

MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023
REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.

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

Present: Sean Thornton, County Attorney called the meeting to order with Council Members Steven Murdaugh, Dr. Joseph Flowers, Bubba Trippe, and Scott Biering in attendance, with Council Member Phillip Taylor appearing virtually.

Others Included: Kevin Griffin, Meagan Utsey, Jon Carpenter, Kaela Brinson, Barry McRoy, Kimberly Mullinax, JoAnn Goodhope, Cathy Hiers, Mary Cox, Bobbie Urick, Felicia Johnson, Amber Guera, Ashley Pennington, Jamie Jordan, Destiny Chamblin, Nikki Nettles, Sandra J. Riberiro, Mychael Tucker, Carol Seigler, Michelle Hudson, and Alexis Delong.

Councilman Phillip Taylor gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Election of Council Chairman & Vice Chairman

Mr. Thornton stated at this time we will accept nominations from council on who the Chairman should be.

Dr. Flowers stated, I nominate Councilman Murdaugh. Councilman Trippe seconded that motion.

Mr. Thornton stated, hearing a motion and a second, do we have any other nominations?

Councilman Taylor stated, move to close nominations and Councilman Biering seconded that motion. The motion carried unanimously and Councilman Murdaugh was appointed as chairman by acclamation.

Mr. Thornton turns gavel over to Chairman Murdaugh.

Chairman Murdaugh stated, that at this time we need to open the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman of County Council.

Dr. Flowers stated, I would like to move to nominate Councilman Taylor as Vice Chairman. Councilman Biering seconded that motion.

Chairman Murdaugh moved to close nominations and Councilman Biering seconded. The motion carried unanimously and Councilman Taylor was appointed as Vice Chairman by acclamation.

Chairman Murdaugh gives welcoming remarks and introduces the two new Council Members, Bubba Trippe and Scott Biering.

Post 2022 Election & Formative Actions:

A. Chairman's appointment of Standing Committees

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, there are five standing committees. If you go on to the county's code of ordinances you will see under section 2.30.060 that there are five committees listed under there. The Administrative Committee, the Finance Committee, the Capital Projects Committee, the Planning and Development Committee, and the Public Health and Safety Committee. I ask that between now and the next meeting that each one of you would look through those committees, and see if you have any preference of committee that you would like to serve on. If I do not hear from anymore, then I will appoint three council members to each committee. These committees are used if the committee chairman has an issue and would like to have the committee form a meeting. This is a council member committee and would be a quorum, so you would need to follow those procedures. However, if you would review the sections on those committees and let me know which one of the committees you have an interest in, and I will make those appointments at the next meeting.

B. Chairman's Designation of three members of Council to LCAA Board

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, we will also need to appoint three members to the Lowcountry Community Action Agency Board. Currently, the assigned council members for this board are Mr. Williams, Councilman Taylor, and Mr. Whetsell. Councilman Taylor, do you desire to stay on that board?

Councilman Taylor: Stated, yes, I do.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, do we have anyone who would like to volunteer? This board does allow for you to have a designee to serve in your place. We will need a replacement for Mr. Whetsell and Mr. Williams for that board.

Councilman Trippe: Stated, I am okay with serving on that board.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, I will also serve on this board. So, it will be Councilman Taylor, Councilman Trippe, and myself.

Councilman Taylor: Stated, I would like to make my designee Mr. Romeo Edwards. This is a young man from the Green Pond area.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, I have not spoken to the person whom I would like to serve as my designee, but I will have that information before the next meeting. Councilman Trippe, you may do the same or serve.

C. Election of three members of Council to LCOG

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, we also have the Lowcountry Council of Governments board with Dr. Flowers and Councilman Taylor serving. If you desire to stay on this board, that is okay, but we will have to have one other appointment to this board in Mr. Whetsell's place.

Councilman Biering: Stated, I will serve on this board.

Chairman Murdaugh; Stated, Councilman Biering has volunteered. Councilman Taylor, you are okay with staying on this board?

Councilman Taylor: Stated, yes, I am.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, that will be Councilman Taylor, Dr. Flowers, and Councilman Biering being a member on the LCOG board.

Approval of Minutes

- A. Regular Meeting December 6, 2022— Dr. Flowers moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 1, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe and the motion carried unanimously.

