

**MINUTES  
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
AUGUST 19, 2014  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
6:02 p.m.**

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted on the bulletin board at the County Square and made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned Citizens.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

CHAIRMAN BOB TAYLOR	XANTHENE NORRIS
VICE CHAIRMAN WILLIS MEADOWS	LIZ SEMAN
JOE DILL	LOTTIE GIBSON
LYNN BALLARD	BUTCH KIRVEN
SID CATES	FRED PAYNE
JIM BURNS	

**COUNCIL MEMBER(S) ABSENT:**

JOE BALDWIN

**STAFF PRESENT:**

JOE KERNELL, County Administrator  
MARK TOLLISON, County Attorney  
JOHN HANSLEY, Deputy County Administrator  
THERESA KIZER, Clerk to Council  
REGINA MCCASKILL, Deputy Clerk to Council  
PAULA GUCKER, Assistant County Administrator, Public Works  
BOB MIHALIC, Governmental Relations Officer  
KIM WUNDER, Assistant County Attorney  
ERIC VINCENT, Director, Planning and Code Compliance  
JOHN VANDERMOSTEN, Assistant County Administrator, Public Safety

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

CHIEF RONNIE BOYCE, Donaldson Center Fire Department

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bob Taylor

**INVOCATION**

Rev. Echoles Nix  
Nicholtown Presbyterian Church

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### **Item (4)**

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**ACTION:** Councilor Meadows moved to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2014, County Council meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by all County Council Members present.

#### RECOGNITION

Councilor Kirven recognized the Leadership Simpsonville Class in attendance. He stated the class was sponsored by the Greater Simpsonville Chamber of Commerce. He stated the class had attended various meetings and departments within Greenville County earlier that day. He thanked them for their efforts in wanting to obtain more knowledge about Greenville County Government.

Chairman Taylor recognized Boy Scout Troop 521 who was in attendance.

### **Item (5)**

#### PRESENTATION

**(a) Greenville County Library System/Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies Award**

Beverly James, Greenville Library System, Executive Director, invited library staff and board members to join her for a presentation. Ms. James acknowledged Ms. Ruth Richburg, Friends of the Library, Secretary, who was also in attendance. Ms. James stated the Greenville Library System was nominated by Family Connection of South Carolina Library for the Keystone Library Automation System and National Organization on Disability Award. She then introduced Susan Kastner with Family Connection of South Carolina.

Susan Kastner, parent, partner and parent/family partner of Family Connection of South Carolina, presented Beverly James, the library staff and board members with the Keystone Library Automation System and National Organization on Disability Award. This was an award from the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies who are part of the American Library Association. She stated the award was given to the Greenville Library System for their deliberate implementation of the Intentional Strides Project, which increased programs, library services and staff awareness for serving individuals with disabilities and special needs.

Beverly James stated the Assistive Technologies at Greenville Library System helped individuals with vision impairments. She also stated staff was trained on how to better serve individuals with disabilities and special needs, especially the deaf population. The monetary award of \$1,000 that came along with the plaque was used to expand the Assistive Technologies services to low vision individuals at one branch.

Chairman Taylor thanked Beverly James, the board members and staff for being supportive of the Greenville Library System.

**Item (6)**

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**(a) Recognition of the GreenVillages and Personal Rapid Transit Advisory Committee (GCEDC)**

Councilor Payne invited Councilor Joe Dill and Chairman Taylor to join him at the podium. The three of them were the County's representatives on the Greenville County Economic Development Corporation Board (GCEDC). He stated approximately one year ago Greenville County became involved in an effort to look at Personal Rapid Transit as an option for Greenville County. He stated GCEDC had a corridor between downtown Greenville and CU-ICAR, which presented options for the County. Councilor Payne named the members of the advisory group that was formed about a year ago to pursue this effort: Elaine Bearden, John Boyanoski, Ruth Richburg, Kenneth Baxter, Fred Cartwright, Stacy Anthony Kuper, George Biediger, Jim Kupferer, Michael Allen, Rick Sumerel, Rick Timmons, Lee Stogner, Carlton Owen, Elizabeth Keith, Greg Hall, Cynthia Eason and Carlton Owen. He stated each advisory member represented a specific group, institution or entity in Greenville County. In addition, Dr. Joachim, Lisa Halo, Van Whitehead, Brad Van Meter and John Warner had been great resources, experts and sounding boards for the committee. Councilor Payne honored all individuals with a proclamation for their efforts in promoting exemplary transportation options in the Laurens Road Corridor to serve the 21<sup>st</sup> Century connectivity needs.

