



**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
June 20, 2016
5:30 P.M.**



Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the news media was notified and notice was posted on the bulletin board 24 hours prior to the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Johnnie Wright, Sr.
Janie Cooper-Smith
Johnny Ravenell
Harry F. Wimberly
Heyward H. Livingston
Willie B. Owens
Clyde B. Livingston**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Harold M. Young, County Administrator
D'Anne Haydel, County Attorney
Angel Howell, Interim Clerk to Council**

CALL TO ORDER

Johnnie Wright, Sr. Chairman

On the 20th day of June 2016, Chairman Wright called to order a regular session meeting of the Orangeburg County Council at 5:30 pm.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 6, 2016 (RS)

Chairman Wright asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Willie B. Owens made a motion that the minutes of June 6, 2016 be approved as written. Vice-Chair Councilwoman Janie Cooper-Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

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OTHER MATTERS

Public comments were made by Anna Zacherl, Library Director for Orangeburg County, and Evangeline Elzy, a citizen from the Cope Community.

Ms. Zacherl is asking County Council to reevaluate the size of the upcoming library and to not accept less than fifty thousand (50,000) square feet allotted to the public service needs of the library. The Orangeburg County Library is currently approximately twenty five thousand (25,000) square feet and serves approximately seventeen thousand (17,000) community members on a monthly basis, with summer in full swing the number of community members have increased to more than eighteen thousand (18,000) a month.

As the director of the Orangeburg County Library, Ms. Zacherl, advised that most of the questions asked by community members surround the availability of space. Some of the questions asked by community members are as follows: Why is there no more parking space? Why isn't the meeting room available to the public? Why do I have to wait two (2) hours to use a computer to apply for a job? Why are the art classes limited to only twenty five (25) students? How come a book I recommended to a friend is no longer on the shelf? Even with the expansion of the Holly Hill Library in 2014, Orangeburg County's Library was in deficient of seventy nine thousand three hundred and seven (79,307) square feet for the county's population. Ms. Zacherl advised, "Not all of the space need to be downtown, but it needs to be somewhere." With over fifty-five percent (55) of the population using the main branch of the library and its resources, the downtown facility is a good place to start for expansion.

The following areas are areas that need to be included in the new facility: Public meeting rooms to hold large and small groups for community use, private study rooms for single or small groups for community use, enlarge the science lab for library programs, a computer lab large enough to hold twenty-five (25) computers for classes through library programming, a public lab large enough for forty (40) computers for community use, story time space, teen space, movie and media space, and outdoor space for library programming. Persistent education and learning are the realities of the Library. Everyone in the community should have the opportunity to be engaged. Ms. Zacherl advised that the Orangeburg County Library is opened six (6) days a week, and many resources are available twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

Ms. Zacherl asked that the County Council reaffirm their commitment to the public library service and not accept less than fifty thousand (50,000) square feet for the upcoming new library. Ms. Zacherl thanked the County Council for their time and passed out a summer issue of the library magazine. Chairman Wright thanked Ms. Zacherl for all she does for the library and the community.

Ms. Evangeline Elzy introduced herself to the Council members and stated the reason for her presence. Ms. Elzy's concern was that public water is needed on Snake Swamp Road, Bamberg Road, and Slab Landing Road. Ms. Elzy along with some of the Cope community members sent in a petition approximately two (2) years ago to the

members of the County Council and the County Administrator requesting that the water lines be extended. Ms. Elzy advised that no one has communicated with her except for The Department of Public Utilities (DPU). The Department of Public Utilities gave Ms. Elzy an estimate of what it would cost to extend the water lines. Citizens on the above stated roads are finding high content of rust and sulfur in their water, and the water pumps are constantly in need of repairing. Ms. Elzy is seeking assistance from the County Council members on what else needs to be done.

Councilman Harry Wimberly addressed the situation. There are some funds in the fourth penny to put water out there, but it is not enough. Councilman Wimberly made a proposal to The Department of Public Utilities (DPU) to tie water in from Canaan down Snake Swamp Road all the way to Cope, but the water that supplies Cope is one hundred (100) feet higher than the water tank that supplies Canaan. Therefore you cannot tie those two (2) together to make a loop because of the pressure difference. The estimate the county received was over a half a million dollars (\$500,000), but that price is not cost effective. Councilman Wimberly stated that he looked at many other options. It is a little under two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to get water from the SCE&G power plant out to the end of Bamberg Highway, but that is a dead end. It would cost approximately one hundred twenty- five thousand (\$125,000) dollars annually to flush the water lines. There is no way right now for the County of Orangeburg to pursue the water project. However, Councilman Wimberly gave suggestions such as talking to the City Council members and getting some estimates from the Department of Public Utilities that are cost effective and within the budget. If the Department of Public Utilities eliminate the flushing cost, there are enough funds to run a line from the power plant. Vice- Chair Councilwoman Cooper-Smith also suggested that Ms. Elzy contact City Council about this concern. Councilman Wimberly stated that the water project has not been forgotten about, County Council have been working on it for the last two (2) years.

