



**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 11, 2019**

**Present:** Moses Bell, Jimmy Ray Douglas, Mikel Trapp, Bertha Goins, Doug Pauley, Cornelius Robinson, Clarence Gilbert, Council Members; Jason Taylor, County Administrator; Davis Anderson, Deputy County Administrator, Tommy Morgan, County Attorney; Patti L. Davis, Clerk to Council.

In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80 (e), as amended, the following persons and/or organizations have been notified of the time, date and location of this meeting: The Independent Voice of Blythewood and Fairfield, The Country Chronicle, The Fairfield Times and one hundred thirty two other individuals.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Robinson called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Council Member Pauley and seconded by Vice Chair Goins to approve the agenda. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

**3. INVOCATION**

Vice Chair Goins led the invocation.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Council Member Trapp, seconded by Council Member Douglas, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of January 28, 2019. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

**5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**6. 1<sup>ST</sup> PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES): INPUT MUST PERTAIN TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, FOR WHICH NO PUBLIC HEARING IS REQUIRED OR HAS BEEN SCHEDULED. THE TOTAL TIME ALLOCATED TO THIS PUBLIC COMMENT SEGMENT IS 30 MINUTES.**

- Randy Bright - H2O/Sewer

**7. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

## 8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

**A. Third and Final Reading: Ordinance No. 716** - An Ordinance to Amend the Fairfield County Land Management Ordinance, Ordinance No. 599, to Provide for the Zoning Reclassification from B-2 (General Business District) to RD-1 (Rural Residential District) of 2.18 Acres Owned by Jerry Murphy, Jr. This is a Portion of Tax Map No. 185-02-02-005-000 (Tract A), Property is Located at Approximately 6700 East Peach Road, Ridgeway, SC 29130. Motion made by Council Member Douglas, properly seconded by Vice Chair Goins, to approve Third and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 716. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

**B. Resolution No. 2019-01:** A Resolution Approving the Final Composition of the Commission of the Fairfield Joint Water and Sewer System; Appointing Fairfield County's Representatives on the Commission of the Joint System; Approving the Initial By-Laws of the Commission of the Joint System; and other Matters Related Thereto. Motion made by Council Member Douglas, properly seconded by Council Member Pauley, to approve Resolution No. 2019-01. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

**C. Resolution No. 2019-03:** A Resolution of Appreciation and Recognition to the Fairfield Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees. Motion made by Council Member Gilbert, properly seconded by Council Member Douglas, to approve Resolution No. 2019-03. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.*** Chairman Robinson requested the Trustees come to the dais for each to receive the Resolution. These were presented by Chairman Robinson and Council Member Gilbert to those members present.

## 9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

The minutes from Fairfield County Behavioral Health were received as information.

## 10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

**A. Fairfield Joint Water and Sewer System** - Kyle Crager. Chairman Robinson explained that this appointment was handled under Resolution No. 2019-01 with no further vote needed. He then asked Mr. Morgan to further explain. Per Mr. Morgan, the appointment of Mr. Crager to the Fairfield Joint Water and Sewer System was

accomplished in the passage of the Resolution. The Resolution was the enabling legislation for the commission which approved both the By-Laws and placed the initial members onto the Board. Going forward, any future appointments would be taken up during this time on the agenda as any other normal board or commission appointment. It was taken care of in this manner with the initial appointment.

- B.** Disabilities and Special Needs Board - Rebecca P. Swearingen, District 7. Motion made by Vice Chair Goins, properly seconded by Council Member Pauley, to appoint Mrs. Rebecca P. Swearingen to the Disabilities and Special Needs Board representing District 7. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***
- C.** Behavioral Health - Jennifer Robinson, District 5. Motion made by Council Member Pauley, properly seconded by Council Member Trapp, to appoint Mrs. Jennifer Robinson to the Behavioral Health Board representing District 5. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.*** Mrs. Robinson was present in the audience, and Chairman Robinson requested for her to stand and be recognized.

