

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; AUGUST 19, 2019; 6:00 P. M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER  
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 19, 2019, 6:00 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, Ronald G. "Breeze" Winn and Darin Williams. 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: No media was present. 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 Williams gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chairman.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

Chairman Bishop requested the following changes to the agenda: (1) Move 7.1, Ms. Gwen Bampfield, Hampton County Magistrate, Presentation Regarding Magistrate's Office to 14.1 and 15.1 and Add 9.1, Resolution Regarding Loan from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the Hampton County Airport Commission Hangar Project. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the August 19, 2019 county council meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

There was no public hearing(s).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**COUNCIL MEMBER WINN REGARDING BULLDOGS IN VARNVILLE:**

Council Member Winn spoke on a child being mauled by bulldogs in Varnville. He commented that the family had contacted the Town of Varnville. He wanted to know what the animal shelter and Hampton County could do.

**DR. RONALD WILCOX, SUPERINTENDENT, HAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 1, REGARDING THANKS FOR BUDGET AND SUPPORT FOR USDA GRANTS:**

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Dr. Wilcox came before council to thank them for the school budget and the public works department for their help with the tracks, removal of 34 trees; this was a savings of \$10,000 (Ten thousand dollars). Also, he extended thanks to Rose, County Administrator, for writing letters of support for USDA grants. He shared that the grants helped with bleachers and new lights, building, gym upstairs for rifle range and opportunity for desks. He explained that about 9 of USDA grants for about \$50,000 (Fifty thousand) each. Council thanked Dr. Wilcox.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S JULY 29, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:**

**Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams to approve the July 29, 2019 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S JULY 29, 2019 MEETING MINUTES:**

Chairman Bishop commented that Council Member Winn said he voted against Aviation Week and correction of corporate under presentation and the correct the name of young man who presented the county flag from Staley to Stanley and change his title from the word "Master" to "Mister".

**Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams to approve the July 29, 2019 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes with the stated changes. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

**MS. GWEN BAMPFIELD, HAMPTON COUNTY MAGISTRATE, PRESENTATION REGARDING MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE:**

Council moved item to executive session.

**APPOINTMENT(S)**

There were no appointment(s).

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

**RESOLUTION REGARDING LOAN FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) FOR THE HAMPTON COUNTY AIRPORT COMMISSION HANGAR PROJECT:**

**Moved** by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to adopt the Resolution Regarding Loan from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the Hampton County Airport Commission Hangar Project to receive funds. Council Member Winn stated that he did not agree with the loan for 2.6 million for the airport hangar project. He said that he thought it should go to recreation or salaries. Motion carried with Council Members Bishop, Hollingsworth, Phillips and Williams voting in favor and Council Member Winn voting against.

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**ORDINANCE(S)**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S SUCCESSION PLAN:**

**Moved** by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to give second reading to the Administrator's Succession Plan. Council Member Williams asked that the Administrator's Succession Plan be discussed fully at a council monthly retreat before third reading is given. Chairman Bishop asked Council Member Hollingsworth if he was in agreement with this. Council Member Hollingsworth acknowledged that it would be okay. Chairman Bishop announced that the third reading to the Administrator's Succession Plan would not be placed on the agenda until it has been fully discussed at a council monthly retreat. Motion carried with Council Members Bishop, Hollingsworth and Phillips voting in favor and Council Member Williams voting against and Council Member Winn not voting.

**BID(S)**

There were no bid(s).

**COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)**

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:**

There was no update.

**CLERK'S UPDATE:**

There was no update.

**REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Administrator Dobson Elliott asked council to consider a countywide plan that would state that any vehicle purchased by Hampton County would be marked except for Sheriff's department undercover vehicles, etc. Council Member Winn commented that this is a way of discriminating against the coroner. Administrator Dobson Elliott commented that it is not discriminating. All cars purchased by the county

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MS. GWEN BAMPFIELD, HAMPTON COUNTY MAGISTRATE, PRESENTATION  
REGARDING MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE:**

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to go into executive session to discuss a matter with Ms. Gwen Bampfield, Hampton County Magistrate, regarding Magistrate's Office. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MS. GWEN BAMPFIELD, HAMPTON COUNTY MAGISTRATE, PRESENTATION**

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**REGARDING MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE:**

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Winn, to come out of executive session concerning a matter with Ms. Gwen Bampfield, Hampton County Magistrate, regarding Magistrate's Office. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Bishop reported that salaries were discussed. Council will take under consideration.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Vice Chair Phillips, seconded by Council Member Winn, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Bishop adjourned the meeting.