

BARNWELL COUNTY COUNCIL
January 31, 2013
Retreat/Workshop
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 Retreat/Workshop on March 31, 2013 in the EDC Board Room. In attendance were Chairman Freddie Houston, Vice Chairman David Kenner, Councilman Harold Buckmon, Councilman Jerry Creech, Councilman Lowell Jowers, Councilman Keith Sloan, Councilman Joe Smith, County Administrator Pickens Williams Jr. and Jonathan Vickery from the Barnwell Peoples Sentinel.

Chairman Houston called the meeting to order and an invocation was given. A motion was made to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and it passed.

Council Goals for 2013

Councilman Jowers

- Sale of Hospital
- Rescind 3% reductions and reinstate employees salaries
- County-wide water
- County-wide police force
- Drug Task Force
- Airport (to discuss later)

Councilman Kenner

- Improve recycling
- Work on FILT revenue splits
- Replace old jail building
- Improve safety at dangerous intersections in the County
- Additional safety officers in schools
- Improve relationships with Towns, SRS
- County-wide water
- Complete Hospital sale
- Rescind 3% reductions and reinstate employees salaries
- Evaluate employees work assignments
- Continue paving roads

Councilman Buckmon

- Continue good work on dirt road maintenance
- Work on better communication between Council and employees – Communicate "Thank you" more for good work

Councilman Smith

- Replace old jail building
- Improve recycling – Requested help from Council
- Consider adding a maintenance position

Chairman Creech

- Noise ordinance (ex. Georgetown Ordinance)
- Additional assistance to Hilda for help with sidewalks, roads, small industry
- Rescind 3% reductions and reinstate employees salaries
- By-pass around City of Barnwell
- Drug Gang Task Force
- Improve relationship between our economic development groups; improve percentage of FILT monies staying in the County
- Consider contracting for dirt road maintenance

Councilman Sloan

- Drug Gang Task Force; Countywide law enforcement
- Complete sale of Hospital
- More co-operation between our economic development groups
- County-wide water system – Need a group of Council members to be involved in tying existing systems together
- Call legislators about approving use of Chem-Nuclear Long-Term Care fund interest in Barnwell County
- Rescind 3% reductions and reinstate employees salaries
- Explore possibility of a regional jail
- Requested others provide input for budget process
- Develop more railroad access
- Name a group to devise a split of SRDI money with a portion going to EDC
- Provide funding for the County Boys/Girls Club

Chairman Houston

- Complete sale of the hospital
- Improve traffic flow around Barnwell
- Look for opportunities for 4 lane roads
- Reduce litter in the County
- Work with neighboring Counties to accomplish more

Administrator Williams

- Repair buildings (Courthouse, Agricultural Building, Law Enforcement Center)
- Replace old jail
- DOE PILT-Complete required appraisal of condemned property

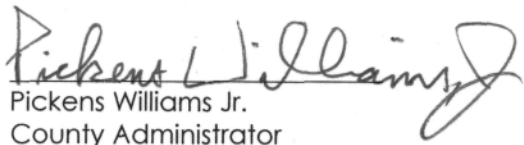
Overall Goals

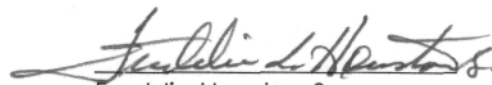
- Complete sale of Hospital
- Jail Building/operations improvements – Explore possibility of regional jail
- Drug / Gang / Youth related issues
- Improve economic development efforts; water system tie-in
- Pursue release of Chem-Nuclear long term fund interest
- Rescind 3% reductions and reinstate employees salaries
- Repairs to County Buildings/Infrastructure
- Improve recycling efforts; reduce litter
- Rail spurs in the County

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded and it passed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Pickens Williams Jr.
County Administrator


Freddie Houston Sr.
Council Chairman