**(b) Honoring Lisa Stevens**

Chairman Taylor presented Lisa Stevens with a proclamation for her efforts as the Citizen Roads Advisory Committee Chairman. He stated she had presented bold and effective leadership and he wished to honor her for her contribution.

**Item (7)**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**(a) Greater Greenville Sanitation District Annexation / Drexel Terrace Subdivision**

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding a resolution to enlarge the boundaries of the Greater Greenville Sanitation District to include certain properties located in the Drexel Terrace Subdivision, and to provide for public notice thereof.

There being no speakers, Councilor Payne declared the public hearing closed.

**(b) Creation of Brutontown Special Tax District**

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding an ordinance to create the Brutontown Special Tax District; to define the boundaries of the District and the purpose for which it was created; to establish the Brutontown Special Tax District as an administrative division of Greenville County; and to impose an annual fee of \$50.00 on all improved real property located within the District and an annual fee of \$25.00 on all unimproved real property located within the District.

There being no speakers, Councilor Payne declared the public hearing closed.

**(c) Caesar's Head Fire Service Area / Millage Request**

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding an ordinance to provide for an increase to the millage rate levied by the Caesar's Head Fire Service Area.

There being no speakers, Councilor Meadows declared the public hearing closed.

**(d) Ashwicke Special Tax District / Millage Request**

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding an ordinance to provide for an increase in the tax millage to be levied by the Ashwicke Special Tax District.

There being no speakers, Councilor Meadows declared the public hearing closed.

**Item (8) APPEARANCES – CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no speakers.

**Item (9) CONSENT AGENDA**

- (a) FY2014 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (Finance)**
- (b) Graham Foundation Grant – The Cat's Meow (Finance)**
- (c) SC Nonprofit Source Program – 319 Grant (Finance)**
- (d) Build America Grant – 2014 (Finance)**
- (e) Community Project Application – City of Travelers Rest/Farmer's Market - \$1,000 (Finance)**

**ACTION:** Councilor Kirven moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items.

Motion carried unanimously by all County Council Members present.

**Item (10) RESOLUTION**

- (a) Greater Greenville Sanitation District Annexation / Drexel Terrace Subdivision**

**ACTION:** Councilor Payne moved for adoption a resolution to enlarge the boundaries of the Greater Greenville Sanitation District to include certain properties located in the Drexel Terrace Subdivision, and to provide for public notice thereof.

Motion carried unanimously by all County Council Members present.

**Item (11) ORDINANCES – THIRD READING**

- (a) Zoning Ordinances**

- 1. CZ-2014-24, Property of Greer State Bank located at 164 Old Pelzer Road requesting rezoning from S-1 to R-S.**

**ACTION:** Councilor Dill moved adoption of the ordinance at third reading.

Motion carried unanimously by all County Council Members present.

- 2. CZ-2014-25,** Property of Cypress Equities located on Old Buncombe Road and Duncan Chapel Road requesting rezoning from C-1 to C-3.

**ACTION:** Councilor Dill moved adoption of the ordinance at third reading.

Councilor Seman asked if there was a resolution on the gravesite.

Councilor Meadows stated he and Councilor Dill had a meeting Jack Shaw, who had a company that was identifying and marking all of the graves. He stated there was discussion of possibly erecting a fence. Councilor Meadows stated the Historical Society and concerned individuals were satisfied with what Mr. Shaw was doing.

Motion as presented carried unanimously by all County Council Members present.

- 3. CZ-2014-26,** Property of Samuel Duane Phillips located on W. Phillips Road and Johns Road requesting rezoning from R-S to S-1.

**ACTION:** Councilor Dill moved adoption of the ordinance at third reading.

Motion carried unanimously by all County Council Members present.

