



**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
September 8, 2015
5:30 P.M.**

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the news media was notified and notice was posted on the bulletin board 24 hours prior to the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Johnnie Wright, Sr.
Harry F. Wimberly
Heyward H. Livingston
Johnny Ravenell
Janie Cooper-Smith
Clyde B. Livingston**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Willie B. Owens

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Harold Young, County Administrator
D'Anne Haydel, County Attorney
Faith E Carter, Clerk to Council**

CALL TO ORDER

Johnnie Wright, Sr. Chairman

On the 8th day of September, 2015, Chairman Wright called to order a regular session of the Orangeburg County Council at 5:33 pm.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**July 15, 2015 (SS)
August 17th, 2015 (RS)**

Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the joint special session of the Orangeburg County Council and the Orangeburg County Transportation Committee held on the 15th day of July, 2015 as written and the minutes of the regular session of the Orangeburg County Council held on the 17th day of August, 2015 as written. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith motioned to approve the minutes of the meetings listed above as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ravenell. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS:**OTHER MATTERS**

Jeanne Gue was recognized by Chairman Wright. Ms. Gue took the podium and advised that she would like to discuss the Public Library on Lewis Street. Ms. Gue advised that the Library has a roof that is leaking and they are catching the water in buckets. Ms. Gue advised that the water comes in under the door and floods the lobby. Ms. Gue advised that there has been talk about a new library but nothing has been done. Ms. Gue advised that the library offers several activities. Ms. Gue advised that on Tuesday they hosted Master Gardeners and were visited by children from the Samaritan House. Ms. Gue advised that the children made terrariums with them. Ms. Gue advised that there is a family with seven children living in the Samaritan House that home-schools their children out of the library. Ms. Gue advised that people are lined up in the morning to get to the free computers and are limited to two hours. Ms. Gue advised that as soon as they are through there are other people waiting to use them. Ms. Gue advised that if you want to apply for a blue collar in Orangeburg you must do it on a computer; there is no other way. Ms. Gue advised that there are computers available on State College and at Tech but they do not have staff that will sit with people one on one and help them fill out those applications. Ms. Gue asked Council to please consider starting something constructive to help the library. Ms. Gue gave Council a paper hand out about the library. Ms. Gue thanked the Council for their time.

Chairman Wright thanked Ms. Gue for her comments.

Cecilia Richardson was recognized by Chairman Wright. Ms. Richardson advised that she is a retired elementary school librarian, an avid reader, and a public library lover. Ms. Richardson advised she is here to ask the Council for serious consideration of an Orangeburg County Library. Ms. Richardson advised that she observed at the Jackson County, North Carolina Library multiple patron computers for adults and children, bookshelves with plenty of space between them, a large community room for citizen to use, a genealogy room, game tables with games to be checked out, recycling bins, and a lovely atrium for patrons to enjoy. Ms. Richardson advised the following usage statistics for the library: 16,000 and 17,000 people utilize the library a month, attendance for children's programs was up from 3,000 to 3,700, her grandchildren enjoyed the Lego Program this summer, teen programming is up from 578 to 1,072, adult programming is up from 364 to 627, and family programming is up from 938 to 2,165 in attendance. This speaks well for Anna Zacherl and her staff as well as County Council who provided a line item for library programming. Ms. Richardson advised that state guidelines for computers in a public library dictate at least one computer per 1,000 people. Ms. Richardson advised that Orangeburg County has a total of 47 computers for 97,000 people; which is less than half of what is required. Ms. Richardson advised that physical space greatly limits the number of available computers. Ms. Richardson advised that she often frequents the library and the

computers that are available are always full. Ms. Richardson advised that many private companies, businesses, and the County of Orangeburg now require job applicants to apply online and many Orangeburg County residents do not have computers or computer access at home. Ms. Richardson advised that eBook downloads at the Library are up from 5,642 last year to 9,855 this year which is only going to increase. Ms. Richardson advised that our world, our lives, and our libraries are now electronically driven. Ms. Richardson advised that Orangeburg County Council has been pushing a new library to back of its agenda for several years yet a new YMCA Aquatic Center and a waterpark in Santee have been funded for exercising our physical bodies – it's time for a new and better library to exercise our minds in the 21st Century. Ms. Richardson gave Council a paper hand out about the library.