## **11. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **12. NEW BUSINESS**

- A.** Approval of Portrait of Dr. J. B. Floyd to Hang in the J. B. Floyd Building. Motion made by Council Member Pauley, properly seconded by Council Member Gilbert, to approve the item as stated. Per Mr. Taylor, there were a number of portraits left in the old hospital, and the appropriate home is being sought for each of the portraits. This is felt to be the appropriate place for the J. B. Floyd portrait. Council Member Bell inquired if the CEO portraits were at the hospital. Per Mr. Taylor, the portraits were done in the past, appearing to be from the 50s and 60s. Chairman Robinson interjected that he believes the portraits were of the doctors and not the CEOs. ***Motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

## **13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- A.** Jeffrey P. Sanders, Fairfield County DSS Director - Overview of Services. Per Mr. Taylor, this is in keeping with having our department heads come to give a presentation to Council. He

requested Mr. Sanders attend this meeting because we talk a lot about hard infrastructure, such as water, sewer, etc., but this is soft infrastructure consisting of social safety nets that are provided to some of our most vulnerable citizens. Mr. Sanders thanked Council for the invitation. He has been in Fairfield County since mid-November and has been with the agency for about 20 years. The mission at DSS is to promote safety, permanency and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults by helping those individuals achieve stability and strengthening those families. The department is divided into two major divisions: The Economic Services Division and Human Services Division. The Economic Services Division consists of SNAP and TANF services. The SNAP program (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) is a program that is income based and is designed to promote the general welfare and health of the nation's low income population. Approximately 2,300 household members in Fairfield County currently receive SNAP benefits. The TANF program (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) is also an income based program. The goal of this program is to reform the welfare system so that disadvantaged individuals can be prepared for employment. TANF case managers assist those individuals with maximizing their strengths and abilities in order for families in poverty to become more socially and economically independent. There are approximately 50 families in Fairfield County currently receiving TANF benefits. The Human Services Division is also known as Child Protective Services and Adult Protective Services. Adult Protective Services ensures the safety and wellbeing of adults 18 years of age and up who are considered to be a vulnerable adult. This is any adult who cannot provide for their own self-care and protection, including their daily living skills. The goal of APS is to ensure that vulnerable adults have the support services in their home to ensure for their own care and protection. Currently, there are approximately 20 cases in Fairfield County with vulnerable adults. Child Protective Services ensures the safety and wellbeing of children 26 weeks of gestation until 18 years of age. The overall goal is to ensure that children are safe and to provide services to maintain the family unit when possible. Case managers investigate allegations of abuse and neglect. The managers then make a decision based on S.C. Law and child welfare policy to determine what course of action must be taken. If abuse and neglect is determined, case managers either work with the children in the home or make provisions for the children to be cared for out of the home. The Human Services Division works closely with the local partners, including local law enforcement, local mental health,

Department of Disabilities and Special Needs and alcohol and drug treatment providers to ensure that families are given opportunities to care for their children. Currently, there are 60 families in Fairfield County that have identified abuse and neglect cases. There are times when children are placed in foster care, and currently Fairfield County has 23 children in the foster care system. South Carolina DSS strives to keep families together when possible. One of the biggest needs of the agency is more community resources and more foster parents. Currently, there are three foster parents in Fairfield County, which means that the majority of the 23 children in the foster care system are currently housed out-of-county. Mr. Sanders thanked Council for allowing him to speak. Council Member Bell requested for Mr. Taylor to have the departments bring a brochure when they speak which covers their services, qualifications for and how to gain access to the services. Vice Chair Goins thanked Mr. Sanders for the department's service to the citizens.

