



GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MARCH 7, 2017

4:48 P.M.

COUNTY SQUARE – CONFERENCE ROOM D

COUNCIL MEMBERS

MR. BUTCH KIRVEN, CHAIRMAN
MR. WILLIS MEADOWS, VICE CHAIRMAN
MRS. XANTHENE NORRIS, CHAIRMAN PRO TEM
MR. JOE DILL **ARRIVED @ 4:53 P.M.**
MR. MIKE BARNES
MR. SID CATES **ABSENT**
MR. RICK ROBERTS
MR. BOB TAYLOR
MRS. LIZ SEMAN
MR. ENNIS FANT, SR.
MR. LYNN BALLARD
MR. FRED PAYNE **ARRIVED @ 4:53 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.

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
Shannon Herman, Assistant to the County Administrator
Bob Mihalic, Governmental Relations Officer

OTHERS PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Butch Kirven

INVOCATION

Vice-Chairman Willis Meadows

Item (3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

ACTION: Councilor Ballard moved to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2017, Regular Committee of the Whole meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (4) **APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS - PRESENTATION**

Steve Pelissier, Executive Director

Return on Investment

- Greenville County's annual investment for 2016 was \$161.274
- The ROI on the investment was \$2,441,410, which represented a ratio of \$15 to \$1
- The ROI was actually down for 2016 as compared to previous years
- The variation was a function of the cycles in the Rural Transportation Improvement Program
- The Rural Transportation Improvement Plan for the next 6 years will be updated in the near future
- Will be looking for new projects from the County
- There is some flexibility in the program as so much of Greenville County is urban
- Money can be given to GPATS as long as citizens in the rural areas of the County benefit from road improvements, even if the improvements are in non-rural areas
- \$1,586,000 to Aging Services
- \$210,000 Small Business Loans
- \$645,000 Private capital investment resulting from loan programs
- Provided meals (over 45,000 served), shelter, medical services, home health care, legal assistance, family caregiver support and transportation
- Funding supports local, small, entrepreneurial, and expanding businesses
- In addition to the capital investment, 52 Greenville County jobs were created with the funds

Additional Services to Greenville County in 2016

- InfoMentum – a geographical and statistical data management system utilized by GADC and the Upstate Alliance to provide information required by industrial and business prospects who are considering investment decisions in the County
- Work with GADC to provided technical GIS support, customized research, and mapping services in response to RFIs from industrial and corporate prospects
- Appalachian Disability and Aging Resource Website – used by seniors to identify resources that are available
- Assisted the City of Mauldin to develop a website to highlight available properties
- Taylors Town Square Initiative
- Significant work with fire districts on training, HR matters and long-range planning
- Web-mapping for Blue Ridge Water District

Councilor Dill stated he appreciated ACOG's work and the services provided. He added that many people in the community did not realize how many lives were affected by ACOG on a daily basis.

Councilor Ballard stated there was a bridge in his district that needed repair and has caused school buses to take a five mile detour daily. He stated the bridge was located on a State road, but he had not been successful in getting anyone from the State to talk with him.

Mr. Pellisier stated there were a couple of options that were available and indicated he would contact Councilor Ballard.

Item (5)

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION REVIEW

(a) Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (4 vacancies)

Applicants:

1. Patricia Arceneaux - District 21
2. Sandra Brewer - District 23
3. Cynthia Clark - District 17
4. James Jones - District 19
5. Victoria Kumeh - District 21
6. Simon McClain, Jr. - District 25
7. Steve Sandlin - District 17
8. Charles Shipman - District 19

The following individuals appeared before the Committee of the Whole and gave their personal presentations:

Patricia Arceneaux
Cynthia Clark
James Jones
Victoria Kumeh
Simon McClain, Jr.
Steve Sandlin
Charles Shipman

By ballot vote, the applicants Patricia Arceneaux, Cynthia Clark, Steve Sandlin and Charles Shipman were elected to fill the four vacancies on the Greenville County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission.

(b) Board of Tax Assessment and Appeals (4 vacancies)

Applicants:

1. Jeff Davis - District 22
2. Melody Harris - District 25
3. Richard Poremba - District 20
4. John Shipman - District 28

The following individuals appeared before the Committee of the Whole and gave their personal presentations:

Richard Poremba

ACTION:

Councilor Dill moved to elect by acclamation Jeff Davis, Melody Harris, Richard Poremba and John Shipman and to forward their names to full Council.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (6) **ADJOURNMENT**

ACTION: Councilor Barnes moved to adjourn.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present and the meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Theresa B. Kizer, Clerk to Council