

## Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting

Monday, December 9, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, SC 29102

### Those in attendance:

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

Vice Chairman W.J. Frierson  
Councilman A.C. English  
Administrator Lynden Anthony  
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

### Absent: None

Press in attendance: The Manning Times

### Others in attendance included:

Terry Streath	Mike Streath	Moye Graham	George E. Frierson	Elaine Wood
Kathleen L. Gibson	Annie Robinson	Deloris Moore	Melissa McCoy	Drew English
Tracy Benenhaley	Bobby Ridgeway	Bridgett Epperson	Sherry M. Stewart	Wes Housel
Diane D. Georgia	Nate Dyson	Wendy Housel	Michael A. Johnson, Jr.	Jose Calvo
Tammy Rodvansky	Maureen Calvo	Fawn Pedalino	Jacqueline Blackwell	Julius Dukes
And Other Clarendon County Residents				

Prior to the beginning of the meeting Representative Fawn Pedalino presented flags to Chairman Stewart and Councilman English for their years of service serving the citizens of Clarendon County.

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

### 1. Approval of the Agenda

On motion by Councilman Coker and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Agenda for the Regular scheduled Council Meeting for December 9, 2024.

### 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 Monday, November 11, 2024.

### 3. Service Awards

Prior to the business session of the Regular Council Meeting Linda Lemon, HR Director, Chairman Stewart, and Administrator Lynden Anthony recognized seven employees for service awards (3 for the month of November, and 4 for the month of December).

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| • Robert Ridgeway | 5 Years  | Judge Robert McCord    | 15 Years |
| • Tracy Benehaley | 5 Years  | Judge Phillip Stephens | 20 Years |
| • Kayla Sapp      | 5 Years  | William McCoy          | 25 Years |
| • Susan Welch     | 10 Years |                        |          |

Chairman Stewart thanked everyone for their hard work.

#### 4. Public Comments

- Mr. George E. Frierson – presented a certificate to Chairman Dwight L. Stewart (24 years of service) and Councilman AC English (16 years of service) on behalf of the Clarendon County Democratic Party. He thanked them for a job well done.

#### 5. Requests:

- Administrator Anthony presented County Council with a request for an Amendment to the Holiday Closing Schedule for 2024. He stated that the request is for an additional day off on Friday, December 27, 2024 as an Administrative Day. He stated that the County Offices will be closed for the Christmas Holiday on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. He stated that we are requesting to give our employees an Administrative Day on Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>. Administrator Anthony completed his request by stating that this has been done in 2013.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the request from Administrator Anthony for an additional day off for County Employees on Friday, December 27, 2024 for the Christmas Holiday.

- Administrator Anthony presented County Council with the Regular Council Meetings Schedule for 2025.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman Coker, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the 2025 Schedule for the Regular County Council Meetings.

- Administrator Anthony presented County Council with the Holiday Closing Schedule for 2025.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the 2025 Holiday Observance Closing Schedule.

#### 6. Presentation

Administrator Anthony presented a plaque to Chairman Stewart and Councilman English for their many years of service, serving the citizens of Clarendon County.

#### 7. Financial Report

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

- **The General Fund** had Expenditures of \$2,124,068 and Revenue was not available as of November 30, 2024.
- **Weldon Auditorium** had Revenue of \$3,750 for the month ending November 30, 2024 and total Expenses were \$58,083. He stated that the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of November, 2024 (after transfers) with zero balance.
- **Water and Sewer Department** had total Revenue of \$649,826 for the month ending November 30, 2024 and total Expenses were \$378,778. After Depreciation and Bond Interest Expense the Water and Sewer Department ended the month of November, 2024 with a Net Utility Income of \$17,526.
- **The C-Fund Program** - for the month ending November 30, 2024, The C-Fund program had a Cash Balance of \$10,483,958 of which \$4,551,462 has been committed to remaining local paving projects and State Proviso Funds. He stated that the C-Fund Program had an Uncommitted Balance of \$5,932,496 as of the end of November 2024.

#### 8. Administrator's Report

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

✓ **Facilities:**

**EOC/Communication Center:** Architectural firm and Civil Engineering sub-contractors have developed preliminary site plans and internal layout. Recently completed third party estimator to

get a sense of potential cost in current configuration; as a result, minor modifications to site improvements have been made.

**Turbeville Fire Station:** Construction continues at a very brisk pace. Rough electrical and plumbing being finished up.

**Public Works, Fleet Maintenance, Animal Control:** The Request For Proposals (RFP) for design/build services have been closed and the review committee is making their recommendation soon. Contract with Hawkins & Kolb is being finalized at this time.

**SCIIP Grant:** We have contracted the drilling of a test well to start in January. Bids for the storage tank have been received. We are designing the water mains internally. SC DHEC permits approved for water mains/lines.

**Weldon Auditorium Renovations:** No change from last month on Weldon Auditorium renovations: however, the water drainage issues in the garden area have been identified and a mitigation plan developed.

**Fire Station on MW Rickenbaker Road, Station #10:** With the recent appropriation from the State for a replacement fire station on M.W. Rickenbaker Road, Station #10; we are preparing to solicit the project as a “design/build”. Our goal is to have the project awarded by the end of the year.

✓ **Other:**

**Turbeville Library:** The project architect has solicited a new civil engineering firm to perform site plan and project is again moving forward.

**North Shore Summerton Development Project:** Engineering design and site work are moving forward as well.

**Law Enforcement Joint Training Facility:** The Memorandum of Understanding (MUO) with the City of Manning, Sheriff’s Department, and the County to build the facility has been approved and bids are being prepared.

**Newman Branch Restoration Projects:** We have begun to prepare scope of project parameter for the Newman Branch Restoration Projects and have solicited for an Environmental Engineering Firm to assist in further project development and management.

✓ **Recreation:**

- Basketball practices are beginning this week.
- Join me in congratulating Ms. Harmony Walker – 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Walker Gamble Elementary for winning this year’s Recreation Department Christmas Card Competition. I would also like to thank her teacher, Ms. Williamson and art teachers Ms. Welch and Ms. Witherspoon.
- We continue to work on our design and cost analysis for the proposed expansion to J.C. Britton Park for a new racquet sports area, to include both pickleball, tennis courts, a bike pump track and trail, and an E-sports Complex and had a very successful meeting last week with representatives from Congressman Clyburn’s office and USDA.

✓ **Miscellaneous:**

- Our county offices will be closed on Tuesday through Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> for Christmas; also, we will be closed on Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> for New Years. Please stay safe and enjoy the holidays.

## 9. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Stewart gave comments on some of the issues and accomplishments that Clarendon County had during his tenure as Chairman of County Council. He thanked everyone for all they have done to make Clarendon County a better place to live.

- Councilman English thanked everyone for all that they have done during his 16 years on County Council. He stated that we have a very good group of people and he sees a bright future for Clarendon County.

## 10. Executive Session

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for a Personnel Issue in the Administration Department.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to go into Executive Session for a Personnel Issue in the Administration Department.

The Executive Session began at 6:44 pm

## **11. Open Session**

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session and back into Open Session.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to come out of Executive Session and back into Open Session.

The Executive Session ended at 6:51 pm

Chairman Stewart stated that no action would be taken from what was discussed in Executive Session.

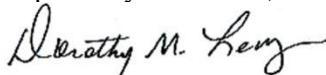
## **12. Adjourn**

Chairman Stewart stated that we had exhausted our agenda and asked for a motion to adjourn the 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 6:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy  
Clerk to Clarendon County Council, CCC