



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 24, 2020**

Present: Moses Bell, Jimmy Ray Douglas, Mikel Trapp, Bertha Goins, Doug Pauley, Cornelius Robinson, Clarence Gilbert, Council Members; Jason Taylor, County Administrator; Laura Johnson, Interim 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 and one hundred forty one other individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Douglas, seconded by Council Member Gilbert, to approve the Agenda. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.*** Chairman Robinson also announced that Vice Chair Goins will not be at the meeting tonight due to medical reasons.

3. INVOCATION

Council Member Trapp led the invocation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Council Member Douglas, seconded by Council Member Pauley, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of February 10, 2020. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation Declaring March as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month. Chairman Robinson briefly read the Proclamation and invited Ms. Edna Rabb and her son, Anthony, to the front for a picture. Ms. Rabb was very appreciative and thanked Council for the presentation.

6. 1ST 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 - Library and Aging Fast

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

None.

9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES - Received as Information

- A.** Behavioral Health
- B.** Chamber of Commerce

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

- A.** Appointment of Ms. Cynthia C. Simpson to Hospital Board – District 1. Motion made by Council Member Bell, seconded by Council Member Trapp, to approve the appointment of Ms. Simpson to the Hospital Board representing District 1. ***The motion carried unanimously 6-0.*** Chairman Robinson stated this board meets quarterly, and Mr. Bright will be kept on as a conciliatory member until Ms. Simpson gets up to speed.

11. OLD BUSINESS

- A.** Discussion Regarding Lease Terms of Current Ridgeway Library Location and Consideration of Administration and Finance Committee Recommendation for New Lease. This item was deferred until after executive session.

12. NEW BUSINESS

None.

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

- A.** Recognition of Mrs. Jayne Scarborough - Director of The Olde English District with 28 Years of Service. Mr. Taylor stated Mrs. Scarborough had worked as the Director of The Olde English District to promote tourism in our region. Mr. Gene Stephens, Director of the Chamber of Commerce, worked closely with Mrs. Scarborough and wished to say a few words. Per Mr. Stephens, Mrs. Scarborough passed away on November 23, 2019. She had been the Executive Director of The Olde English District for 28 years and was also a member of S.C. Association of Tourism Regions. Mrs. Scarborough worked tirelessly for the counties of Chester, Chesterfield, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lancaster, Union and York to promote woodlands and waterways, campgrounds,

state and national parks, hiking, fishing, picnic areas and much, much more. She dearly loved promoting the counties and inviting the public to come and experience all that The Olde English District has to offer by helping to plan trips to include things to do, places to stay, where to eat and shop and news of all the happenings in the different areas. Mrs. Scarborough will be missed. Mr. Stephens further stated that he met Jayne about a year ago. There have been few better champions for Fairfield County than Mrs. Scarborough. She once brought a group of travel writers to discuss the unique restaurants in Fairfield County. She was very sick at the time, had to wear a mask and could not shake hands. She was still out in the field doing what she loved, and if you could have seen it, she had a smile on her face. She did such a great job of representing, and Mr. Stephens believes Fairfield was one of her favorites as far as what we have to offer and being able to promote it. She did so many great things for Fairfield County, and Mr. Stephens thanked Mr. Taylor for allowing him to recognize her. Council Member Bell inquired if there was a system in place to recognize people for accomplishments. Mr. Taylor stated Council can issue a proclamation, and this is a common thing that is done. Council Member Bell would like to have future talks about how to do this going forward.

- B. Request of Action: Emergency Purchase to Replace a Burned Ambulance that was a Total Loss in the Amount of \$46,453.39. Administration and Finance Committee Recommends Approval.** Mr. Taylor stated this is an ambulance that was lost due to fire. The insurance has paid, and the request has been before the Finance Committee. The ambulance costs \$234,921, insurance paid \$188,467.61, which leave a balance of \$46,453.39. The Finance Committee recommended this cost be covered to purchase a new ambulance. Council Member Douglas made a motion to approve the Request of Action, seconded by Council Member Bell. Council Member Douglas stated this occurred back in October of 2019. Council Member Pauley inquired where the money would come from, and Mr. Taylor stated this would come from fund balance. Mr. Tanner stated the vehicle is a Dodge 4500 Road Rescue, one of the best riding trucks made with liquid springs. Mr. Tanner's plan is to get rid of all the old air bag system trucks and transition to all Road Rescue. This will also dramatically decrease the cost of what the department can get a new ambulance for. ***Motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