**(b) Creation of Brutontown Special Tax District**

**ACTION:** Councilor Payne moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to create the Brutontown Special Tax District; to define the boundaries of the District and the purpose for which it was created; to establish the Brutontown Special Tax District as an administrative division of Greenville County; and to impose an annual fee of \$50.00 on all improved real property located within the District and an annual fee of \$25.00 on all unimproved real property located within the District.

Motion carried unanimously by all County Council Members present.

**(c) Pickens / Greenville Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment – General Electric Company and GE Gas Turbines (Greenville) LLC**

**ACTION:** Councilor Meadows moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to amend the agreement for development of joint county industrial park dated November 4, 1996 by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Pickens County, South Carolina, providing for the development of a jointly owned and operated industrial/business park and established pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976 Section 4-1-170, et sequiter, as amended; so as to include additional property and to further describe such property in that portion of the joint county industrial park geographically located in Greenville County, South Carolina, and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously by all County Council Members present.

Item (12)

**ORDINANCES – SECOND READING**

**(a) Anderson / Greenville Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement**

**ACTION:** Councilor Meadows moved for approval at second reading an ordinance authorizing and approving (1) the development of a joint county industrial and business park pursuant to Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, in conjunction with Anderson County (the “park”), such park to be geographically located in Anderson County; (2) the execution and delivery of a written park agreement with Anderson County as to the requirement of payments of fee in lieu of *ad valorem* taxes with respect to park property and the sharing of the revenues and expenses of the park; (3) the distribution of revenues from the park within Greenville County; and (4) other matters related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously by all County Council Members present.

**(b) Caesar’s Head Fire Service Area / Millage Request**

**ACTION:** Councilor Meadows moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to provide for an increase to the millage rate levied by the Caesar’s Head Fire Service Area.

**ACTION:** Councilor Dill moved to allow amendments at third reading.

Motion to allow amendments at third reading carried unanimously by all County Council Members present.

Councilor Dill requested staff to provide an evaluation of property values and equalization between North Carolina and South Carolina properties in the Caesars Head and Cedar Mountain Fire District before third reading. He stated he knew property values varied from county to county and he wanted to make sure the amount the Greenville County citizens would pay was of an equivalent value to the amount paid in Cedar Mountain, North Carolina.

Councilor Cates asked if Cedar Mountain Fire District increased the amount to be paid by Caesar’s Head property owners.

Chairman Taylor stated because there was not a Greenville County fire department in the Caesar’s Head area, services were provided by North Carolina.

Councilor Dill stated the residents of Caesar’s Head were a part of the Cedar Mountain Fire District. He stated he wanted to make sure the increase would level the amount of funds being paid by all residents; he did not want South Carolina residents paying more than residents in North Carolina.

Motion as amended carried unanimously by all County Council Members present.

**(c) Ashwicke Special Tax District / Millage Request**

**ACTION:** Councilor Meadows moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to provide for an increase in the tax millage to be levied by the Ashwicke Special Tax District.

Chairman Taylor stated the residents of the one-street subdivision voted for the increase themselves.

Motion carried unanimously by all County Council Members present.

**Item (13)**

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

**(a) Zoning Ordinances**

Councilor Dill presented for first reading Zoning Dockets CZ-2014-30, CZ-2014-31, and CZ-2014-33 through CZ-2014-36.

Chairman Taylor referred the items to the Planning and Development Committee.

**(b) Foothills Fire Service Area / Millage Request**

Councilor Meadows presented for first reading an ordinance to provide for an increase to the millage rate levied by the Foothills Fire Service Area.

Chairman Taylor stated the item would remain on the floor until second reading.

