



**Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting
Monday, June 11, 2012 6:00 P.M.
Weldon Auditorium
Meeting Minutes**

Those in attendance:

County Council Chairman, Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.
County Council Vice Chairman, William J. Frierson
Councilman, Billy G. Richardson
Councilman, A.C. English
Councilman, Benton Blakely
County Administrator, David Epperson
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Press in attendance: Sharon Haley, The Citizen, Jason Lesley, The Manning Times, and Bobby Baker, The Item.

Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony	Pat Goodwin	Marilyn Fletcher	John Tindal
Fred Tucker	Linda Lemon	Randy Garrett	Tammy Rodvansky
Sandi Tucker	Patricia Pringle	Nancy Cave	Archie Lemon
Charlotte Johnson	Jerome Dupree		

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Following brief introductory remarks from Chairman Stewart, Councilman Richardson led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

IV. Approval of Agenda

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Blakely, council voted unanimous approval to the agenda as presented.

V. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, council voted unanimous approval to the council meeting minutes for Regular Meeting which was held on May 14, 2012 with minimal corrections.

VI. Requests

- i. On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Councilman English, council voted unanimous approval to reappoint Walter David Young to the Clarendon County Aeronautics commission.
- ii. On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman Richardson, council voted unanimous approval to Resolution 2012-08, a resolution honoring LT. Clinton Rawlinson for his outstanding work ethic.

Chairman Stewart, Administrator Epperson, and Shelton Hughes presented Lt. Rawlinson with the resolution for his outstanding work. Lt. Rawlinson is retiring after 34 years of service to Clarendon County.

Shelton Hughes thanked Lt. Clinton Rawlinson for his 34 years of service as an officer for the Detention Center and he wished him well.

Lt. Rawlinson thanked everyone for everything.

VII. Presentation of third and final reading of Proposed FY2012-2013 Budget – Ordinance 2012-01.

Mr. Lynden Anthony, County Controller, started his presentation by stating that for second reading, there was an out of balance budget of \$54,000. Mr. Anthony stated that there were adjustments made to the Sheriff's and Public Work's budgets. He stated that the budget includes a title changed in the Auditor's office with no salary adjustment. He continued by stating that there is an additional position in the fire department that will be funded with a grant. \$50,000 will be transferred to Weldon from the Hospitality Accommodation Fund and the 2% cost of living increase for county employees is still included in the budget.

Mr. Anthony stated that the School Districts made requests as follows:

- i. District #1 – requested a millage increase of 3.16% and a Tax Anticipation Note not to exceed \$1,000,000.
- ii. District #2 – requested a millage increase of 3.16% and a Tax Anticipation Note not to exceed \$750,000.
- iii. District #3 – requested a millage increase of 4.72% and a Tax Anticipation Note not to exceed \$500,000.

Mr. Anthony Concluded his report by stating that the county now has a balanced budget.

Chairman Stewart asked if there were any additional comments in reference to the FY2012-2013 budget.

Administrator Epperson thanked the Finance Department and all department heads for working with him to obtain a balanced budget and bringing him up to speed.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, council voted unanimous approval to third and final reading of Ordinance 2012-01, an ordinance authorizing the county FY2012-2013 operational budget.

VIII. Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Summerton.

Administrator Epperson presented council with a synopsis of the intergovernmental agreement with the Town of Summerton, in which, Clarendon County Sheriff's Office will provide Victim Advocate services to the Town of Summerton. The Town of Summerton will provide Clarendon County with the amount of \$1,000 per month for the services provided by the Victim's Advocate.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, council voted unanimous approval to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Summerton for Victim Advocate Services.

IX. Administrator's Report

Administrator Epperson stated that the expenses for the month of May were \$1,266,204. He continued by stating that there is a delay in moving into the new Administration Building. He stated that we should be moving in July and expect to be up and running the first of August with little delay. He also stated that the new Administration Building is still within the amount that was budgeted.

Administrator Epperson stated that documentation has been prepared and sent to the homeowners on Club House Road and we are waiting for signatures from homeowners. He concluded by stating that as soon as we get the signed documents, we will move forward in an effort to pave their roads.

XII. Chairman's Report

Chairman Stewart stated that he was glad that the third and final reading of the FY2012-2013 budget was approved. He thanked the elected officials and staff for working on the budget.

Vice Chairman Frierson and Councilman English thanked the staff for a balanced budget.

XIII. Public Comments

- i. **Fred Tucker** – Mr. Tucker asked how could the county take the two highest paying positions in the county and combine it into one position. He stated that something is not being done or we did not need two positions in the first place. He concluded by asking who was the attorney that negotiated the contract.

Chairman Stewart – stated that council asked David Epperson if he would be able to handle both positions and his response was yes. Chairman Stewart stated that Mr. Epperson would be able to get additional help if he requires it. Chairman Stewart concluded by stating that the county uses a general contract.

Administrator Epperson – Stated that he prepared the contract and presented it to Chairman Stewart.

- ii. **Marilyn Fletcher** – Ms. Fletcher stated that she understood there is a lawsuit against the sheriff's office in which a young woman was injured in a traffic accident. She asked whether council was aware that the sheriff has someone on staff that cannot pass the test and does not have arresting privileges.

Administrator Epperson – stated that he could not make comments on the lawsuit.

Ms. Fletcher – stated that there are four deputies level three officers with no arresting privileges. She asked why does the county need four people without arresting privileges and why are they called deputies.

Sheriff Garrett – stated that these deputies take care of traffic and serve papers so the other deputies can stay out on the streets. He continued by stating that in certain situations, these officers can make an arrest.

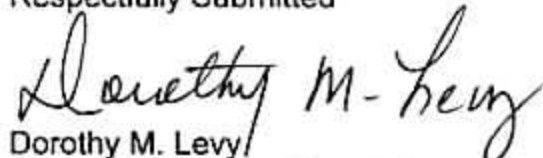
Ms. Fletcher – stated that there is a backlog of 2,000 papers to be served, if there are four deputies serving paper, the backlog should go down.

Sheriff Garrett – stated that if the budget would allow it, he would hire additional level three deputies.

XVI. Adjournment

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Councilman English and Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted unanimous approval to adjourn the council meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted


Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council