C. Mike Tanner, EMS Director - Overview of Services. Mr. Tanner began with going over the services provided:

- Not only does the department do ambulance transportation with basic and advanced life support, they also do technical rescue. The department is the only paid technical rescue service in the County. They provide extrication and stabilization, high and low angle rope rescue, confined space rescue and water rescue. The department has equipment for remote rescues, such as hunters in remote areas and ATV parks.
- The department does a lot of community services, including CPR and First Aid training for anyone in the County.
- Lifeline services for the aging group in the County, which provides an extra level of protection in the home setting.
- Equipment:
 - Ambulances. Each vehicle is stocked similar to a hospital ER with advanced cardiac life support pharmacology and equipment, 12-lead EKG monitors and rectilinear biphasic defibrillators, capnography and pulse oximetry devices, O2 driven ventilators, automated CPR devices, power lift stretchers and tracked stair chairs and computerized patient care reporting and billing.
 - Technical rescue vehicle
 - Water Rescue Equipment
 - 4 x 4 Kabota with patient stretcher conversion (secured with grant money)
 - Auto extrication and stabilization equipment
- Three types of employees in the department:
 - EMT Basic – Includes basic skills, can stop bleeding, one person and two person CPR, etc.
 - Advanced EMT - Can provide advanced airway options, secure airway, etc.
 - Paramedics - The lifesavers in providing defibrillation, pharmacology, IVs, etc. Per Mr. Tanner, the employees must be prepared for anything from delivering a baby to someone having a stroke to a car accident. Each person has to be well trained and well-rounded because, with each call, it is unknown what will be presented.
- 2019 call volume:
 - The department ran a total of 2,639 calls. These were broken down to Winnsboro (Unit 1 and 7) with 1,705 calls, Greenbrier (Unit 2) with 1,150 calls, Mitford (Unit 3)

with 481 calls, Blair (Unit 4) with 362 calls, Southeastern (Unit 5) with 496 calls and Jenkinsville (Unit 6) with 490 calls. Average response times are right on the national average at 10 minutes 28 seconds. Mr. Tanner feels this is excellent for the number of calls responded to.

- The majority of the patients were transported to Palmetto Health Richland, with the rest of the calls transferred to Providence Health Fairfield, Providence Northeast Hospital, Palmetto Baptist, Providence Hospital, Lexington Medical Center, Springs Memorial Hospital, Newberry County Memorial Hospital, Dorn VA Hospital, Kershaw County Medical Center, Piedmont Medical Center, Chester County Hospital and finally Palmetto Parkridge.
 - Mr. Tanner listed the types of calls that were received, to include coronary, pain, respiratory, seizure, unconscious, auto accidents, OB with delivering 6 babies, stroke, diabetic, gunshot, stabbing, psychiatric, fractures and falls.
- 2019 Accomplishments:
- Placed AED in all occupied County facilities
 - Trained 100+ County employees CPR/AED
 - Trained 45 EMRs for fire and rescue
 - Created an Intern Program in coalition with WIOA for EMT training (hired 2 fulltime)
 - Created an Intern Program with Midlands Technical College EMT/Paramedic
 - Created an EMS Explorer Program
 - 12 employees trained in swift water rescue
 - Attended multiple PR events throughout the County
 - Graduated 2 new paramedics
 - Secured grant funding for extrication equipment and for multiple training opportunities
 - Adopted 20 seniors from the Council on Aging Angel Tree
 - Meals on Wheels delivery
 - Participated in the Fairfield County Opioid Summit
 - Safely treated and transported over 4,000 patients
- Quality Assurance - Per Mr. Tanner, the department has an extensive quality assurance program. Every call is reviewed by the EMS Captain. In addition, every serious call, such as a cardiac arrest or any real life threatening call, is reviewed by a physician, Mr. Tanner and a training director as well as the shift captain. Training is every day and every week, an ongoing

thing, because the department must be prepared for anything. Employees must maintain all certifications every year, and the department helps with this process.

