

EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL

December 1, 2020

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The Edgefield County Council held their regular meeting at 6:00 PM Tuesday, December 1, 2020. Notice of this meeting was provided to The Edgefield Advertiser and others as requested.

Members present

- Scott Cooper, Chairman
- Albert Talbert, Vice Chairman
- Dean Campbell, Councilman
- Dr. Jacqueline Kennion, Councilwoman

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Others present

- Tommy Paradise, County Administrator
- Dana Waters, Finance Director
- Andrew Marine, County Attorney
- Taz Potts, Council Clerk

Chairman Cooper called the meeting to order and Minister Marcella Edward of Walking by Faith Outreach, Johnston, SC gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was then recited.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Vice Chairman Talbert seconded by Councilwoman Kennion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the November 2, 2020 County Council minutes (Regular Meeting of Council) was made by Vice Chairman Talbert seconded by Councilwoman Kennion. Motion passed unanimously.

Guest Speakers

Min. Marcella Edwards-GLEAMNS- Works within the private sector of the GLEAMNS program for Edgefield County.

Monica Mims-GLEAMNS-Works within the low-income sector of the GLEAMNS program for Edgefield County. Ms. Mims explained all the programs that are available for the public. She also stated that we have several programs to help and ask that we continue to let others know that they are available.

Louise Kemp Settles-GLEAMNS-Works within the public sector of the GLEAMNS program for Edgefield County. Ms. Settles spoke on the school program and explained the different projects and skillset that they have continued to implement to help students before and during this difficult time due to the pandemic. Councilwoman Kennion personally thanked the GLEAMNS representative for coming and sharing with everyone all the information and updates. Councilwoman Kennion also thanked the representatives for their dedication and service in making GLEAMNS a wonderful place for Edgefield County. Chairman Cooper also thanked each of the representatives for coming, and he also stated the monetary importance that GLEAMNS has done to help the constituents of Edgefield County.

Comments from the Public

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Ms. Anderson spoke on the consent agenda. She has requested that Chairman Cooper reconsiders the appointment of Mr. Todd Brown replacing Mr. Oliver from the Planning Commission.

Reports

There was no discussion or questions on the reports.

Consent Agenda

Chairman Cooper asked Council if there were any items that needed to be removed from the Consent Agenda to allow discussion. There were none. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented was made by Vice-Chairman Talbert, seconded by Councilwoman Kennion. Motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Appointment to the Planning Commission.

- 1. **James Burt**.....**District 1**
- 2. **Tracy Hamilton**.....**District 3**
- 3. **Karlene Butler**.....**District 4**
- 4. **Todd Brown**.....**District 5**

Consent Agenda Ends Here

I. Public Hearing

- 1. Public Hearing of “Ordinance Number 20-21-772, “An Ordinance Authorizing and Approving (1) Development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park Pursuant to Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as Amended, in Conjunction with Aiken County (the “Park”), Such Park at the Time of Its Initial Development to be Located in Aiken County and to Include Certain Property Now or Later to be Owned, Leased and/or Operated by the Company or Companies Comprising Project Clay Solar; (2) the Execution and Delivery of a Written Park Agreement with Aiken County as to the Requirement of Payments of Fee in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes with Respect to Park Property and the Sharing of the Revenues and Expenses of the Park; (3) the Distribution of Revenues from the Park Within Edgefield County; and (4) Other Matters Related Thereto. (Project Clay Solar)”

Chairman Cooper asked were there any discussion on these four items. Ms. Anderson asked were these parks new or existing, and wanted to know the location of each park. County Administrator Paradise, Chairman Cooper and Andrew Marine provided the locations for each park. She also asked why the parks were located in Aiken County and not Edgefield County. Chairman Cooper stated that it is up to the industry which chooses the location, works out an agreement with the property owner before it comes to Council. Mr. Paradise told Ms. Anderson these are solar projects and that a similar solar project was considering Edgefield County and that was Project Caddis.

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Comments None.

