

**MINUTES
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020
6:00 P.M.
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD JAIL BUILDING
109 BENSON STREET, WALTERBORO, SC**

Colleton County Council met in Special Session (Virtual) on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 6:00 PM, at the County Council Chambers, Old Jail Building. Steven Murdaugh called the meeting to order with Council Members Gene Whetsell, Phillip Taylor, Dr. Joseph Flowers, Art Williams in attendance.

Others present included: Kevin Griffin, Ruth Mayer, Sean Thornton, Jon Carpenter, David Greene, Meagan Utsey, Carla Harvey, Zach Montgomery

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

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting April 21, 2020

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Awards and Recognitions

Proclaiming Gullah-Geechee Nation Appreciation Week

Mr. Murdaugh read the Proclamation aloud for the record.

A motion to approve the proclamation was made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

Administrator's Briefing

Mr. Griffin – Update on COVID-19 Situation and reopening of the county. We did a soft opening last week. Some offices were little more difficult to secure with cough guards and some other things. We got everyone opened up on Monday. Still have two offices in the Harrelson Building (Assessors Office & Planning & Development Office) that are still operating by appointment, but notified today that their protective guards are in and will be installed tomorrow. Veterans Affairs is also operating by appointment only. They have some complications because you have to go through the State Health Department and Clemson Extension to get to their office. We are making some additional changes over

there to give her better access as well as get some guards, but she is able to operate now by appointment to get the Veterans what they need over there as well.

We are still working on tornado recovery there is a number of items there. One very important process we've starting developing what is called a Long Term Recovery group, which is recommended by FEMA & State EMD. This group is made up of a group of citizens to assist in the recovery efforts and to also raise money and funding or gather donations (Volunteers) or folks volunteer to that gap that we have where maybe you had a property that FEMA funding doesn't apply, they are not eligible for the FEMA funding maybe by ownership or it was a rental or some other things where the FEMA funding doesn't cover enough, there is a gap there that this group would cover. A number of other things, not just for this event, this group will be developed for any future events we may have as far as hurricanes and a lot of those other things. What was unique about this event was when you are dealing with your hurricanes a lot of that are already hitting well insured properties like at Edisto Beach. This tornado really cherry picked some of the harder hit neighborhoods where some of our least eligible to recover areas so we have been able to work in those areas to try with the Long Term Recovery to 1st of all identify the needs of what they need to get out of there, debris, roofs fixed anything like that on housing and get somebody to make sure they've got a roof over their head and able to operate. We have a great group made up of Ms. Pat Grant. Mr. Chris Bickley is serving as chairman, Mr. Skip Taff (?), Ms. Kelly Whitaker, & Mr. Patrick Thomas. We would like to add a few more to the LTRG Group as we move forward. We also have Mr. Chris Baker from FEMA, Ellison Smith with EMD, Ms. Emily Runney (?) from the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, they are actually handling, they are the 501C that is sponsoring this group and they will handle any donations that folks want to make to this fund to help with the recovery. If you want to donate to this group, you can reach our EMD office here and they can put you in touch with the right folks at 843-539-1960.

Mr. Griffin asked Mr. Greene if he would give them a quick update on the applications that you have gotten.

Mr. Greene said we are really excited about the Long Term Recovery. I should mention that both Mr. Griffin and Hank Amundson were instrumental in getting that group together. They did a good job of volunteering those people to serve on that committee. We are excited about moving forward. As of yesterday we had 436 registrations for individual assistance. That was 223 homes that we identified that were damaged. Some of the duplications could be where perhaps a homeowner and a renter both applied for individual assistance, but that number seems to indicate that a lot of people have reached out. That doesn't guarantee that they get assistance and that is where the LDRG comes in if they don't.

Mr. Griffin said we have had an ongoing issue over on Mossell with a tire stockpile. We have had a number of complaints. We were able to work with Code Enforcement, Mr. Bartley and Ms. Sylvia at the Solid Waste, as well as DHEC, which they secured a \$15,000 grant. As of yesterday that site has been completely cleaned up on Mossell Road and will be certified by DHEC week. We appreciate all of their hard work on this.

