

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
COUNTY COUNCIL MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING  
January 9, 2013 .....9:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Chairman J. Matthew Rivers, Vice-Chair Lenora V. Powe, Council Members: Kenneth A. Johnson, G. Franklin Plyler, Bruce E. Rivers, Robert G. Cole, Gerald L. Miller, Crawford Moore and Douglas A. Curtis.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Denise Douglass – Administrator; Susie Boswell – Clerk to Council; Michelle Stanley – Finance Director; C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney; Leighton Bell – The Link; Gary Phillips – Pageland Progressive Journal; Deepal S. Eliatamby – Alliance Consulting Engineers; Lance Aldridge and Julia Aldridge. There were others attending the meeting who did not sign the sign-in-sheet.

**CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER:** Chairman J. Matthew Rivers welcomed everyone and Council Member Bruce E. Rivers opened the meeting with prayer.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Council Johnson made a motion to adopt the January 9, 2013 meeting agenda with any amendments approved by council. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**December 5, 2012**

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the December 5, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS**

None

**APPOINTMENTS**

**a. 2013 Sandblast Rally – Anders Green**

Mr. Anders Green appeared before Council seeking the approval of Council to run the annual 2013 Sandblast Rally on March 2, 2013. This event is run each year in Chesterfield County with the approval of Council to use certain County Roads. Mr. Tim

Eubanks has inspected the roads and has been in contact with Mr. Green regarding any problems. Council Member Plyler made a motion to approve the use of the specified roads to run the annual 2013 Sandblast Rally. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Lance Aldridge** – Presented Council with some pictures of an area in Pageland with a litter problem and stated that he would like to know how and what Council could do about this problem.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**a. 2009 International Energy Conservation Code Adoption – Public Hearing**

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to open the public hearing. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. There were no oral comments from the public made at the meeting nor were any written comments received from the public.

Council Member Powe made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

### **ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**a. 2009 International Energy Conservation Code Adoption – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Powe made a motion to pass 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. Council Member Bruce E. Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**b. Multi-County Park Ordinance – Lancaster County (L&C Railroad) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Johnson made a motion to pass 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**c. Property Tax Installment Payments – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Moore made a motion to pass 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**d. Building Projects GO Bond Ordinance – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, by title only**

Council Member Curtis made a motion to pass 1st Reading, *by title only*. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL**

a. **State of the County – Chairman Rivers**

Chairman Rivers gave Council a year end closing State of the County Summary.  
See attached State of the County 2012.

**ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Council Member Johnson**

None

**Council Member Moore**

None

**Council Member Bruce E. Rivers**

Would like to reappoint all of his appointees to District 1.

**Council Member Miller**

None

**Council Member Cole**

None

**Council Member Plyler**

Reappoint Anna Weir to the Library Board.

**Council Member Curtis**

Had a question regarding the layout of the financial statement looking a little different. Stated that he appreciated the number of employees that came out to the Induction Ceremony. Stated he spoke to the Assessor in reference to the new GIS System and the way it handles fire dues.

**Council Vice-Chair Powe**

None

**Council Chair J. Matthew Rivers**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council did not enter Executive Session.

**ADJOURN**

Council Member Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**APPROVED:**

  
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J. Matthew Rivers, Chairman

Date: February 6, 2013

**ATTEST:**

  
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Susie Boswell, Clerk to Council

## STATE OF THE COUNTY 2012

- Received a clean audit for 2011-2012. The audit was presented for a second time in November rather than January or February as in the past.
- \$18,000 was saved on the audit by Staff (Finance Director Michelle Stanley). Approximately ½ of the Audit work is now being performed in-house.
- Council held (12) Regular meetings and (1) Special meetings, of those there were (10) without an executive session.
- Elected Council Member J. Matthew Rivers as Chairman and Council Member Lenora V. Powe as Vice-Chair for a two-year term.
- Provided for another successful Sandblast Rally in Chesterfield County. This event has normally increased direct local spending in the amount of \$60,000 - \$80,000.
- Established Animal Services Protocols and Procedures for the proper operation of the Animal Shelter.
- Entered into a Snow Contract with the State DOT so as to assist in providing necessary services to our citizens in the event of snow/ice.
- Accepted \$75,000.00 Grant from Lynches Rivers which was earmarked for Project Helium. (*Project Helium \$820,000 investment with 13 new full-time jobs.*)
- Accepted check in the amount of \$4,449.42 from the Solicitor's Office (split between the two) acquired from a civil suit.
- Adopted Animal Services Ordinance with assistance from the Animal Services Committee, Humane Society Representative, County Attorney and Staff.
- Entered into a joint agreement with the Sheriff in reference to the Animal Control Officers. The County would acquire two of those positions for daily operational calls while the Sheriff would keep one position for the purpose of Cruelty Complaints as well as a position for Litter Control.
- Recognized Ms. Miriam Gullede as being named SC Mother of the Year 2012 as it was an honor for a local resident of the County to be chosen to represent mothers in South Carolina.
- Recognized Harold Halney, Director of Emergency Management and Staff, Lisa Hancock for their performance during the H.B. Robinson

radiological preparedness exercise that was conducted on November 15, 2011.

