



## Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting Monday, October 12, 2015, 6:00 PM Clarendon School District 1 Board Room

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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  
County Administrator, David W. Epperson  
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

**Absent:** Councilman, Benton Blakely

**Press in attendance:** None

### Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony	Christina Darby	Jamie Welch	Nancy Cave
Maree Harper	Charlotte Johnston	Dylon Matthews	Sylvia Clark
Kipp Coker	Amy Pringle	Kenneth Clark	

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. He thanked the Sheriff's Department and Clarendon School District 1 for their quick response assisting citizens during the historic flooding in Clarendon County. 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 Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the regular council meeting agenda for October 12, 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 Council Meeting, which was held on September 14, 2015.

### III. Presentation – Home Town Team

Ms. Nancy Cave, Archives, thanked everyone for their hard work doing the storm. She continued by stating that Clarendon County Archives applied for a grant in 2013, which was completed by Dr. Sylvia Clark. Ms. Cave continued by stating that the grant was awarded and Clarendon County is one of six sites in South Carolina that would be hosting the Sports Heritage Exhibit. This Exhibit will be on display from November 3, 2015 through December 12, 2015. Ms. Cave further stated that the main exhibit will be on display at the Weldon Auditorium and the Historic Society will display the regular exhibit.

Ms. Cave concluded her presentation by stating that the county was also awarded a secondary grant in which the funds would be used to purchase video equipment and they will recruit volunteers from the local high schools to operate the video equipment.

#### **IV. Proclamation**

Chairman Stewart read the Proclamation proclaiming the month of November as Sports Heritage Month.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Proclamation proclaiming the month of November as Sports Heritage Month.

#### **V. Memorandum of Agreement**

Administrator Epperson presented Council with a Memorandum of Agreement between Clarendon County, South Carolina and Hope Health, Inc. He stated that this agreement would allow Hope Health, Inc., to provide Rapid HIV and Hepatitis C Virus testing with the inmates at the Clarendon County Detention Center. Mr. Epperson further stated that the testing would be on a volunteer basis. He continued by stating that the testing will be free to the County and this agreement can be terminated by either party with a 30 days written notice without cause of penalty. Mr. Epperson concluded by stating that Mr. Shelton Hughes, Clarendon County Detention Center Director, is in favor of the testing.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Memorandum of Agreement between Clarendon County, South Carolina and Hope Health, Inc. to provide Rapid HIV and Hepatitis C Virus testing to Clarendon County Detention Center inmates.

#### **VI. Board Appointments**

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to re-appoint Ms. Marilyn Fletcher, Mr. Robert Gibbons, and Mr. Joseph Postell to the Clarendon County Planning Commission to serve another term of 3 years.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to re-appoint Dr. Sylvia Clark and Ms. Cynthia B. Mack to the Clarendon County Archives Advisory Commission to serve another term of 4 years.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to re-appoint Mr. Ralston Wright Turbeville and Ms. Deloris Israel to the Clarendon County Disability and Special Needs Board to serve another term of 4 years.

#### **VII. Ordinance 2015-12**

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the third and final reading of Ordinance 2015-02 and the Fixed Base Agreement. An Ordinance authorizing the leasing of one parcel of real property owned by Clarendon County, located at the Santee Cooper Regional Airport, and identified on the Attached Exhibit A.

#### **VIII. Financial Report**

Mr. Lynden Anthony, CFO, began his report by stating that the General Fund had Expenditures of \$1,507,804 for the third month of the Fiscal year and Revenue figures were not available.

Mr. Anthony continued by stating that the Weldon Auditorium had very little activity for the month of September with total Revenue of \$2,895, and total Expenses of \$26,094. He stated that after transfers from the Accommodation taxes and the General Fund in the amount of \$23,199, the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of September with a zero balance.

Mr. Anthony further stated that the Water and Sewer Department had Operating Revenue of \$195,705 and Operating Expenses of \$122,231 as of September 30, 2015. He stated that after depreciation, transfers, and interest

expense totaling \$55,356, the Water and Sewer Department had Net Utility income of \$18,118.

Mr. Anthony concluded his report by stating that the C-Fund had a cash balance of \$542,711 as of August 31, 2015 of which \$743,624 has been committed to the local paving projects and the state required projects leaving a deficit of \$200,913.

## **VIII. Administrator's Report**

Administrator Epperson began his report by stating that the County Courthouse survived the flooding without any damages. He continued by stating that the punch list items are being completed. Administrator Epperson continued by stating that we need to add additional security to the County Courthouse and no funds were budgeted to cover the additional security needed. He stated that we need to add four Class 1 Deputies and two Correctional Officers as well as one security transport vehicle and an increase in salary for the supervisor.

Administrator Epperson stated that \$250,000 would cover the cost of the additional security for the County Courthouse. He stated that this would give us two deputies on the scanner, one deputy in the control room, and one deputy patrolling the halls. He stated that if there were no objections by Council, he recommended that we amend the budget authorizing him to go forward with the additional manpower and salary increase.

Chairman Stewart asked Council were there any objections to Administrator Epperson going forward with the amendment to the budget Ordinance to add \$250,000 to cover the cost of additional security for the County Courthouse. Hearing none, he said we authorize the Administrator to go forward with the amendment to the budget ordinance, Ordinance 2015-01.

Administrator Epperson continued by giving Council an update on the following items:

- 2015 flooding
  - a. 45 roads were closed; most of the closed were state roads.
  - b. 223 Mobile homes were damaged
  - c. 205 Residential homes were damaged
  - d. 44 Commercial Properties were damaged
  - e. 1 Apartment Complex was damaged

Administrator Epperson continued by stating that the initial properties damage assessment that was done by the County Assessor's Office had an estimated property damage assessment of \$18,482,443. He continued by stating that the estimated damages to the County roads were 1.1 million dollars. Administrator Epperson further stated that there were 150 to 170 residents in shelters and 82 residents remain in the shelter at Camp Bob Cooper.

Administrator Epperson concluded his report by thanking everyone who volunteered to assist the residents during the flood, transporting residents from their homes to the shelter, preparing food, and donating food and other items.

## **IX. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Stewart began his report by stating that he helped to transport residents from their homes to the shelter and he thanked everyone for their support. He concluded his report by stating that we will plan a formal thank you to everyone for their assistance.

Chairman Stewart concluded his report by recognizing some of the residents that were present.

Administrator Epperson stated that if there were any farmers that had damage to their agriculture crop, that they needed to go to the Disaster Recovery Center that is housed at the Weldon Auditorium.

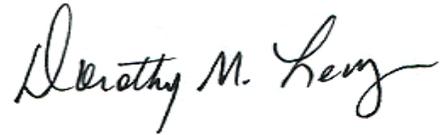
Councilman English and Vice Chairman Frierson thanked everyone for what they did during the flood

**X. Adjournment**

Chairman Stewart stated that we have exhausted our agenda and if there were no objections, the Council meeting will close.

The Council Meeting ended at 7:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy  
Clerk to Clarendon County Council

