for decoration. I have grandchildren and the mosquitos are bad. I had to throw out all the carpet out of my garage when it got ruined last year. Something needs to be done because everyone from Gadsden Loop to Rivers Street, it stops right there at my house and goes nowhere. The only thing they keep doing is digging my ditch, and I have grands. That is a very dangerous ditch where I live at. I about broke my leg in that same ditch. Something needs to be done. I thank you all very much.

No further comment.

- B. **Ordinance 22-O-10, Authorizing Pursuant To Title 12, Chapter 44 Of The Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, As Amended, the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, By and Between Colleton County, South Carolina and Boise Cascade Building Materials Distribution, L.L.C., Formerly Known to the County as Project Waterfall, as Sponsor, to Provide for a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Incentive and Certain Special Source Revenue Credits; To Further Amend the Multi-County Industrial/Business Park Agreement Between Colleton County, South Carolina and Hampton County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Jointly Owned and Operated Industrial Business Park, so as so Include Property in Colleton County as Part of the Park; and Other Related Matters**

- C. **Ordinance 22-O-15, An Amended and Restated Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Tax Agreement by and Among Colleton County, South Carolina, Gehl Foods Southeast, LLC and NM GL, L.L.C., Whereby Colleton County Will Enter Into a Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes Arrangement with Gehl Foods Southeast, LLC and NM GL, L.L.C.; Providing for Payment by Gehl Foods Southeast, LLC and NM GL, L.L.C. of Certain Fees In Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes; Providing for the Assignment of Certain Existing Economic Development Incentives to Gehl Foods Southeast, LLC and NM GL, L.L.C.; Providing for Certain Special Source Revenue or Infrastructure Credits; Providing for the Allocation of Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes Paid by Gehl Foods Southeast, LLC and NM GL, L.L.C. Under the Agreement for Establishment of Multi-County Industrial/Business Park; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Assignment and Assumption of Incentive Agreements and Release from Incentive Agreements Among Colleton County, South Carolina, Crescent Dairy & Beverages, LLC, and Gehl Foods Southeast, LLC and a Partial Assignment and Assumption of Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement by and Among Gehl Foods Southeast, LLC, NM GL, L.L.C., and Colleton County, South Carolina; And Other Matters Relating Thereto**

No further comments were made. Dr. Flowers made a motion to close Public Hearing. Councilman Williams seconded that motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

- A. **3rd Reading Ordinance 22-O-10, Authorizing Pursuant To Title 12, Chapter 44 Of The Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, As Amended, the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, By and Between Colleton County, South Carolina and Boise Cascade Building Materials Distribution, L.L.C., Formerly Known to the County as Project Waterfall, as Sponsor, to Provide for a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Incentive and Certain Special Source Revenue Credits; To Further Amend the Multi-County Industrial/Business Park Agreement Between Colleton County, South Carolina and Hampton County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Jointly Owned and Operated Industrial Business Park, so as so Include Property in Colleton County as Part of the Park; and Other Related Matters**

Dr. Flowers moved to approve the 3rd Reading Ordinance 22-O-10, Authorizing Pursuant To Title 12, Chapter 44 Of The Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, As Amended, the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, By and Between Colleton County, South Carolina and Boise Cascade Building Materials Distribution, L.L.C., Formerly Known to the County as Project Waterfall, as Sponsor, to Provide for a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Incentive and Certain Special Source Revenue Credits; To Further Amend the Multi-County Industrial/Business Park Agreement Between Colleton County, South Carolina and Hampton County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Jointly Owned and Operated Industrial Business Park, so as so Include Property in Colleton County as Part of the Park; and Other Related Matters. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. **3rd Reading Ordinance 22-O-15, An Amended and Restated Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Tax Agreement by and Among Colleton County, South Carolina, Gehl Foods Southeast, LLC and NM GL, L.L.C., Whereby Colleton County Will Enter Into a Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes Arrangement with Gehl Foods Southeast, LLC and NM GL, L.L.C.; Providing for Payment by Gehl Foods Southeast, LLC and NM GL, L.L.C. of Certain Fees In Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes; Providing for the Assignment of Certain Existing Economic Development Incentives to Gehl Foods Southeast, LLC and NM GL, L.L.C.; Providing for Certain Special Source Revenue or Infrastructure Credits; Providing for the Allocation of Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes Paid by Gehl Foods Southeast, LLC and NM GL, L.L.C. Under the Agreement for Establishment of Multi-County Industrial/Business Park; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Assignment and Assumption of Incentive Agreements and Release from Incentive Agreements Among Colleton County, South Carolina, Crescent Dairy & Beverages, LLC, and**