Mr. Griffin said within your packet there is a similar sheet to what you had last time the updated revenue numbers for the budget, I am not going through this line by line, but you can read through it. It is very similar to what you saw last time although we do have a little more detailed information that is coming in a little more clearer where we are going to be. We think we are going to be budget wise ...inaudible... bottom line with our impacts from both the tornado and with the COVID situation, we are looking at about a 10 day shortage. We run about \$76,000 a day, so right now we are predicting we are going to be roughly \$750,000 - \$760,000 in the hole. With those as well as the revenue impacts. The major revenue impacts are on our Sales Tax, Local Option Sales Tax, which offsets our property tax those type items that are really hitting us pretty hard. Looking forward to next year and what we think we can expect. We do have the budget on for 2nd reading tonight as we discussed before the budget we are proposing now is just a rollover from last year's budget. The only real changes will be whatever changes we have in our benefits would be the health care insurance, retirement and so forth. Hopefully there is some conversation that the state is going to hold those back this year. We'll see what happens as far as that goes. Through our discussions with the finance office, what we are proposing now is let's look at a budget workshop or retreat right around the 1st of August, the first week. By that time we feel that we will have a really good idea of what this year's impacts were on revenues and exactly what we are looking at going into next year's budget, then we can go through the full gambit of issues that we need to talk about to move forward. The State still saying right now from what we are hearing, that it will be September at the earliest that they are going to have a final budget. A lot of things are riding on not just what we are in the local government fund, but also what I am talking about with the benefit issues and whether or not they are going to hold those over. There is an email from SCAC I received regarding the CARES ACT. South Carolina is getting 1.9 Billion dollars through the CARES ACT to support and backup the COVID issues within the state. They reached out to all counties and asked us to submit so far our COVID expenditures as well as what we think we are going to spend going into the future, that's all been collected. My understanding is that is going to be reviewed at the Legislature starting next week. They are having a special meeting just to deal with the CARES ACT funding and I would encourage you, if you talk to any of our legislators or if you have a few minutes, just give them a quick call. Right now it is right at \$160,000 and growing. That is not including what we think we may have in other impacts with shortfalls in revenues and such, but any additional information you want, we are also going to put together a letter to go out to each one of them this week as well now that we have this information together. Does the 1st of August suite you all to have budget retreat? I know we had planned a retreat that got washed out because of COVID, but would ya'll like to do another retreat, re-plan that.

Dr. Flowers said by that time we should have more good information regarding the budget shouldn't we?

Mr. Griffin said yes, we should know pretty clear almost, a few items that lag from the State prospective, but we should have a really good picture by August of where this years ending revenues are going to go and it should be a good bit of information out there from the State floating as to what is going to happen.

Dr. Flowers said what you were saying a while ago it sounds like to me that we are going to come up with a shortfall about 10 days about \$750,000 -\$800,000 Total and that would have to come out of the Fund Balance if we don't get some relief from the Legislature. Is that correct.

Mr. Griffin said that was right.

Mr. Murdaugh said assuming everything, no indication about what the Local Government Fund is going to pay out this year.

Mr. Griffin said no because they do that on an annual basis. There is a formula that was put in place last year to help gradually increase it. Whether that stays in place or honored.

Mr. Murdaugh said then it is also and I am going to qualify everything I am saying by saying I have not read this sheet yet, but the \$166,000, I know you were talking about that number as being an expense, that's an expense...inaudible... not withstanding the shortfall of Revenue from COVID-19 is that correct?

Mr. Griffin said that is correct. That would be our ...inaudible... anything throughout.

Mr. Murdaugh said that is what I was going to ask. The kind of things we were spending this money on related to COVID-19 would primarily be stuff like PPE (?) and things like that.

Mr. Griffin said I don't have that right in front of me, but I will be glad to send that detail out to you all in an email after the meeting if you would like to have it.