3. Public Hearing of Ordinance 20-21-774, “An Ordinance Authorizing and Approving (1) Development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park Pursuant to Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as Amended, in Conjunction with Aiken County (the “Park”), Such Park at the Time of Its Initial Development to be Located in Aiken County and to Include Certain Property Now or Later to be Owned, Leased and/or Operated by the Company or Companies Comprising Project Lake Amelia Solar; (2) the Execution and Delivery of a Written Park Agreement with Aiken County as to the Requirement of Payments of Fee in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes with Respect to Park Property and the Sharing of the Revenues and Expenses of the Park; (3) the Distribution of Revenues from the Park Within Edgefield County; and (4) Other Matters Related Thereto. (Project Lake Amelia Solar)”
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Ms. Pearson asked for clarification of the park, is the park a solar park an industrial park. Mr. Paradise advised that the park is an industrial park and that the infrastructure is not needed for the industrial park, the park is for the purposes of the state legislation to implement multi county park agreements.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Approval of Third Reading of Ordinance Number 20-21-772, “An Ordinance Authorizing and Approving (1) Development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park Pursuant to Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as

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1. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Approval of bid for reroofing the Administration and Archives building.

Date RFP Received	Company Name and Address	Bid Amount
11/09/2020 9:59AM	Nunnery Roofing & Remodeling Co. 2938 Lakeview Dr. Sumter, SC 29154	\$39,425
11/09/2020 9:59AM	Land Roofing Co. 208 Pear Street Sumter, SC 29150	\$39,800

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11/09/2020 10:32AM	Gilstrap Roofing PO Box 14986 Greenville, SC 29610	\$32,375
11/09/2020 12:09PM	Robert W. Nunnery Roofing Co. 1161 Dollard Road Summerton, SC 29148	\$28,920
11/10/2020 8:57 AM.	C.E. Bourne & Co. PO Box 614 Greenwood, SC 29648	\$55,950
11/10/2020 9:20AM	Bone Dry Roofing 120 Ben Burton Road Bogart , GA 30622	\$57,250 \$39,920 Recover
11/10/2020 9:45AM	ATD Restoration 5 Space D Taylors, SC 29687	\$68,750
11/10/2020 10:39 AM	Summit BSR Roofing PO Box 984 Mt. Holly, NC 28120	Late Bid Not Accepted

Mr. Paradise stated that staff has received bids for the reroofing of the Administration/Archives building and recommends awarding the bid to Gilstrap Roofing which is a licensed building contractor and specialty roofing contractor for contracts up to \$1.5 million. Gilstrap Roofing's license is active and does not have any complaints on file with the Contractor's Board. Gilstrap Roofing has also done satisfactory work for Edgefield County in the past.

Robert W. Nunnery Roofing Co. for the amount of \$28,920 is the actual low bidder. The company is license by the SC Contractor's Board as a General Roof Contractor and a Specialty Roofing Contracting with a contract limit of \$1.5 million. However, the Robert W. Nunnery Roofing Co. has two orders from the Contractor's Board from 2013 and 2014. Because of these, Mr. Paradise stated that staff would recommend the next lowest bidder, which is Gilstrap Roofing.

Mr. Paradise stated that there was a budget approved by Council to have the reroofing done for the Administration and Archives. Advertised for bids and chose the second lowest bid due to unsatisfactory conduct from the Contractors Board.

Motioned by Vice Chairman Talbert, second by Councilman Campbell. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Consideration of approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command (MARSOC), Marine Special Operations School (MSOS), and the County Council of Edgefield County, South Carolina.

Mr. Paradise stated that his MOU would allow the Marines to conduct military training exercises within the boundaries of Edgefield County. This a five-year agreement. The Marines would only conduct training on private property with the approval of the property owners. The County

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law enforcement and County administrator will be contacted prior to any training exercises. Mr. Paradise stated that Marines come to Edgefield County on a yearly basis to conduct their training exercises and the Memorandum is in place for the governing body to allow the training in Edgefield County.

