

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; FEBRUARY 3, 2014; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SC**

All members were present.

Invocation given by Chairman Gray with the pledge led by Councilman Haulsee.

The agenda was adopted with the following changes:

Additions:

- 4.1 Public Hearing for a USDA Community Facilities Grant Application
- 12.3 Executive Session – Legal Matter
- 12.4 Report out of Executive Session

Deletions: Eliminate items 14 & 15

Defer approval of minutes, items 3.1 and 3.2

Motion made to approve the amended agenda by Councilman Haulsee; seconded by Councilman Hollingsworth. Motion approved unanimously.

4.1 Public Hearing –

A public hearing was conducted by Ms. Paula Bishop regarding the County's intent to make applications for USDA Community Facilities Grants for the following projects:

- Estill Library equipment and fencing
- Hampton Library
- EMS vehicles
- Miley Fire Station & related equipment

Councilman Hollingsworth inquired as to whether the \$50,000 requested for ambulances would be per ambulance. Ms. Bishop responded that the applications could be presented in that manner. Applications are being received through March.

5.1 Public Comments –

Mr. Edward Moore spoke requesting maintenance on an unnamed road near Padgett's crossroads and Altman Road. Chairman Gray referred the matter to the County Administrator for follow-up.

Mr. David Baker spoke regarding Gilkerson Lane as a follow-up to his request at the previous Council meeting for road maintenance. The Administrator informed Mr. Baker that she and the Public Works Director would address this matter with him.

Ms. Mary Duncan spoke requesting a status update on Big Mama's Road. Chairman Gray informed Ms. Duncan that a letter had been sent to the Viola's requesting consent for paving and this was refused. Ms. Duncan requested that the condemnation process begin. Council asked that the matter be placed on the next agenda.

8. Appointments

The following board appointments were approved by Council

- 8.1 Hampton County Board of Adjustments and Appeals

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Wallie Hiers was appointed.

- 8.2 Hampton County Council on Aging Advisory Board
Larry Crapse, Ethel Denmark, & Helen Windley were appointed.
- 8.3 Hampton County Fire Board
Ralf Anderson, Rose Elliott, and Sally Hiers were appointed.
- 8.4 Hampton County Tax Appeals Board
Chuck Boswell was appointed (This appointment subsequently suspended pending a determination regarding dual office holding.

9.1 Resolutions

Councilman Haulsee made a motion to approve the resolution for funding from the SCDOT 5310 Grant; seconded by Councilman Phillips. Councilman Hollingsworth inquired as to whether the Council on Aging was a separate entity and the Administrator confirmed that they were under the County. Motion approved unanimously.

- 10.2.1 Ordinance 2014-002, Ordinance Prohibiting Texting While Driving (Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Handheld Electronic Communication Devices While Operating a Motor Vehicle Within the Unincorporated Areas of Hampton County) – Councilman Hollingsworth expressed concerns related to enforcement, citing the E-911 address posting ordinance, and also asked if the Sheriff had offered input. Council discussed both of these points and would like input from the Sheriff before third reading. followed by a motion from Councilman Haulsee to give second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Phillips. Motion approved unanimously.

12.1 Chairman's Update

Condolences were expressed to both the Newton and Bowers family. (Provided hardcopy of full report); No report from other Council Members.

12.3 Executive Session –

Motion was made to go into executive session by Councilman Haulsee and seconded by Councilman Hollingsworth. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Williams made the motion to come out of executive session with a second by Councilman Haulsee. Motion carried unanimously.

During the executive session, Council received input from the County Attorney regarding a legal matter.

A motion was made by Councilman Phillips to suspend the appointment of Chuck Boswell to the Tax Appeals Board pending a determination from the State Attorney

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General regarding dual office holding. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hollingsworth. Motion carried unanimously.

13.1.1 Hampton County Goals for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

A motion was made by Councilman Haulsee to approve the goals of Council as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilman Williams. Motion carried unanimously.

13.1.2 Contract with Brunson Construction for Construction Management at Risk Service on the Capital Project Sales Tax Projects

Councilman Haulsee made the motion to approve the construction management at risk contract with Brunson Construction, pending changes regarding litigation and other items. The motion was seconded by Councilman Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

16 Adjournment

Councilman Hollingsworth made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Phillips. Motion carried unanimously.