



**Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, October 9, 2023  
6:00 PM**

**Cultural Arts Center, 12 Church St., Summerton, SC**

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**Those in attendance:**

Chairman Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.  
Councilman Billy G. Richardson  
Councilman John P. Coker  
Deputy Administrator Ted Felder

Vice Chairman W. J. Frierson, Sr.  
Councilman A.C. English  
Administrator David W. Epperson  
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

**Press in attendance:** Ashley Miller, The Item

**Others in attendance included:**

Lynden Anthony	George E. Frierson, III	Terrey Streath	Michael Streath
Julius Adger	Michael Richburg	Jose Calvo	Maureen Calvo
Shirley Dozier	Tyrone Cummings	Patricia Pringle	Lucille Thomas
Albert Thomas	Jacqueline Blackwell	Roosevelt M. Mitchell	Robert McFadden

And Other Clarendon County Residents

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Councilman Richardson led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman Coker, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Agenda for the Regular scheduled Council Meeting for October 9, 2023.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting which was held on September 11, 2023.

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson and Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the minutes for the Special Called Council Meeting which was held on September 21, 2023.

**3. Public Comments**

- Mr. Donald Bethune asked Council about something he read in The Item. He stated that the paper states that David Epperson sets his own salary, and he has a problem with that. He continued by asking how can elected officials let someone set their own salary. He concluded by asking for an explanation.
- Chairman Stewart stated that Administrator Epperson does not set his own salary. He stated that the Administrator Salary is discussed with Council and Council has the authority to set a salary and then the salary is negotiated with the Administrator.

**4. Board Appointment**

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to re-appoint Mr. Stacey R. McInnis to serve another term on the Clarendon County Assessment Appeals Board representing District Two.

## 5. Clarendon County Transportation Committee (CTC)

Chairman Stewart stated that the Clarendon County Transportation Committee is now in session. The CTC began at 6:08 pm.

Mr. Ted Felder, Deputy Administrator, presented the CTC with a request for \$36,200 to repair/replace Storm drain in Pine Knoll Subdivision. He stated that the project was bid out and B&B Construction came in with the lowest bid.

- Councilman English asked if this is an emergency situation.
- Mr. Felder replied by stating yes it is.

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Councilman Coker, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the request from Mr. Ted Feler authorizing the \$36,200 from the CTC to repair/replace Storm Drain in Pine Knoll Subdivision.

Chairman Stewart stated that the CTC will now close. The CTC closed at 6:09 pm.

## 6. I Love my County Art Contest Winners

Ms. Holly Cockfield, Librarian, Ms. Sharmaine Anderson, Voters Registration Director, and Chairman Stewart awarded the winners from the I Love my County Art Contest as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** – Kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Payton Coker  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Noemi Fleitas  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade - Nathaniel Davis

### Receiving Honorable Mention

Kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Franchesca Castro  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Roxie Belle Hardy  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade - Ahmari Abraham

## 7. Financial Report

Mr. Lynden Anthony, CFO, began his report by stating the following:

- **The General Fund** had Expenditures of \$1,926,395 and Revenue was not available as of September 30, 2023.
- **Weldon Auditorium** had Revenue of \$9,650 for the month ending September 30, 2023 and total Expenses were \$31,881. He stated that the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of September 30, 2023 after transfers with a zero balance.
- **Water and Sewer Department** had total Revenue of \$417,002 for the month ending September 30, 2023 and total Expenses were \$309,362. After Depreciation, Bond Interest Expense, Transfers, Interest income and Grant Revenue, the Water and Sewer Department ended the month ending September 30, 2023 with a Net Utility Income of \$394,007.
- **The C-Fund Program** - for the month ending September 30, 2023, The C-Fund program had a Cash Balance of \$6,096,437 of which \$4,352,504 has been committed to remaining local paving projects, State Construction Projects in Progress and State Proviso Funds. He stated that the C-Fund Program had an Uncommitted Balance of \$1,743,933 as of the end of September, 2023.

## 8. Administrator's Report

Administrator Epperson began his report by giving Council an update on the following:

### ✓ **Water and Sewer**

**Wyboo Wastewater Treatment Plant Diversion Project:** Pumpstation work is continuing. Completion is expected by December 2023. We are excited about the growth potential this will bring to the HWY 260 corridor.

✓ **Facilities:**

**Project Clarendon** (911/EOC Center, Turbeville Fire Station, Public Works Facility, Fleet Maintenance Facility, and Law Enforcement Annex (animal control):

Due diligence work on all properties has been completed. Offers for Architectural and Architectural/Construction services have been solicited for the Turbeville Fire Station and 911/EOC Complex. Once a location has been secured for the Public Works, Fleet, and Law Enforcement Facilities, a solicitation for Architectural Services will be released.

**Turbeville Library** – design is moving along well, and sitework should begin soon. We are anticipating a cost estimate on the project soon.

**Northshore Sewer Project** – The Intergovernmental Agreement between Summerton and Clarendon County has been fully executed. As a result, a solicitation for a Water & Sewer Engineer should be advertised soon with final design and construction to follow.

**Lake Marion/Palmetto Trails Trailhead** – This project will be located at the foot of the Old Hwy 301 pedestrian bridge at Lake Marion. It is being funded through a grant from Clarendon County’s portion of Watercraft Tax Funds (SCDNR) and the Palmetto Trails. Project details and costs have been finalized and construction should begin soon. We are excited to have this type of facility available to our citizens and visitors.

✓ **Miscellaneous:**

- The Old Hwy 301 Bridge Crossing Lake Marion has been opened to the public for pedestrian and bike traffic. I would encourage citizens and visitors to utilize this walking path to exercise and enjoy a breathtaking view of the lake.
- The town of Turbeville recently selected the County to oversee its building inspections. We look forward to working with the Town on this endeavor.
- The County Offices – will be closed on November 10, 2023, in observance of Veterans Day.

## 9. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Stewart stated that Hope Health will be hosting the Hope Health Golf Classic on November 16, 2023 at Wyboo Golf Club. He concluded his report by stating that Pleasant Grove School located at 1012 Joe and Marie Road, Alcolu, Clarendon County has been added to the National Register of Historic Places.

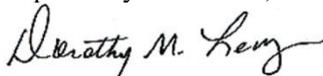
## 10. Adjourn

Chairman Stewart stated that we had a short agenda and he asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy  
Clerk to Clarendon County Council, CCC