

# CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

## **R. Carlisle Roddey Chester County Government Complex**

1476 J.A. Cochran Bypass Chester, SC 29706

**Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00 PM**

**Present:** Interim Chairman Dr. Wylie Frederick, Vice Chairman Joe Branham, Councilman Brad Jordan, Councilman Mike Vaughn, Councilwoman Mary Guy, Councilman William Killian, Councilman Pete Wilson, Clerk to Council Karen Lee and County Attorney Joanie Winters. Rules of Procedure Section 2-59 and 60 were suspended.

1. **Call to Order**-Interim Chairman Dr. Frederick called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**- Pledge was recited in unison; Councilwoman Guy gave the invocation.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. **Approval of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 Council Minutes.**  
Councilwoman Guy motioned to approve, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote 6-0 to approve.
4. **Citizen Comments**

Amanda Herring of 101 Main Street, Chester spoke on behalf of Teresa Juliano. Ms. Herring addressed the Council saying the animal shelter should stay where it is since it is in a central location and beside the Sheriff's office which makes it safe as well. The existing shelter accommodates the county where it currently is.
5. **Public Hearing**-No one signed up to speak.
  - a. Needs and Assessment Hearing.
6. **Ordinances/Resolutions/Proclamations**
  - a. **Needs and Assessment Hearing-Grazier Rhea, Catawba Regional Council of Government.**

Grazier Rhea stated to apply for the Community Development Block grant a needs assessment must be completed by Chester County. All applications must be requested by March 15, 2021. The Community Enrichment and Neighborhood Revitalization applications must be submitted by April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Council decided to look over the list to see if they had any changes or additions and would let Dr. Frederick know so it could be brought back to the April 6<sup>th</sup> agenda.
  - b. **2021-7 Resolution Declaring Project Status Under The 2014 Capital Project Sales and Use Tax Referendum and The County's Intention to Allocate the Remaining Funds; And Other Related Matters.**  
Vice Chairman Branham motioned to approve, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 6-0 to approve.
7. **Old Business**
  - a. **Heart and Soul of Fort Lawn -Mick Harrington.**

Mr. Harrington stated in 2019 the Chester County Economic Development strategic plan was put in place, two of the items from the plan could really help the County. In the handout it stated to organize a county wide collaborative group for the purpose of aligning economic and community development strategics across the county. The group would discuss topics such as grant writers, capital improvement projects, shared service opportunities that would benefit all of Chester County. Councilman Wilson and Branham agreed, Vice Chairman Branham said a grant writer would be considered in the next budget. Dr. Frederick stated he would get with Robert Long and other municipalities as well. This would be added to the April 19 meeting agenda.

**b. FROM CCTC:**

- 1. Approval to add sidewalks to Douglas Circle and Washington Street in Great Falls.**  
Councilman Vaughn motioned to approve the addition of sidewalks on Douglas Circle and Washington Street in Great Falls, second Vice Chairman Branham. Vote 6-0 to approve.
- 2. Approval of bid for Deer Branch Culvert in the amount of \$ 45,221.50.**  
Due to technical difficulties with zoom this was not discussed.
- 3. Approval of bid for Resurfacing Shirley Road in the amount of \$497,168.00.**  
Councilman Jordan motioned to approve, second by Councilwoman Guy. Vote 6-0 to approve.
- 4. Approval of obligated FEMA funds to mitigate Britt Lane.**  
Due to technical difficulties with zoom this was not discussed.
- 5. Approval to add signage to Canal Road.**  
Councilman Jordan motioned to approve by title only contingent upon contacting the State and receiving approval, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote 6-0 to approve.

**c. February Litter and Litter Enforcement Update. Interim Chairman Dr. Frederick.**

Interim Chairman Dr. Frederick said 688 bags of trash were picked up in February.

**8. New Business**

**a. Radio Committee Appointee Ratification. -Doug McMurray.**

Attorney Winters stated since this was also under 9.d. it would be premature to discuss this now, Mr. McMurray has the names for appointee ratification to recommend for approval by Council. (*this agenda item was moved to 9.d.*)

**b. E911 recorder purchase approval. - Doug McMurray.**

Mr. McMurray stated the login recorder needed to be replaced, the upgrade to the phone and CAD system was completed last year. The 911 recorder is part of everything they do under the recording requirements. Whether it is text the screen recordings must be done. Currently they are done manually to find calls, redact, use secondary party software, the new recorder would have all that built in. Vice Chairman Branham motioned to approve \$ 132,000 dollars to purchase the E911 recorder, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 6-0 to approve.

**c. Discussion regarding E911 changes. -Doug McMurray.**

Mr. McMurray stated currently with traditional telephone lines calls into to 911 are hitting towers in Chester, but your're actually across the line, the State is in the process of building a statewide net service, which would be delivered digitally over a network connection so when a call is made it will go to the state and then routed to your GPS location to the 911 center to show where you are. The mapping data now is not in the shape it needs to be, they are working with Catawba Regional and Bradshaw engineering to get the proper format that meets the standard by the state. He suggested having a GIS employee so every address, district lines moved all of the data would have to be changed. He stated it would be very expensive to contract it out and cost savings to hire a GIS technician. Mr. McMurray also said the process of applying for 911 addresses would need to be looked at as well. They would be changing the reverse 911 number system, the company that is currently being used is discontinuing there services May 1, but they do have a contract for a new service that Attorney Winters is reviewing. The company is called Code Red, they are the number one company in the state for services for this.