- B.** Brad Hoffman - Co-Director Farmer's Market. Mr. Taylor introduced Mr. Hoffman and reported the County has been working with this group to expand the area to sell produce. Mr. Hoffman thanked Council on behalf of himself and Co-Director Valerie Clowney, the farmers and the vendors for the opportunity to be in this new building. He extended special thanks to Billy Smith, Neil Robinson, Jimmy Ray Douglas, Mrs. Goins and Mr. Taylor for making this possible. The group is looking forward in the upcoming year to being in the old stable. Keith Branham, Timmy Marthers and the other craftsmen who have been restoring the building are doing a phenomenal job. The comments have been great every time people walk into the building. This vision began with Terry Vickers many years ago, who was the driving force to get a farmer's market downtown, and the many others who helped her along the way to make this happen. The farmer's market is an important role in a community to serve and to give people a means to get good produce and other items. The vision of the farmer's market is to make this a gathering location every Saturday between 9 and 1 and to also draw people from out of town to come to shop at our local stores and our farmer's market. With more advertising, the group hopes to double the numbers again this year. Last year, the group did a food drive for the local food bank. During the holiday market, items were gathered for the local foster children. The market also went on the road last year, visiting Lake Monticello Family Practice, and were invited to Mt. Zion in October for the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk. The group is excited for 2019 with an

invitation to Arts on the Ridge, which will be the first farmer's market in Ridgeway. Grand Opening Day is May 18 with a ribbon cutting ceremony, and Council is invited. Again, Mr. Hoffman thanked the Council for this opportunity which means so much to the farmers and the people who go to the market every Saturday. Council Member Douglas feels this will be a good thing to help bring people downtown to shop also. Mr. Hoffman aspires to the 1960's DOT photos with cars on both sides of the road on Saturdays in downtown Winnsboro. Council Member Bell stated the building is very nice and the work represents a very good job. He also asked if the building will have other uses. Per Mr. Taylor, the County owns the building, and Mrs. Terry Vickers had been pushing to get the building used. Wal-Mart had donated \$30,000 to downtown redevelopment and this was sitting in the account unused. Finally, Mrs. Vickers contacted Mr. Taylor to discuss if this could be used to refurbish the building to make it useful. The County crew assessed the building and gutted the building taking it back to its original shell, which was an old stable. Work has been done on the building to get it to where it is now, using the County crew, who have done a wonderful job. Thoughts are to expand with a commercial kitchen, and the space can also be used for events to bring people downtown. A USDA grant is being looked into which would be roughly another \$100,000 for the commercial kitchen which would also benefit the farmers. A small meeting room has been added for meetings, classroom, etc. The location is 117 East Washington Street and is commonly known as the old Voter Registration building. Chairman Robinson thanked Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Vickers and all others who had the vision for this to happen. He urged everyone to go by and see the building. He also hopes this will go hand in hand with the Walkable Winnsboro project, which promotes the accessibility to be able to walk and get fruits and vegetables. They all tie in together and it's just a matter of putting the pieces together. He thanked Mr. Hoffman for everything he and the farmers/vendors do, and he is looking forward to an even better market in the future.

**14. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT**

The Clerk gave a report to Council concerning the current Board and Commission vacancies and invited Council Members to contact her with any questions.

**15. 2<sup>ND</sup> PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES): INPUT CAN BE TO INTRODUCE AN ITEM NOT CURRENTLY UNDER COUNCIL'S**

**CONSIDERATION OR BRING A CONCERN TO COUNCIL'S ATTENTION. THE TOTAL TIME ALLOCATED TO THIS PUBLIC COMMENT SEGMENT IS 30 MINUTES.**

- Jackie Workman - Visions
- Randy Bright - Not Going Down the Drain

**16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME**

Douglas: Council Member Douglas reported that Duke Energy will be looking at three different sites on Lake Wateree to place parks. Surveyors have been at Molly Creek, and this should start in the fourth quarter of this year. If this goes well and there are people to run parts of the park, they will also look at Colonel Creek and Taylor's Landing. Chairman Robinson inquired concerning the information Council Member Douglas eluded to at the last meeting. Council Member Douglas will share this information once he has spoken with the County Attorney. This is concerning agriculture land taxes.