Awards and Recognitions

- A. Government Finance Officers Association— Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

Mr. Carpenter: Stated, this is the seventh year in a row that we have received this award for the county. This award is for the 2021 report. The county effort goes from administration down to every department, and the county Treasurer. We appreciate the opportunity, and are glad that we are able to receive this award.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, we would like to thank you and all the other departments heads and administrator for all the work that they do. Mr. Griffin, do you have anything you would like to add?

Mr. Griffin: Stated, I would like to make sure that we recognize Mrs. Becky Hill, our Treasurer. She is on the front end of taking in the funds, and Mr. Carpenter makes sure it goes to all the right places.

Councilman Taylor: Stated, thank you all very much.

Dr. Flowers: Stated, I would like to thank you all for keeping things in order. This award is a great award. It shows that we are doing the right things with the tax money, and that is very important.

Appearances & Public Presentations

A. STOP Pedophiles Housing on Barracada Road

Ms. Langdale presented council with a presentation on Shield Ministries in the form of a binder.

***The information included in this binder is attached herein.

Mr. Kevin Lyles also spoke briefly on statistics and further information on Shield Ministries.

Ms. Megan Bishop shared her story and experience with mother, Melody Truluck, and step-father and abuser, David Truluck.

Ms. Sarah Lightner, licensed professional counselor in Charleston, spoke about her experience with Shield Ministries.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, that there is time later on the agenda for Councilmen to speak, as well as, public comment for the public to speak.

Administrator's Briefing

Mr. Griffin: Stated, I would like to ask that item "B" under "New Business" be remanded to Executive Session. I would like to give more details about that transaction prior to council taking any action. Otherwise, I would like to thank Coastal Electric Cooperative for their continued support toward the rural development fund. Each year they donate anywhere from \$100,000 to \$200,000 back to our economic development efforts. We see that effort paying off with the announcements from Kontrolmatik Technologies, over the last couple of weeks, of the battery operation plant. I would be glad to take any questions at this time.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, hearing no question, is there a motion to amend the agenda to move item "12. New Business, B. 1st Reading Ordinance 23-O-01" to executive session? Dr. Flowers made a motion to move item "12. New Business, B. 1st Reading Ordinance 23-O-01" to executive session. Councilman Biering seconded that motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing

Dr. Flowers made a motion to move into Public Hearing. Councilman Biering seconded that motion and the motion carried unanimously.

A. **Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing Concerning Needs Assessment - Kimberly Mullinax**

***Please see attachment with detailed information.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, is there anyone present who would like to address this Community Development Block Grant? Hearing none, are there any council members who has any questions or suggestions currently.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, we spoke about not being able to have three projects open at one time. We can apply and submit for multiple applications, we just can't have an open grant, correct?

Ms. Mullinax: Stated, you are able to have three open grants and no more than that at one time, nothing can be more than thirty months old. The one we have open now is over thirty months old, so that will limit us until we can get that closed, but we are in the process of doing that now.

Chairman Murdaugh: Asked, is it considered open only once the grant is awarded?

Ms. Mullinax: Stated, once it is awarded.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, if we have ten applications submitted and none are awarded yet...inaudible...am I misinterpreting?

Ms. Mullinax: Stated, you could apply for that many...you would work us to death, but you can apply for that many. Generally, we try to keep it to one, maybe two, in a year.

Dr. Flowers: Stated, Gadsden Loop...when will that be closed? It has been going on for a long time.

Ms. Mullinax: Stated, yes it has been. It is in the process of being closed now. We've got a couple final things to do on the construction contract. All the work has been completed, and we are finishing up the paperwork. We are hoping to have it done in time for spring round. We are pushing as hard as we can.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, thank you.

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

New Business

- A. **1st Reading Ordinance 23-O-01, To Amend Title 14-Land Management, Section 14.08-2 Zoning District Regulations, of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances related to Residential Care Facilities. This issue shall be submitted to the planning commission on January 23, 2023 for a recommendation to Council. This ordinance will have a public hearing on March 7, 2023.**

Dr. Flowers moved to approve the 1st reading Ordinance 23-O-01, To Amend Title 14-Land Management, Section 14.08-2 Zoning District Regulations, of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances related to Residential Care Facilities. This issue shall be submitted to the planning commission on January 23, 2023 for a recommendation to Council. This ordinance will have a public hearing on March 7, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, item "B" has been tabled until after executive session.