The Council members gave Ms. Elzy the date of the next City Council meeting and instructions on who to contact to get on their agenda. Ms. Elzy thanked the Council members for their time and advice. This portion of the agenda was closed by Chairman Wright.

1. PRESENTATION BY SAMUEL GLOVER, PRESIDENT FOR THE SAMARITAN HOUSE

Mr. Samuel Glover thanked the Council members for the opportunity to come before the Council in reference to the Samaritan House matter. Mr. Glover advised that he wanted to help the homeless in Orangeburg, Bamberg, and Calhoun Counties. The Samaritan House was closed down because of funding in May 2016. In 2004, The Samaritan House received a HUD grant for approximately two hundred thousand

(\$200,000) dollars, which has been funding the Samaritan House from that point up until the present time.

HUD sent out a notice stating that all transitional houses throughout the United States will no longer be funded through this grant, effective May 31, 2016. As a result, the Samaritan House has no funding. Mr. Glover thanked Orangeburg County for the continuous support throughout the years, in addition to the HUD funds, to keep the Samaritan House going. Mr. Glover advised that when he became President of the Samaritan House he, along with many citizens, thought the City of Orangeburg funded the Samaritan House, however once being in his position he learned that this assumption was not true. HUD funded the Samaritan House primarily along with the County Council, Senator Matthews, churches, different organizations, and community members.

After receiving the notice from HUD, the Director of the Samaritan House announced that she was going to retire and in addition to that the two (2) other employees that were employed there found other employment. The Samaritan House had fourteen (14) individuals living there when the notice was issued. To this present day, Mr. Glover is still working with one (1) of the individuals who did not have a place to stay, trying to get his social security number straight and help him with employment. Mr. Glover advised again that the Samaritan House serves three (3) different counties and among those counties are many homeless individuals, so there is a need for the Samaritan House.

Before becoming President of the Samaritan House, Mr. Glover advised that the Board was only meeting four (4) times a year. When Mr. Glover became President, he decided to meet on a monthly basis. The meetings did not take place every month because of different obstacles such as the one hundred (100) year flood that took place in October of 2015, the committee members of the Samaritan House spent approximately two (2) months trying to take care of a lawsuit and other situations. Mr. Glover advised that the Samaritan House immediately started doing fundraisers that were successful. Right after that the HUD notice came in.

After closing the Samaritan House, Mr. Glover advised that he found out about other grants and opportunities. However, those grants were not applied for in a timely manner. Mr. Glover presented some ideas to the County Council. There is a one hundred fifty thousand (\$150,000) dollar lien on the Samaritan House by the Federal Home Bank in Atlanta, Georgia. After speaking to an employee of the bank they came up with three (3) options: Mr. Glover indicated that the Samaritan House can continue to operate, let an organization have it, or sell the property. The Samaritan House has an outstanding Board with business professionals in place. Mr. Glover advised that it would cost approximately between one hundred twenty thousand dollars and one

hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$120,000-\$135,000) annually to operate the Samaritan House.

Mr. Glover suggested that the City and County purchase the Samaritan House for one hundred and fifty thousand (\$150,000) dollars, maintain the property and let the Board be responsible for running the facility under the supervision of a director. The other suggestion would be to come up with the monies needed {approximately one hundred twenty-five thousand and one hundred thirty-five thousand (\$125,000-\$135,000) dollars} to run the facility on an annual basis without purchasing it. If County Council decides to take this route, by the year 2024 the County of Orangeburg would own the Samaritan House.

