



# Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting Monday, February 9, 2015, 6:00 PM Council Chambers

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## **Those in attendance:**

Chairman Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.  
Vice Chairman, W.J. Frierson, Sr.  
Councilman, Billy G. Richardson  
Councilman, AC English  
Councilman, Benton Blakely  
County Administrator, David W. Epperson  
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

**Press in attendance:** Bobby Baker, The Manning Times, Konstantin Vengerowsky, The Item

## **Others in attendance included:**

Charlotte Johnston                      Lynden Anthony                      Linda Lemon                      Francis A. Richbourg, CCFD  
Steven Scurry and the Boy Scout Troop # 316                      And other Citizens of Clarendon County

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and Councilman Richardson led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

## **I. Approval of Agenda**

Chairman Stewart asked for an approval of the agenda.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the regular council meeting agenda for February 9, 2015.

## **II. 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 Meeting, which was held on January 12, 2015, with minor corrections.

## **III. Recognition of Boy Scouts Troop 316**

Chairman Stewart recognized Mr. Steven Scurry, Scoutmaster of Troop 316.

Scoutmaster Scurry thanked County Council for allowing them to attend the council meeting and he introduced the boy scouts that attended the meeting with him. He informed Council that others scouts will be attending the meeting as well. Scoutmaster Scurry concluded by stating that the boy scouts are working toward their "Citizenship in the Community" badge.

## **IV. Board Appointment**

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to reappoint Mr. John W. (Skip) Osborne, Mr. Roger (Bubba) Flowers, Jr., and Mr. H. Blake Gibbons to the Clarendon County Development Board to serve another three-year term.

## **V. Intergovernmental Agreement**

Administrator Epperson presented Council with an Intergovernmental Agreement between Clarendon County

Sheriff's Department and the Town of Turbeville for Victim Advocate Services. He continued by stating that this agreement would be renewed on an annual basis. Administrator Epperson further stated that with this agreement, the County would receive \$1,000 per month for Victim Advocate Services from the Town of Turbeville.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Intergovernmental Agreement between Clarendon County Sheriff's Department and the Town of Turbeville.

## **VI. Clarendon County Transportation Committee (CCTC)**

Chairman Stewart called the Transportation Committee to order at 6:10 pm.

- i. Administrator Epperson stated that 25% of the C Fund Project goes to State owned Highways. He continued by stating that there is a safety concern with children walking back and forth to school on West Huggins Street. Administrator Epperson continued by requesting approval to extend the sidewalk on West Huggins Street.
2. Administrator Epperson requested approval to perform an Engineering Study of the Storm Water/drainage on Church Street in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.
3. Administrator Epperson continued by requesting approval to reimburse the County for repair work that was completed on Mill Creek Drive in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.
4. Administrator Epperson concluded by requesting approval to add the road beside the tennis court, at the JC Britton Park, to the resurface road list.

On Motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to all of the requests that were made by Administrator Epperson to the CCTC.

Chairman Stewart stated that the Clarendon County Transportation Committee was now closed. The CCTC meeting closed at 6:16 pm.

## **VIII. Financial Report**

Mr. Lynden Anthony, Controller, began his report by stating that the General Fund had Expenditures of \$11,282,589 year-to-date and Revenue figures were not available.

Mr. Anthony further stated that the Water and Sewer Department had Operating Revenue of \$408,114 and Operating Expenses of \$286,532 as of January 31, 2015. He stated that after depreciation, transfers, and interest expense, the Water and Sewer Department had a Net Utility Loss of \$36,745.

Mr. Anthony continued by stating that the Weldon Auditorium had Total Revenue of \$48,381, and Total Expenses of \$88,278. He stated that after transfers, the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of January with a zero balance. He further stated that Travis Tritt's concert was the largest gross event in the history of the Weldon Auditorium.

Mr. Anthony concluded his report by stating that the C-Fund had a cash balance of \$1,462,846 as of December 31, 2014 of which \$1,260,901 has been committed to the remaining local paving projects and the state required projects leaving an Uncommitted Balance of \$ 201,945.

## **IX. Administrator's Report**

Administrator Epperson began his report by stating that the renovation of the County Courthouse is continuing as scheduled. He continued by stating that the metal studs are installed and the windows would be installed soon.

He continued by giving Council an update on the following:

**USDA Water Projects**

- Phase IB, IC and II are proceeding as planned.

**DHEC Project**

- Cost estimate came in above what was budgeted.

**E-Waste**

- Pickup started February 7, 2015 and there would be one scheduled Saturday per month for pickup.

**Recreation Department**

- Basketball games have started and the signup for Baseball and Softball is open.

**Development Board Director**

- Applications are being reviewed.

Administrator Epperson concluded his report by stating that he and Chairman Stewart met with Mr. John Tindal, Superintendent of Clarendon School District II, to discuss utilizing the left over funds from the one-cent penny tax to fund capital projects within the school district.

Councilman Blakely stated that something has to be done about the financial concerns of Clarendon School District III. He continued by stating that the school district has already cancelled the Band and Arts Programs. Councilman Blakely concluded by stating that the only thing to do is to get the Governor involved.

**X. Chairman's Report**

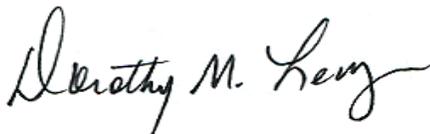
Chairman Stewart began his report by stating that he would be attending the South Carolina Association of Counties Mid-Winter Conference on February 18, 2015 in Columbia. He concluded by stating that he would also be attending a meeting at Clark's in Santee on February 24, 2015.

**XIII. Adjournment**

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

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to adjourn the council meeting. The Council Meeting ended at 6:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy  
Clerk to Clarendon County Council

