



County Council Committee Minutes

Public Works, Buildings & Grounds Committee May 20, 2019

The Public Works, Buildings & Grounds Committee of Spartanburg County Council met on Monday, May 20, 2019, in County Council Chambers of the County Administrative Office Building. In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting was provided in advance to the local news media and other interested parties. The following were in attendance: Chairman Roger Nutt; and Honorables Manning Lynch and Jack Mabry, Committee Members; along with Honorables Michael Brown, David Britt, Whitney Farr, and Bob Walker, Council Members. Also attending were Cole Alverson, County Administrator; Jim Hipp, Deputy County Administrator; John Harris, County Attorney; and Ginny Dupont, County Attorney.

I.

Chairman Nutt called the meeting to order.

II.

- A. County Administrator Cole Alverson presented information in reference to the **Emergency Operations Center location**. Over the last several months, Staff has carefully evaluated our options for locating the new Emergency Operations Center (EOC). As part of their evaluation, they sought a property that incorporated several distinct characteristics. Ideally, the property would be (1) geographically separated from the 9-1-1 Communication Center in order to ensure continuity of operations; (2) centrally located in the County to provide easy access during activations and for Emergency management and Haz Mat responses; (3) economical; (4) topographically suitable for building; and (5) provide adjacencies to other public service providers, emergency responders, and communications infrastructure. A suitable building location has been identified on the property where our Fairforest Road Communications Tower is placed. This property is located within a half mile of Business 85, and within a mile of the Interstate 26 and Business 85 Interchange, Community Services Building, Fleet Services, and Environmental Enforcement. The parcel is directly adjacent to the Department of Transportation, the Highway Patrol, and the Department of Motor Vehicles. The site is highly suitable for the location of the Emergency Operation Center. It is about the best we could hope for in terms of how we would locate it. It is Administration's recommendation, and Spartanburg Community College is amenable to

discussing and pursuing an arrangement to site the EOC on this property. Administration is seeking approval from Council on the particular site before proceeding with any other planning, surveying, or any other expenditure of funds to ultimately make this come to pass. Motion made by Mr. Lynch to approve this location. Motion seconded by Mr. Mabry and carried.

- B. Information received regarding activities of the Public Works Department.