

**MINUTES
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2015
6:00 P.M.
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD JAIL BUILDING**

Colleton County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 1, 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, Nate Bristow, Jane Darby, Iris Hill, Pete Anderson, Carl Coffin, Donna Lamb, Susan Johnson, Sheriff Andy Strickland

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

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting July 28, 2015

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

The motion carried unanimously

Awards & Recognitions

Colleton County Finance Department – Governmental Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

Mr. Murdaugh said we have been recognized this year as having received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States & Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting & financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government & its management.

Mr. Murdaugh recognized the employees in the Finance Office and congratulated them for a job well done and presented the Award plaque to Mr. Dennis Averkin, CFO.

Appearances & Public Presentations

Nate Bristow, Tommie's Auto & Diesel- Re: Towing & Road Service

Mr. Murdaugh said Mr. Bristow is here today to address the letter he had received regarding the towing and volunteer and Mr. Bristow what we are going to do is listen to what you have to say and since it involves potentially personnel and some statutory issues, we will probably get our legal counsel to give us some advise and then we will respond, but we will be happy to hear from you at this time.

Mr. Bristow presented his information to the council members.

Administrator's Briefing

Mr. Griffin said I had a couple of questions about a couple of things on the agenda. The 1st is Resolution 15-R-86, regarding the Council on Aging. I wanted to remind council, we discussed this a few months ago, The Council on Aging, the new GASB requirements on auditing any agency that received over \$15,000 of funding was required to have a certified audit submitted to us. They at that time had not had it and ran into an issue with us and LCOG funding. They actually got it done and submitted June 30th of this year. The \$17,800 that they are requesting to be refunded to them was the amount they were not funded last year because they did not have that audit. They were funded up to \$15,000, but did not submit their audit until June 30th so we were unable to cut a check that fast within the budget last year. What they were requesting was that is just to have that funding replaced that they were due last year to keep the budgetary systems in place. The other is the title is a little misleading on the approval of the maintenance agreement for the lease of equipment. That is the lease for the golf carts at Dogwood Hills Golf course.

Mr. Griffin said you all received a letter from SCDOT that was actually submitted, Mr. Ed Williams is our chairman of the Colleton County Transportation Commission. I just wanted to bring you up to date; this is on the additional funding that CTC's received Statewide. It outlines roughly a roughly \$3,000,000 in funding that the county is going to receive. Also on the back page of it the CTC did outline a list of roads to be resurfaced with that money. You can look on that page and see what is coming up as far as that list is concerned, between the funding we got this year from CTC as well as the fund balance they already had there as well.

Mr. Griffin said another item ...inaudible... Capital Projects Sales Tax, we were informed this week by the EDA that we have received a grant for Airport Infrastructure for \$780,000. We are very fortunate to get that. We didn't know we had a really good chance at that, but we are happy about that. That will also supplant some of our Capital Projects Sales Tax funding there as well that we will be able to move toward other projects and do some other things Economical Development wise as well and very happy we were able to get that.

Mr. Griffin said he wanted to remind council September 16th is our Industry Appreciation Day. We will have a number of different events going on that day, followed by a barbeque at Dr. Flower's Farm. I wanted to remind council to have that on their calendar as we move forward it should be a really good day and look forward to recognize all of our industry officials/representatives and those from Commerce and

otherwise that help us do good things as far as economic development is concerned in Colleton County.

Mr. Griffin said Capital Projects Sales Tax Program, we are in full design mode now on the Law Enforcement Center; had a good meeting the 1st of the week on that. We also had the 1st kick off meeting on the Hampton Street Auditorium and plan next week have the 1st meeting on getting the Harrelson Building going as well as coordinating with the other jurisdictions. In that regard for the Law Enforcement Center, there is some timber that needs to be cut on that property in order to clear the site to get it ready. I just wanted to let council know as well as the public cause anytime we work on timber around here we get a lot of questions and I want to make sure everybody knows about it. We are looking at the Law Enforcement Center, our site on Risher Mountain Road that we purchased for a fire station in an agreement with Westvaco, it is a rather large site and they need to do some clearing there, as well as at the Rec Center, as you know as far as our Capital Projects Sales Tax project we added a piece of property across from the middle school. There is a good bit of property and timber there. We are not going to clear cut, but do a good thinning through there so you will actually be able to see the ballpark from Tuskegee Airmen Road and that also hopefully we will get some funds back out of that so we can make that connection between the new football practice field and baseball field back through there. Do a little cleaning up and getting the site ready. Working with a consultant right now to put a proposal together and expect that to be out in the next week or two.

