

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; AUGUST 19, 2019; 5:15 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held a special meeting on Monday, August 19, 2019, 5:15 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administrative Center, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Clay Bishop, Chairman; Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips, Vice Chairman; Roy Hollingsworth and Ronald G. "Breeze" Winn. Council Member(s) absent: and Darin Williams. Staff present: Rose Dobson-Elliott, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Staff absent: None. Media present: Mr. Michael DeWitt, Hampton County Guardian. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Bishop called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Council Member Hollingsworth gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Winn.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE AUGUST 19, 2019 HAMPTON COUNTY MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Winn, to adopt the August 19, 2019 Special Meeting Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION

MS. NIKKI TOOMES, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)

REPRESENTATIV, REGARDING THE HAMPTON COUNTY AIRPORT HANGAR PROJECT:

Ms. Nikki Toomes, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Representative, came before council regarding the Hampton County Airport Hangar Project. Ms. Toomes explained that the total loan would be \$2,666,620 (Two million, six hundred sixty-six thousand, six hundred twenty dollars) at a fixed rate of 3.5% and could be lower. It is for 35 years with 3 years interest only and then the annual payment will be \$139,865 (One hundred thirty-nine thousand, eight hundred sixty-five dollars) annually. If the interest rate is lower before closing then the county could request the lower interest rate. The county would get the construction loan from the bank for the project and then the county would pay the bank off with the USDA loan. The project will close out in 180 (one hundred eighty) days. She explained the contingency. Ms. Toomes explained that any funds not needed, the loan can close for less. Chairman Bishop asked Administrator Dobson Elliott if Mr. Solomons, County Attorney, has reviewed the documents. Administrator Dobson Elliott responded yes. Ms. Toomes explained that she needed council to act on the matter. Council had a short discussion as to whether they could add the item to the agenda. Council would add the matter to the 6:00 p. m. meeting agenda.

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Bishop adjourned the special 5:30 p. m. meeting.