**Item (14)**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no further Committee Reports.

**Item (15)**

**APPEARANCES**

- Mark Nantz, One St. Francis Drive, Greenville – appeared regarding EMS management
- Johnnie Ebelein, 309 Ivenstone Drive, Greenville – appeared regarding EMS management
- David McCraw, 109 Breedshill Way, Greer – appeared regarding County Council ethics and Sunday alcohol sales
- Pearlie Harris, 117 Meadow Wood Drive, Mauldin – appeared regarding EMS management
- Ed Paxton, 1 York Circle, Greenville – appeared regarding SC Air National Guard presentation
- Lib Tickle, 5325 Geer Highway, Cleveland – appeared regarding SC Air National Guard presentation
- Joseph Garrison, 307 W. Morgan Street, Greenville – appeared regarding Revitalization of City View

**Item (16)**

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

**GCEDC**

Joe Kernell, County Administrator, stated during the Greenville County Economic Development Corporation’s Board (GCEDC) meeting on Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the board voted to transfer the railroad right-of-way between Greenville and CU-ICAR to Greenville County. He stated the railroad segment was currently under Discontinuance of Service with the Surface Transportation Board. The transfer would allow the extension of the Swamp Rabbit Trail from Cleveland Park to CU-ICAR, via the abandoned section of the railroad between the Washington Street / Laurens Road intersection and Pleasantburg Drive. GCEDC had worked with Upstate Forever in seeking donated right-of-way from property owners on the abandoned section to establish a connection between Cleveland Park and the railroad section that would be transferred to the County. He stated it was expected that the donated right-of-way would also be donated to the County. Once completed, the Greenville County Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism would maintain

and operate the new section of the Swamp Rabbit Trail, which was approximately 4.7 miles long. Mr. Kernell stated Chairman Taylor, Councilor Dill and Councilor Payne were all board members on GCEDC and he stated this was a great move to get started with the Swamp Rabbit Trail on the southern part of Greenville County.

### **EMS**

Joe Kernell stated the potential options for EMS was nothing new; it had been discussed for the better part of 5 years. In 2006, a study was performed because the EMS System was not functioning as highly as it could; therefore, the County improved it. Now the EMS System of Greenville County was one of the best throughout the country. During the entire process, there was always a discussion about whether or not the EMS System was something a county should operate. EMS was County-owned and operated and no one could take it over without the County agreeing to it. He stated there was a lot of misinformation being put out. Mr. Kernell stated EMS being taken over by Greenville Hospital System (GHS) was simply not true and nothing had happened as of yet. He stated there had been discussions with the CEO's of St. Francis Hospital and GHS about the future of EMS. He stated he was told the new healthcare laws would affect the financial side of EMS, so it was incumbent upon him to explore options. He stated there was nothing on paper and no contract as of yet. He stated once an option was determined, which could be to leave the situation as is, he would present it to County Council. He stated regardless of what decision was made, patient choice would always be included. A patient would always be able to choose which hospital they would like to go to. He stated a monthly quality review was held, with both hospitals being invited to attend, for the purpose of recording where patients asked to go, what was available, who would do the best for the patient and which hospital was closest.

### **Budget**

Joe Kernell stated the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, and there were some challenges during the past year with revenues not quite doing what was expected for the General Fund. He stated although \$140,460,000 was budgeted, \$1.1 million of that amount did not come in. The budget included an approximate \$260,000 surplus. He stated because revenues lagged a little, the expenditures were in need of being controlled; the \$140,195,000 budgeted for expenditures came in at a little less than \$138,000,000, which left a surplus of \$1.4 million. This was about \$1.2 million more than what was originally budgeted. He stated the fiscal year ended on a high note and it was intended for the next fiscal year to end on a high note as well.

Councilor Burns asked since the EMS study was complete; have the conversations relating to the potential options for EMS included both hospitals.

Mr. Kernell stated a study was provided to a member of St. Francis staff much earlier than what was acknowledged. He stated the same consultant who reviewed the whole system before came in to see if a business case could be made to combine a non-emergency system and an emergency system. He stated Greenville County operated the emergency system and GHS operated the ambulance system; the purpose of the study was to know if there was an opportunity to combine the two.

Councilor Burns asked who originally initiated the study.

Mr. Kernell stated GHS and Greenville County originally initiated the study.

Councilor Burns asked was St. Francis asked to participate in the study.



Mr. Kernell stated he believed the consultant spoke with St. Francis; however St. Francis did not have an ambulance system.

Councilor Burns asked Mr. Kernell, after the study was presented to him, were both hospitals in on the conversations of future options.

Mr. Kernell stated there had been conversations about the future of EMS years before the study was completed and there had been conversations with both hospitals of the possibility of being co-partners.