Gehl Foods Southeast, LLC and a Partial Assignment and Assumption of Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement by and Among Gehl Foods Southeast, LLC, NM GL, L.L.C., and Colleton County, South Carolina; And Other Matters Relating Thereto

Councilman Williams moved to approve 3rd Reading Ordinance 22-O-15, An Amended and Restated Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Tax Agreement by and Among Colleton County, South Carolina, Gehl Foods Southeast, LLC and NM GL, L.L.C., Whereby Colleton County Will Enter Into a Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes Arrangement with Gehl Foods Southeast, LLC and NM GL, L.L.C.; Providing for Payment by Gehl Foods Southeast, LLC and NM GL, L.L.C. of Certain Fees In Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes; Providing for the Assignment of Certain Existing Economic Development Incentives to Gehl Foods Southeast, LLC and NM GL, L.L.C.; Providing for Certain Special Source Revenue or Infrastructure Credits; Providing for the Allocation of Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes Paid by Gehl Foods Southeast, LLC and NM GL, L.L.C. Under the Agreement for Establishment of Multi-County Industrial/Business Park; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Assignment and Assumption of Incentive Agreements and Release from Incentive Agreements Among Colleton County, South Carolina, Crescent Dairy & Beverages, LLC, and Gehl Foods Southeast, LLC and a Partial Assignment and Assumption of Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement by and Among Gehl Foods Southeast, LLC, NM GL, L.L.C., and Colleton County, South Carolina; And Other Matters Relating Thereto. The motion was seconded by Dr. Flowers. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

A. Resolution 22-R-57, To Reschedule the January County Council Meeting

Dr. Flowers moved to approve Resolution 22-R-57, To Reschedule the January County Council Meeting to be moved to January 10th. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor for discussion.

Councilman Taylor: Stated, I will not be here on the 10th of January.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, I believe the problem is that Monday is a national holiday and we have to go through the swearing in process, and I am not sure that we will be ready by that first Tuesday. What date will you be unavailable until?

Councilman Taylor: Stated, the fourth week.

Chairman Muradugh: Stated, I am not opposed to moving it to the fourth week. That is just a long time.

Dr. Flowers: Stated, that is a long time from now to almost the end of January.

Councilman Taylor: When are they swearing in?

Mr. Griffin: Stated, that has not been scheduled completely yet, but state law does not allow for them to get sworn in until after January 1st. Their first available day would've been the day of the meeting, which they could not accommodate with their schedules.

The motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution 22-R-58, To Award the Contract for the Rocking of County Dirt Roads

Councilman Williams moved to approve Resolution 22-R-58, To Award the Contract for the Rocking of County Dirt Roads. The motion was seconded by Dr. Flowers. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, for the record the contract will be awarded to Edisto Contracting, LLC. The roads to be rocked are as follows: Abbey Lane, Adams Road, Altman Place, Autumn Lane, Barley Court, Bass Lane, Bent Gate Lane, Brick Road, Camp Ave, Campbell Hill Drive, Calico Street, Caterpillar Lane, Chance Lane, Chessy Creek Landing, Cocoon Drive, Constellation Drive, Crawford Road, Crumley Road, David Street, Dragon Fly Lane, Drew Hill Lane, Dodge Lane, Friendship Lane, Ford Lane, Habersham Lane, Harmony Hall Lane, Honey Hill Way, Jonas Road, Joseph Drive, Joshua Loop, Katie Bridge Road, Kelly Bay Road, Locklair Lane, Logan Farm Road, Marshall Road, Misty Ridge Lane, Molsenia Lane, Moore Hill Lane, Mullet Run, Nomad Lane, Palmgreen Lane, Paradise Road, Platinum Lane, Polite Lane, Red Breast Lane, Sassafras Lane, Serenity Bluff Road, Shad Roe Drive, Southern Charm Road, Steamer Lane, Sweet Gum Lane, Tree Farm Road, Turtle Court, Weans Road, Wee Hope Loop and Wesgate Road.