Mr. Williams said my question would be if this is the 2nd reading, we haven't sat as a group of council members yet to discuss anything about the budgets to see what other agencies that we may need to consider doing more for, example would be ...inaudible ... or Drug & alcohol I know they are State agencies, but the issues, Colleton Counties issues where we fall when the State doesn't give them the proper appropriation, those individuals that live in Colleton County are our citizens. The Homeless Shelter, they close practically every other month, those are some of the things I think as council members we should look out for the benefit of all of the citizens in Colleton County and we can't do that if we keep forging forward with the budget without even having a conversation because there is some other suggestions that is there that I personally have there could be ways to get some additional revenue for us to operate with, but if we never have a conversation as a group I don't feel that I should bombard you or any of the other council members should bombard you as the administrator and come in there individually with our own ideas and that is why it is important to me that we sit and have a discussion as apposed, maybe you like it better with each council coming in with their own separate agenda, but if that is the case, then I'll do whatever, but we have never discussed those type particulars before because we have never had that administrative meeting for us to find out the proper protocol, because I have been there, done that, and I know it is aggravating when

individuals start coming to you with their own agenda rather than hearing everybody at the same time and hash out which is the most important.

Mr. Griffin said 1st of all we were going to have that meeting as far as the initial workshop, obviously that got cancelled due to the COVID situation. That is what I am proposing we do the 1st of August. I know we have 2nd reading, but all we were trying to do here is just tee it up and us have it ready and primarily all the budget work is really going to be done between 2nd and 3rd when we know where we are going to be at the State level. I would suggest we have a very robust conversation when we have all that information so ya'll will know where we are from the Revenue prospective exactly where we are and what we are going to have to deal with and how you want to deal with any possible shortfalls as far as that's concerned. Secondly, I serve at you all's pleasure. I am more that welcome to hear any ideas that you may have to help the system to budget or other revenue items to help, as you know moving forward right now pretty much every budget we've had has just been a very marginal incremental increase, so if you want to do something over here it's got to come from somewhere else to move over, it is just not a situation where we are really seeing any type of serious windfall as far as revenue goes. Certainly if you would like to come, anytime any of you would like to come sit down and discuss those items, I am opened to it. I feel like that meeting in August we could sit down and have a really good deep conversation and address any of those items that you or anyone of you would like to at that time. We will try to gather prior to that send out some information in gathering specific things that we need to get information back to you to discuss at that meeting as well.

Mr. Murdaugh said traditionally by now we have sorta done that, but with having this continuing resolution and the State telling us they don't know what is going to happen till September it is hard other than doing a continuing resolution as far as making any other predictions until we are able to quantify what is going on, but I agree that obviously at some point we have got to have and meeting and sit down and go through the particulars.

Mr. Taylor said he just wanted to ask and I know you talked about the budget and ...inaudible... proposed fees schedule that came out, do you want to do that in the

Mr. Griffin interrupted yes, I was going to get that when, that is some work that was done prior to this other situations that our Permit Office, the Planning Department as far as ...inaudible... for the Planning and Zoning side to update our fees. That information is in there for your review. This may not be the ideal year to do it with everything else going on, but yeah we can certainly go through those as well when we have that budget meeting.

Mr. Taylor said I did see some of the outcome. I think you may have already fixed a couple of houses with that LRT group. I saw a lady yesterday and she was all excited, they came and put my chimney back on, they fixed my roof, and they are coming to put her floor in for her in one of the hardest hit neighborhoods and I think it was one of those situations where it wasn't FEMA qualified. I have seen the work and a lot of excitement from the people in the community about the county and city actually working together on

these kinds of projects with the non-profits, so I just wanted to reference that while we were talking about it.

Mr. Griffin said he thought that Mr. Taft who is on the committee, he is with what was formerly Habitat for Humanity, they have now rebranded themselves into a different organization, but they have already starting reaching out and doing some work for the community.