- B. **1st Reading Ordinance 23-O-02, By Title Only, To Provide for the Sale of a Portion of Real Property Owned by Colleton County, South Carolina to Mr. Jason McMillan for the**

property identified by TMS No. 185-00-00-181.000 on Cooks Hill Road; and Other Matters Relating Thereto

***Moved to executive session.

C. Resolution 23-R-01, To Authorize the Expenditure of Funds Related to Special Projects as Recommended by the Colleton County Accommodations Tax Committee from the State Accommodations Tax Fund – Fund 152 During the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023 and Other Matters Related Thereto

Dr. Flowers moved to approve Resolution 23-R-01, Authorize the Expenditure of Funds Related to Special Projects as Recommended by the Colleton County Accommodations Tax Committee from the State Accommodations Tax Fund – Fund 152 during the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023 and Other Matters Related Thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering.

The motion carried unanimously.

D. Resolution 23-R-02, To Approve Acceptance of a Grant from Coastal Electric Cooperative, Inc. in the amount of \$139,000 for Industrial Infrastructure Development

Dr. Flowers moved to approve Resolution 23-R-02, To Approve Acceptance of a Grant from Coastal Electric Cooperative, Inc. in the amount of \$139,000 for Industrial Infrastructure Development. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Resolution 23-R-03, To Declare February as Black History Month in Colleton County
Dr. Flowers moved to approve Resolution 23-R-03, To Declare February as Black History Month in Colleton County. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Resolution 23-R-04, To Advertise Board Vacancies

Dr. Flowers moved to approve Resolution 23-R-04, To Advertise Board Vacancies. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Resolution 23-R-05, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies

Dr. Flowers moved to approve Resolution 23-R-05, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies. The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering. The motion carried unanimously.

The following appointments were made by acclamation: Paul Mears – Colleton County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs.

Public Comment

Felicia Johnson: Stated, I am not here tonight to speak about the club. This has been on my mind for years now. We need a traffic light at the four way stop where Rivers meets Robertson Blvd. People have been killed right there on my street. My street is not a street anymore, it is a highway. There are races in front of my house.... policemen are having to come out. I almost got hit, and I did get hit in the past. We need street lights also going up Rivers Street. Mr. Taylor, he should know how it is where I live at. Near where I live is a cemetery, and it is pure black. Standing by the stop sign leaving my house is very dangerous. I have to stand way over, because I am afraid that I am going to get hit. A man got killed right there.... hit and run. The person kept right on going. We truly need a traffic light to these 4 ways at Rivers and Robertson Boulevard, and we need a street light. My son will tell you, after you pass the cemetery, it is pure darkness. I got hit in the past, and I was on the right side of the road and he came over to me and hit me. Please take this in consideration and get us a light and a street light. It is very dangerous right there, and I walk and ride my bike. Thank you for your time.

Ashley Pennington: Stated, I came here principally to listen tonight. One thing that is abundantly clear is that everyone here is against crime, sex offenses, and sin. I am the former chief public defender for Berkeley and Charleston County. I worked in criminal justice for the last 42 years until I retired. I am now in private practice. For the last 20 years, I have been a volunteer on Friday evening, without compensation, to provide spiritual mentoring to the men that are in the Shield Ministries program in North Charleston. So, I have a fair amount of knowledge about it. I would urge this council that if it is going to consider taking any action, that it explore what this program is and is not. It is not on the agenda tonight and obviously there is not time to address the many questions. I will say it is perfectly understandable for the community to ask good and hard questions about any kind of rehabilitating program. Everyone always feels the not in my back yard reaction when you hear about things, particularly off-putting things involving people that you do not have any history with. I will say that you can rest assured that this is not a program that relies on government grants. It will not be a tax burden to the community. It does rely on men who have to go through an exhaustive vetting process before they are accepting. The question is, is this a program that is responsible? You will hear from their board chair in just a moment. The men themselves are randomly drug tested and have their phone monitored. They have curfews and they are required to go to active counseling. The professional counselors require polygraph testing. South Carolina has never embraced the surge of sexual offenses by having these types of programs run by the state. Fortunately, in my opinion, Mr. Truluck, who is a sex offender, recognized that this is a persistent unmet need. What he did was through his faith and working with Dr. Burke, an expert in addressing sex offenses in South Carolina, they have developed a comprehensive, rigorous, and very demanding program. There is one other question that is obviously on everyone's mind. Does everybody succeed? The answer is no. From what I understand from the board, and Mr. Jordan can address this, is that people will be escorted off the property and transported back to Charleston to go to where ever they would need to go, but they would not be released to the community here. I would encourage you to contact me and in a public forum provide specific information. Thank you.