Councilman Williams: Stated, every road was addressed and we have some of our CTC folks here with us tonight. They did an excellent job at addressing some of the needs. Like Councilman Taylor said a few moments ago, this is one of the biggest complaints that you get here in the county is issues with residents roads. So, thank you Colleton County CTC.

C. Resolution 22-R-59, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies

Dr. Flowers moved to approve Resolution 22-R-59, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

The following appointments were made: Janice Wright – Colleton County Recreation Commission.

Public Comment

Felicia Johnson: Stated, something truly has got to be done. Especially, with the noise ordinance. At 3 o'clock in the morning people should not be coming to the club; they should be going home.

On Thanksgiving, my son spent the night and I said to him, "You could not sleep, could you? Now you know what I am talking about." Now you know how I feel. I have insomnia, osteoporosis, fibromyalgia...I got it all...Metal plates and screws. It is sad, and then the thing about it I don't get it. Mr. Hill can't close it and you all can't close the club. I went to SLED and they can't do anything with it. Hazel and I got into it last month in Dollar Tree. She said, "You got your wish." I replied, "No, I am praying." They don't care about peoples lives over here. Like I said last month, if I was at home and not at that gospel meeting when my house got shot up, I would not be standing here today. Two months later on Father's Day, two people got injured and two people were killed at the club. I have to deal with this club all the time until 2-3 o'clock in the morning. They don't even have a bathroom up and running in there. Beaufort DHEC is trying to help, because Walterboro DEHEC said they couldn't do anything either. It is sad that we have to live in fear of our lives. There are children directly next store, and she tells me that she is calling the police department. I am calling the Sheriff's Department. I am not coming out my door no more and talking with the officer until 3-4 o'clock in the morning. This is an alcohol and drug infested place. They are selling drugs out of there too. I told the officers I am not coming out there to talk to you all. I am in fear for my life. Just go and tell them to turn the noise down, please. It is sad. I just want peace and to be able to sleep. I have insomnia and am in pain 24/7. Looks can be deceiving. Standing here today I am in pain. I just want peace. I have asked Hazel Sanders numerous times and she just wants the money. We want peace, my neighbors and I. I am tired of the noise. I hate to see Friday and Saturday come around. Nobody knows what I am going through. We need justice in this town. My sister got killed, no justice. Please do something.

Hiram Davis: Stated, I stand before you as the chairman of the Coalition for a Better Colleton. An organization that was formed in 2020 to help serve the citizens of Colleton County and to help be an advocate for our citizens here in the county. So, tonight we come with a letter of appreciation to our existing council members, that of Mr. Art Williams and Mr. Gene Whetsell. I will read this letter aloud on behalf of our executive board and our members:

““On behalf of our executive board and members of the Coalition for a Better Colleton, we would like to present Mr. Art Williams and Mr. Gene Whetsell with this letter of appreciation for their many years of service to our county. The countless hours and dedicated service for our citizens, let them never be forgotten or unrecognized. Serving our county in many capacities, we salute Mr. Williams and Mr. Whetsell for all their service. Especially their most recent service as county council members. We would like to wish you the best in all your future endeavors. Certainly, we know that Colleton will always be in your hearts, and we know that you will continue to positively impact the lives of our citizens. We want you to remember, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the lord and delight in his journey." Presented this sixth day of December two thousand and twenty-two.”