Councilor Burns stated he would like the EMS issue brought to the Committee of the Whole for discussion and dialogue to determine how County Council wanted to instruct staff to move forward. He stated County Council needed to come up with the best EMS system for the citizens.

Councilor Gibson stated this was a perfect example of why having standing committee meetings were important. She felt too much responsibility had been put on the County Administrator, and the EMS issue would divide the community. Councilor Gibson agreed with discussing the issue during a Committee of the Whole meeting, stating citizens should also have the ability to speak on the issue.

Councilor Cates stated Mr. Kernell had saved Greenville County a lot of money with the AAA-Rating, and he appreciated that. He asked if Greenville County did not own the system, how would the County be assured that citizens would be given a choice.

Mr. Kernell stated there were many contractual things the County could do to make sure citizens maintained patient-choice. He assured Councilor Gibson there were no contracts and nothing had been done. He further stated, the chatter in the community was coming from one side and it was not from the County. Nothing had been done at this point and it could be his recommendation not to do anything. Mr. Kernell stated there was nothing yet to bring to a committee. Currently there had only been high level discussions about potential, but no decisions or proposals. He stated whatever decision was made would be the best for the community.

Councilor Cates asked if the County Administrator could make the decision regarding EMS Services without going through County Council.

Mr. Kernell stated he had been with Greenville County 11 years and he did not make decisions that would put the Council in a bad position. He stated if a contract was put out for bid, it would go through the procurement process, and would not come through County Council. Mr. Kernell stated current law gave the Administrator the ability to contract for an emergency system. He stated the code gave him the ability to contract with public companies, private companies and organizations to provide EMS service. He stated he would present a proposal to County Council for them to decide how to proceed. He spoke with the department years ago and explained to them that options were being looked at to determine the future of EMS and he asked for their help. He stated the misinformation being thrown around put the over 200 EMS employees in a bad position.

Councilor Gibson stated ever since County Council allowed the Executive Committee to handle one thing, everything else had come from that committee, and she was sick of it.

Councilor Dill stated he represented a more diverse constituency than most because his district went from Spartanburg County to Pickens County and North Carolina to the city limits of Greer. He stated he had complaints from many people concerned they would not be able to go to the hospital of their choice. He stated he informed the concerned citizens that they would have the option to go to the hospital of their choice. Councilor Dill stated he wanted the citizens to know what was going on during the process. He thanked Mr. Kernell for discussing the issue and he

hoped that the media would inform citizens that nothing had changed. He further stated if he found out things had changed, he would be very upset.

Councilor Gibson stated all she wanted was open communication and if some County Council Members had information they should share it with the rest of the County Council Members.

Councilor Payne stated he was very appreciative to live in a county that had two very good hospitals. He stated they helped insure the quality of healthcare and the quality of life. He stated this was not a new subject; it had been a topic of discussion since he was first elected to County Council eight years ago. Councilor Payne listed some of EMS' improvements: serve citizens with excellent healthcare and emergency services; provide patient choice as the highest priority; decreased response time; collection rate increased; reduce non-emergency use of EMS; nurse triage; involve local fire department personnel. He stated continuing to improve service was important.

Councilor Norris stated the discussion was about a service that was equitable and fair. She stated there were great medical facilities in Greenville County and it was the patient's choice where they would like to go.

**Item (17)**

**REQUESTS AND MOTIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

- Councilor Norris stated last summer children were transported from areas like City View to other areas that had facilities or areas that had tents set up for activities; a lot of children were served. Since recreation was now a department of the County, she requested that during budget considerations, staff remember to have some type of activities that would serve all children; those in areas that had facilities and those in areas that did not.
- Councilor Seman stated it was Aviation Appreciation Week in South Carolina and they were recognizing Donaldson Field for celebrating 50 years of service. She also wanted to recognize Lockheed Martin, the largest tenant at Donaldson Field, commemorating 30 years of doing business in Greenville.
- Councilor Seman stated in regards to their EMS conversation, as County Council they had a hard job of balancing their governance with not staying in the County's everyday business. She felt their role was to work in partnership with their administration regardless of the issue. She stated they were not subject matter experts in a lot of things that came before them but that their job was to listen and hear input from staff, from the community and from each other. She cautioned them about all 12 of them trying to serve as negotiators, or trying to serve picking out vendors. She implored them to see themselves as partners not questioning or inhibiting the County to do business on a day to day basis.
- Councilor Gibson announced Theresa Kizer was appointed the new President of the South Carolina Clerks to Council Association.