Mr. Jordan: Stated, I have been involved in Shield Ministries for about five years. Like many in this room, I was hesitant. I am a volunteer; I do not get paid anything. I believe in the program and what they are doing. I have heard the story of Megan, and I do not support sex abuse of children, adults, or anyone. That is not what this program is about. This is not a half way house, and they don't have a lot of freedom there. I have seen that they have a zero-recidivism rate for those that stay in the program for the 18 months. That is the program that has been around a while. They work diligently to take these people off the street. Those who are seeking help, they are very With them. I have seen it with David and Melody. The things that happened that he did was over 20 years ago. He not only went through the three years of court mandated counseling, but he went for an additional two. He continues and provides a high level of accountability. I wouldn't be associated with any kind of program that was a jeopardy to any community. When you look around within three miles of the property, there is fifty-one registered sex offenders in that area. I would rather have people who are going to be in a program, curfewed, polygraphed on a regular basis, and help to a higher accountability level. This is a community that we would want to protect and be a good citizen for. Some of the facts that are stated here are not exactly true. We want to be a good citizen for the community and we feel like we can be an asset to the community.

JoAnn Goodhope: Stated, I was notified of the Barracada half-way house on December 31st at 10 PM. By January 1st, I had a petition. I would like to submit to you 1500 signatures, and they are steady coming in. (Inaudible...audience clapping). I was not blessed with children of my own, but I have agreed to all of these woman and men that have children in your community that I will give my life up to protect their children. I have had woman call and beg me for something for their children to do, because it is about the children. This is your community and their parents speaking out loud to you. Do not allow this in your community, if you do, none of you will be reelected. (Inaudible...audience clapping). Do you have any questions from me? Who can I reach out to with the next 500 signature because we are not stopping?

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, you may give them to the Clerk to Council.

JoAnn Goodhope: Stated, I would like to give a personal thank you to Miranda Yocum, Cathy Grim, and Catherine Hiers. They beat that street to death.

No further comments made.

Council Time

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, I know the public is aware now of the passing of Mr. Whetsell this past week. Mr. Whetsell in this very chamber told me the last time he was here that his goal was to make it to the end of his term. Well, he made it by one day. He will definitely be missed. Anyone that was present at his funeral heard his legacy of his community service, being a father, a husband, and a grandfather. He served on county council for 22 years and I served all 22 years with him. Councilman Whetsell impacted a lot of lives in this community and he will always be remembered for that. He always said that he talked so much when he was around us because when he was with

Mrs. Kathie he couldn't get a word in edgewise. Somehow, I don't quite believe that. (Audience laughed). Some things I do remember specifically about Mr. Whetsell, and I don't know if any of you have ever had the opportunity to look inside his vehicle, but the first time I road with him I told Gene that if he ever got in an accident I was afraid we would never find him. (Audience laughed). The biggest thing I remember about Gene is that when you had a conversation with him you always felt better after the conversation. There are only a few people in your lives that had that kind of impact on you. He will be remembered for many years to come on this council.

Dr. Flowers: Stated, I echo what you just said. He was a great dear friend of mine. I treated him for many years. He was a fine man and we will sure miss him. I miss him already. Certainly, his legacy will live on and on for a long time with his care for the community and his helping to get fire rescue where it is today. (Inaudible) While I am talking, thank you all for coming tonight. This is the way government is supposed to work by listening to the people in the community. I assure you that this council will listen.

Councilman Trippe: Stated, I ran Gene Whetsell's seat. He was such a good friend and a great person. I tried to talk to him every couple of days, and to Mrs. Kathie when he got too sick. I also wanted to say that we are listening to the community.

Councilman Biering: Stated, I wanted to echo that as well. Sitting in the council chambers where Mr. Gene Whetsell set, there is a heavy burden and shoes that can't be filled. We will be listening to the community, we have been listening, I will be serving the community in the best capacity that I can, and thank you for coming here tonight.

Councilman Taylor: Stated, I certainly echo those fine comments concerning the late Councilman Gene Whetsell. I want to show the community that we hear the voices within the community. We do not have blank checks to do everything that everybody wants, we have to work through things. Matter of fact Jerry Bright and I grew up together and rode the bus together. So, I am very familiar with River St. and Robertson Blvd. In fact that is why I made the investment in lights at our church, and we pay the bill for those lights there. I want to show the community that we do take an interest in the things that we hear. There are times that we can get grant funds to get things done. We hear your concerns and we hear your cries. I am available to listen and to work through those projects. Those things that we are able to do, we will do. I want you all to know that you have a hard working council. They work more than at this meeting. They work at many other places and at various times and on many different things. We have a good council and I look forward to working with the new members of council. I have enjoyed working the last twelve years with the council (Audience applauding).