Chairman Wright thanked Ms. Richardson for her comments.

County Administrator Harold Young was recognized by Chairman Wright. Administrator Young advised that the County has recently renovated the library in Holly Hill.

Chairman Wright asked how many computers were located in that facility. Anna Zacherl, Director, Orangeburg County Library, advised that the Holly Hill facility has eight (8) public computers and they are included in the 47 computers mentioned previously as a countywide number.

Kent Whitfield was recognized by Chairman Wright. Mr. Whitfield took that podium and advised that he is the General Manager of Applebees and that all applicants are required to apply for jobs with Applebees online. Mr. Whitfield advised that if an applicant does not have a computer then they have to go and find one to fill out the application. Mr. Whitfield advised if the applicant is a State or Claflin student then they have access to a computer. However, if not then they have to utilize the public library and that is where he directs them.

Chairman Wright thanked Mr. Whitfield for his comments.

Chairman Wright asked for any additional comments. Hearing none, Chairman Wright closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Chairman Wright yield the floor to Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith advised that she would like to take this opportunity to introduce Dr. Molnar the new Executive Director of the Lower Savannah Council of Governments. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith advised that the former Executive Director of the Lower Savannah Council of Governments (LSCOG) Connie Shade retired effective the 31st of August. Dr. Molnar came on board as the new Executive Director on September 1, 2015. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith welcomed Dr. Molnar to the LSCOG and the County of

Orangeburg. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith individually introduced Dr. Molnar to the members of Council.

Councilwoman Cooper-Smith introduced the members who are on the Board of Directors for LSCOG: Councilman Clyde Livingston, Councilman Harry Wimberly (former Chair), Councilman Johnny Ravenell (present LSCOG Treasurer), and herself, Councilwoman Cooper-Smith (former Chair). Councilwoman Cooper-Smith additionally introduced County Administrator Harold Young, County Attorney D'Anne Haydel, and the Clerk to Council, Faith Carter.

Councilwoman Cooper-Smith asked all the other county employees present to please stand.

Councilwoman Cooper-Smith advised that Dr. Molnar comes to LSCOG with an array of experience and has covered a lot of territory during his eight days on the job. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith advised that Dr. Molnar is excited about being the new Executive Director and the Board and Staff are just as excited. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith presented Dr. William Molnar, the new Executive Director of LSCOG.

Dr. Molnar took the podium and thanked the Council for their warm welcome. Dr. Molnar advised that he is excited to be here and to work with the Council. Dr. Molnar advised that he has already discussed a few topics with the Council and is very excited about the opportunities in Orangeburg County especially as they relate to Economic Development, Social Services, and Transportation. Dr. Molnar again thanked the Council and advised that he is looking forward to working with the Council and Administrator Young.

Chairman Wright recognized Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith advised that LSCOG does a great deal for the six counties that they represent: Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, and Orangeburg. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith advised that funding for infrastructure, buildings, and grants come into Orangeburg County through the LSCOG. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith advised that the projects that citizens see in Orangeburg are the product of funding for the LSCOG.

Chairman Wright thanked Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith for the introductions.

1. ORDINANCE THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE TRANSFER OF THE AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF COPE FROM THE COPE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION TO THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMISSION AND TO PRESCRIBE THE TERMS OF SUCH TRANSFER

Chairman Wright asked County Administrator Harold Young for an explanation. Administrator Young advised that this ordinance allows the transfer of authority to

conduct municipal elections in the Town of Cope from the Town of Cope to the Orangeburg County Board of Voter Registration and Elections Commission. Administrator Young advised that this ordinance brings the towns of Cope and Santee in line with other towns in the County. Administrator Young advised that agenda item number two (2) allows the transfer of the authority to conduct municipal elections in the Town of Santee from the Town of Santee to the Orangeburg County Board of Voter Registration and Elections Commission.