Respectfully yours,

Hiram E. M. Davis””

Mr. Craven: Stated, I do not want to see Johnsville dirt road closed. I have access to property on that road, and I have a neighbor who has property on that road. I have a petition here that I would

like to give to council. The Press and Standard had the third notice and the last notice in the paper. So, I do not have 30 days to work with this. Mr. Gilbert's attorney, Ben Sapp, will receive this letter tomorrow. I would like to keep this road open to the public. It has been there a long time, before all of us.

Mr. Griffin: Stated, Mr. Chairman a road can only be closed in the State of South Carolina by a Circuit Court Judge. This is a notice to that, but there should be a hearing in front of our local Circuit Court Judge. I do not see anything noting that hearing before the Judge. The county can not close a road, we can only abandon maintenance of a road. We will do a little more investigation.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, this is the first time I have heard of this. Is it a county road?

Mr. Griffin: Stated, Kaela and the county engineer were trying to run it down last week, but now we have a lot more information to work with.

Councilman Williams: Asked, "Is it a county road?"

Mr. Griffin: Stated, I believe it is a state road. Regardless, there would still have to be a hearing in front of the Circuit Court Judge to do so.

Councilman Williams: Stated, he needs to be redirected to where he needs to go if we can not help him. Maybe we can give him advice on where to go.

Mr. Griffin: Stated, we have his information.

Mr. Craven: Stated, can we have a clarification on if it is a county or state road?

Mr. Griffin: Stated, I believe it is part state and part county. However, you still must have a court order no matter if it is state or county. The county can not close a road, there is a state code that tells us that you have to go before a Circuit Court Judge to do so.

Mr. Craven: Stated, what you are saying is it will not come before the county.

Mr. Griffin: Stated, no, it will probably go before a local Circuit Court Judge.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, we will research that.

Council Time

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, we were invited to the formal signing of the Memorandum of Understanding, Friday, December 16th at 12pm. The Colleton County Veterans Affairs Office has partnered with the SC Veteran Coalition under the direction of the SC Department of Veterans Affairs.

Councilman Williams: Stated, we received an email today that this was cancelled.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, I guess I should have checked my email. So, disregard all of that. There will not be a signing of the Memorandum. Just a couple things...I wanted to let everyone know, and we will do a more formal recognition later, that we received notification on December 5th that Colleton County will be awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (GFOA) again, which is not necessarily an easy thing to obtain. So, I would like to particularly congratulate Mr. Carpenter and the finance department. I am congratulating all the staff in Colleton County, not County

Council, but Mr. Griffin and all the staff that really run this county. To receive this award is significant and I am sure we will recognize this soon, but I just wanted to let everyone know that we did receive this award again this year.

Secondly, I wanted to make a comment to Ms. Felicia Johnson. I promise you, and it is never fast enough, but we are trying to work on a resolution. Personally, I appreciate your persistence and you probably get a little frustrated by having to keep coming back, but it is important. Don't give up the fight, we will get you some help. That is the only way to get help sometimes is to keep coming back, and I admire you for that.

Also, I can't say it as eloquently as Mr. Davis did in the letter, but tonight is sort of bitter sweet. We had two who are attending their last council meeting tonight, Mr. Williams and Mr. Whetsell. I wanted to say that it has been an honor to serve with both of you. I can't say that we all have had the same ideas or get along sometimes, but I assure you 9 out of 10 times we're always together and professional to each other. We all work to the best interest of the county. The two of you have left an impact on the county and you will be missed. I have enjoyed working with the both of you and appreciate your service.

Dr. Flowers: Stated, I would like to echo that too. I have enjoyed serving with both over the many years.

Councilman Taylor: Stated, I would certainly like to echo the same. I would like to thank Councilman Williams and Councilman Whetsell. They certainly have helped me learn the steps here.

