

BARNWELL COUNTY COUNCIL
June 21, 2016
Council Meeting Minutes

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the news media was notified & notice was posted 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Barnwell County Council met for a Special Called Council meeting on June 21, 2016 at 6 pm. Attending were Chairman David Kenner, Vice Chairman Keith Sloan, Councilman Jerry Creech, Councilman Freddie Houston Sr., Councilman Lowell Jowers Sr., Administrator Pickens Williams and Clerk to Council Kim Futrell. Also present was Laura McKenzie with the People Sentinel. Councilman Harold Buckmon, Councilman Joe Smith, and County Attorney JD Mosteller were unable to attend.

The meeting was called to order, the invocation given, a quorum declared and the agenda was approved. Chairman Kenner welcomed everyone and asked for public comments. There were none.

Council discussed making an emergency care facility the County's 1st project on the Capital Project Sales Tax (CPST) list to submit to the CPST Committee. There was discussion regarding the amount a facility would cost to build and if the money could be diverted to the next project should the County be awarded grants sufficient to build a facility without the CPST funding or if a third party were to open its own facility making the project no longer necessary. Council also discussed the possibility that the money would be tied up if the sales tax were insufficient and additional funding were not received. Administrator Williams contacted Attorney Michael Kozlerek via cell phone during the meeting to advise Council on answers to many of their questions. Council requested that the Government Committee meet with the Mayors of the municipalities to determine if they would be willing to partner with the County by listing an emergency care facility on their Capital Project Sales Tax list.

Council discussed the remaining projects to be included on the Capital Project Sales Tax Project List. The consensus of Council was that the list and ranking of the projects would be:

1. Emergency Care Facility (11 million)
2. Repair and renovation to the Courthouse (3.6 million)
3. Acquiring and renovating the Southern Carolina Alliance Building (1 million)
4. Renovation of the Agricultural Building (1 million)
5. Water Line Improvements (Amount not determined at time of meeting)

Vice-Chairman Sloan moved to approve the project listing. Councilman Houston seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested.

Chairman Kenner-Yes	Councilman Creech-Yes	Councilman Jowers-Yes	Councilman Smith-Absent
Councilman Buckmon-Absent	Councilman Houston-Yes	Councilman Sloan-Yes	

The motion passed.

Council suspended the Rules of Procedure to allow Rodney Peoples to speak in lieu of the Chairman's closing comments. Mr. Peoples discussed the City of Barnwell's 2% Hospitality Tax and the Capital Project Sales Tax.

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded and it passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim A. Futrell, Clerk to Council



David Kenner, Council Chairman