Vice- Chair Councilwoman Cooper- Smith thanked Mr. Glover for his presentation and asked what the capacity of the Samaritan House is. Mr. Glover stated that it is approximately forty (40), but it varies because it is a transient facility. If the facility has enough counselors and potentially arrange partnerships with Claflin University and South Carolina State University with students majoring in the Social Sciences to come in and assist as interns the numbers could increase. Chairman Wright recognized Vice-Chair Councilwoman Cooper-Smith. Vice- Chair Councilwoman Cooper-Smith asked Mr. Glover the approximate number of individuals that are housed in the facility from Bamberg and Calhoun Counties on an annual basis. Mr. Glover advised that he did not have that exact number, but it is not a very high number. Calhoun County has continuously sent monies to the Samaritan House on an annual basis. Mr. Glover also advised that no one has been in touch with Bamberg County. Vice- Chair Councilwoman Cooper-Smith advised that it really bothers her to see the number of homeless individuals, especially children. Vice- Chair Councilwoman Cooper-Smith asked the number of children that are in the Samaritan House. Mr. Glover stated that the number fluctuates, but it is approximately one hundred and twenty six (126) annually. Mr. Glover advised that forty rooms is not enough for the three (3) counties. Vice- Chair Councilwoman Cooper-Smith proceeded to ask her final question. Is the Samaritan House the only homeless shelter in the County? Mr. Glover answered that, "This is the only homeless shelter in this area, and you must go to Columbia for services otherwise." Mr. Glover advised that after talking to the Federal Home Loan Bank they indicated that they have at least three (3) other places that are similar in nature to the Samaritan House that are interested in the property. However, Mr. Glover disagreed with this scenario.

Chairman Wright yielded to Councilman Willie B. Owens. Councilman Owens advised that he is familiar with the Samaritan House and its importance. Councilman Owens suggested that the Samaritan House ask for mortgage forgiveness. Mr. Glover stated that this suggestion, "is not going to happen." Councilman Owens confirmed with Mr. Glover that it takes approximately one hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars (\$135,000) annually to operate the facility. Mr. Glover agreed and advised that he cannot give an actual amount, but based on the time period he has been there this

is an approximation. After talking to the CPA and the Board of the Samaritan House this figure would be close to what is needed. Councilman Owens asked about approximately how much is personnel paid. Mr. Glover advised that he cannot give an exact amount, because the estimation he came up with was only including the following four (4) employees: a director, a cook, a night person, and a social worker. Mr. Glover also advised that he does not think this is enough employees to help operate the Samaritan House effectively and efficiently. Councilman Owens made a suggestion that Mr. Glover and the Samaritan House Board members come up with a budget to present to the County Council, City Council, Bamberg County, and Calhoun County at a later date so the facility can operate again. Councilman Owens asked who is paying the debt services on the facility. Mr. Glover responded that the debt services is being paid by the fact the Samaritan House is continuing to operate. Councilman Owens advised that the County Council needs "some hardcore" figures before making a decision. Mr. Glover advised that the estimate given was the best estimate he could have given. The only other thing he can do is increase the numbers where he thinks it should be which is approximately one hundred and fifty thousand (\$150,000) dollars. Mr. Glover reiterated that this is his opinion and not a Board estimate.

Chairman Wright yielded to Councilman Owens. Councilman Owens stated he was finished. Chairman Wright yielded to Councilman Clyde Livingston. Councilman Clyde Livingston advised that there are some revenues generated from some of the individuals living in the facility. Mr. Glover stated that he does not want to depend on the monies earned by the individuals living in the facility because of the position they are in. They are homeless and jobless, the ones who have a job are only making minimum wage pay. Mr. Glover also advised that they have an approximate amount of the total monies paid to the Samaritan House from these individuals. However, it is relatively a small amount. Councilman Clyde Livingston asked how most of the food is handled. Mr. Glover advised that most of it is handled by EBT and some food is donated. The food cost and utility cost is in the figure stated previously. Councilman Clyde Livingston asked does the Samaritan House have a CPA. If so, was the CPA generating monthly statements? Mr. Glover advised that a CPA was on the Board of the Samaritan House and an accounting firm prepares the statements, and they are up to date. Councilman Clyde Livingston asked Mr. Glover to share copies of the statements with the County Council at a later date. Mr. Glover agreed that he would.

Chairman Wright asked if there were any other questions. There were none. Chairman Wright thanked Mr. Glover for his presentation and advised that Council will take in consideration what was said. Chairman Wright advised that he cannot give a definite answer on anything as of yet, but will keep the Samaritan House in mind. Mr. Glover ended in advising that most of the monies are coming from Orangeburg County. Chairman Wright asked were there any questions. There were none. Chairman Wright closed this portion of the session and moved forward with the second item on the agenda.