Mr. Griffin said he had a chance about two weeks ago to meet with the County's Veterans Association; Mr. Johnny Holmes, Mr. Bill Proctor and Bob Teegs (?) they have brought us back, I know they came back to council a while back about doing the Veterans Memorial here where the Blue Star Monument is at the corner of Hampton and East Washington Street. They got us a good scale drawing of that, which we now got with our engineering department and working on them to get hard costing done on that so we can move forward to see what we can go after to help them with some funding there.

Public Hearing

Ordinance 15-O-10, To Provide For The Issuance And Sale Of Not Exceeding \$6,000,000 Taxable General Obligation Bonds Of Colleton County, South Carolina; To Prescribe The Purposes For Which The Proceeds Shall Be Expended, Including The Refunding Of Special Source Revenue Bonds Of The County And The Acquisition Of Certain Real Property For Economic Development Purposes; To Provide For The Payment Thereof; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

No comments were made.

Old Business

3rd Reading, Ordinance 15-O-10, To Provide For The Issuance And Sale Of Not Exceeding \$6,000,000 Taxable General Obligation Bonds Of Colleton County, South Carolina; To Prescribe The Purposes For Which The Proceeds Shall Be Expended,

Including The Refunding Of Special Source Revenue Bonds Of The County And The Acquisition Of Certain Real Property For Economic Development Purposes; To Provide For The Payment Thereof; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

2nd Reading, Ordinance 15-O-11, To Ratify FY15 Grant And Budget Resolutions And Related Appropriations For All Funds; To Ratify Transfer And Other Resolutions Previously Authorized By Council; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

1st Reading, Ordinance 15-O-12, BY TITLE ONLY, Approving the Issuance by Project Global of Revenue Bonds for the Purposes of an Economic Development Project of Colleton County; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of the Deposit and Reimbursement Agreement Between Colleton County and Project Global; To Provide for the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds of Colleton County if Needed, South Carolina 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 3rd reading was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 15-R-84, To Approve a Mutual Aid Agreement between the Colleton County Sheriff's Office and the Lexington County Sheriff's Office.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 15-R-85, To Approve the Maintenance Agreement for the Lease of Equipment between Colleton County and Agricredit Acceptance, LLC.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 15-R-86, To Authorize an Appropriation from the General Fund (Fund 100) Fund Balance in the Amount of \$17,800 to Council on Aging Direct Assistance.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 15-R-87, To Authorize an Operating Transfer from the State Aid to the Library Fund (Fund 121) to the Colleton County Memorial Library Fund (Fund 122).

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 15-R-88, To Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Funds for Various Grants Received for FY 2015-2016.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 15-R-89, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies.

A motion to approve Gregory Smalls to the Colleton County Board of Disabilities (the resolution) by acclamation was made by Dr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 15-R-90, To Establish Fees for the Dogwood Hills Golf Course.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Items for Information and Public Record

None

Public Comments

Pete Anderson, Edisto Beach – Thanked council, administrator, Barry McRoy for loaning them an ambulance for the summer. Having two ambulances during the summer was a great help and wanted to thank you for that.

Council Time

Mr. Murdaugh said at the last meeting we talked about the committee that will evaluate and make some recommendations for a way to memorialize the late Sen. Pinckney. We had talked about appointing that to the Administrative Committee. The chairman of that committee is Chairman Robinson along with Mr. Whetsell and Mr. Taylor. I believe since Mr. Robinson is the chair it is his discretion to call and set the time and coordinate with the members. If for some reason someone will be unable to participate let us know and we will get someone else for them.

Mr. Taylor said I know you know we will have to make do notice since three of us will be meeting to notify the public.

Mr. Murdaugh said there was one thing he wanted to point out; we lost our former mayor, Mr. Cone and he had a lifetime of service to the city as well as the county. We want to remember him and his family in our prayers.

Executive Session

- a) Economic Development
 - 1) Project Global
 - 2) Project Lion King
 - 3) Project Cricket
 - 4) Project GP
 - 5) Project Shellfish

- b) Contractual – Dogwood Hills Golf Course

- c) Personnel – Sheriff's Office- Coroner's Office

Regular Session

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

No further actions were taken.

The meeting was adjourned.

Date: _____

Joseph F. Flowers, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council

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