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, that I did not address this specific issue and I just wanted to say to the public like Ms. Goodhope I found out about this on January 1st. This council has not received any applications that I am aware of pertaining to this project. I will say that I have some grave concerns. I understand that the gentleman said that they have to leave the premises and go have treatment, but what about when you return? I have some concerns about treatment ethnicity and clinical competence along with a bunch of issues that could create problems. Not to mention the main concern that most of you have, the boundary maintenance. How do you maintain the boundary of the property? Council has heard your message and I know that the request was made,

and I want to speak specifically to the request, that council adopt a resolution. I do not want you all to leave here thinking we are not responding to that. I do not think that it is appropriate for council to adopt a resolution to take an opinion one way or another against any organization. We haven't received an application or a permit application related to this specific project. That being said, I think we all have grave concerns and when the time comes I think council has heard the message (audience applauded).

Executive Session

Dr. Flowers moved to go into executive session to discuss the following: Personnel – Sheriff's Office and proposed Ordinance 23-O-02, by title only. Councilman Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Taylor moved to exit executive session. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Councilman Murdaugh stated, during executive session we discussed Personnel – Sheriff's Office and proposed Ordinance 23-O-02, by title only.

Dr. Flowers moved to approve 1st Reading Ordinance 23-O-02, By Title Only, To Provide for the Sale of a Portion of Real Property Owned by Colleton County, South Carolina to Mr. Jason McMillan for the property identified by TMS No. 185-00-00-181.000 on Cooks Hill Road; and Other Matters Relating Thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering.

Adjournment

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

This 7th day of February, 2023.



Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

ATTEST:



Kaela Brinson, Clerk to Council

County Council Meeting 1/10/2023

Good evening, I am Lisa Langdale, a resident of Colleton County, property owner, business owner, wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. I have both financial and personal reasons for coming before you today.

I am here because it is necessary to make you aware of the proposed Halfway Housing Shelter for Convicted Sexual Offenders. Shield has purchased the property formally know as Living Word Church on Barracada Road from Faith Summerville and Faith Walterboro.

Because of time restraints I will only introduce Shield, their owners, associates, and Board of Directors, I have provided mounds of information in your packs.

While Shield's David Truluck and Faith Walterboro's Daryl Hunt will try to convince the community that is a great organization, my goal is to provide you with enough information and facts to show you the contrary.

Shield is a program for males released from prison with criminal records that would categorize them as sex offender and or pedophiles. According to Daryl Hunt (Faith Walterboro), "Most of them were NOT involved in sexual crimes. A few maybe." According to their annual report for 2021, 70% of their participants are registered sex offenders, and over the past 5 years their percentages range from 70% - 84%. The sexual offenders living at Shield's property in Charleston (5519 Woodbine Ave, Charleston SC) 30 sexual offenders reside there and only 2 are NON pedophiles.

As a team of concerned residents, we have researched and compiled an enormous amount of information and facts about the creditability of Shield Ministry, the founders, associates, and Board of Directors. I have provided this information in the packets you have before you.

I will tell you a glimpse of what you have received in the pack.

- Shield Ministry's financial statement
- Recidivism rates
- David Truluck's sexual offence charge and drug charge
- Tim Terry's voluntary manslaughter for the murder of his wife.
- Board of Director Karl Brady DUI charge and Fred Stone Child pornography charge.
- Inconsistencies in Shield's press/Facebook statements, ie: changes to the website, capacity of 108 inmates- now backdown to 50, Sherriff Buddy Hill, and as of Dec 31st Shield has removed announcement and their intentions from their Facebook page and state "At this time we are considering multiple possibilities with eht property in Colleton County."
- Concerns about Shield's program to reform: I will let Sarah give you some of the information about that.

I understand, County Council have not received any formal request from Shield Ministry, Faith of Walterboro, Faith of Summerville nor any individuals associated with them, about said project on Barracada Road.

I and many other residences are concerned about the welfare of our children, the negative impact on our city/county and the pull on our community resources (police, hospital, probation officers, etc), property values, and the list goes on. We feel it will be harmful to our economic development in the City of Walterboro as well as Colleton County. Since, Shield is considered a "ministry" with a 501 c3 tax except statues this means ALL funding for these community resources the inmates will be using will become the taxpayer's burden. I know that my property value has tanked at this point as my front door is 117 feet from where the inmates will be housed. When my property tanks and others on Barracada and surrounding areas, so will the taxes and resources received from property taxes.