Chairman Wright asked for questions. No questions. Chairman advised that he would entertain a motion to approve agenda items one (1) and two (2) for the transfer of elections in the Towns of Cope and Santee. Councilman Johnny Ravenell motioned that agenda items one (1) and two (2) be approved and accepted. Councilman Harry Wimberly seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

2. ORDINANCE THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE TRANSFER OF THE AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF SANTEE FROM THE SANTEE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION TO THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMISSION AND TO PRESCRIBE THE TERMS OF SUCH TRANSFER

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Chairman Wright asked for questions. No questions. Chairman advised that he would entertain a motion to approve agenda items one (1) and two (2) for the transfer of elections in the Towns of Cope and Santee. Councilman Johnny Ravenell motioned that agenda items one (1) and two (2) be approved and accepted. Councilman Harry Wimberly seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

3. ORDINANCE THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF UNINCORPORATED ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO CHANGE THE ZONING DESIGNATION FOR THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS TMS # 0199-00-03-011.000 FROM FA (FOREST AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT) TO RC (RURAL COMMUNITY DISTRICT); AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Chairman Wright asked for a motion on agenda item number three (3). Councilman Harry Wimberly motioned to approve agenda item number three (3) in third reading. Councilman Clyde Livingston seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

4. ORDINANCE THIRD READING

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Chairman Wright asked for a motion on agenda item number four (4). Councilwoman Cooper-Smith motioned to approve agenda item number four (4) in third reading. Councilman Harry Wimberly seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

5. ORDINANCE SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE BY AND BETWEEN ORANGEBURG COUNTY AND PIEDMONT COMPANIES, INC. PERTAINING TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY ORANGEBURG COUNTY; AUTHORIZING THE LEASE AND SUBSEQUENT SALE OF SUCH REAL PROPERTY BY THE COUNTY TO PIEDMONT COMPANIES, INC.; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

Chairman Wright asked County Administrator Harold Young for an explanation. Administrator Young advised that the County is required as a condition of the utility loan funds to own the property until the time that the loan is paid off. This part of the County's speculative building construction process. County Administrator Young yielded to the Attorney for Economic Development, Deputy County Attorney Jerrod Anderson. Attorney

Anderson advised Council that there have been no changes since first reading. Chairman Wright for questions from Council. No questions.

Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve agenda item number five (5). Councilman Wimberly motioned to approve agenda item number five (5) in second reading. Councilman Clyde Livingston seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

6. ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE AND ACQUISITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND RELATED EQUIPMENT TO BE USED FOR PUBLIC SAFETY; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO PRESCRIBE THE FORM AND DETAILS OF THE LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING OF THE EQUIPMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Chairman Wright asked County Administrator Harold Young for an explanation. Administrator Young advised that this ordinance is for the purchase and acquisition of vehicles for public safety in Orangeburg County as needed to keep the fleet available and accessible for public safety actions that are necessary to keep the citizens within the County safe.

Chairman Wright opened the floor for public hearing on agenda item number six (6) at 5:59 pm. No one came forward to comment and the floor was closed for public hearing on agenda item number six (6).

Chairman Wright asked for a motion on agenda item number six (6) in second reading. Councilman Ravenell motioned that agenda item number six (6) be approved in second reading. Councilman Clyde Livingston seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

7. ORDINANCE FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND A COMPANY IDENTIFIED FOR THE TIME BEING AS PROJECT RELIABILITY, ACTING FOR ITSELF, ONE OR MORE AFFILIATES OR OTHER PROJECT SPONSORS (THE "COMPANY") WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY, WHEREBY SUCH PROPERTY WILL BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN

