

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; NOVEMBER 4, 2013; 6:00 P. M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER  
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, November 4, 2013, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administrative Center, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Hugh B. Gray, Chairman; Christopher B. Haulsee, Roy Hollingsworth, Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips, Vice Chairman and Shedron Williams. Staff present: Sabrena P. Graham, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: Michael DeWitt, The Hampton County Guardian. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION:**

Chairman Gray gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Hollingsworth.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the Consent Agenda:

- 3.1.1 ~~June 10, 2013 County Council Special Meeting Minutes~~
- 3.1.2 September 16, 2013 County Council Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.3 October 7, 2013 County Council Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.4 October 21, 2013 County Council Special Meeting Minutes (4:30 p. m.)
- 3.1.5 October 21, 2013 County Council Special Meeting Minutes (5:00 p. m.)
- 3.1.6 October 21, 2013 County Council Meeting Minutes

and the November 4, 2013 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions, deferral of Item #3.1.1, June 10, 2013 County Council Special Meeting Minutes, deferral of Item #10.3, Change to No first reading of ordinances. Motion carried unanimously.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

Chairman Gray recognized Mayor Goodwin, Town of Yemassee, Mayor Taylor, Town of Estill and Sheriff T. C. Smalls, County of Hampton.

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**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

There were no public hearing(s).

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

Citizen came before council regarding Annie Laurel Baptist Church Road. He stated that it was rocked and was promised that when they get funds; it would be paved. He stated that Annie Laurel Road was located in Early Branch and a church was located on the road. Chairman Gray asked the Administrator Graham to get with the Public Works Director to look into the matter.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

There were no presentations.

**APPOINTMENT(S)**

There were no appointment(s).

**RESOLUTION(S)**

There were no resolutions.

**ORDINANCE(S)**

**SECOND READING TO ORDINANCE 2013-014, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF A FEE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND ECOGY BIOFUELS, LLC DATED AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2007, ASSIGNMENT THEREOF TO PROJECT REDO AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO:**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give second reading to Ordinance 2013-014, An Ordinance authorizing the amendment of a fee agreement by and between Hampton County, South Carolina and Ecogy Biofuels, LLC dated as of December 31, 2007, assignment thereof to Project REDO and matters related thereto. Motion carried unanimously.

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**SECOND READING TO ORDINANCE 2013-015, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE QUAD COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK AGREEMENT AMONG ALLENDALE COUNTY, BAMBERG COUNTY, BARNWELL COUNTY AND HAMPTON COUNTY TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADDITION OF PROPERTY TO THE PARK:**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to give second reading to Ordinance 2013-015, An Ordinance Authorizing an Amendment to the Quad-County Industrial Park Agreement Among Allendale County, Bamberg County, Barnwell County and Hampton County to Provide for the Addition of Property to the Park. Motion carried unanimously.

**SECOND READING TO ORDINANCE 2013-016, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PROJECT REDO PROVIDING FOR A PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES, A SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO:**

**Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to give second reading to Ordinance 2013-016, An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee Agreement by and Between Hampton County, South Carolina and Project REDO Providing for a Payment of a Fee In Lieu of Taxes, A Special Source Revenue Credit and Other Matters Related Thereto. Motion carried unanimously.

**BID(S)**

**AWARDING OF BID FOR LANDFILL GRINDING SERVICES:**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to award the landfill grinding contract to the lowest bidder, Land Clearing Services from Lugoff, South Carolina, at \$11.25 (eleven dollars and twenty-five cents) per ton. Motion carried unanimously. (See Attachment #1).

**COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)**

**CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:**

Chairman Gray gave his update. (See Attachment #2)

**DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):**

**Council Member Williams**

Council Members Williams reported that he and Council Member Hollingsworth was attending the upcoming Economic Development Institute and hopefully, plan to graduate. He also stated that he wanted to recognize Ms. Alexander who is a candidate in the Yemassee election.

**RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION REGARDING TERMS:**

Mr. Randy Crews, Building Inspector, came before council regarding the Planning Commission's recommendation in regards to the terms to reduce after reducing the number of seats from nine to seven. Council Member Hollingsworth cited that the terms for Lawton O'Cain which was listed as 2013 had expired in January should be listed as expiring in 2017. The terms were filled as follows for the new members: John Shaw (2017), Elease Gant (2015) and Thomas Dawkins (2014).

