



**MINUTES  
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL  
PLANNING SESSION  
SPECIAL CALLED SESSION  
NOVEMBER 5, 2015  
10: 00 AM**



**ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM  
AMINISTRATIVE CENTRE  
1437 AMELIA ST., SUITE 200  
ORANGEBURG, S.C. 29115**

**Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the news media was notified and notice was posted on the bulletin board twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

**On the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015, Chairman Wright called to order a special session of the Orangeburg County Council at 10:58 am.**

**Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**Moment of silence observed**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith advised that the name of the community group that was honored during the November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 meeting is misspelled. The clerk is make the proper corrections. Councilman Wimberly motioned that the minutes be approved with the noted**

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correction. Councilman Heyward Livingston seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0-0).

**1. DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS AND TO PROPOSED PURCHASE OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY OWNED REAL PROPERTY BY PRIVATE PARTY. (EXECUTIVE SESSION BASIS: S.C. CODE 30-4-70(a)(2)).**

Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith motioned that the Council move into executive session to discuss agenda item number one (1). Councilman Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0-0). The Council entered executive session at 11:00 am.

The Council returned to the regular session at 11:42 am. Chairman Wright advised that the discussion in executive session was about the sale of real property. Chairman Wright asked for a motion about the sale of the property. Councilman Wimberly motioned that the County sell Weathers Farms Inc. 11.9 acres at \$6,500 per acre which was the original purchase price. Councilman Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0-0).

**2. PRESENTATION BY WEATHERS FARMS REGARDING LEASE PAYMENTS FOR FARMING OPERATIONS ON VACANT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY**

Councilman Ravenell motioned that Weathers Farms Inc. pay the original negotiated price of \$40.00 per acre for the years of 2014, 2015, and going forward. Councilman Wimberly seconded the motion. Motion carried. [5-2(C. Livingston, Cooper-Smith)-0-0].

**3. DISCUSSION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECT NEEDS**

**A. New Library**

Chairman Wright recognized County Administrator Harold Young. Administrator Young advised that the library was on the Capital Projects Sales Tax ballot and needs to be addressed. Administrator Young advised the following problems exist with the current library: the roof is leaking, the building is subject to flooding, the facility is located in a location that does not attract the public, and more services are needed. Administrator Young advised that the library is increasingly being utilized by job seekers who do not have access to the internet.

Library Director Anna Zacherl and Youth Librarian Jessica Nukolls entered the meeting at this time and introduced themselves. Director Zacherl thanked the Council for establishing the public programming line item last year and for funding that line item again this year. Director Zacherl advised that this has been fantastic for the library.

Chairman Wright recognized County Administrator Harold Young. Administrator Young yielded to Library Director Zacherl to elaborate on the needs of the library at this time.

Chairman Wright thanked Director Zacherl for her comments and the Council will consider the information that was she provided. Director Zacherl and Youth Librarian Nukolls left the meeting at this time.

**B. New Law Enforcement Complex**

Chairman Wright recognized County Administrator Harold Young. Administrator Young yielded to Deputy County Administrator Sinkler Boone. Administrator Boone advised that the current law enforcement complex is in need of roof repairs, is in need of specific repairs to certain structures due to age, and is facing overcrowding. County Administrator Harold Young advised that Dorchester County is in the process of building a new facility. Administrator Young advised that a new facility would help facilitate video visitation and video arraignment. After some discussion, the Council asked the Administrator to come back with additional information prior to a decision.

**C. New DSS Building**

Chairman Wright recognized County Administrator Harold Young. Administrator Young advised that the DSS building is in need of repair and is facing issues due to new fire code requirements which are costly. Administrator Young advised that the County, by statute, must provide a space for DSS staff. After some additional discussion, the Council asked the Administrator to come back with additional information prior to a decision.

**D. County Owned Building in Holly Hill**

Chairman Wright recognized County Administrator Harold Young. Administrator Young advised that the County was attempting to work with Family Health Services on the sale of this building however, the County has received another offer in the interim. After some discussion, the Council asked the Administrator to explore the options of selling this building.

**E. New County Employee Health Clinic**

Chairman Wright recognized County Administrator Harold Young. Administrator Young advised that some of the Council saw a presentation at the South Carolina Association of Counties conference of a County Employees Health Clinic. Administrator Young advised that this was proposed to the employees and

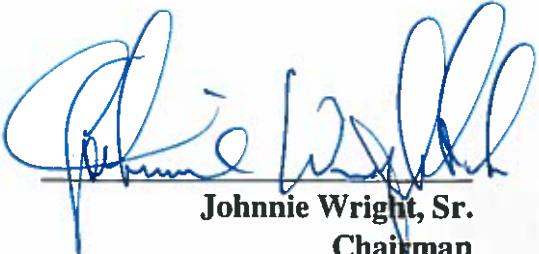
it was met with positive feedback. Administrator Young advised that the County would need to pursue locating a medical facility, such as a doctor's office, which would be necessary for employees to be seen by a medical provider. Administrator Young advised that the bank building on Amelia would be a good location and site for the clinic as it was a chiropractor's office at one time. Administrator Young advised that the building is separated into two sections which the second section would be an ideal location for Voter Registration. After some discussion, the Council asked the Administrator to come back to Council with additional information on this project.

The Council discussed the appointment of the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission and the passage of the resolution to appointment the members of the CPST Commission prior to be the beginning of 2016. The Council agreed to review the appointments from the previous year and submit names to the appropriate attorney for the creation of the appointment resolution.

Chairman Wright recognized County Administrator Harold Young. Administrator Young advised that the County has been informed that Orangeburg County School District 4 will be going up 18 mills this year.

Chairman Wright recognized Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith. Councilwoman Cooper-Smith motioned that the special session of the Orangeburg County Council of November 5, 2015 stand adjourned. Councilman Wimberly seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

Meeting adjourned at 4:04 pm.



Johnnie Wright, Sr.  
Chairman  
County Council



Faith Carter  
Clerk to Council