- Also, recognized Harold and Lisa for receiving the Silver Lag Time Award during the annual Risk Management Conference in Myrtle Beach. This award is to recognize outstanding risk management achievements and represents timely reporting of accidents.
- Emergency Management acquired a new vehicle (2012 Ford F-250) Crew Cab through the Local Emergency Management Performance Grant. This grant is awarded annually to support emergency management operations in Chesterfield County.
- The County had over \$100,000 in savings with the in-house garbage hauling and received numerous compliments on the centers looking cleaner.
- Renewed the Independent Audit Contract with McAbee, Talbert, Halliday & Company for one additional year.
- Appointed Council Member Gerald L. Miller to the Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority Board
- Declared the week of April 22-28 as the Week of the Young Child
- Adopted Project Self-Man Inducement Resolution (*\$21 million investment with 14 new full-time jobs*)
- Adopted the 2012 Hazard Mitigation Plan (*required every five years to be eligible for FEMA funding*)
- Adopted Peace Officers Memorial Day Resolution so as to honor officers who have given their lives in the line of duty.
- Adopted Time Warner Franchise Resolution.
- Declared May 2012 as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Awareness Month.
- Re-appointed Dr. Jimmie Williamson to the Pee Dee Workforce Investment Board.
- Purchased the Western Auto Building located in the Town of Chesterfield.
- Approved existing Wal-Mart Fee-In-Lieu Agreement.
- Approved 2012-2013 Budget without a millage increase and with a unanimous vote.
- Provided for a 3.5% cost-of-living increase for County employees (*last cola was four years ago*).

- Provided a letter of support to the Bay Springs Fire Department to assist them with receiving a USDA Grant for their project of building a new sub-station.
- Accepted the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for the purchase of a "Live Scan Fingerprint Machine" for the Detention Center in the amount of \$54,000.
- Provided a letter of support to the Chesterfield-Marlboro EOC in regards to funding for Head Start Services for children and families for the next five years.
- Appointed Marty Horton to the Pee Dee Regional EMS Board of Directors.
- Adopted the 2012 Tax Anticipation Note Ordinance.
- Council voted to transfer the Chesterfield Armory to Sheriff Sam Parker to hopefully pull together all of the Sheriff's agencies. Building Committee will work with Sheriff to remodel property.
- Awarded the Ambulance Service bid to First Health.
- Adopted a Resolution recognizing McBee Rescue Squad for its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- Road Department purchased a bucket truck, bush cutter and a backhoe using the special capital equipment millage.
- Road Department purchased a utility truck using scrap metal money.
- Purchased a nice used van for the Library through govdeals saving the county money, as County Shop employees go through the used vehicles and make them almost new.
- Provided the Coroner with a van, modified by County shop employees to enable in-house transportation to the pathologist to save County money.
- Worker's Compensation decreased \$21,000 due to the County's Risk Management staff (Harold Hainey/Lisa Hancock) diligently reviewing prior documentation and correcting discrepancies.
- Provided for the GIS project in the Assessor's office that will serve numerous departments and potentially other entities.
- Provided for an updated Flight of the County (one we were using was 10 years old).
- Provided for the refunding of the County's old bond issues with the County saving approximately \$75,000 due to the low interest rates.

- Provided the usage of the sinking fund so as to assist in paying bonds off, leaving the County owing approximately \$600,000 (scheduled to be paid off in two years).
- Accepted a Grant from SLED-Homeland Security for Interoperable Communications in the amount of \$22,500. This allowed the purchase of 33 radios and 3 control stations for the County Fire Departments.
- Accepted a Grant from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) in the amount of \$11,303 for the purchase of speed sensor equipment for the Sheriff's Department.
- Applied for the SCDHEC-EMS Grant-in-aid (that we normally receive) in the amount of \$8,689.15 for our County Rescue Squads.
- Approved restarting the Building Project in reference to the Administration Building and Judicial Center. Allowed Building Committee and Administrator to get this project active again.
- Approved \$5,000 building funding for Bay Springs VFD.
- Approved \$5,000 building funding for Ruby-Mt. Croghan VFD.
- Adopted a lease-agreement between the County and D.C. Custom Freight (Fiber Fuels) for the armory in Jefferson. (at least 10 new employees).
- Ironwood Farms announced their location in Cheraw with Council's assistance of the VCC and conveyance of property. (10-15 new jobs)