**d. Council to authorize the Sheriff's Office to apply for SC Department of Public Safety Grant for Body-Worn Cameras with no match in the amount of \$67,967.49 dollars. - Sheriff Dorsey. Councilwoman Guy motioned to approve, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 6-0 to approve.**

- e. **Council to authorize the Sheriff's Office to apply for JAG Grant for License Plate Reading Cameras in the amount of \$250,000 with a ten percent match. -Sheriff Dorsey.** Councilman Vaughn motioned to approve, second by Councilman Killian. Vote 6-0 to approve.
- g. **Council to authorize the Sheriff's Office to apply for JAG Grant for Crime Scene Equipment & Training in the amount of \$ 285,771 with a ten percent match. -Sheriff Dorsey.** Councilman Wilson motioned to approve, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote 6-0 to approve.
- h. **Council to authorize the Sheriff's Office to apply for JAG Grant for Safety Equipment for Detention officers in the amount of \$100,000 with a ten percent match. -Sheriff Dorsey.** Vice Chairman Branham motioned to approve, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 6-0 to approve.
- i. **Council to authorize the Sheriff's Office to apply for Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant License Plate Reading Cameras in the amount of \$250,000 with no match. -Sheriff Dorsey.** Councilwoman Guy motioned to approve, second by Councilman Killian. Vote 6-0 to approve.
- j. **Council to authorize the Sheriff's Office to receive Grant Funds from Palmetto Citizens Against Sexual Assault. -Sheriff Dorsey.** Vice Chairman Branham motioned to approve, second by Councilwoman Guy. Vote 6-0 to approve.
- k. **Request to provide \$3400 dollars from the local ATAX fund to the Flopeye Fish Festival for Fireworks- Councilman Vaughn.** Councilman Vaughn motioned to approve, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 6-0 to approve.

**9. Boards and Commissions**

- a. **Appointment to the Hazel Pittman Board. -Councilman Vaughn.** Councilman Vaughn motioned to appoint Marty Roberts, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote 6-0 to approve.
- b. **Resignation from the Fort Lawn Fire Protection Board. - Councilman Jordan.** Councilman Jordan motioned to accept Bud Delgouffre resignation, second by Councilwoman Guy. Vote 6-0 to approve.
- c. **Re-appointment to Catawba Regional Council of Governments. -County Council.** Councilman Jordan motioned to reappoint Joe Branham, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 6-0 to approve.
- d. **Appointment to the Radio Users Advisory Committee- Interim Chairman Dr. Frederick.** County Attorney Winters stated for the record the at large position is at large from the County not the actual at large district. Doug McMurray said board members have been selected but needs to be ratified by Council. Councilman Wilson motioned to approve Britt Lineberger- EMS, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 6-0 to approve.  
  
Councilman Vaughn motioned to approve Tyson Melton-Fire Chiefs Association, second by Councilman Wilson. Vote 5-0 to approve. Councilman Jordan recused stating he was a relative.  
  
Councilman Jordan motioned to approve Barkley Ramsey-Chester Rural Fire, second by Councilman Wilson. Vote 6-0 to approve.  
  
Councilman Wilson motioned to approve Ben Grant-Sheriff's Office, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 6-0 to approve.

Councilman Jordan motioned to approve Doug McMurray-E911, second by Councilwoman Guy. Vote 6-0 to approve.

Councilman Killian motioned to approve Anna Jagger-Municipal Police Chiefs, second by Councilman Wilson.

Councilman Vaughn motioned to approve Willie Baxter-Chester County Government, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote 6-0 to approve.

**10. Executive Session**

Councilwoman Guy motioned to go to Executive Session, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 6-0 to approve.

- a. Discuss a contractual matter regarding County Property -Attorney Winters.
- b. Receive legal advice regarding State of Emergency-Attorney Winters.
- c. Receive legal advice regarding Chester County Airport-Attorney Winters.
- d. Receive legal advice regarding Economic Development- Attorney Winters.

**11. Council Actions Following Executive Session**

Vice Chairman Branham motioned to come back to Regular Session, second by Councilman Killian. Vote 6-0 to approve.

**a. Action taken regarding a contractual matter of County Property.**

Vice Chairman Branham motioned to give Doug McMurray, the authority to investigate the use of the county tower that is at the end of Dawson Drive beside the recycling center, second by Councilman Killian. Vote 6-0 to approve.

**b. Action taken regarding legal advice for the State of Emergency.**

Councilman Wilson motioned in keeping with the Executive Order by the Governor issued on March 5<sup>th</sup>, order number 2021-12 relating to COVID-19 that we safely allow up to twenty people seated in the audience during our meetings, while also continuing to wear a mask and social distance, second by Councilman Killian. Vote 6-0 to approve.

**c. Action taken regarding legal advice on the Chester County Airport.** Taken as information.

**d. Action taken regarding legal advice for Economic Development.** Taken as information.

**12. Council Comments-no comments.**

**13. Adjourn-Councilwoman Guy motioned to adjourn, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 6-0 to adjourn.**

**Time:** 9:15 PM.

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Karen Lee, Clerk to County Council