

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; JUNE 18, 2018; 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, June 18, 2018, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administrative Center, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Roy Hollingsworth, Chairman; Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips, Vice Chairman; Isaac Smith; Shedron D. Williams and Ronald G. "Breeze" Winn. Council Member(s) absent: None. Staff present: Rose Dobson-Elliott, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Staff absent: None. Media present: None. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Hollingsworth called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION:**

Council Member Smith gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**ADOPTION OF THE JUNE 18, 2018 HAMPTON COUNTY MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA:**

Chairman Hollingsworth asked that the approval of the minutes be deferred until the June 21, 2018 special meeting. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve the June 18, 2018 Consent Agenda and Agenda with the necessary changes as identified. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

There were no public hearing(s).

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

**MR. DANIEL ANDERSON, CITIZEN, REGARDING ROAD CONDITION ON 15 SOPHIE STREET, YEMASSEE, SC, A DIRT STREET:**

Mr. Anderson came before council and asked to request some improvement on 15 Sophie Street, Yemassee, South Carolina. He informed council that when it rains, the street is impassable. His wife's car slid in the ditch, and he had to go pull her out with his truck. He explained that when it's plowed, it will last for about two rains and then it back in the same condition. Mr. Anderson explained that it was a drainage problem and wanted to know what could be done. Chairman Hollingsworth told Mr. Anderson that the County Administrator would look into the matter and get

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back to him and report back to council.

**COUNCIL MEMBER WINN REGARDING POCOTALIGO ROAD:**

Council Member Winn came before council and commented that he contacted Ms. Suzanne verbally and asked for information on why Pocotaligo Road was removed from the evacuation route. Mr. Winn explained that this was one of the negotiating points of having the road repaired and can't let this slide. He reiterated the importance of the Pocotaligo road to businesses and citizens and need to form a coalition.

**MR. SCOTT ALLEN, HAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2 FINANCIAL ADVISOR,  
REGARDING FINAL FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

Mr. Allen came before council and reported that the district did a good job and is in good shape. Council thanked Mr. Allen for his service. (See Attachment – Report)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council deferred approval of the minutes until the June 21, 2018 special meeting.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

There were no presentation(s).

**APPOINTMENT(S)**

**HAMPTON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION:**  
Council voted by ballot to appoint Daniel Anderson III (Cummings, Early Branch and Yemassee Region) and Deitre Lawton (At-Large) to the Hampton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission.

**HAMPTON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD:**

Council voted by ballot to appoint Annette Dimond to the Hampton County Library Board.

**RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)**

There were no Resolution(s) / Proclamation(s).

**ORDINANCE(S)**

There were no ordinance(s).

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**BID(S)**

There were no bid(s).

**COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)**

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:**

County Attorney Solomons updated council regarding Arts Council issue; he reported that warrants were issued. Legal property in the Industrial Park and the contract regarding the Ecogy site needs to be cleaned up. They have the county as signatory but the property belongs to the Hampton County Forfeiture Land Commission what next - not Hampton County to sign off. There is nothing to report on the airport, nor anything on the Coroner's issue.

**CLERK'S UPDATE:**

There was no update from the clerk.

**REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**County Employee**

Administrator Dobson Elliott reported the positions and departments in which the county gained and lost employees.

**Ms. Suzanne Peeples, Director, Emergency Management**

Ms. Peeples that the Pocotaligo Road was never a part of the evacuation route. She gave a thorough explanation. She also explained that she has nothing to do with what routes are determined for evacuation; this is determined by South Carolina Department of Transportation and the Governor's Office.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**LEGAL MATTER(S) REGARDING PERSONNEL CONTRACT, AIRPORT,  
POCOTALIGO BRIDGE AND A CONTRACTUAL MATTER REGARDING THE  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:**

**Moved** by Council Member Smith, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to go into executive session to discuss legal matter(s) regarding personnel contract, airport, Pocotaligo Bridge and a contractual matter regarding the Sheriff's Department. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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**Moved** by Council Member Smith, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to come out of executive session concerning the discussion of legal matter(s) regarding personnel contract, airport, Pocotaligo Bridge and a contractual matter regarding the Sheriff's Department. Motion carried unanimously.

**PERSONNEL CONTRACT REGARDING ADMINISTRATOR:**

**Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Winn, to give additional time to review the contract until the June 21, 2018 county council special meeting. Council Members Williams voted in favor. Council Members Hollingsworth, Phillips and Smith voted against.

**Moved** by Council Member Smith, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to approve the three (3) year contract for the administrator. Council Members Williams expressed his concern that if the Administrator leaves, where the money is coming from; this is approximately \$300,000 with this contract. Council Member Williams suggested that the council go with a six month contract and allow the new council to negotiate the contract with the Administrator. Council Member Winn commented that council needed further time to discuss. Motion carried with Council Members Hollingsworth, Phillips and Smith voting in favor and Council Members Williams and Winn voting against.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Council Member Smith, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to adjourn. Motion carried with Council Members Hollingsworth, Phillips and Smith voting in favor. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hollingsworth adjourned the meeting.