Councilman Taylor: Stated, I went out to meet with Mr. Brown, Mr. Speedy, and Mr. Chap over on Red Comet Road. I came back and spoke with code enforcement to go out and take a look. Some people want to be helped and some people don't want to be helped. So, you have to work through a process, but the county is looking into the abandoned and run-down properties in the area. We are looking for some type of solution. So, just know we are working toward getting to a resolution. This is also our last meeting of the year so, I wanted to wish every one a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Councilman Williams: Stated, I wanted to say thank you to Mr. Griffin and staff. I am very proud of the direction that the county is headed, you all are doing an excellent job. Chief McRoy, I am very grateful for you. I have seen you do some things that works wonders. When I visited the Emergency Room before hearing you sing. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as a council member. This time was sweeter than the first time Dr. Flowers, and Chairman Murdaugh. I have had two opportunities to serve with these two. Like they say, the second time around is sweeter than the first time. I really enjoyed the opportunity to work with you all, and like you said everyone has their own style or method of doing things. They have their own ways, desire, and motives on how they get things done. So, I am very grateful for the opportunity to have served with Brother Taylor. Brother Taylor, you said you learned some things, but I have learned some things from you too and all the council members. One of things I have great admiration for, my former "Green Pondian", for his ability to continue to serve despite and that's the way it should be when you are appointed to something. Many of us would have laid down and said, "We won't be attending any more meetings" and not make the effort that Mr. Whetsell has made. For that I am grateful to be apart of a board that he was apart of. Mr. Biering, I appreciate you and I look forward to you serving me now as one of your constituents. I look forward to working with you. I think you are going to do a good job. Anybody that wants to be a part of county government has to do what Mr. Biering did and run. If you run and you win then that's what you were running for, so I am very appreciative for the opportunity. That is what it is all about, not me as an individual, because almost anybody in here can do the things that I am doing giving the

opportunity. That's why I have always fought hard for everybody to have equal opportunity and the playing field is level, because you would be surprised what a person can get done once they receive the opportunity. So, again thank you Mr. Griffin and your staff for the way you work. I am appreciative to the attorney who has enlightened me on some of the things that I thought I knew and did not know. I appreciate all of you. Dr. Flowers, I am going to publicly thank you for something that you yield to, to make this day as successful as it ended up being for the citizens of Colleton County. So, I thank you for yielding to something that you did not have to. Thank you.

Adjournment

Dr. Flowers moved to adjourn the meeting, Councilman Taylor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

All council members wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

This 10th day of January, 2023.



Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

ATTEST:



Kaela Brinson, Clerk to Council

Future Home of Genesis Health Care, Inc.



Waterboro, South Carolina





**NEW 26,000 SQ FT. MEDICAL FACILITY
COMING TO WALTERBORO IN 2024**

COMPANY BACKGROUND: Genesis Health Care, Inc. is a South Carolina non-profit corporation that operates Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) that provide medical services to underserved populations, especially Medicare and Medicaid patients, within the Pee Dee and Low Country areas.

Genesis' mission is to provide timely, affordable, compassionate, and high-quality primary and preventive medical care and pharmaceutical services to the economically and culturally diverse communities of South Carolina. We currently successfully serve patients at six (6) total facilities throughout the Pee Dee and Low Country areas (including Walterboro and Colleton County).

PROJECT:

To summarize, Genesis is making a long-term investment to provide affordable health care, employment/educational opportunities, and economical/social growth for the members of the Walterboro, Colleton County, and surrounding areas.

Genesis has purchased the property located at 830 Robertson Blvd, Walterboro, SC, 29488. We are in the process of constructing a 26,000 sq. ft. health care facility to deliver vital medical services to support pediatric and adult patients, plus offer multiple new employment opportunities.

THE POTENTIAL SERVICES PROVIDED:

(Genesis is still confirming all of the services they may or may not provide. Therefore, this list may change in the future.)

- **Pediatric Health Care Services (Age 0-21)**
- **Family Health Care Services (Age 18+)**
- **Laboratory**
- **Full-Service Pharmacy**
- **Imaging Services**
- **Adult/Pediatric Immunizations**
- **Women's Health-preventive screenings, pap smears, etc.**
- **Electrocardiogram (EKG)**
- **Case Management- Evaluating a patient's medical condition/long-term health, developing and implementing a care plan, coordinating medical resources, communicating healthcare needs to the individual, and monitoring an individual's progress/ promoting cost-effective care.**

And much more ...

