



**MINUTES
INAUGURATION AND ORGANIZATION MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
JANUARY 9, 2017**

Present: Billy Smith, Dan W. Ruff, Mikel Trapp, Cornelius Robinson, Jimmy Ray Douglas, Bertha Goins, Council Members; Jason Taylor, County Administrator; Davis Anderson, Deputy County Administrator, Jack James, County Attorney; Patti Locklair, Clerk to Council

In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80 (e), as amended, the following persons and/or organizations have been notified of the time, date and location of this meeting: The Independent Voice of Blythewood and Fairfield, The Country Chronicle, The Fairfield Times and one hundred seventeen other individuals.

CALL TO ORDER

At 5:00 p.m. Senior Council Member Billy Smith welcomed everyone to the Inaugural Meeting.

INVOCATION

Council Member Ruff led in the invocation.

I. OATH OF OFFICE

The Honorable Judy Bonds, Fairfield County Clerk of Court, administered the oath of office to the following newly-elected members of Council:

Council Member Jimmy Ray Douglas	District #2
Council Member Bertha Goins	District #4
Council Member Cornelius Robinson.	District #6

II. ADJOURN

At 5:15 PM the Inaugural portion of the meeting was adjourned by motion of Council Member Ruff and seconded by Council Member Trapp. ***The motion carried unanimously.*** Refreshments were served in the Conference Room.

Meeting reconvened in the Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

At 5:40 p.m. Senior Council Member Billy Smith welcomed everyone to the Organizational Meeting. The meeting was turned over to County Administrator Jason Taylor and Clerk to Council Patti Locklair who conducted the process of the election of officers. Paper ballots were disseminated to

the Council Members to vote for the officers for the year 2017-2018. For the office of Chairman: Council Member Mikel Trapp received two (2) votes; Council Member Billy Smith received four (4) votes. By majority vote, **Council Member Billy Smith** was elected as **Chairman**.

For the office of Vice-Chairman: Council Member Mikel Trapp received two (2) votes; Council Member Bertha Goins received four (4) votes. By majority vote, **Council Member Bertha Goins** was elected as **Vice-Chairman**.

ADJOURN:

At 5:45 PM, the Organizational portion of the meeting was adjourned by motion of Council Member Ruff and seconded by Council Member Trapp. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

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REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Smith called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Council Member Ruff and seconded by Council Member Trapp to approve the agenda. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

3. INVOCATION

Council Member Douglas led the invocation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

6. 1ST PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES): INPUT MUST PERTAIN TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, FOR WHICH NO PUBLIC HEARING IS REQUIRED OR HAS BEEN SCHEDULED. THE TOTAL TIME ALLOCATED TO THIS PUBLIC COMMENT SEGMENT IS 30 MINUTES.

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

None.

9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

None.

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

None.

11. OLD BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of 2017 Calendar Year Meeting Dates

Motion made by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Council Member Ruff to accept the 2017 Calendar. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Tentative Council Orientation January 21, 2017

Mr. Taylor reported we are tentatively scheduling a Council orientation from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Midlands Tech Campus in Winnsboro. We will be reviewing the operating By-Laws of the County, Robert's Rules of Order, Home Rule Act and touch on budgeting and some of the ongoing projects. A representative from the County Association, Ms. McFadden, will be conducting the presentation.

B. Motion Period Process

14. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT

None.

15. 2ND PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES): INPUT CAN BE TO INTRODUCE AN ITEM NOT CURRENTLY UNDER COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION OR BRING A CONCERN TO COUNCIL'S ATTENTION. THE TOTAL TIME ALLOCATED TO THIS PUBLIC COMMENT SEGMENT IS 30 MINUTES.

- Jeff Shaffer – Congratulations
- Virgil Porter – No comment
- Tomi Richards – Re-zoning potential

16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Smith: Thanked Council for electing him Chairman. It means a great deal and he is committed to doing his best. He needs and wants Council's help and will be guided in conducting the meetings with a sense of fairness and respect to the Council and the citizens. He looks forward to working with the Council to do our best to improve the lives of the citizens of our County and to move the County forward.

Trapp: Congratulations to our new Council members and to our newly elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman and happy new year.

Ruff: Echoed Mr. Trapp in congratulations and looks forward to working together.

Robinson: Thanked the citizens of District 6 for entrusting him to fill this seat and everyone who helped to make Fairfield County better. Also congratulated the new Chair and Vice-Chair.

Goins: Thanked God for allowing the opportunity to serve Fairfield County. Thanked District 4 for their trust, hard work and support. She does not take the position lightly and is thankful to be working with a team. We are the lead players but also need the rest of the team. Congratulated the new Chair and new Council members. Thanked the whole Council for allowing her to be a part of this team. Looks forward to working with the County Administrator and the Clerk to Council.

Douglas: One supporter told him to always remember, it's not about me, it's about you.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION (SUBSEQUENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION, COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION).

18. ADJOURN

At 6:15 the Regular Meeting was adjourned by motion of Council Member Trapp and seconded by Council Member Ruff. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

PATTI LOCKLAIR
CLERK TO COUNCIL

WILLIAM B. SMITH, JR.
CHAIRMAN