Old Business

2nd Reading Ordinance 20-O-04, To Provide for the Levy of Taxes in Colleton County, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; to Provide for All Other Appropriations Thereof; and to Provide for 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

Resolution 20-R-23, To Declare April Fair Housing Month

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 20-R-24, To Approve a Policy of Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Disability Status and to Designate an ADA Coordinator

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 20-R-25, To Endorse the 2020 Community Development Block Grant, Ready to Go Application for the Colleton County – Buckner Building Demolition Project and Funds for Local Match

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 20-R-26, To Award the Contract for the ACE Greenway Trail Project Trailhead Picnic Shelter

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 20-R-27, To Award the Contract for the Colleton County Commerce Center Lot 3 Grading

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 20-R-28, To Approve Appointments to the Lowcountry Workforce Investment Board

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 20-R-29, To Authorize the Council Clerk to Advertise for Board Vacancies

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion regarding the Confederate Monument at the Colleton County Courthouse

Mr. Murdaugh- We did have a citizen, Mr. Jason Brown sent an email regarding this and Mr. Taylor asked that we put this item on the agenda for discussion. There is a statute regarding the protection of the monuments, which may prevent us from moving or relocating any statue that is a monument, but we are here to discuss.

Mr. Taylor – I sent an email to ask that we have a discussion. Got numerous contacts from citizens throughout the county in recent days trying to express and relay their concerns that no one wants to erase anybody's heritage, history, some things are regarding safety. We saw in other communities where people, it's not been in our community, we've had several demonstrations in Colleton County over the last several weeks. They have all been relatively peaceful. I have seen quite a bit of activity around the Confederate Monument even in the off times during the middle of the day. In a since of protection nobody gets hurt, nobody gets injured, thinking it is in a protected space or maybe if we would have it moved to the museum was kinda a thought I had, but nothing to destroy, or demolish anybody's history or heritage, just something. A lot of concern in the community regarding it and like the chairman said as ...inaudible... I did quite a bit of research on the heritage act and some other things out here and seeing that it would require a super majority of the Legislature at a time where they are not even taking up a whole lot of issues. It is just something we need to think about how we can help unify the citizens and bring them together on the same page and my two cents is we ought to love one another.

Mr. Williams – I agree with you. This is one of the sore eye of the African American community and I understand by seeing these legislations how it is protected, but I still would like for us to further investigate because there are other communities that are making adjustments. Whatever adjustments we can make I would like for us to consider it. Everybody deserves to have the right to their own heritage and protect their heritage and I am not against that, but we don't want to put one against the other and create hate and animosity and let something explode when we are here on council that could possibly try to find out more about what could be done.

Mr. Murdaugh – Only thing I say is obviously I think the statute prevents us from obviously doing, taking any action on it, well taking any legal action at this time that can be done. Here is what I don't know. I don't know if there is a procedure, that there is a procedure to ask the legislature to do something like that. I assume if it was it would have to be some vote of special legislation, but I don't know that. Yes that is something that we could find out. As far as the monument itself, my thoughts are number one as I understand it, and that is another question that I would ask is that maybe if we could get somebody at the courthouse who would know when they went through this renovation process there was a whole history of the courthouse and I am assuming that there is a history of where the monument has been located, my personal observation, nothing against the history or anything, the monument is in the center of the courthouse and when you ride by the main street it blocks the view of the front of the courthouse and we have one of the prettiest courthouses in the state of South Carolina and it blocks that. I do think we are in an unprecedented time and I am not in favor of taking anything down ...Tape ran out at the point... This is a memorial for confederate, in fact it reads the text on it says to the confederate soldiers of Colleton County, South Carolina those who fought and lived and those who fought and died and those who gave much and those that gave their all and on the back it talks to the mothers, wives, and sisters. This is a memorial. We have talked about for a couple of years now on developing some sort of Veterans Memorial Park. We haven't gotten very far with that. I would be opened, I am not committing, I would be opened to suggestion of putting it there. The courthouse in my opinion is I don't think you should have anything on the courthouse grounds if you want to get right down to it. That is where people go to seek justice and I don't know that it is the appropriate place. I don't think you should take it down either. I don't think that is appropriate. History is history. There is a writing on a mural and we talked about ironically on the eve of the anniversary of the Charleston Nine, but if you go to Charleston and you ride by a mural, there is a mural there that has Senator Pinckney actually on it and it says across the south we have a deep appreciation of history. It goes on to say we haven't had a deep appreciation of each other's history. That pretty much highlights where we are. I think we have to at some point reach fair balance and compromise. It's a part of history, but it may not be where it is now. I don't know that we need to see the history of it. As far as I know it was 1911 when that monument was erected. I don't think it needs to come down because it does commemorate Confederate soldiers, but if had been my choice it wouldn't have been in front of the courthouse. It obstructs the whole view of the courthouse, if anything it probably should have been left where it was. In any event tonight I don't think we can do anything because the legislature says we can't. Maybe they are addressing that issue. It may turn out there is nothing we can do period, but I don't think it would hurt

