



**Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 9, 2019**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Clarendon County Council**

**Those in attendance:**

Chairman Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.  
Councilman Billy G. Richardson  
Councilman Benton Blakely  
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Vice Chairman W.J. Frierson  
Councilman A.C. English  
County Administrator, David W. Epperson

**Press in attendance:** The Manning Times, Johnny Weeks

**Others in attendance included:**

Lynden Anthony	Marie H. Dukes	Charles S. Dukes	Courtney D. Atkinson
Willie Briggs	Chancely Coker	Joe Witt	Tammy Rodvansky
Michael A. Johnson	Patricia Pringle	Linda Lemon	Donnie Blakely

And other Clarendon County Residents

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with opening comments thanking everyone for working with him on the schedule change for this council meeting. Vice Chairman Frierson led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

- Councilman Blakely thanked everyone for their prayers. He stated that he is lucky to be living in Clarendon County because Clarendon County has some of the best First Responders that you could ask for. Councilman Blakely continued by stating that he had a medical incident a month ago and that he thought this was the end of his life. He stated that the First Responders that came to his house to pick him up were professionals. Councilman Blakely continued by stating that Courtney Atkinson and Chancely Coker are angels because they saved his life. He concluded by thanking all emergency services personnel and he thanked Council for all they do for the Citizens of Clarendon County.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the agenda for July 9, 2019.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the council meeting minutes for the Regular Council Meeting, which was held on June 10, 2019.

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the council meeting minutes for the Special Called Council Meeting, which was held on June 25, 2019.

**3. Service Awards Recognition**

Prior to the business session of the Regular Council Meeting, Chairman Stewart, Administrator Epperson, and Linda Lemon, Director of Human Resources, presented three employees with service awards. The awards were presented as listed:



- Administrator Epperson replied by stating no, He stated that the Hospital District owns the equipment but is it leased by McLeod Hospital. He continued by stating that McLeod has a mass agreement with the Hospital District and the County can lease the equipment or take ownership.
- Councilman Richardson asked do you anticipate any problems with the county leasing the equipment from the Hospital District.
- Administrator Epperson replied by stating that he does not anticipate any problems with the County going into an agreement with the Hospital District.
- Councilman Blakely stated that the move should be better for the EMS employees.
- Administrator Epperson replied by stating yes financially and the retention.
- Vice Chairman stated that he likes the concepts.
- Councilman Blakely stated that the more we can do for EMS, the more they can do for us.
- Chairman Stewart thanked Chief Johnson and the Fire Department Personnel for all that they do.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the First Reading of Ordinance 2019-05 – An Ordinance To Create and Establish a Special Tax District in Clarendon County, South Carolina, to be Known as Clarendon County Emergency Services Special Tax District; to Define the District’s Area and Boundaries; to Authorize the Annual Levy and Collection of Taxes and the Imposition and Collections of Fees and the District’s Operation and Maintenance and Repayment of any Bonds; To Authorize the Issuance and Delivery of General Obligation Bonds by Clarendon County, South Carolina, or Revenue Bonds Payable from the Imposition of Collection of Fees Related to the District, the Proceeds of Which will be used to Purchase Equipment and Facilities for the District; and Other Related Matters.

## 6. Financial Report

Mr. Lynden Anthony, CFO, began his report by stating the following:

- **The General Fund** had Expenditures of \$1,891,664 and Revenue figures were not available as of June 30, 2019.
- **Water and Sewer Department** had Revenue of \$728,979 for the month ending June 30, 2019 and total Expenses were \$503,842. He stated that after depreciation, Bond interest expense, Interest Income, and Net Transfers, the Water and Sewer Department had Net Utility Income of \$140,352.
- **Weldon Auditorium** had Revenue of \$23,372 for the month ending June 30, 2019 and total Expenses were \$115,538. He stated that the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of June 2019 after transfers with a deficit of \$42,166.
- **The C-Fund Program** for the month of June 2019 had a Cash Balance of \$2,001,593 of which \$819,441 has been committed to remaining local paving projects, State Construction Projects in Progress and State Proviso Funds. He stated that the C-Fund Program had an Uncommitted Balance of \$1,182,152 as of the end of June 2019.

## 7. Administrator’s Report

Administrator Epperson began his report by giving Council an update on the following projects:

- **USDA Phase II** – Work is continuing as planned. Customers are continuing to be brought on line as sections are completed and testing is approved by DHEC.
- **Phase III Water Project** – Well has been installed. It is in the process of having its final tests performed. Water lines are also continuing to be installed. This will connect the Eagle Point Subdivision and Wyboo Point Subdivision water systems and other properties in between.
- **County County Fire Department-(Wyboo Station)** – Work is continuing as planned. The Fire Department is eager to have this station completed.
- **Road Paving**
  1. 75% C-Funds (County Portion) – Bethlehem Group paving project is currently under construction. I anticipate it being completed within the next 7-10 days with punch list items to follow.

- Capital Projects – We are beginning the process of scheduling and procuring our capital projects for the upcoming year. I plan on providing updates on each project once construction has begun. These projects will be in the areas of facility maintenance, recreation and landfill.

**Misc:**

1. The Clarendon County Angles (8-10) all-star softball team won their district tournament and has advanced to the state tournament; it begins this weekend in Moncks Corner.
2. Unfortunately, all the other all-star teams from Clarendon County did not advance from their respective district tournaments. However, we would still like to offer our congratulations to the team members on having outstanding seasons and being selected as all-stars.

## **8. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Stewart began his report by stating that he would be the next President for the South Carolina Association of Counties. He continued by stating that no one from Clarendon County held that position since Betty Roper, who was the first President from Clarendon County.

## **9. Executive Session**

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss two items: A Legal Briefing/Contractual Matter in reference to the South Carolina Election Commission and an Economic Development Project, Project Bonefish.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to go into Executive Session to discuss two items: A Legal Briefing/Contractual Matter in reference to the South Carolina Election Commission and an Economic Development Project, Project Bonefish.

The Executive Session began at 7:19 pm. Chairman Stewart asked Mr. George Kosinski, Development Board Director, to come into the Executive Session.

## **10. Open Session**

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session and back into Open Session.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to come out of Executive Session and back into Open Session. The Executive Session ended at 8:54 pm.

Chairman Stewart stated that in Executive Session, Council received a Legal Briefing on the SC Election Commission and it was information on the new voting machines.

Chairman Stewart stated that Council received information on Project Bonefish and action would be taken.

## **11. Resolution**

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval on a Resolution – Committing to Negotiate a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement between Clarendon County and Project Bonefish; Identifying the Project; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

## **12. Ordinance 2019-06**

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the First Reading of Ordinance 2019-06- An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Tax and Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement by and

Between Clarendon County, South Carolina, and Bonefish Solar, LLC to Provide for Payment of a Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes; Authorizing the Inclusion of a Project Site in a Multi-County Business Park; Authorizing Certain Special Source Revenue Credits; and Other Related Matters.

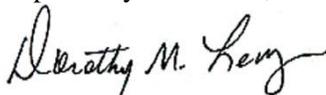
### 13. Adjournment

Chairman Stewart stated that we have exhausted our agenda and he asked for a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to adjourn the Council Meeting.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy  
Clerk to Clarendon County Council, CCC