- The two most important things in the department are the employees and the ambulances.

Council Member Pauley inquired how the department was looking on employees. Per Mr. Tanner, 5 people were hired last week, and this puts the department back at full. Council Member Gilbert thanked Mr. Tanner and the department for the excellent job they do. He has had a visit to his house in the past, and they did an excellent job. It takes a very special group of people to do what they do.

- D.** Request from Fairfield County Council on Aging to Provide Grant Match in the Amount of \$150,000. Administration and Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Per Mr. Taylor, the Council on Aging is looking to build a new facility. This item has been before the finance committee for the match on the grant. He invited Mrs. Connor to give further information. Per Mrs. Connor, the Council on Aging has an opportunity to apply for a Permanent Improvement Grant, which comes around every so often from the S.C. Department on Aging. This will allow for funds up to \$350,000 and will require a 30% match of \$150,000. The Council on Aging has outgrown their senior center. The services they provide are the Meals on Wheels, activities and group dining program. They are currently at capacity with the home delivered meals, capacity with the frozen meals and out of space for the programs offered. The grant finally became available, and they just need more space. They have hired a contracting firm to give some prices and will be renovating the current senior center. It is about 3,000 square feet and was built in 2002. It needs to be updated and the kitchen needs to be bigger. They are looking for Council's support in assisting with this project. Council Member Douglas made a motion to approve the Request, seconded by Council Member Bell. Council Member Pauley inquired where the funding request would come from. Per Mr. Taylor, this would also come from fund balance. Council Member Douglas thanked Mrs. Connor for all the hard work. Mrs. Connor thanked Council for being so supportive, and they couldn't do it without the volunteers and County Council. Per Mrs. Johnson, the funding will not be needed until after July. Mrs. Connor agreed, stating the grant is due this week, but she does not expect to get any notice of award until after April. Any funds that would be needed would be disbursed after July 1. A commitment

letter is all that will be needed at this time. ***Motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

- E.** Denise Bryan, Airport Director - Upcoming Aviation Week 2020. Mrs. Bryan wished to also state that Mr. Tanner supports community events, such as the Wings & Wheels event, and she wished to thank him for this. Mrs. Bryan then showed a video that was produced by the S.C. Aviation Association, which she is a member of the Board of Directors. Mrs. Bryan had spoken last year about the two high school students who were awarded exploratory flights at no charge along with the Boy Scouts to get their aviation badges. This video will be shown to legislators in the State of South Carolina, all House of Representative members and Senators, and this will be used to acquire more funding and money for South Carolina airports. It is a very important video, and Mrs. Bryan wanted Council to notice that the first approximately 2-3 minutes of the video has Fairfield County up front and center. Mrs. Bryan stated she is very proud of the Airport. She will also be the Chairman for the South Carolina Aviation Commission Aviation Committee, and she will be assisting all the airports in the State of South Carolina in figuring out what they would like to do for Aviation Week. She feels because of this video, there will be a large number of airports who will want to participate this year. These are great things for aviation in the State of South Carolina and Fairfield County. Council Member Bell thanked Mrs. Bryan for all the work she does.

14. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT

- A.** Updated 2020 Meeting Dates, including Budget Work Sessions. The Clerk reported the following additions to the calendar:

- Volunteer Firemen's Banquet May 8
- 1st reading of the budget at regular meeting on March 23
- Budget work sessions on March 30, April 6 and April 20, which are all Mondays
- 2nd reading and public hearing at the regular meeting on April 27
- 3rd reading at the regular meeting on May 11

- 15. 2nd PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: All public comments made during this session must pertain to items not on the agenda or under Council's consideration. Each speaker is allocated three (3) minutes for comment. The total time allocated for the public**

comment portion of the meeting is thirty (30) minutes. Those wishing to make public comment must sign to do so prior to the Council Chair calling the meeting to order. The Clerk to Council will make a public comment sign-up sheet available at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the meeting.