SPECIAL SOURCE CREDITS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Chairman Wright asked County Administrator Harold Young for an explanation. Administrator Young advised that this ordinance falls under the FILOT authorization that the State provides to the County to induce economic development. Administrator Young yielded to the Attorney for Economic Development, Jerrod Anderson. Attorney Anderson advised that this prospect would like to remain confidential at this time. Attorney Anderson advised that an inducement agreement was passed on August 17, 2015 whereby the County agreed to enter into a FILOT arrangement. Attorney Anderson advised that agenda item seven (7) and agenda item eight (8) are related to one another. Attorney Anderson advised that agenda item number seven (7) deals with the proposed fee agreement and agenda item number (8) places the expansion in a multi-county industrial park with Dorchester County, South Carolina. Attorney Anderson advised that the prospect has promised at \$15 million investment (\$7.8 million in new construction, \$1.2 million in maintenance, \$6 million in machinery and equipment) and the prospect is a well-established company. Attorney Anderson advised that the prospect has promised a minimum of twelve (12) new jobs. Attorney Anderson advised that prospect is requesting a thirty (30) year term. Attorney Anderson advised that he would be happy answer any questions from the Council.

Chairman Wright asked for questions. No questions. Chairman Wright asked for a motion for agenda item seven (7) and agenda item number eight (8). Councilman Wimberly motioned that agenda items seven (7) and eight (8) be approved at first reading. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

8. ORDINANCE FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK BY AND BETWEEN DORCHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK SO AS TO INCLUDE PROPERTY OF A COMPANY IDENTIFIED FOR THE TIME BEING AS PROJECT RELIABILITY, ACTING FOR ITSELF, ONE OR MORE AFFILIATES OR OTHER PROJECT SPONSORS (THE "COMPANY") AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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Chairman Wright asked for questions. No questions. Chairman Wright asked for a motion for agenda item seven (7) and agenda item number eight (8). Councilman Wimberly motioned that agenda items seven (7) and eight (8) be approved at first reading. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

9. ORDINANCE FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT AND THE EXPANSION OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS WITH NATIVE AMERICAN PEOPLE OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY

Chairman Wright asked Administrator Harold Young for an explanation. Administrator Young advised that this is part of a community enhancement initiative that was introduced by Council District #6 (Clyde Livingston, Councilman). Administrator Young advised that this ordinance would allow for a lease agreement on a piece of property that would remain in the County's name for the purpose of supporting the Native American People of Orangeburg County and providing for public educational programing. Administrator Young advised that the lease would outline the operation and control of the property being considered.

Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Clyde Livingston. Councilman Clyde Livingston motioned that agenda item number nine (9) be approved in first reading described as an ordinance authorizing a lease agreement and the expansion of educational programs with Native American People of Orangeburg County. Councilman Wimberly seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

10. PARKS, RECREATION, AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Chairman Wright yielded to Committee Chairwoman Cooper-Smith for a report and recommendation from the Parks, Recreation, and Agriculture Committee.

Chairwoman Cooper-Smith advised that the Parks, Recreation, and Agriculture Committee met at 4:00 pm on September 8, 2015. Chairwoman Cooper-Smith advised that

the members of the committee are Heyward Livingston, Johnnie Wright, Sr., Council Chairman, Willie B. Owens (absent), and herself.

Chairwoman Cooper-Smith advised that the committee considered an ordinance to enact rules and regulations for the Ness Boat Landing. Chairwoman Cooper-Smith advised that the Committee recommends that the Council approve the ordinance with the following exceptions: items nine (9) and eleven (11) are removed completely and that the attorney adopt the discussed changes to item number four (4).

Chairwoman Cooper-Smith motioned that the Council accepted the recommendation of the Parks, Recreation, and Agriculture Committee. Councilman Heyward Livingston (committee member) seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

11. ORDINANCE FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AND ENACT BOAT LANDING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF

Chairman Wright advised that this is the first reading of the ordinance that was discussed in agenda item number ten (10). Chairman Wright asked for questions. No questions.