2. ORDINANCE THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017, FOR THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY BUDGET FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE COUNTY MAY LEVY A TAX, TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PERSONAL AND REAL ESTATE PROPERTIES IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY FOR ALL COUNTY PURPOSES, INCLUDING SUFFICIENT TAX TO PAY FOR THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE OUTSTANDING INDEBTEDNESS OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY MATURING DURING THE FISCAL YEAR, TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS RELATING TO ORANGEBURG COUNTY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SAID TAXES AND OTHER REVENUES COMING TO THE COUNTY DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

Chairman Wright read both items two (2) and three (3) on the agenda and asked if there were any questions from Council. There were none. Chairman Wright entertained a motion. Vice-Chair Councilwoman Cooper-Smith made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnny Ravenell. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

3. ORDINANCE THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017, FOR ORANGEBURG-CALHOUN TECHNICAL COLLEGE, THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD, VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION, AND FOR OTHER PUBLIC AND SPECIAL EDUCATION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES AND OTHER REVENUES TO THE COUNTY DURING THE FISCAL YEAR FOR SUCH PURPOSES

Chairman Wright read both items two (2) and three (3) on the agenda and asked if there were any questions from Council. There were none. Chairman Wright entertained a motion. Vice-Chair Councilwoman Cooper-Smith made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnny Ravenell. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

4. ORDINANCE SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6.14 OF THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF

TECHNICAL CODES, BUILDING PERMIT RATES, DEMOLITION RATES, HOUSE/BUILDING MOVING RATES, AND TEMPORARY SIGNS, SEVERABILITY, AND EFFECTIVE DATE

Chairman Wright asked that the Administrator give a summary for those who were not there for the first reading. Administrator Young advised that the County is trying to update the ordinance as it relates to the building codes. The 2015 version were adopted on the State level and it is mandated that the County adopts and enforce the State level's mandated amendments.

Chairman Wright thanked Administrator Young for the summary of the ordinance. Chairman Wright entertained a motion. Councilman Willie B. Owens made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnny Ravenell. Councilman Clyde Livingston asked a question concerning having more than one dwelling on an acre. Administrator Young addressed it by advising that this is not what this ordinance is about. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

5. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CAPITAL SALES AND USE TAX BALLOT QUESTION PRESENTED BY THE CAPITAL SALES AND USE TAX COMMISSION

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young. Administrator Young advised that the citizens of Orangeburg County has approved this three times. The future of Orangeburg County has boosted because of the capital project sales tax. Administrator Young advised that the CPST Commission got together after working with all seventeen (17) towns in the County, as well as all seven (7) Council Districts to come up with a list of projects. Administrator Young commends County Council for splitting the monies between the towns. The County has seen positive growth in these communities because of that.

Chairman Wright thanked Administrator Young for his remarks. Councilman Wright yielded to County Attorney D'Anne Haydel to ask if it was okay to make a motion for the Resolution and Ordinance First Reading, item six (6) on the agenda at the same time. County Attorney Haydel agreed. Chairman Wright proceeded to read item six (6) on the agenda. Chairman Wright entertained a motion. Councilman Clyde Livingston made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Willie B. Owens. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

6. ORDINANCE FIRST READING

TO LEVY AND IMPOSE A ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX, SUBJECT TO A REFERENDUM IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL

PROJECT SALES TAX ACT, SOUTH CAROLINA CODE ANNOTATED SECTION 4-10-300, ET SEQ., TO DEFINE THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES AND DESIGNATE THE PROJECTS FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS OF THE TAX MAY BE USED, TO PROVIDE THE MAXIMUM TIME FOR THE IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION OF THE TAX AND THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF NET PROCEEDS TO BE RAISED BY THE TAX, TO PROVIDE FOR A COUNTY-WIDE REFERENDUM AND TO PRESCRIBE THE CONTENTS OF THE BALLOT QUESTION IN THE REFERENDUM, TO PROVIDE CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO THE IMPOSITION OF THE TAX AND CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF THE TAX REVENUE, TO ESTABLISH THE PURPOSES AND PROJECTS FOR WHICH THE NET PROCEEDS OF THE TAX ARE TO BE EXPENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE REFERENDUM BY THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTION COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE TAX, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, TAX-EXEMPT OR TAXABLE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE AGGREGATE OF \$74,261,000, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO PRESCRIBE THE FORM AND DETAILS OF THE BONDS, PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS AND PLEDGE OF REVENUES RELATED TO THE BONDS, PROVIDING OTHERWISE FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS, PROVIDING FOR BORROWING IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS, PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY RELATED TO THE BONDS, AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

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Councilman Willie B. Owens advised that this has been most helpful to the County of Orangeburg. If it was not for this tax, the County of Orangeburg would not be where it is today. Councilman Owens advised that it has helped the County economically and has brought industries and more jobs to the County. The citizens should be happy to vote to approve this referendum. Chairman Wright thanked Councilman Owens for his comments. Vice-Chair Councilwoman Smith-Cooper advised that as a result of these projects, it has improved the quality of life for the citizens of Orangeburg County. Vice-Chair Councilwoman goes on to say that roads have been paved, sewer lines have been put in place, old buildings have been renovated, new buildings have been constructed, there will be a new ball park in Branchville, the Aquatic Center (YMCA) in Orangeburg, the water park in Santee- all of these

projects are a result of the penny tax. Vice- Chair Councilwoman Cooper-Smith advised that the penny tax has done a lot for Orangeburg County since 1998. Councilman Ravenell advised that many individuals look at Orangeburg County as a retiree County and for tourism. Councilman Ravenell hopes to pass the one (1) percent sales tax.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0). Chairman Wright thanked Council members for their input.