Motioned by Vice Chairman Talbert, second by Chairman Cooper. Motion passed unanimously.

3. A Resolution Declaring the Results of a Referendum Held on November 3, 2020 on the Question of the imposition of a One Percent (1%) Sales and Use Tax in Edgefield County. Mr. Paradise stated that by state law, the governing body has (30) days to declare the results of the referendum and provide a resolution.

Motioned by Councilman Campbell, second by Chairwoman Kennion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

3. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

None

4. COMMENTS ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO REPORT BY THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Paradise stated that County signs were vandalized and there is a \$500 reward being offered for the arrest and convictions of those person(s) that vandalized the signs Sheriff-elect Rowland will be establishing a transition office in the old Auditors office to prepare his staff for the upcoming transition.

Mr. Hart Clark, Building and Planning Director will receive his Associates Degree in Business Administration on December 7, 2020 from Piedmont Tech.

Covid Cases are trending downward. There are currently 89 cases with 23 Covid related deaths within the County.

Utilizing excess CARES Act funding the SC EMD will be providing the match for the LEMPG grant and supplement. This will be an additional \$8,000 for EC.

Our EMA Department has requested reimbursement for leave time paid to employees who were sick from Covid-19 or required to quarantine because of Covid-19. The request should be funded through the CARES Act and we anticipate receiving approximately \$25,398.

EC has received payment of \$1,980.13 as a settlement in the Santee Cooper Settlement. It was determined that EC was a Settlement Class Member in the lawsuit.

Mr. Joe Simpson, Maintenance Department received his vehicle today from the bond that was approved.

Mr. Paradise and Chairman Cooper have met with Saluda County, and they are trying to find a location that would house a combined Detention Center.

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COMMENTS BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIR

What a year 2020 has been. I am confident that this year, each one of us has had our lives disrupted, our plans changed, and concern about our own mortality has hit all of us, regardless of age or physical condition.

Just this afternoon I learned of a dear friend, the mother of someone I grew up with, who Albert and I actually had dinner with in August during our South Carolina Association of Counties meetings, has come down with COVID-19 in addition to fighting pneumonia. She is now in the hospital.

There is a lot of angst about the future. I'd ask that we all think about the things that are truly important during this Christmas season, and consider demonstrating grace to all. Even those we may not agree with on 1 or 2 particular issues. This grace that we demonstrate to one another, as neighbors, is what truly makes Edgefield County Special.

From the standpoint of County Government, while we have had to move some things to 2021 which we had hoped to accomplish this year, it has been another good year. I want to share four bullet points about this year –

- Even with the COVID-19 shutdowns, new investment in our county will be greater than last year. I'll share the detailed numbers at our January meeting.
- This summer, we due to a major storm, we lost a major road in the Mill Creek Subdivision. CTC, County and State all worked together, including private property owners allowing a temporary road to be constructed through their property, enabled us to complete a project in roughly 3 months that initially was projected to take over six months.
- In October we learned this is the fourth year in a row Edgefield County has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association. This is the highest form of recognition in Governmental accounting and financial reporting. Less than 10 % of counties our size nationwide receive this award. Our County team is doing a great job stewarding our resources.
- In October we learned Edgefield County has been notified that our EMS service has been awarded the Mission Lifeline Gold Plus award by the National Heart Association for their medical response to heart and stroke patients. Only 13 of the 46 Counties in South Carolina received this award and only 9 received the Gold Plus. This is the fourth year in a row we have received this award. We have a lot to be proud of, when it comes to our EMS Team.

I want to thank all of our County Team for the exceptional work they have done this year – and I would ask our constituents, if you know individuals who serve in our County Government, I would ask you to thank them for their service to our community. They really are doing a good job.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We will see you next year!

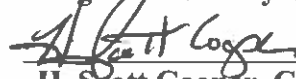
Unless there are any questions or comments for me, I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Vice Chairman Talbert and second, by Councilwoman Kennion to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 6:53pm.

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H. Scott Cooper, Chair

ATTEST



Taz M. Potts, Clerk to Council