us to kinda get the history of this thing and maybe in our meeting that we are going to have we ought to also include part of that discussion about this particular park we want to develop as far as the Veterans memorial park. That is my take on it. I wish we weren't having to go through the divide that the country is going through now, I remember when I was a little kid, we had three TV stations 2,4,&5 and you could only get one of them if you had some aluminum foil. We didn't have 24hr. news feed and we weren't constantly bombarded with things that were going on and I remember when I was a real small kid, I stayed with my grandfather during the summer because my parents were separated and my dad was working and the first thing my grandfather did every day when he got out of bed was we went down the road and checked on the neighbors. Just to see if they were alright or needed anything, it turns out those neighbors were actually Mr. Buckner who sat on this very bench with me his family. I didn't know that I was just a kid. I didn't know Floyd Buckner ...inaudible... but people took care of each other. We didn't have this 24 hr. news feed and all this stuff. I know it is very simple and we will never get back to the time where people just check on their neighbor, but if we just took care of each other and our neighbors down the street we wouldn't have a lot this stuff going on. I do think we have to consider everybody's perspective on this thing and how it effects them, but tonight I don't think there is anything we can do.

Dr. Flowers – I echo what Mr. Murdaugh had to say. Some of these people that died in that war that is probably the only memorial they had they have no tomb stones anywhere. My grandfather happened to be in that war and he was constricted at age 16 to go fight. He didn't have anything and came back and had nothing. We took care of our neighbors and our friends and it didn't make any difference of what color they were or who they were when we came along. There was no such thing as welfare. We gave, people would come to my daddy's house at 12 o'clock at night needing a doctor and he would get up and take them to the doctor. He had a little store and he would give them credit. He didn't know whether or not they would pay him or not, but he didn't care it was the neighborly thing to do. That is how I was raised. That is the way I have tried to live my life is by helping my fellow man and by being a neighbor to everybody and a friend to people. This is what I think we need to come back to. It is too much division in this country today and I hate to see it. It worries me at my age I just hate to see something like this and I hope that something goods going to come out of the turmoil that we are seeing now and hopefully we will be able to have an amicable relationship in all of our community people.

Mr. Whetsell – I think this is almost a moot point at this point because it says this section 10-165 says that it has to have the approval of two thirds of the general assembly and until something like that is done then the monument will probably not get moved.

Council Time

Mr. Taylor – Coming up this Thursday from 10:00-3:00 Bells Elementary, Fedder Health Care is going to be doing Covid testing for people in the community down there.

I was contacted by Mr. Roy Williams and Ms. Jessie Gooding about Juneteenth Celebration and coming together. This afternoon Mr. Frank ? from Cottageville called and said he wanted to get a group that will help unify people in the community and he

was thinking that maybe Juneteenth could serve as that. I told him I would get him in touch with Mr. Roy Williams and see if we can bring those elements together.

I want to thank everybody for their political support in my re-election to council and the well wishes. I thank you.

Mr. Murdaugh – Congratulations to you and Dr. Flowers. There was a situation and I think all of the council members have spoken with the Sheriff about a situation at the jail. I was not able to coordinate with the Sheriff to have him to be present here tonight, but I am going to ask him to give us an update on it and if we need to have a meeting about that particular situation, then we can call a special meeting if ya'll want to or he can communicate with us in masks about it. We just weren't able to get it coordinated tonight. Mr. Administrator do you have any update on that?

Mr. Griffin – Not any more than what you already know.

Mr. Murdaugh – I will certainly make sure we get some updated information. The other thing I have is that we had a young man in our community who is a senior at Colleton County High School, I wish things were different. We could have had him in here, but apparently he received the South Carolina Association of Counties Scholarship. His name is Fred B. Chambers. I don't know Mr. Chambers, but I would like to congratulate him and his family. Have we ever had a young man in Colleton County get a scholarship from the South Carolina Association of Counties?