**(a) Reopen Application Process for Donaldson Fire Service Area**

**ACTION:** Councilor Gibson moved to waive the timeline to reopen the application period for two weeks for the Donaldson Fire Service Area for the purpose of receiving applications to fill a new vacancy.

Motion carried unanimously by all County Council Members present.

- Councilor Gibson requested the Council move toward unity, cooperation and open communication.
- Councilor Ballard apologized for making the earlier motion out of order. He stated he was proud to be a member of the group.
- Councilor Kirven announced the dedication of a 12-mile stretch of I-385 as the Veteran Corridor of Honor. He stated this initiative was spearheaded by former Senator Lewis Vaughn. The corridor would run from mile marker 22 to mile marker 34 and signs would be erected commemorating the veterans for each of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century wars. The unveiling of the signs would be held September 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.
- Councilor Payne stated Greenville County was actively working on improving transportation. He stated he was recently in Washington and was able to talk with some people in the Department of Transportation. He lobbied on behalf of the County's multi-mobile corridor and especially on behalf of the Swamp Rabbit Trail and their Tiger Grant application.

**(b) Resolution Authorizing the County to File a Road Closing Action / Verner Road**

**ACTION:** Councilor Meadows moved to introduce a resolution to authorize Greenville County to file a road closing action in Circuit Court to close Verner Road in the Cedar Vale Community; and requested that the resolution be referred to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee.

Motion carried unanimously by all County Council Members present.

- Councilor Cates gave his support to the County Administrator for looking at all options in regards to saving the County money on EMS. Given the update on the FY2014 budget, Councilor Cates then inquired if there would be a shortage in next year's budget.

County Administrator Joe Kernell stated staff monitored the budget so closely that if revenues did come in short, they would make adjustments to expenditures so that the County would not have a problem with running short.

- Councilor Cates reminded everyone to keep Ms. Gibson in prayer as she went in for her scheduled hospital visit on Wednesday.

**ACTION:** Councilor Burns moved to suspend the rules for notice to allow County Council to take a vote to invite Greenville Hospital System, St. Francis, other hospitals and anyone and everyone to attend an open dialogue discussion during a Committee of the Whole meeting. He requested a roll call vote.

Councilor Payne stated rather than making a motion to allow for a topic to be taken up in Committee of the Whole, the Chairman knows the situation and had the ability to put the item on the agenda without a motion.

Councilor Burns stated the Chairman could be trusted to do that at the next available time, but the vote would be all of us saying we want to make sure that discussion happens in Committee of the Whole.

County Attorney Mark Tollison stated eight votes were needed to approve the motion.

Motion to suspend the rules was denied by a roll call vote of seven in favor (Norris, Gibson, Baldwin, Dill, Meadows, Cates, Burns), four in opposition (Seman, Kirven, Payne, Taylor) and one absent (Baldwin).

- Chairman Taylor stated his concern was in preserving patient-choice. He stated patient choice was in the fabric of EMS service and before he would vote on or support anything in regards to EMS service, he would have to have the guarantee that patient choice would still remain. Given the fact that the County Administrator had made that guarantee, he would like to see patient choice taken off the table because it was no longer an issue.
- Councilor Dill gave notice of his intent to present a resolution at the next Council meeting regarding Washington's proposed modifications to the Stormwater Act. He stated the proposed modifications would be detrimental to all of South Carolina. The resolution would be to support NACo's efforts to keep this act from being modified.
- Councilor Dill announced Ms. Lottie Gibson had been honored at an event over the past weekend commending her 50 years of public service to Greenville County.
- Chairman Taylor stated Representative Gary Smith had been honored as the 2014 American Legislative Exchange Council Legislator of the Year.
- Councilor Dill wished Mr. Cates a Happy Birthday.

**Item (18)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION:** Councilor Dill moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously by all County Council Members.

Respectfully submitted:

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Theresa Kizer, Clerk to Council