Goins: Vice Chair Goins had the opportunity to attend the Isaac Woodard Memorial Ceremony in Batesburg/Leesville on Saturday. She thoroughly enjoyed the program. Some of the people present at the event were Town of Batesburg-Leesville Mayor Lancer Shull; Batesburg/Leesville Mayor Pro-Tem Reverend Charles Simpkins; Orange/Wilkinson High School Air Force Junior ROTC Color Guard; U.S. District Judge Richard M. Gergel; Fort Jackson Commanding Brigadier General Milford H. Beagle, Army Training Center; Mr. Donald Day, National President of Disabled Veterans; Dr. Andrew Myers, University of South Carolina Upstate; Mr. Don North of the Sgt. Isaac Woodard Jr. Historical Association; Dr. Andy Duncan, Associate Professor of English Frostburg State University; Mr. James Gallman, South Carolina NAACP; Mr. Nelson Govan representative for South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster; Mr. J. R. Fennell, Museum Director County of Lexington; Mr. Oliver Smith, Chaplain South Carolina Veterans of Foreign Wars; Mr. Bobby Donaldson, Director Center for Civil Rights History and Research, University of South Carolina; and Ms. Angela Easterling, recording artist from Charleston. Ms. Easterling composed a song entitled "Isaac Woodard Eyes". The song was composed five years ago when the research was just beginning into this event. Vice Chair Goins presented the Proclamation from Fairfield County, and she thanked the Clerk for a wonderful job. Anyone can get a copy of the Proclamation, which gives a history of the incident. Vice Chair Goins also shared her remarks which were made at the ceremony, "I am humbled and grateful

and in awe to know that on March 18, 1919, Sgt. Woodard was born in Fairfield County and on March 21, 1919, my mother was born in Fairfield County. Not just that, in July 1948, God used Sgt. Isaac Woodard, Jr. as a living sacrifice and President Harry S. Truman as a voice to invoke a cry for change in the race of humanity he created. God also, in the same month and year, July 1948, in Fairfield County, allowed me to be born, and now in 2019, within a time span from 1919 to 2019 of 100 years, I stand before you saddened and grieved. After all of God's love and the sacrifices made past and present by so many of every culture, here we are. Generations of descendants of the same human race that was created by the same one and only true God struggling with the same horrible, self-destructing issues as our ancestors, but God has not forgotten us nor forsaken us, and he is still echoing that same cry for change in humanity today because there is a solution." Vice Chair Goins also read a poem that she shared at the ceremony entitled "Change Me". Also, Mayor Gaddy wrote a beautiful letter which was presented to the nephew of Sgt. Isaac Woodard. This was a very special letter which touched on the life of Sgt. Woodard here in Winnsboro.

Bell: Council Member Bell stated this month as we celebrate Black History Month across the nation, he encouraged the citizens to attend or participate in some of the Black History programs. This will enlighten us and help to show the accomplishments of people who may have been forgotten. He hopes to have a Proclamation at the next meeting recognizing Black History Month in Fairfield County. Last week, Council Members Bell and Gilbert attended the Economic Development Institute in Bluffton. During a conversation, Council Member Bell learned of Ms. Annie Gibson, who was very instrumental in the process leading up to Brown vs. Board of Education. Council Member Bell then recited the poem by Langston Hughes entitled "Mother to Son".

Robinson: Chairman Robinson suggested everyone read the article concerning Fairfield County in Business in Focus Magazine, December 2018-January 2019 (Vol. 1). He feels we have a great county team, and he plans to continue along the lines of what has been going on. Chairman Robinson requested Mr. Taylor to give an update on the county website. Per Mr. Taylor, the logo has taken a bit longer than expected, but this is being finalized. He thanked Element for the new podium in the chambers tonight, and he was hoping to have the new logo displayed. It should be finalized within the next couple of months. Chairman Robinson pointed out that the new podium is along the lines of the modernization he has been discussing. He also thanked the staff, Mr. Taylor, Mr.



Anderson and Mrs. Davis and feels no amount of money can be put on the amount of work they do. He urged the team to keep up the good work, and he is excited to see where we go from here.

**17. EXECUTIVE SESSION (SUBSEQUENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION, COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION).**

No Executive Session needed.

**18. ADJOURN**

At 6:52 p.m., the Regular Meeting was adjourned by motion of Council Member Bell and seconded by Vice Chair Goins. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

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PATTI L. DAVIS  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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CHAIRMAN