**REVIEW OF SHERIFF'S OVERTIME PAY METHOD:**

Sheriff Smalls came before council regarding his overtime pay method. Chairman Gray stated that scanning the report, he sees that some progress has been made. Sheriff Smalls stated that he met with Mike Meyer and figures that he had discussed; he found out that instead of the \$80,000 at the beginning of the fiscal year; he started out with only \$72,200. Sheriff Smalls reported that the

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report from the last meeting showed only the expenditures and not revenues; he explained that council was going to review his first quarter regarding a decision regarding the overtime pay method and not having the expenses and the revenue was not giving a correct picture. He stated that all the revenues and expenses for the first quarter should be listed. He stated that his department is reimbursed for overtime from the United States Marshall for two deputies. He stated that these reimbursements were not included. He stated that his reports don't match the reports that council was given. He stated that his records reflect that he has spent approximately 27% of his overtime and the report that they have reflect that he has spent about 38% or 39%. Sheriff Smalls stated that there's no way that he could have spent this much with the things that he has in place. Council Member Phillips stated that the Budget Summary Report reflects that 54% of overtime budget spent. Administrator Graham reported that funds to information is not accurate. She reported that she met with Mike Meyer on the budget report, and the report was lacking some reimbursements, and the reimbursements to offset the overtime. Council Member Phillips wanted to know when they would get a report that reflected the reimbursements, etc. Sheriff Smalls stated that council was going to look at his first quarter. Council Member Haulsee wanted to know when council would receive an accurate first quarter report. Sheriff Smalls also stated that the funds from the Town of Brunson should be added to the overtime. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that using the 10/14/2013 summary, and what projecting also included court security, the percentage is about 32.86% and with court security included it would be about 30.24%. He stated that the Sheriff has no control over the scheduling for court security. Administrator Graham stated that the Clerk of Court does not set court schedule. There was a discussion regarding the meeting that the Administrator, the Clerk of Court and the Sheriff had regarding court security. Council Member Phillips asked that by the next meeting, council should have a report showing the expenses and reimbursement regarding the sheriff's first quarter.

**REQUEST FROM THE TOWN OF ESTILL TO ENTER AN AGREEMENT WITH HAMPTON COUNTY REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF JUDGE CAROLYN WILLIAMS AS A TOWN JUDGE FOR THE TOWN OF ESTILL:**

**Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to approve the request from the Town of Estill to Enter Agreement with Hampton County regarding the appointment of Judge Carolyn Williams as a Town Judge for the Town of Estill. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to amend the motion to allow the Administrator to develop agreement and that it will be no cost to the county. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray called for the vote on the original motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Fiscal Year 2013/2014 – First Quarter Financial Report**

Mr. Mike Meyer, Finance Director, gave the financial report regarding the first quarter. Council thanked Mr. Meyer regarding the report. Administrator Graham stated that revenues from the penny sales tax will be included in the quarterly report.

**Miley Fire Station Update**

Mr. Gregg Cook, Fire Chief, came before council and reported that it was a team effort but will be locating the persons who own the property and have committed to donating the property for the fire station in Miley. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to authorize the county attorney to develop documents for the donated property for the Miley Fire Station and allow for bid solicitations. Motion carried unanimously. Council Member Williams reminded council and Administrator Graham that the Strike Force was having a meeting on 11/14/2013 at South Carolina State University, and there possibly was monies for fire trucks, ambulances, etc. He stated that he would provide

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the information to Administrator Graham and all who might be interested in attending. Council Member Hollingsworth asked Mr. Cook when he thought the station would be operational; Mr. Cook responded that if all things went well; completion should be around June 2014. **Moved** by Chairman Gray, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to amend to add bid solicitations and financing. Motion carried unanimously.

**Request to Finance and Purchase Two New Ambulances**

Mr. Chris Altman, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Director, came before council regarding the dire shape of the ambulances and requested the financing and purchase of two new ambulances. Council Member Hollingsworth asked Mr. Altman about leasing of ambulances. Mr. Altman stated that he had not looked into leasing but probably smaller vans and probably has mileage restrictions. He stated that they probably did not have the Type 3 Modular. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, for the County Administrator to investigate leasing and if not feasible, to proceed with the bid solicitations. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No items listed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adjourn. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting.

**Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:**

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Aline Newton, Clerk to Council

**Hampton County Council Members:**

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Hugh B. Gray, Chairman

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Charles H. Phillips, Vice Chairman

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Christopher B. Haulsee

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Roy Hollingsworth

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