7. ORDINANCE FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY

AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM AND BALLOT QUESTION IN REGARD TO BEER AND WINE SALES FOR CONSUMPTION-ON-PREMISES SALES AND TO ALLOW THE SALE OF BEER AND WINE AT PERMITTED OFF-PREMISES LOCATIONS WITHOUT REGARD TO DAYS OR HOURS OF SALES

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young. Administrator Young advised that this ordinance allows the citizens of Orangeburg County to be able to vote on the blue law for alcohol sales on Sundays. This will be a part of the November ballot if approved by County Council for the citizens to vote on this referendum.

Chairman Wright thanked Administrator Young. Chairman asked for other comments. There were none. Chairman Wright entertained a motion. The motion was made by Vice-Chair Councilwoman Cooper-Smith. Councilman Willie B. Owens seconded the motion. Councilman Heyward Livingston advised that everyone understand that this allows the public to vote on it. This does not mean the County Council is encouraging it. Chairman Wright agreed. Motion carried. (6-1-0).

8. A PROPOSED CONTRACT BETWEEN ORANGEBURG COUNTY AND PIEDMONT COMPANIES, INC. REGARDING BUILDING DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, LEASE AND PURCHASE

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young. Administrator Young advised this is a proposal of construction regarding the Department of Social Services building. County Attorney Haydel suggested that the Council members go into Executive Session to discuss it before taking any actions.

After returning to regular session Chairman Wright asked for a motion on what was discussed. Vice- Chair Councilwoman Cooper- Smith motioned that the County

Council accept this transaction for the following reasons: free land, free rent, and the necessity to move forward in accordance with the Department of Social Services demands. Councilman advised that the County Council have a special called meeting after the negotiation has been made. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

9. APPROVAL OF GRANT VEHICLE PURCHASE FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Chairman Wright yielded to Administrator Young. Administrator Young advised that the Victims Services Division has been awarded a grant for the purchase of a Chevrolet Tahoe. Due to the amount of the vehicle, it must be approved by County Council. Councilman asked is it a requirement that County Council replace the vehicle once it wears out. Administrator Young responded by saying, "No sir, but as long as the County have it, the life of the vehicle has to be used for Victims Services." After the vehicle wears out County Council does not have to approve to purchase another one.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion. Councilman Ravenell made the motion. Councilman Harry Wimberley seconded the motion. The motion was carried. (7-0-0).

10. VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Chairman Wright entertained a motion to go into executive session. Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Councilwoman Cooper- Smith. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to go back into regular session. Councilman Heyward Livingston made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnny Ravenell. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

a. A PROPOSED CONTRACT BETWEEN ORANGEBURG COUNTY AND PIEDMONT COMPANIES, INC. REGARDING BUILDING DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, LEASE AND PURCHASE

LEGAL BASIS - FOIA EXEMPTION S.C. CODE 30-4-70(a)(2)(DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT)

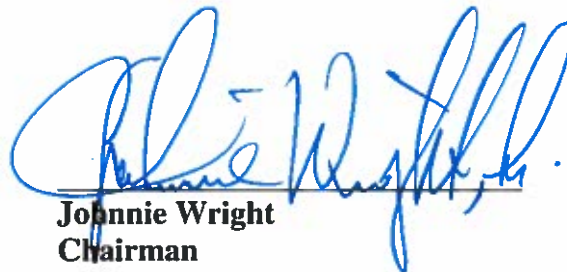
b. CLERK TO COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES

**LEGAL BASIS-FOIA EXEMPTION S.C. CODE 30-4-70(A)(1)
(DISCUSSION OF APPOINTMENT AND EMPLOYMENT OF A PERSON
TO THE POSITION OF CLERK TO COUNTY COUNCIL)**

12. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wright entertained a motion. Councilman Owens made the motion. The motion was seconded by Vice- Chair Councilwoman Cooper- Smith. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

13. ADJOURNMENT



**Johnnie Wright
Chairman
Orangeburg County Council**



**Interim Clerk to Council
Orangeburg County Council**