

**MINUTES  
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017  
6:00 P.M.  
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD JAIL BUILDING**

Colleton County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 6:00 PM, at the County Council Chambers, Old Jail Building. Dr. Flowers called the meeting to order with Council Members Steven Murdaugh, Gene Whetsell, Phillip Taylor (Late arrival), in attendance. Evon Robinson, Absent

Others present included: Kevin Griffin, Sean Thornton, Ruth Mayer, Susan Keith, Eleanor Hodges, Marguerite Johnson, Isreal Hodges, Sr. David Linder, Kimberly Mullinax, Morgan Reuis, Erika Davis, Audrey Brown, Reginald McNeil, Louise Slater, Mark Pinckney, Carl Coffin, Anthony Rhone, Suzanne Gant, Regina Brown, Edna Wright, Charles Davis. Dawn Davis, James Rutledge, Roy Williams, Jimmy Wiggins, Clarence Wiggins, Andy Strickland

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

**Awards and Recognitions**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

Regular Meeting July 25, 2017

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

The motion carried unanimously.

**Appearances & Public Presentations**

Morgan Reuis - Southern Carolina Alliance Quarterly Report

Ms. Reuis gave a review of the projects, activities, product developments, and marketing highlights.

Prince Anthony Rhone, President The Village Investment Project – Portable Pool Project

Mr. Rhone presented information regarding the Portable Pool Project.

Mr. Murdaugh said I think you stated in your letter that you had met with the Recreation Commission on two different occasions.

Mr. Rhone said yes.

Mr. Murdaugh asked if they had given any feedback for us about the project.

Mr. Griffin said to his knowledge they have not made a recommendation for council yet. I think they were waiting to work out some details before they could make a recommendation. That is the little bit of knowledge I have from Mr. Chris Myers.

Mr. Rhone said the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was in April and last meeting was July 25<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Myers told myself and my wife's ...inaudible... Ms. Lynette Fryar , at that time that the Parks and Recreation Dept. could not make a decision, however they would be willing to make a recommendation to the council. I do not have that recommendation as of yet. I know of no other information that the Parks & Recreation was waiting on from us. What they did say was that it was a decision that council would have to make. We are only here to make a recommendation.

Dr. Flowers said this is a budgetary item and we will have to take it under advisement. Thank you.

### **Administrator's Briefing**

Mr. Griffin said this a little bit off topic, but this afternoon we had an accident with one of our ambulances and I want to recognize and commend and send our prayers out to Capt. Jones and another officer one of our paramedics, we had an accident on I-95. It looks like it has totaled one of our ambulances. While they were on the scene serving another accident they got rear ended and both of these gentlemen were in the ambulance that got hit/pushed into the ditch, both suffered injuries, but both got out and went to serve medical care to the original accident and then proceeded to Colleton Regional Hospital, but it looks like both of them are in good shape right now and have been released from the hospital, but our prayers are certainly with them.

Dr. Flowers said we certainly hope that they will recover fully and our prayers and thoughts are with them.

Mr. Griffin said we are also tracking Hurricane Irma at this point, which is looking more and more by the day looking like something we are going to have to deal with in one way or another. We have started today preparations to get ready to make sure all of our fuel ...inaudible... and everything thing else is ready to go. Johnny Stiglitz is already working on our Emergency Procurement Procedures. I know last time that was a big item with us with getting the roads cleared and some other things. It looks like we will have some type of impact according to the latest model at 5:00PM. Of course those things can change over time, but certainly something that the council and our staff needs to keep an eye on in case we need to get back together to make any emergency procurement items available to our staff.

We did have a joint meeting with Walterboro City Council last week in regards to the Walterboro Discovery Center and the County Parking Lot next door. They have inquired

to the council to purchase in order to have adequate parking they need for that facility. It was a good meeting and I think we can work it out with everyone, both the Court House and the other staff still have that access to the parking lot during business hours and that is on your agenda tonight for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. I will be glad to take any questions if you need it.

I also wanted to congratulate and thank, we are working very diligently Carl Coffin is here and a number of folks from the Neyles Community, Ms. Audrey Brown, Ms. Suzanne Gant, I am going to name them, but I'm not going to start naming anymore names, because then I will leave somebody out, they have been working very hard on our CDBG Grant application for the Neyles Community Center Library. That grant is requiring, the State is requiring us right now to do door to door surveys for the low to moderate income percentage ratio, so they have been out working very hard in the community and we found out on Friday that they need a whole ...inaudible... census tract survey and from my understanding they got right back to work on that on Saturday and working through that this week. We appreciate that and that is also on the agenda for Public Hearing tonight. Ms. Mullinax will be here as well for any additional information you need from her from Lowcountry Council of Governments.

A couple other items, I just wanted to point our real quick, we have item "h" is to acquire a piece of used equipment. We have a Hazmat truck that we have had for about 4-5 years now and the last two years they have had a number of mechanical issues with it. This will be the truck that we use to respond to a number of hazardous materials incidents, meth labs, you can go down the line, fuel spills, those type things, but we have had a number of mechanical failures on that. Jack Wright and Chief McRoy and his staff have gone out and found a nice piece of used equipment to replace that equipment. Brand new you are looking at \$6-800,000, so hopefully we have been able to work some things around as well as surplused the truck we have now to be able to replace that.

Also there is a Food Service Partnership Agreement, which involves contracting out the Food Service in the jail. The Sheriff and his staff have been working real hard on that and I know he is here tonight if you have any questions that need to be answered. I think we have all the kinks and the County Attorney signed off on the language in the agreement within that contract.

