

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; NOVEMBER 18, 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 18, 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 Haulsee.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

- 3.1.1 ~~June 10, 2013 County Council Special Meeting Minutes~~
- 3.1.2 November 4, 2013 County Council Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.3 Codes Enforcement Report

and the November 18, 2013 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions, deferral of Item #3.1.1, June 10, 2013 County Council Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

There were no public hearing(s).

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

**Mr. George Youmans, Citizen, and Ms. Mary Ann Wright, Citizen, Regarding the Request for the**

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**Paving of Big Mama's**

Mr. Youmans and Ms. Wright along with several citizens of Big Mama's Road came and stated that they wanted Big Mama's Road paved. They explained to council that the equipment was there to pave the road and one man prevented the paving. Ms. Wright explained to council that she will not rest until the road is paved. Council explained that technically they did not have the authority to pave any roads; this is requested and authorized through the County Transportation Committee. She stated that the agreement that council signed as a part of the lawsuit settlement included a clause that the person who stopped the road paving had to give permission for the road to be paved. The residents present stated that they responded that they did not agree with the clause before the agreement was signed. Council stated that they were not aware that the agreement had that clause in it.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

There were no presentations.

**APPOINTMENT(S)**

**LOWCOUNTRY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD APPOINTMENT OF THE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTATIVE:**

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint Sandy Fowler as the Economic Development Representative to the Lowcountry Workforce Investment Board.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

There were no resolutions.

**ORDINANCE(S)**

There were no ordinances.

**BID(S)**

**CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX  
(CPST) PROJECTS:**

Administrator Graham stated that the bids were solicited as required through local media. Nine firms responded and submitted proposals. She explained the bid opening sheet. She

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stated that the Review Committee consisted of the Building Inspector, Randy Crews and her, the County Administrator. She commented that the bids were listed in alphabetical order. She stated that the committee recommended Thompson Turner Construction. She explained that the team felt that this was the right team for this project. She stated that this was the first time that they bid a Construction Manager at Risk Project. Thompson Turner Construction pre-construction services fee was \$48,000 (forty-eight thousand dollars) for overhead and profit 5.9%. Council wanted to know if this was the lowest bid.

Administrator Graham responded that it was not. Council Member Williams stated that he felt that there should have been more people on the Review Team. He stated that the Administrator expressed that she had no experience with Construction at Risk. Council Member Williams stated that Administrator Graham only provided the information on Thompson Turner. He stated that he would like to see the information on all the companies. Administrator Graham stated that she and the Building Inspector, Randy Crews, based their recommendation on all the factors. Council Member Williams stated that he was looking at the website for Thompson Turner Construction and he did not see that they were listed as a Construction Management team. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to defer the Construction Manager at Risk. Administrator Graham stated that the team reviewed all the information and Thompson Turner would be the best team for this project. Council Member Haulsee stated that he would like to see the information also. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that he thought that the Administrator was going to bring Mr. Madison in the loop to help review the information since the county has him on retainer and could use his expertise. Council Member Williams stated that he would like to see the county get the best bang for the buck. Council Member Haulsee stated that he felt that Brunson Construction was the best for the projects. Motion carried with Council Members Haulsee, Hollingsworth, Phillips and Williams voting in favor and Chairman Gray voting against. (See Attachment #1)

**COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)**

**CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:**

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

**DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):**

**Council Member Hollingsworth**

Council Members Hollingsworth reported that he and Council Member Williams completed the Economic Development Institute. He stated that it was a great, great training.

**Council Member Williams**

Council Member Williams stated that he wanted to piggy back on what Council Hollingsworth reported. He stated that he learned a lot about Economic Development. He also reported on the Strike Force that was held at South Carolina State University. He explained that this was the meeting that he had sent to the information to the Administrator. Council Member Williams stated that he, Council Member Hollingsworth, Fire Chief Greg Cook, EMS

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Director, Chris Altman, Council on Aging Director, Tammy Washington, Grants Coordinator, Paula Bishop all attended. He reported that commitments regarding funding regarding two ambulances (\$50,000 toward each), Tanker, fire station and supplies, sheriff to snap together the modules, etc. Possibly vans for the council on aging, etc. Also, Jerry Cook, newly elected Mayor of Yemassee, etc. was present and received commitments. He stated that it was a very fruitful meeting.

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

Administrator Graham stated that council requested that she bring back expenditures and revenues. She stated that the sheriff stated that he could not be present. She explained that the items received funds placed in budget but not overtime and total adjustments. The funds received from not totally cover benefits. She stated that this is an expense report, because they could not go back and make adjustments to the General Ledger. She reported that they did not have the supporting documents of checks. Council Member Williams wanted to know that they have not created any new positions. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that the Town of Brunson is paying for services and the Sheriff asked that the revenue for services be placed in overtime. He wanted to know why benefits are taken out of a user fee. Administrator Graham stated that if it came as a user fee it was placed in vehicle repairs, fuel and contractual services. She stated that benefits included taxes, workmen's compensation; add these monies to salary line. Council Member Hollingsworth wanted to know if other departments with the county have benefits taken out of fees received. He stated that the Town of Brunson has a contract with the Sheriff. Council Member Phillips stated that all the transfers are 6% over budget and at the end of October, 9% over budget. Administrator Graham reported that there was a great improvement over last year. Council Member Haulsee stated that there was a 24-26% improvement over last year. Council Member Phillips stated that the sheriff had an outstanding balance at the end of fiscal year, cannot allow every entity to go over budget. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that the sheriff has no control over court security, but it is taken out of his budget. He stated that the Sheriff is being penalized and held accountable for overtime that he has no control over; the court system determines the scheduling which determines the overtime. He reported that court security has no money budgeted for overtime. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that he for fairness and that is unfair. No one in Hampton County has control over overtime for court security. Administrator Graham stated that the schedule is set at least a year in advance. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that there is zero in the budget for court security. Council Member Hollingsworth wanted to know if court security had two different account numbers. He stated that on one document it was listed as 5212 and on the other as 5211. Finance Director, Mike Meyer, stated that 5211 was assigned as a place hold for the budget on the worksheet, but was obligated to designate for court security and 5212 is currently used. Council Member Phillips asked how much of a problem would it be for the staff to update the second quarter. Council Member Williams stated that the court security is an example of a state mandate with no funding. Administrator Graham will present a report at the end of the second quarter.

**REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Approval Contract Between Hampton County, Town of Estill and Judge Carolyn Williams for the Purpose of Providing Municipal Judge Services to the Town of Estill**

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to approve the agreement

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Between the Town of Estill and Hampton County regarding the appointment of Judge Carolyn Williams as a Town Judge for the Town of Estill. Motion carried unanimously.

**Report from Mr. Kelvin Jones, Detention Center Director, to Discuss PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) and the Operations of the Department**

Mr. Kelvin Jones and Ms. Frazier came before council to discuss and update council regarding Hampton County's Detention Center regarding the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). Council thanked Mr. Jones for his report. (See attachment #3)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**PERSONNEL MATTER AND LEGAL MATTERS:**

**Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter and legal matters. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**PERSONNL MATTER AND LEGAL MATTERS:**

Chairman Gray stated that council discussed the evaluation of county employee and legal matters.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, 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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