Mr. Griffin – Not that I am aware of.

Mr. Murdaugh – So he may be the first that I am, but I wanted to congratulate him and his family on that scholarship.

Mr. Williams – First of all I wanted to let the administrator know that I appreciate him and I appreciate the things that he does. I always speak out on something that I think that needs to be spoken out on without any I guess without any apologies. One of the things that concerns me and I think you touched on one of them and I am not going back over that particular situation dealing with the Sheriff. It is just that when things like that happen, personally for myself as one of the stewards of the county, I would like to know when you find out something like that I'd like for you to share it with us so that we will have the information. When citizens come, I get sorta embarrassed when they come with certain information and I don't have a clue as to what is going on, so I feel like I am blindsided by them when they have some questions.

Mr. Griffin – I was not in the chain of communication on that particular issue. I think you all were directly corresponded with that, but I didn't know anything about it until actually the chairman and Mr. Taylor called me and informed me. I think they were all corresponded to directly to you all on that particular situation.

Mr. Williams – There was another incident that happened at the jail that I think would have been good/nice to have heard about it not from the public, but from someone. That gossip stuff I am not here to collect gossip, I rely on you as our ears and eyes in our absence and the incident that took place on Sunday when I was coming through, coming from Green Pond, it would have been nice to know about that at some point, but other than that don't feel that I am always complaining or whining, but you never know what my thoughts are unless I share it with you, rather than sharing it with the public I prefer sharing it with you. I don't know whether you prefer me coming by the office and bombard and talk to you or what we, but when we have our meeting in August, hopefully you and I can establish some type of relationship so we will have what type line of communication we need.

Mr. Griffin – You can come by anytime.

Mr. Murdaugh – What happened in Green Pond?

Mr. Griffin – We had and it happens from time to time when we have what we call a hot load gets left on the transfer station over a Sunday to a Monday and sometimes it will get too hot. It happens from time to time. By the time I actually found about it on Sunday it was already out and taken care of. I'll do a better job of making sure you all get that information out to you as it happens.

Mr. Murdaugh – Mr. Williams some of that might be on me. Your email about not meeting. In all the years I have served and my lifetime we are in the most unprecedented times and your comments were certainly taken. Let me say this we are all five of us are elected to represent our districts. Even if you do come in here and are mad/frustrated and raise an issue, you have every right to do that. None of us are going to hold that against you. Sometimes in our positions, things get tense, tensions get high, but that is what we get elected to do, so I certainly don't take any of that that way, but some of the communication might fall on me rather than Mr. Griffin because we weren't communicating and I was busy and couldn't communicate back with you at the time. Unfortunately, I am like you, sometime I don't know everything that is going on. We do need to try to communicate and keep each other up to speed a little bit better than we do at times.

Mr. Williams – I have one more question because I know I am going to be asked as soon as I leave here, the meeting being changed to have a virtual meeting as opposed to a regular meeting. There was no publication that I observed that stated we were going to have a virtual meeting instead of a public meeting.

Mr. Murdaugh – Well we certainly put it out that we were having an emergency meeting.

Mr. Griffin – We had an emergency ordinance that in 60 days it would all be virtual. It was posted my understanding the clerk posted it in the 11th newspaper (Press & Std.) as well as the website.

Mr. Williams – The agenda was posted, but not stating any changes that say it was going to be a virtual meeting. I checked to see if it was on line and we didn't have it on our web page either about, unless I oversighted it, which could be possible, but not likely.

Mr. Murdaugh – I hope maybe by the time we get into well at least August we will be able to bring an end to these virtual meetings and get back to normal, but that of course is out of all our control at this time.

Executive Session

- a) Discussion of Matters Concerning the Marketing and Promotion of Walterboro and Colleton County to Encourage the Location and Expansion of Industries/Businesses.

A motion to go into executive session was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Dr. Flowers.

The motion carried unanimously.

Regular Session

The items were discussed in executive session.

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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