Thousands of residents of Colleton County including myself are outraged at this purported "ministry" coming to our neighborhood. Shield Ministry has purchased from Faith Summerville the property formally known as Living Word Church on Barracada Road.

According to David Truluck, the Barracada property is "secluded but not isolated and would allow us to take these young men out of the environment that consistently contributed to their going back to prison." Barracada Road is a neighborhood with families and more concerning children.

Faith Summerville is owner financing this purchase to Shield Ministries and as per Daryl Hunt's (Faith Walterboro) Facebook post "I support Shield Ministries. The church I pastor, Faith Walterboro, will be partnering with them to help men grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ." He also quoted "everyone deserves a second chance." My personal believe is that the victims don't get second chances for a normal life, they are forever changed and never forget the tragedy of being a victim of sexual assault.

Shield, via grants have installed a septic system and well system for sprinklers to date, and the funding for these come from grants possibly from the government. Again, my and your tax dollars at work. Daryl Hunt, (former Pastor of Living Word Church) under the name of LWC (which had been dissolved as of June 19, 2018) applied to DHEC for a septic system on November 5, 2021. It was approved for a "Family Life" center Occupancy 55, NOT residential dwelling.

Because Daryl Hunt (Faith Walterboro), Larry Burgbacher (Faith Summerville), David Truluck (Shield Ministry) and Tim Terry (Fresh Start Vision that merged with Shield in May 2022) have seemingly tried to not be forth coming and doing this on the down low by not going the proper routes, residents are very confused and suspicious of their true intent.

Shield's website is very vague, as they have change 3 times since this information broke. They are attempting to convince residents this is good thing. Shield's Pastor is a registered pedophile

himself and his Co-Pastor Tim Terry is convicted of voluntary manslaughter of his wife in 1987. Tim was heavy into dealing cocaine and Marijuana, she threatened to leave him, and he killed her. After he killed her, he attempted to kill himself and failed. Tim quotes "Most people got their education at Pen State, I received mine at the State Penn."

We (concerned residents) do not and cannot understand how ANYTHING productive or good can come from Shield housing 50 to 100 inmates with a high rate of recidivism living in our neighborhood. We feel the risk does not out weight the reward. If Shield helps 1000 men at the cost of 1 child being hurt (that will never recover), then the risk outweighs the reward.

We as a community have many issues with this and I am only here to make you aware of the situation and to request this council board make a statement or pass a resolution opposing locating this facility in Colleton County. Thank you for your time and understanding. In the future if there is anything in your power to help STOP Shield Ministry coming to Colleton County, we (concerned residents) will be thankful.

Thank You

CDBG & HOME Notice of Public Hearing Concerning Needs Assessment**COLLETON COUNTY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., Colleton County will hold a public hearing to solicit public input on community needs and priorities for housing, public facilities, and economic development. At this public hearing Colleton County will provide the results of its needs assessment and the activities which might be undertaken to meet identified needs, including the estimated amount proposed to be used for activities that will benefit persons of low and moderate income. County Council will be holding the meeting in person. Meetings are broadcasted live at www.Colletoncounty.org/live. Public comments can be done at www.Colletoncounty.org/comment. Individuals who would like to participate in public comment during the meeting should attend in person.

The County will also discuss matters related to housing needs and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing in anticipation of participation in the Beaufort County/Lowcountry Regional HOME Consortium funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

This 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 County in the planning and implementation of community and economic development projects which will involve CDBG funds. The Citizen Participation Plan is available for review at Colleton County, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00a.m. and 5:00p.m. Persons with questions or comments concerning the public hearing or the Citizen Participation Plan may contact Kimberly Mullinax, Lowcountry Council of Governments, PO Box 98, Yemassee, SC 29945, (843) 473-3990.

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, PO Box 157, Walterboro, SC 29488, (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.

Note: Assistance will be provided to accommodate the special needs of disabled and/or Limited English Proficient persons upon request with forty-eight hour notice.

CDBG & HOME Aviso de audiencia pública sobre evaluación de necesidades

Nota: Se proporcionará asistencia para acomodar las necesidades especiales de personas discapacitadas o con dominio limitado del inglés previa solicitud con un aviso de cuarenta y ocho horas.