



**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
JUNE 15, 2020**

Present: Moses Bell, Bertha Goins, Doug Pauley, Cornelius Robinson, Clarence Gilbert, Council Member; Jason Taylor, County Administrator; Laura Johnson, Assistant County Administrator; Tommy Morgan, County Attorney; Patti L. Davis, Clerk to Council.

By Phone: Jimmy Ray Douglas

Absent: Mikel Trapp

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 and one hundred forty one other individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robinson called the Special Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Bell, seconded by Council Member Gilbert, to approve the Agenda. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

3. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

- A.** Resolution No. 2020-07: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of the First Amendment to Hospital Transformation Agreement. Chairman Robinson stated this item will be deferred until after executive session.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (The following statement is provided in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act: Subsequent to Executive Session, Council may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session.)

At 6:03 p.m., motion made by Council Member Bell, seconded by Council Member Gilbert, to enter into executive session to (a) Receive Legal Advice Concerning First Amendment to Hospital Transformation Agreement. ***Motion carried unanimously 6-0.*** At 6:18 p.m., motion made by Council Member Bell, seconded by Council Member Pauley, to come out of executive session and return to open session. ***Motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

Motion made by Vice Chair Goins and Council Member Douglas, seconded by Council Member Gilbert, to approve Resolution 2020-07: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of the First Amendment to Hospital Transformation Agreement. Per Mr. Morgan, this Resolution authorizes the County to enter into an Amendment to the first Hospital Transformation Agreement that was previously entered into in November 2017. Should Prisma move forward with the purchase of LifePoint Providence assets, which includes the freestanding emergency room in Winnsboro, at that point, Prisma would agree to return \$3.5M that is currently held in escrow back to the County. The remaining \$500,000 balance would then be credited for the County's next two quarterly payments. Therefore, the County would not have to expend any of these funds for the next six months. In return for this, the County will agree to withdraw its appeal to the S.C. Administrative Law Court and provide support for Prisma's acquisition. Vice Chair Goins requested Mr. Morgan to specifically state that this does not change the healthcare of any part of that agreement. Mr. Morgan agreed, and the only part of the agreement that would change relates to the escrow and the return of the funds to the County. All the other provisions of the agreement will remain in place, to include the negotiated terms about providing care to the citizens, keeping the emergency room open, indigent care issues, etc. **Motion carried unanimously 6-0.**

5. ADJOURN

At 6:22 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Bell and seconded by Vice Chair Goins, to adjourn. **The motion carried unanimously 6-0.**

PATTI L. DAVIS
CLERK TO COUNCIL

CORNELIUS ROBINSON
CHAIRMAN