

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

SOUTH CAROLINA

COURTHOUSE AD HOC COMMITTEE

March 7, 2017
2:30 PM
Legal Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Pearce called the meeting to order at approximately 2:36 p.m.

ELECTION OF THE CHAIR

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Myers, to nominate and elect Mr. Rose by acclamation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- a. **Next Steps** – Mr. Rose stated he wanted to get feedback from the committee on how to proceed. He has spoken with Mr. Seals and discussed the best way to move forward. At the meeting, Mr. Seals requested 8 months to conduct a feasibility study and a needs assessment. