

**MINUTES
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING BROADCAST VIRTUALLY
TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021
6:00 P.M.
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD JAIL BUILDING**

Colleton County Council met on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 6:00 PM. Steven Murdaugh called the meeting to order with Council Members Dr. Joseph Flowers, Art Williams, Gene Whetsell, Phillip Taylor in attendance

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

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

Mr. Murdaugh said before we get started he wanted to make a motion to amend the agenda to add a legal matter as Item 14d) a Legal Discussion related to the Airport.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Flowers.

The motion carried unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting April 6, 2021

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Appearances & Public Presentations

DJJ Annual Report – Ms. Torsha Anderson gave an overview of all of their activities for 2020.

Administrator's Briefing

Mr. Griffin – Old Business item “b” Mr. Clyde Creel has stopped by twice in the last two weeks and just wanted to extend his thanks to Council for assisting him to get this property back in his family name. As you know it was given to the water company and eventually came over to the Fire-Rescue for a temporary fire station and now he has gotten it back. We have worked through that and will have 3rd reading in June.

Item “a” New Business, the county owns a lot on the corner of North Lemacks Street. Palmetto Rural is putting in fiber all the way down that road, so they are just asking for an easement (5 Ft.) in order to install that fiber.

One other item that will be at the end of the agenda with the appointments of council vacancies. We will have something new there. This year is the first time in I believe in thirteen years since the City annexed both interchanges that we will have over \$50,000 collected in Accommodation Tax for the Special Revenue Fund. By State law once that is done you have to re-form your Accommodations Tax Board, which is a seven member board. Four of them come from Lodging and Hospitality, one from Cultural Arts, and the other two are at-large, so we will be advertising for those and also will let the Hospitality Industry Board know so that it is ...inaudible... right now they will have roughly \$35,000 to portion out once they are put together and reconstituted there. We anticipate that to grow because actually this year we hit the \$50,000 in the third quarter. We have been getting it in the fourth quarter, but that ended the year, so we haven't had to form that board yet. Therefore they'll have a little something to work with when they are put together.

Old Business

2nd Reading Ordinance 21-O-05, To Provide for the Levy of Taxes in Colleton County, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 to Provide for All Other Appropriations Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

2nd Reading Ordinance 21-O-06, To Provide for the Sale of Real Property Owned by Colleton County, South Carolina to Mr. Clyde Creel for the property identified by TMS 065-00-0-084.000 on Rehoboth Road; and Other Matters Relating Thereto.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

1st Reading Ordinance 21-O-08, Granting an Easement to Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative on a Portion of Property Owned by Colleton County Located along at 801 N. Lemacks Street in the City of Walterboro, County Colleton, SC, and Identified by TMS No. 163-08-00-027.000; Such Easement is to be Used for the Installation, Operation and Maintenance of a Fiber Distribution Hub within Colleton County, SC; to Authorize Execution and Recording of the Easement Documents; and Other Matters Related Thereto

A motion to approve 1st reading was made by Dr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Williams.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 21-R-22, To Accept and Adopt the 2020 Lowcountry Region Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, as Required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 21-R-23, To Authorize the Council Clerk to Advertise for Board Vacancies

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

Ms. Lora Nettles – Expressed concerns/problems she and her neighbors were having with Sure Shots Bar on Snyders Hwy.

Council Time

Dr. Flowers said he wanted to congratulate our Fire-Rescue on the Agency of the Year Award. We appreciate all of their hard work.

Mr. Murdaugh said we also had one of our members of Fire-Rescue, Captain Janet Laney received her State Certification. I also wanted to congratulate Deputy Kevin Smalls. Apparently on Christmas Day last year he saw a homeless man walking on Hwy. 15 and picked the guy up, took him to the bus station and bought him a bus ticket with his own money to send him home to his family for Christmas. He received an award from Dean Stephens with Channel 4. The gentleman that Deputy Smalls helped apparently was very appreciative and doing well now.

Executive Session

- a) Contractual
 - 1. Town of Edisto Beach
 - 2. TCL
- b) Economic Development
 - 1. Project Circus
 - 2. Project Oldacre
- c) Personnel
 - CPST Commission
- d) Legal Matter - Related to the Airport

Regular Session

Mr. Murdaugh said at this time he would like to enter into nomination for appointment to our CPST Commission the following individuals: Mr. Clarence Wiggins, Mr. Mark Walling, and Mr. Jimmy Syfrett.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

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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