Chairman Wright asked for a motion on agenda item number eleven (11). Councilman Heyward Livingston motioned that agenda item number eleven (11) be approved in first reading with the stipulation that items nine (9) and eleven (11) be removed completely and the attorney adopt the discussed changes to item number four (4). Councilwoman Cooper-Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

12. PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Chairman Wright yielded to Acting Committee Chairman Harry Wimberly. Chairman Wimberly advised that he is filling in for Committee Chairman Owens and that the committee consists of himself, Councilman Owens, and Councilwoman Cooper-Smith. Chairman Wimberly advised that the Public Health and Safety Committee met at 4:47 pm on September 8, 2015 for the purpose of discussing two ordinances. Chairman Wimberly advised the committee is addressing the issues that citizens are having with commercial business which are operating in Orangeburg County. Chairman Wimberly advised that the Committee recommended that the attorney make the requested changes to the Option 1 ordinance and return it to the committee for approval at the next session. Chairman Wimberly advised that the Committee is planning on first reading on the ordinance at the

next regular session on September 21, 2015. Chairman Wimberly advised that his report is submitted as information to the Council as this time.

Chairman Wright thanked Councilman Wimberly for his report.

13. TAX AND TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Chairman Wright asked County Administrator Harold Young for an explanation. Administrator Young advised that the Tax and Tourism Committee met and submitted the following recommendations for Council's consideration:

1. Town of Norway, 2015 Christmas Parade \$1,500.00
2. New Perspectives Media, Orangeburg County Marketing and Advertisement \$15,000.00
3. Orangeburg County Fair, Grand American Coon Hunt and Agriculture Fair Showing \$28,129.19
4. Town of Santee, Orangeburg County Santee Recreation Facility advertising \$17,497.25
5. Ellore Heritage Museum & Cultural Center, programing, camps, and events \$14,000.00
6. Downtown Orangeburg Revitalization Association (DORA), Outdoor Advertising \$3,650.00
7. Miss Orangeburg and Miss Orangeburg Teen, Promotion \$0.00

Total Recommended Funding: \$79,776.44

Chairman Wright asked for questions. No questions. Chairman Wright advised that he would entertain a motion on agenda item number thirteen (13). Councilman Ravenell motioned that the Council accept the recommendation of the Tax and Tourism Committee as outlined. Councilman Wimberly seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

14. APPOINTMENT TO THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Chairman Wright yielded to Councilman Ravenell. Councilman Ravenell motioned that Mr. Sidney Fulton be appointed as a member At-Large to the Orangeburg County Development Commission. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

15. PROCUREMENT

A) ACCEPTANCE OF BID

Chairman Wright asked for an explanation from County Administrator Harold Young. Administrator Young advised that a request for bids (FY15-0827) was advertised in the SCBO and Times and Democrat newspapers for major renovations to the North Challenge Center in North, South Carolina. Mandatory pre-bid was held on August 6, 2015 that was attended by fifteen (15) contractors. Bids were due on August 27, 2015 and the County received five responses. It is the recommendation of the Deputy Administrator, Sinkler Boone, Building and Grounds Supervisor, Joe Morris, and the Special Projects Administrator, Stephanie McKune-Grant that the lowest responsive bid be awarded to Skip Welch of Orangeburg, South Carolina in the amount of \$368,108.00. Monies for this project have been budgeted and are part of the Capital Project Sales Tax.

Chairman Wright asked for questions. No questions. Councilman Clyde Livingston motioned that the bid be awarded to Skip Welch of Orangeburg, South Carolina in the amount of \$368,108.00. Councilman Heyward Livingston seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

16. OFFICIAL ACTION

AN OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY
COUNCIL AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE
ORANGEBURG COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
AND ORANGEBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS 3, 4, AND 5

Chairman Wright asked County Administrator Harold Young for an explanation. Administrator Young advised that at the outset of the School Resource Office program the officers were provided to the school districts via a county grant. Administrator Young advised the due to the nature of increased incidents within schools in the County and nationwide the State now funds the officers directly to the school districts. Administrator Young advised that this change allows the school districts to directly contract out that service. Administrator Young advised that this contract will allow the districts to contract with the Sheriff's Office to provide the School Resource Officer program. Administrator Young advised that this contract also outlines the responsibility of how the school districts are to fund these positions and what they can pay for those positions. Administrator Young advised that his contract allows the Sheriff's Office to enter into an agreement with the school district to provide these services.

