



Minutes
Clarendon County Council
Redistricting Workshop
Thursday, August 4, 2011
Weldon Auditorium, Manning, SC

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

1. County Council Chairman Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.
2. County Council V-Chairman W. J. Frierson
3. County Councilman A.C. English, Jr.
4. County Councilman Billy Richardson
5. County Councilman Benton Blakely

COUNTY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

- William F. Houser, County Administrator
- Mia R. Jackson, Clerk to Council
- David W. Epperson, County Attorney

MEDIA PRESENT: Bobby Baker, The Item
Sharon Harley, The Clarendon Citizen
Jason Leslie, The Manning Times

- I. Chairman Stewart called to order at 3:13 P.M.
- II. Chairman Dwight L. Stewart, Jr., performed the invocation.
- III. Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance in unison.
- IV. Vice-Chairman Frierson moved that the agenda be approved as presented. Councilman Blakely seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the agenda as presented.
- V. Chairman Stewart turned the floor over to Attorney David Epperson.
 - i.* Mr. Epperson introduced the workshop leaders:
 - Bobby Bowers, Director of the South Carolina Office of Research and Statistics
 - Wayne Gilbert, GIS Manager
 - Sarah Yorty, South Carolina Office of Research and Statistics

Mr. Epperson explained that on July 21, 2011, that he, along with Clerk Mia Jackson, traveled to Columbia, SC, to attend a meeting with Mr. Gilbert and Ms. Yorty. At the end of the meeting, Mr. Epperson and Ms. Jackson returned to Council what would be considered Plan I of the Redistricting Maps. Within this plan, all of the necessary criteria were met and the necessary redistricting needs were accomplished.

- ii.* Mr. Epperson explained that after careful consideration by council, they felt it best to revisit the Plan I and see if any revisions could be made to improve on the plan.
- iii.* Mr. Epperson introduced Bobby Bowers as the Director of the South Carolina Office of Research and Statistics. Mr. Bowers explained the redistricting process to council and expressed the need for council to adopt the redistricting criteria established by his office.