

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
February 3, 2021 9:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Chairman Al Johnson, Vice-Chair Douglas Curtis, Council Members: Hattie Burns, Bruce E. Rivers, Gerald L. Miller, Ralph E. Watson, Benjamin Conklin, Jr. and Mary D. Anderson.

ABSENT: Council Member Wm. Rhett Butler.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Eubanks – Administrator, Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council/Administration Office Manager, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Assistant Administrator, Jim McGonigal, Andy Ingram – NETC Alumni/Development Coordinator, Amy Yow, Amber Yow, Casey Maynor, Sheriff James Dixon, Chief Deputy Chris Page, Bill Busse – High Point Fire District, Daniela Angelon, Don Worthington – Pageland Progressive Journal and Robert Monnie – The Link. There were others attending the meeting who did not sign the sign-in-sheet.

PRESS: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 178 Mill Street, Chesterfield, SC, and the County Website (www.chesterfieldcountysc.com). In addition it was made available to the newspapers and concerned citizens (*upon request*). Members of the press present: Robert Monnie – The Link and Don Worthington – The Pageland Progressive Journal.

CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER

Chairman Johnson welcomed everyone and Council Member Bruce E. Rivers opened the meeting with prayer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Ruffner advised there was a need to amend the agenda to add an item under Agenda Item 11, Items Submitted by Council. The Chairman wishes to address the Pee Dee Council of Governments (Pee Dee COG) Executive Board appointments and Council would need to vote by a two-thirds majority to amend the agenda to include that item.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to adopt the February 3, 2021 meeting agenda, with said amendment. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. **January 6, 2021 – Regular Meeting**

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to approve the January 6, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS

a. Andy Ingram, NETC Alumni/Development Coordinator

Appeared before Council on behalf of Northeastern Technical College and advised NETC is applying for a YouthBuild grant to build houses and will be partnering with Habitat, Town of Cheraw and students at NETC. One portion of the grant will involve students volunteering time for community service. One project that was discussed is partnering with the County Animal Shelter, and what would be involved in that, is once the grant is approved, then these students that are involved in the program in building these houses, will be volunteering their time and when someone goes to the Animal Shelter and they adopt a dog and that person or family is in need of a dog house, these students would volunteer their time in building dog houses from scraps from the construction site and donate these houses to the person or families that adopt these pets and what we need, is a letter that this Council approves this participation. We just need a letter of support saying that if this grant is approved, and NETC administers this program, that Council will allow these students to partner with the County Animal Shelter in donating dog houses to anyone in need that adopts a pet.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to approve the letter of support. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Jim McGonigal

Appeared before Council regarding the Animal Shelter Policy status and the reorganization of the Animal Services Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Daniela Angelon: My name is Daniela Angelon and I would personally like to ask the Council what the delay is with improvements of the shelter.

Chairman Johnson: We are just here to listen to you under Public Comments. We don't respond to your comments during this time.

Daniela Angelon: Okay. I would just like to put that on the record. That you cannot, I just feel like there's been quite a bit of delay and I would just like to express that to Council. I think you have some serious matters going on that need to be addressed and I just want to put that on record.

Vice-Chair Curtis: Chairman Johnson, could you get her address please, on the record?

Chairman Johnson: What is your address name?

Daniela Angelon: I'll leave it for him.

Bill Busse, High Point Fire District: Appeared before Council to propose that High Point Fire Department with Council's assistance discontinue funding provided by the current fire fee and begin with a millage based funding.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Ambulance Service Committee – Committee Chair Anderson

i. Air Med Transport

Committee Chair Anderson advised that it is the recommendation of the Ambulance Committee that the County enter into an Agreement with The Charlotte Mecklenburg Hospital Authority d/b/a MedCenter Air for air med transport services.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to enter into an Agreement with The Charlotte Mecklenburg Hospital Authority d/b/a MedCenter Air for air med transport services. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. Road Committee – Committee Chair Miller

ii. Bush Cutter – Bid Award

Committee Chair Miller advised that the two following bids were received for the 2013 Bush Cutter that was declared as surplus property at last month's council meeting: Town of Jefferson - \$30,150.00 and Town of Pageland - \$31,100.53. It is the recommendation of the Road Committee that the bid from the Town of Pageland in the amount of \$31,100.53 be accepted.

Council Member Miller made a motion accept the bid of the Town of Pageland in the amount of \$31,100.53. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL

a. Pee Dee Council of Governments Board (Pee Dee COG) – Chairman Johnson

Chairman Johnson advised it was time to rotate members on the Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments Board. At present, Council Members Anderson, Rivers, Miller and Curtis are serving on the Board.

Council Member Miller made a motion to appoint Council Members Watson, Burns, Butler and Conklin to the Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments Board for a three year term. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Gave an update on the COVID situation in the Administration Building.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Chairman Johnson: Sammy Copeland, Chair of the CCTC, would like to have a meeting on the Highway #9 Project on February 22, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. He is trying to hold the count down so there won't be a big crowd and he has asked for three council members to attend. I think Ms. Burns, Mr. Rivers and Mr. Watson would be three that would serve each end of the county and the middle of the county. Chairman Johnson also advised that he had made some changes to the Standing Committees and presented Council with a list of the new committees. Chairman Johnson advised that Derrick Outen, Codes Director, has several things that they are going to have to address, so he has created a Planning and Zoning Committee. He stated how they keep hearing and seeing how Pageland is starting to grow, so he asked Mr. Rivers to chair that committee. He advised he also wanted to appoint Mr. Rhett Butler and Ms. Mary Anderson.

Council Member Anderson: McLeod Health is holding a vaccine clinic on February 5th at Fisher Hill Community Baptist Church from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Chairman Johnson advised that pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(2), Council needed to enter into executive session for the discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, regarding the following:

- i. County Line Road Condemnation
- ii. Tax Notice Vendor

b. Pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(1), Council needed to enter into executive session for discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of employees.

Council Member Watson made a motion to enter into executive session. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to exit executive session. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

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Council Member Rivers made a motion in regards to Agenda Item 18a.i. to permit the administrator, Mr. Ruffner and the transportation Chair Copeland to have authorization to negotiate the resolution of any of the pending condemnations regarding County Line Road and the basis of that is to promote efficiency both in time and in expense. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

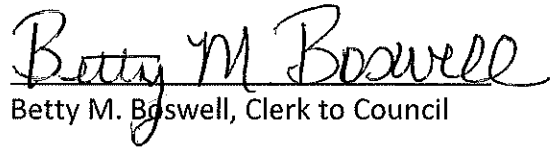
APPROVED:



Al Johnson, Chairman

Date: March 3, 2021

ATTEST:



Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council