- Shirley Seibles - Incinerator
- Teshawnda Broom - Incinerator
- Annie Armstrong - Incinerator
- Bill Resseguie - Incinerator
- Linda Sanders - Incinerator
- Randy Bright - Well
- Robert W. Davis - Incinerator
- Jeff Schaffer - Update?
- Jackie Workman - Visions

Council Member Douglas left the dais at 7:06 p.m. and returned to the dais at 7:10 p.m.

16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Robinson: Chairman Robinson stated a lot was said tonight about the incinerator. No present Council member chose that site to be the chipper site. He feels this was a terrible location. Council has been looking for alternate locations, but when it's time to look for land, the prices go up, and we cannot disclose this information. Chairman Robinson stated Council is hearing the citizens and also thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Bell: Council Member Bell stated he voted against the rezoning for the incinerator because the only need to rezone was to be able to place the incinerator there. He feels the County should look into what can be done to have the commercial folks pay more. The mulch was offered for \$10 a load, and from his understanding, all the mulch is gone. The County has the means to get rid of the mulch, so a business model needs to be looked at that will help us get there. The other part, as Chairman Robinson said, is that none of the current Council members placed the chipper site at that location. The County can look for another location for the chipping site. Council Member Bell then made a motion that the incinerator not be placed anywhere until another location is found. The motion was seconded by Council Member Trapp. Chairman Robinson

asked for Council Member Bell to repeat the motion. Council Member Bell stated that we do not place the incinerator to be used at this location until we find another location for the incinerator. Council Member Douglas inquired if Council has not already voted on having a site for the incinerator, but he thought at one time the decision was made that it would be moved. In his opinion, it should not be on Old Airport Road and should be moved somewhere else. However, there's no need to go through it all again. Instead, let it go as it is and find another site. Chairman Robinson stated the motion is on the table now. ***Motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

Trapp: Council Member Trapp thanked the citizens for coming to the meeting to voice their concerns. He is pleased with the outcome.

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

At 7:13 p.m., motion made by Council Member Trapp, seconded by Council Member Gilbert, to go into executive session for (a) Contractual Matter - Discussion Concerning Ridgeway Branch Library Building Lease and Current Contract/Options, and (b) To Receive Legal Advice and Discussion of Negotiations Concerning Potential Contract for Purchase of Additional Property that Meets the Necessary Requirements for the Property to be Used as a Suitable Location for a Wastewater Treatment Site Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2). ***Motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

At 8:00 p.m., motion made by Council Member Douglas, seconded by Council Member Gilbert, to come out of executive session and return to open session. ***Motion carried unanimously 6-0.***

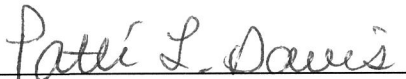
Discussion Regarding Lease Terms of Current Ridgeway Library Location and Consideration of Administration and Finance Committee Recommendation for New Lease. Council Member Gilbert made a motion to accept the Administration and Finance Committee's recommendation for a new Lease, properly seconded by Council Member Pauley. Council Member Bell wants the record to show that if the County does not get the new Lease, it appears the Ridgeway library will be lost. His concern is not being able to secure the Lease with the owner and thereby losing the library in Ridgeway. To clarify, Mr. Morgan stated on the agenda it is listed as discussion regarding lease terms of current Ridgeway Library

location, and it was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Council present new Lease terms to the property owner where the library is located, Ms. Patterson. Council Member Pauley made a motion to accept the new Lease as presented by the Finance Committee, seconded by Council Member Douglas. Council Member Bell again wished for his prior comment to be made a part of the record. **Motion carried 5-1 with Council Member Bell voting nay.**

To Receive Legal Advice and Discussion of Negotiations Concerning Potential Contract for Purchase of Additional Property that Meets the Necessary Requirements for the Property to be Used as a Suitable Location for a Wastewater Treatment Site Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2). Council Member Pauley made a motion to give the administrator the power to enter into negotiations for the above stated property, motion seconded by Council Member Douglas. **Motion carried unanimously 6-0.**

18. ADJOURN

At 8:05 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Gilbert and seconded by Council Member Pauley to adjourn. **The motion carried unanimously 6-0.**



PATTI L. DAVIS
CLERK TO COUNCIL



CORNELIUS ROBINSON
CHAIRMAN