



CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

**Chester County Government Complex
Council Chambers July 20, 2015 at 6:00 PM
1476 J A Cochran Bypass, Chester, SC 29706**

Chairman Shane Stuart - Presiding

MINUTES

**IN ATTENDANCE: CHAIRMAN STUART
VICE CHAIRMAN JOE BRANHAM
COUNCIL MEMBER BRAD JORDAN
COUNCIL MEMBER ALEC OLIPHANT
COUNCIL MEMBER JOHN HOLCOMBE
COUNCIL MEMBER MARY GUY
COUNCIL MEMBER ARCHIE LUCAS
COUNTY ATTORNEY JOAN E. WINTERS**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation**
- III. Approval of Minutes**
 1. Chester County Council Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2015
**Council Member Lucas motioned to approve, seconded by Council Member Guy.
Vote was unanimous.**
- IV. Citizen's Comments**

Millard C. Smith stated the Rossville Community Center Board of Directors unanimously approved the resolution for the three mile extension of police protection by the town of Great Falls Police Department. Sheriff Underwood and Great Falls Police Chief Rice had spoke at one of their monthly meetings explaining the advantages of working together to

provide better protection for the citizens in the three mile area around Great Falls. Everyone was impressed and unanimously agreed that this needs to happen.

Jay Williams of 1652 Woods Rd, Chester stated he did not agree with the ordinance to prohibit truck traffic on Blaney Road. Mr. Williams stated right now there is not a lot of big trucks on the road. If Council agrees to this it would hurt farmers who live on the road who receives supplies from large trucks.

Jerry Hinson of 143 Lancaster St, Chester suggested Council reconsider their current appointment of Carlisle Roddey to the Catawba Regional of Governments and appoint County Supervisor Shane Stuart. Mr. Hinson went on to say he would like to see the Convenience site attendants be more mindful of the elderly. He watched an elderly lady struggle with her garbage while the attendants sat inside and did not offer to help her.

V. Ordinances & Resolutions

1. 3rd Reading of an Ordinance to Authorize the Sale (or Donation) of Six (6) used SCBA Cylinders.

Council Member Oliphant motioned to approve to donate SCBA Cylinders to School with no charge, seconded by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote was unanimous.

2. 1st Reading of an ordinance to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Chester County Sheriff's Office and the Great Falls Police Department to extend the jurisdiction of the Great Falls Police Department for three (3) miles.

Chief Stephen Rice thanked all of Council on behalf of the Great Falls Town Council. He stated by extending the three (3) miles this would serve the citizens and help the Town of Great Falls. People in the county with in the three miles call more than people in the City. He wants to go into the three mile area only when it's necessary. He would like it writing stating Great Falls Police Department has permission to go into the three miles. **Council Member Oliphant motioned to approve, Council Member Holcombe, Council Member Lucas, Council Member Guy, Council Member Jordan and Vice Chairman Branham voted against. 5 to 1 Motion failed.**

3. 1st Reading of an ordinance to amend Chester County Ordinance Section 2-266 Boards and Commissions appointed by council to eliminate Senior Services, Inc. of Chester County. **Withdrew their request and was taken off the agenda.**

4. 1st Reading of an ordinance to prohibit truck traffic with due notice on Blaney Road.

Chairman Stuart stated two residents had contacted him concerning the trucks, it use to be a sign that had "no thru traffic" before it was paved. Chairman Stuart had spoken with John McCarter with DOT and he could not find anything in his files where the sign had been there and would need an ordinance from the County Council to place the sign on Blaney Rd. Chairman Stuart also stated there is farming equipment that uses the road. Council Member Oliphant stated regardless of

passing an ordinance that will not stop trucks from making a delivery. Vice Chairman Branham agreed stating he has never known Council to step on state roads and the majority of the residents would not be in favor. **Chairman Stuart called for a motion to approve, all Council Members opposed. Vote was 6-0 to oppose.**

VI. Old Business

1. Organizational Chart Comparison

Council Member Oliphant motioned to change Fire Coordinator to answer to the County Supervisor, seconded by Council Member Jordan. Vote was unanimous.

Vice Chairman Branham asked if there would be any additional new employees under the new organizational chart. Chairman Stuart stated the only addition would be the splitting of the clerk of council and the administrative assistant.

Vice Chairman Branham motioned to approve the Coroner organizational chart with no new employees hired, seconded by Council Member Jordan. Vote was unanimous. Council Member Jordan motioned to remove Commercial Appraiser Part time, seconded by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote was unanimous.

Council Member Oliphant stated as far as the Clerk to Council being a full or part time position he was leaning toward part time. Vice Chairman Branham stated he had looked at other counties, all were full time positions but would like to save money and this would be addressed another time. Council Member Jordan had questions concerning the EMS organizational chart stating on the new chart it appeared to be twenty eight employees and thirty two on the old one. Chairman Stuart stated they were the same and had been checked by Human Resources, the shift supervisors are included in the numbers. Council Member Jordan stated on the Maintenance Department it went from eight to seven. Chairman Stuart stated one of the employees went to the Road Department from the Maintenance Department after an employee retired from the Road Department. Vice Chairman Branham asked if the job had been posted, Chairman Stuart stated yes. Vice Chairman Branham asked to see the posting, Chairman Stuart stated he would be glad to give him a copy. Chairman Stuart stated he would bring back the revisions to the next Council meeting.

VII. New Business

1. Policy Manual Changes

Council Member Oliphant motioned to approve the policy manual changes, seconded by Council Member Holcombe. Attorney Winters stated she would like for Council to have copies of the whole policy manual to review the changes and have the resolution by the next meeting. **Council Member Oliphant withdrew his motion, Council Member Holcombe withdrew his second. No action taken.**

2. Supervisor's Report

Vice Chairman Branham recommended putting the Supervisor's Report on the County website.

VIII. Executive Session

Chairman Stuart called for a motioned to go to Executive Session. **Council Member Lucas motioned to go in to Executive Session, seconded by Council Member Oliphant. Vote was unanimous.** Time was 7:04 pm.

Council returned from Executive Session: **Council Member Oliphant motioned to go back into Regular Session, seconded by Council Member Jordan. Vote was unanimous.** Time was 7:55 pm.

1. Economic Development matter to discuss Project Educate.
No action taken, discussion taken for information only.

IX. Council Comments

No comments

X. Adjourn

Council Member Lucas motioned to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Oliphant. Vote was unanimous.

Shane Stuart, Chester County
Council Chair & County Supervisor

Council Member Archie Lucas
Interim Clerk to County Council

Minutes from July 20, 2015