Chairman Wright asked for questions. No questions. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith motioned that agenda item number sixteen (16) be approved. Councilman Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

17. VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Wright asked for a motion in regard to agenda item number seventeen (17). Councilwoman Cooper-Smith motioned that the Orangeburg County Council move into executive session to discuss agenda items eighteen-a (18A) and eighteen-b (18B). Councilman Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0-0-1).

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

LEGAL ADVICE AND DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.C. CODE SECTION 30-4-70(a)(1) and (2) CONCERNING

A) THE HOSPITAL'S DISPOSAL OR LEASE OF LAND TO A THIRD PARTY

B) THE COUNTY'S POTENTIAL LAND TRANSACTION FOR PROJECT
GATEWAY

Councilman's Comments:

Chairman Wright recognized Councilman Ravenell. Councilman Ravenell advised that litter is a subject that is very important to everyone in Orangeburg County. Councilman Ravenell advised that there is a new litter initiative. Councilman Ravenell asked the Clerk to Council, Faith Carter to explain further.

Clerk Carter advised that the Orangeburg County Litter Initiative is hosting the Litter Blitz from October 24th, 2015 to October 30th, 2015. The Litter Initiative would like families or groups to form pick up teams and just pick up litter for one day where they are or near them. The Litter Initiative is composed of government officials, concerned citizens, and community stakeholders with the collective goal of Keeping Orangeburg Beautiful. Palmetto Pride will be providing gloves, bags, and anything needed to pick up litter. Interested parties can contact Glenda Lewis at the Orangeburg County Agricultural Center to coordinate getting supplies. All the initiative asks is that teams fill out the sign in sheets so participation can be recorded and they take a picture of their teams or trash collection.

Councilman Ravenell advised that the County has this dedicated week for Palmetto Pride but everyday should be Palmetto Pride Day in Orangeburg County.

Chairman Wright recognized Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith advised that she cannot over emphasize the role that Representative Gilda Cobb-Hunter has played on the subject of litter. Representative Cobb-Hunter's bill, Take Palmetto Pride Where You Live, has passed both houses in the state legislature. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith advised that we should take Palmetto Pride where we live – not only in the streets but also our neighborhoods. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith advised that when industry comes to Orangeburg one of the first things they will notice is how good the city looks – if it is an eye-sore and they see litter that is a deterrent. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith advised that if we want jobs in our community then we are going to have to make it look presentable. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith advised the citizens to please thank Representative Cobb-Hunter for sponsoring this bill and her work on this subject.

Councilwoman Cooper-Smith advised that she will be meeting with the new person over the new committee soon.

Chairman Wright recognized County Administrator Harold Young. Administrator Young advised that Martha Garwood of Branchville who was a thirty (30) year employee of the County Library passed away a couple weeks ago. Administrator Young advised that Ms. Garwood's zeal for the library was second to none and her years of service to the County are appreciated.

19. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

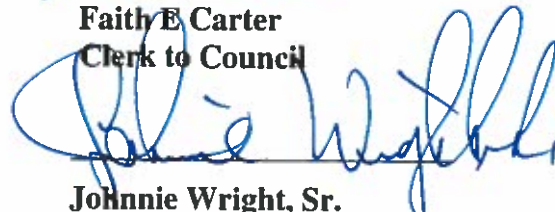
Chairman Wright asked for a motion that the Orangeburg County Council stand adjourned. Councilman Ravenell motioned that the regular session of the Orangeburg County Council of September 8, 2015 be adjourned. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-1).

Chairman Wright thanked the public for attending.

20. ADJOURNMENT



Faith E Carter
Clerk to Council



Johnnie Wright, Sr.
Chairman, County Council