In conclusion, we anticipate the immediate benefits to patients, progress to alleviate health care barriers, employment opportunities, and relationships with the surrounding communities will make this project successful for many years to come in Walterboro and Colleton County Areas.

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BENEFITS AND INITIATIVES TO SUPPORT AND HELP THE COMMUNITY:

● **Benefits To Genesis Patients: Walterboro and Colleton County**

- Sliding Fee Scale: (Pharmacy and Medical Care)
- The Sliding Fee Scale adjusts fees for services depending on an individual's income. Genesis provides the highest form of medical care to all patients and will never turn a patient away regardless of their income and/or health insurance status.

● **Transportation to Access Health Care:**

Desire to engage The City of Walterboro and Colleton County to ease transportation barriers for patients, including, but not limited to, establishing a bus stop at our location, and discussing other productive options.

● **Colleton County Relationships:**

○ **Governmental:**

- Walterboro Chamber of Commerce (Walterboro, South Carolina)
- South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)

○ **Medical:**

- Colleton County Medical Center
- Colleton Pillars4Hope (Addiction Treatment Center)
- Coastal Kids Dental & Braces, P.A. (Pediatric Dental Practice)
- Genesis has and continues to collaborate with local Colleton County Medical Practices to service all of their patient's health care needs.

○ **Educational/Academia:**

- Colleton County School District
- University of South Carolina-Salkehatchie School of Nursing (Walterboro, South Carolina):

Work to provide Registered Nursing Students with an experience to observe and assist with multiple levels of rural health medicine—supporting staff, management, and clinical rotations at pediatric and family care clinics.

- Ferguson School of Nursing Assistants (Walterboro, SC):

Provide clinical experience to medical assistant students

**Community Development Block Grant
Notice of Public Hearing
Concerning Program Performance and Accomplishments**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 6:00PM at the Colleton County Council Chambers, 109 Benson Street, Old Jail Building, Second Floor, Walterboro, SC and on www.colletoncounty.org/live, Colleton County will hold a public hearing to review program performance and accomplishments conducted under a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project known as the Gadsden Loop Neighborhood Revitalization Project, CDBG #4-NR-16-002, wherein the following activities were undertaken.

Colleton County proposed to use \$483,502 CDBG funds to improve a LMI neighborhood on the outskirts of Walterboro by improving drainage, adding sidewalks and street lights, demolishing attractive nuisance houses, and providing exterior rehab. The Gadsden Loop neighborhood is bounded by Robertson Blvd, Rivers St., Gadsden Loop, Peurifoy Rd, and Hampton St. All streets within these boundaries are included in the project area. Activities were completed for drainage, sidewalks, street lights, demolishing dilapidated houses, and exterior rehab. Acquisition was added during the design process. Additional CDBG funds were added bringing the grant award to \$505,546. The local matching funds committed were \$650,000 coming from SCDOT TAP and CTC funds. Final payments have not been made. Final close-out of this project is pending preparation of required close-out documents and expected by March 31, 2023. This project benefited approximately 1,095 residents of which 670 (@ 61.2%) were considered low-to-moderate income persons.

The public hearing and the matters to be discussed are subject to the provisions of the County's Citizen Participation Plan, developed in anticipation of participation in the State of South Carolina's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, providing for the participation of the citizens of Colleton County in the planning and implementation of community and economic development projects which involve CDBG funds. The Citizen Participation Plan is available for review at Colleton County Administration, 109 Benson Street, Walterboro, SC between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Persons with questions or comments concerning the public hearing or the Citizen Participation Plan may contact Kimberly Mullinax, Lowcountry Council of Governments, Post Office Box 98, Yemassee, SC 29945, (843) 473-3964.

Colleton County does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status or disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its federally assisted programs or activities. Deadgrea Sadler, Colleton County, 109 Benson Street, Walterboro, SC, 843-549-5221, has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's regulations and implementing Section 5002 (24 CFR Part 8, dated June 2, 1988).

Note: Assistance will be provided to accommodate the special needs of disabled and/or LEP persons, upon request.