



**MINUTES  
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED SESSION**

**February 27, 2017**

**10:00 AM**

**ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM  
ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE  
1437 AMELIA ST., SUITE 200  
ORANGEBURG, S.C. 29115**



**Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the news media was notified and notice was posted on the bulletin board twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Johnnie Wright, Sr.  
Janie Cooper-Smith  
Johnny Ravenell  
Harry F. Wimberly (arrived during executive session)  
Heyward H. Livingston  
Clyde B. Livingston  
Willie B. Owens**

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**Harold M. Young, County Administrator  
D'Anne Haydel, County Attorney  
Connie N. Portee, Clerk to Council**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman**

**On the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2017, Chairman Wright called to order a special session of the Orangeburg County Council at 11:15 am.**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**Moment of silence observed**

**1. PROJECT PILLAR**

**Chairman Wright read the agenda item and asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss the agenda item.**

## **2. VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith motioned that the Council move into executive session to discuss the agenda item number one (1). Councilman Clyde Livingston seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0-0). The Council entered executive session at 11:18 a.m.

## **3. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **1.) PROJECT PILLAR**

### **2.) SIB ROAD ENHANCEMENT DISCUSSION**

**FOIA EXEMPTION S.C. CODE §30-4-70(a)(2)(DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS) AND S.C. CODE §30-4-70(a)(5)(DISCUSSION OF MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED LOCATION, EXPANSION, OR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES ENCOURAGING LOCATION OR EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES OR OTHER BUSINESSES IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY)**

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to go back into regular session. Councilman Heyward Livingston made the motion and Councilman Willie Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

Council returned back into regular session at 1:30 p.m. Chairman Wright advised that the discussion in executive session was about Orangeburg County submitting an Application to the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank Board regarding US Highway 601 and 21 Gateway Improvements in Orangeburg County, South Carolina. This Application for road improvements has State-wide impact for Port and Global connectivity that will improve existing infrastructure that will greatly enhance our competitiveness. When the SIB application is granted, the County will have obligations, including providing 10% matching funds.

Chairman Wright entertained a motion on how the County would submit the application. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith made the motion that the County hereby commit and resolve: to fulfill the County's obligations when the SIB Application is granted, to authorize the Administrator to send a letter on behalf of the County specifying the sources for the matching funds and that those funds are presently available and to authorize the Administrator to move the specified funds as necessary to accomplish the County's SIB obligations. Councilman Willie Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion that a letter be written in an effort in identifying those funds that are being used out of the Economic Development Fund, Legislative Economic Fund, funds from District Two (2), and the District Six (6) funds, will be reimburse. Councilman Johnny Ravenell second the motion. Motion carried- (7-0-0).

Chairman Wright entertained a motion to amend the agenda to add an item regarding the Regional Medical Center (RMC). Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion that the agenda be amended. Councilman Clyde Livingston seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0-0).

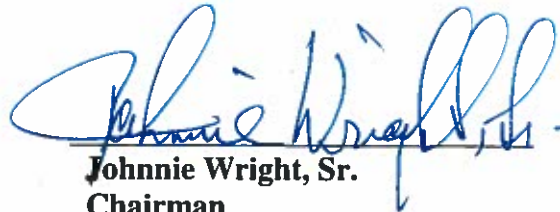
Councilman Willie Owens made the motioned that the Orangeburg County Council give the Board of Trustees of Regional Medical Center (RMC) a vote of confidence and thank them for their service. Councilman Clyde Livingston seconded the motion. By a show of hands: Chairman Wright, Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith, Councilman Willie Owens, Councilman Harry Wimberly, Councilman Heyward Livingston, Councilman Clyde Livingston, and Councilman Johnny Ravenell. Motion carried. (7-0-0-0).

#### 4. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wright entertained a motion for adjournment. Councilman Heyward Livingston motioned that the regular session of the Orangeburg County Council of February 6, 2017, stand adjourned. Vice-Chairwoman Janie Cooper-Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

#### 5. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.



**Johnnie Wright, Sr.**  
Chairman  
Orangeburg County Council



**Connie N. Portee**  
Clerk to Council  
Orangeburg County Council