

**BARNWELL COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2010 AT 7:00 PM
MINUTES**

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the news media was notified and notice was posted 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Barnwell County Council met in a Special Called Meeting on December 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Those in attendance were Chairman Thomas L. Williams, Vice Chairman Travis Black, Councilman Freddie Houston, Councilman Lowell Jowers, Councilman David Kenner, Councilman Keith Sloan, Councilman Joe Smith, County Attorney J.D. Mosteller, County Administrator Pickens Williams, Jr., Sheriff Ed Carroll, Clerk of Court Rhonda McElveen, Todd Graham and Tyson Milhouse from Probation, Pardon and Parole, Ed Golden with the Department of Juvenile Justice, and Jonathan Vickery from the People Sentinel.

Call to Order, Invocation, and Quorum

Vice-Chairman Black called the meeting to order. Councilman Houston gave the invocation. A quorum was declared.

Approval of Agenda

Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

Welcome

Vice-Chairman Black welcomed everyone to the meeting and encouraged the public's attendance at Council Meetings.

Public Comment

Vice-Chairman Black called for comments from the public concerning agenda items. No comments were received.

Approval of Hazard Mitigation Plan

Administrator Williams advised Council that the County is required to have a Hazard Mitigation Plan. He advised that the plan being presented had been approved by FEMA and that the required public hearing had been held and that Amanda Sievers with LSCOG would be sending documentation of the public hearing to FEMA. Motion was made by Councilman Houston and seconded by Councilman Sloan to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution of Recognition for Reverend Dr. Phillip W. Watson

A motion was made by Councilman Houston and seconded by Councilman Sloan to approve the Resolution of Recognition for Reverend Dr. Phillip W. Watson. The motion passed.

Request From Culbert Branch Missionary Baptist Church

Councilman Houston suggested that the request from Culbert Branch Missionary Baptist Church for donations to raise funds for the Retirement Celebration for Reverend Dr. Phillip W. Watson be considered on an individual basis.

Allocation of Office Space at Law Enforcement Center

Discussion was held by Council concerning the move of the Dispatch Office into the Law Enforcement Center and the relocation of Department of Juvenile Justice and Probation, Pardon, and Parole offices. DJJ Officer Ed Golden expressed his concern over the lack of space in the areas they would be moving. Administrator Williams suggested that the County purchase a flat screen television for the video conferencing if DJJ could not purchase one. This would free up space in one of their assigned offices. Councilman Sloan inquired as to whether the jury room could be used for video conferencing. Ed Golden responded that the use of the jury room would not be ideal. Administrator Williams advised that Magistrate Holland offered the space in his courtroom when it was not in use. Chairman Williams stated he thought the present plan was the best possible solution but that the County needed to continue to look for a larger space for DJJ and PPP. Motion was made by Councilman Sloan and seconded by Vice-Chairman Black to approve the allocation of space at the Law Enforcement Center. The motion passed.

Resolution Related to Health Care Improvements

Council discussed the need for the equal division of expenses related to healthcare improvements in Barnwell, Bamberg and Allendale Counties. Administrator Williams will talk with the other County Administrators concerning this. Councilman Houston made a motion to approve the Resolution Expressing Intent for Mutual Cooperation in the Establishment of a Regional Healthcare Park and Other Related Items. Councilman Sloan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested.

Councilman Black-Yes.
Councilman Houston-Yes.
Councilman Jowers-Yes.
Councilman Kenner-Yes.

Councilman Sloan-Yes.
Councilman Smith-Yes.
Chairman Williams-Yes.

The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Houston motion to authorize Chairman Williams to sign the Letter of Intent from Health Care Management Partners, LLC. Councilman Sloan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested.

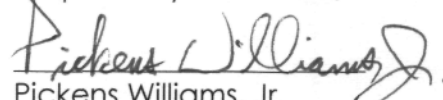
Councilman Black-Yes.
Councilman Houston-Yes.
Councilman Jowers-Yes.
Councilman Kenner-Yes.

Councilman Sloan-Yes.
Councilman Smith-Yes.
Chairman Williams-Yes.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Special Called Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Pickens Williams, Jr.
Barnwell County Administrator


Travis Black
Council Chairman