

**MINUTES
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL
VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

Colleton County Council met on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 6:00 PM, Virtually. Steven Murdaugh called the meeting to order with Council Members Gene Whetsell, Dr. Joseph Flowers, Art Williams, Phillip Taylor in attendance (via telephone)

Others included: Kevin Griffin, Ruth Mayer, Sean Thornton, Jon Carpenter, Meagan Utsey

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

Approval of Minutes

Special Meeting June 16, 2020

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Administrator's Briefing

Mr. Griffin- We are still working on some budget numbers. We plan to have a package out to council members the middle of next week. We are looking and I am sure you all have probably seen the articles all the local governments around are looking at a fairly considerable shortfall primarily related to COVID and revenues related to sales taxes and other things such as that. We are seeing a fairly considerable shortfall going into next year, but we are working with department heads right now and our elected officials. We are working through areas where we think we can handle some cuts as well as bringing some other ideas to you when we send out the packet next week. We plan to send that information out to you for your review and at that point we will schedule probably within the next 7-10 days a budget session that we would talk about. We will work through that then and hopefully get us a budget. We gotten through our continuing resolution until October 15th. There is some considerable things that's been happening at the state level in September that would affect with what we would need to do with our budget, so we are going to have to keep a close eye and ear to what is happening in Columbia.

Councilman Taylor has been working with this very closely, but the SC African American History Foundation is working with the USDA who has a pot of funds that they are working through, some historical markers. We've got two markers that have been slotted for Colleton County. One is from Adam Carter, who was a Colleton County jailer from 1880-1900 as well as a janitor at the Colleton County Courthouse from 1900-1917. He was also the only African American able to vote in the local Democratic Primaries during that

time. The other is Daniel Sanderson, he was a veteran, he was a slave and then served in the 35th US ...inaudible ...Infantry, fought in the Battle of Honey Hill down in Jasper County, mustered out here in Walterboro, was appointed postmaster here from 1873-1884, was later doing ...inaudible... The grant itself will pay for the markers and such. We have been tasked with locating where to put the markers. With Mr. Carter being the jailer, that would be a fairly obvious location somewhere near or around our old Jail Building grounds and the other one Mr. Sanderson the folks at the Museum have done a good bit of work and been able to trace back to 1905 on the old ...inaudible...fire maps. The Post Office at that time and they believe earlier all the way to the 1870's was located right on the corner of Neyles Street and East Washington Street, which is where we now currently have the Colleton County Museum/Farmers Market. We are working on an area right there as well for that marker and that is the idea for that one. I wanted to bounce those off to ya'll as well as the locations if ya'll had any questions in the next few weeks or input as far as that goes. Please let us know.

Mr. Murdaugh asked if they had been able to determine if any decedents of Mr. Carter or Mr. Sanderson are still living in the area?

Mr. Griffin – I do not yet. Like I said we just got this information really at the beginning, end of last week, 1st of this week and have been trying to get, we have a deadline we have got to get an application in by the 15th just to let them know we want to do it, so we are just kinda getting that all together. We will track that down.

New Business

Emergency Ordinance 20-O-06, Temporarily Suspending the Existing Procedures for Conducting Meetings of the Colleton County Council and Its Boards and Commissions to the Extent Necessary to Protect the Citizens of Colleton County, Colleton County Staff, Board and Commission Members, and County Council Members from the COVID-19 Epidemic and Establishing Temporary Procedures for Such Meetings

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 20-R-30, To Declare Surplus Various Vehicles and Equipment and to Authorize Their Sale in Accordance with County Policy

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 20-R-31, To Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Funds for Various Grants for FY 2020-2021

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 20-R-32, To Authorize Renewal of the Lease Agreements By and Between Colleton County and Colleton Genealogy Society and By and Between Colleton County and the Lowcountry Community Action Agency (LCAA) for the Use of County Facilities Located on Black Street in Walterboro

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 20-R-33, To Award the Contract for the Rocking of County Dirt Roads

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 20-R-34, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies

Ballot Results:

Colleton County Resource & Development: Hank Amundson

Board of Disabilities & Special Needs: Gregory Smalls, Linda Ingram

Colleton County Planning Commission: Ian Sanders, Benjamin Scott Cook, Maryann Blake

Colleton County Alcohol & Drug Abuse: Tamara R. Chisolm Dobison

Land Use Zoning Board of Appeals: Philip Rizer, William Drawdy

No further actions were taken and the meeting was adjourned.

Date: _____

Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

ATTEST:

Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council

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