Last item that I have is Item "k" on the agenda this is a continuing process unfortunately of the air conditioning going out in the court room. With that humidity, as you know we have had a very humid summer, when that system was out for over a month, the court room was originally refurbished the acoustic tiles that you see in this room, we have drop ceilings that drop into a metal structure/frame. The tiles in the court room were actually glued to the ceiling. The humidity has gotten into them and they have had some issues with them dropping, but when that humidity went up to well over 60% of that room, so we are having to do an emergency procurement there to get some folks in there and we are actually going to pull all that down and sheetrock the entire ceiling so that should not be an issue again.

Dr. Flowers asked if anyone had any questions for the administrator.

Mr. Murdaugh asked what was the estimated time of impact if we have an impact here for the hurricane.

Mr. Griffin said we are looking at roughly Tuesday of next week. The 5:00PM model shows it will be sitting right off Miami on Sunday and our 1<sup>st</sup> rain impacts will be sometime Monday afternoon. The last model moved it off of the western side of Florida, but still coming directly north up that seaboard through Georgia and South Carolina. All day they have moved back and forth on the eastern and western side for Florida, but they continue to expect it to move almost do north once it hits the Florida Peninsular.

### **Public Hearing**

To endorse the 2017 CDBG, Community Enrichment Application for Colleton County for Neyles Library Branch, CE-17-14 and Resolution 17-R-58.

Kimberly Mullinax from Lowcountry Council of Governments said she was here on behalf of having a public hearing for the possibility of doing a library down in the Neyles Community. What we are looking at doing with this project is building a building about 2,400 sq. ft. and it will have library book shelves, technology, computers, and will serve the Neyles area and we are expecting that to be about 1,000 people. They are out surveying people now. We have had some complications with the survey, but we are trying to get them finished. These people are going out in the community knocking on doors asking some very personal information, so we would appreciate any help that the residents can give. We are looking at having about 1,000 people in this service area. We are applying for the Grant for \$500,000 through the CDBG. This will be put as additional money towards a grant that has already been given to the county on this behalf. The county needs to put in a 10% match, which is \$50,000.

Ms. Mullinax said she would like to open it up for public comments and questions.

Dr. Flowers asked if anyone had anything to add, subtract, or contribute in anyway.

No comments were made.

### **Old Business**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 17-O-05, To Ratify FY17 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 2<sup>nd</sup> reading was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 17-O-06, Granting an Access Easement to the Town of Edisto Beach Across a Portion of Property Owned by Colleton County Located at 3002 Lee

Street (TMS. No. 354-12-00-137.000) within the Town of Edisto Beach, SC; Such Easement is to be Used for the Town of Edisto Beach to Provide Water for its Planned Reverse Osmosis Water System; to Authorize Execution and Recording of the Easement Documents; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 17-O-07, An Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Walterboro and Colleton County To Provide for the Sale and Transfer of Rights by in Real Property Owned by Colleton County, South Carolina and the City of Walterboro.; and Other Matters Relating Thereto.

A motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading was made by Mr. Murdaugh and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ordinance 17-O-08, To Provide For The Amendment And Allocation Of Revenues Under The Agreement For Development Of A Joint County Industrial Park, By And Between Colleton County, South Carolina And Charleston County, South Carolina, Providing For The Development Of A Jointly Owned And Operated Industrial/Business Park.

A motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading was made by Mr. Murdaugh and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-58, To endorse the 2017 Community Development Block Grant, Community Enrichment Application for the Colleton County – Neyles Library Branch Project and Funds for Local Match to be provided by a Sports Development Marketing Program Grant from the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-59, To Authorize the Acceptance of a Grant from the South Carolina Department of Social Services for the Child and Adult Care Food Program Grant for 2018.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-60, To Amend the State Aid to Library Fund #121 Based on Confirmation of Funds to be Received in Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-61, To Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Funds for Various Grants Received for FY 2017-2018.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-62, 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. Murdaugh and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-63, 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 Mr. Murdaugh and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-64, To Authorize the Replacement of the Hazardous Materials Truck for Colleton County Fire-Rescue.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-65, To Approve the Snow and Ice Removal Agreement between Colleton County and the South Carolina Department of Transportation.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-66, To Approve a Food Service Partnership Agreement for the Sheriff's Office for the Colleton County Detention Center.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-67, To Approve a Change Order to an Existing Contract with Mitchell Construction, Inc. for the Emergency Procurement of Courtroom Ceiling Repairs.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-68, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies.

A motion to approve the following by Acclimation was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

Keep Colleton Beautiful: Deborah Hardwick  
Colleton County Commission of Alcohol & Drug Abuse: Leila Williams  
Colleton County Board of Disabilities & Special Needs: Sylvia J. Williams

The motion carried unanimously.

The following were approved by Ballot:

Colleton County Planning Commission: R. Ian Padgett  
Colleton County Resource & Development Board: Jimmy Syfrett

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

Board of Assessment Appeals: Maryann Blake

The motion carried unanimously.

**Items for Information and Public Record**

None

**Public Comments (3 minutes per person/max time 20 min.)**

None

**Council Time**

No Comments

**Executive Session**

- a) Contractual
  - 1. USC Salkehatchie Facilities Contract
  
- b) Economic Development
  - 1. Project Benatam
  - 2. Project Colony
  - 3. Project Global Site
  - 4. Sarla Flex

**Regular Session**

The items were discussed in executive session.

No further actions were taken.

The meeting was adjourned.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Joseph F. Flowers, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council

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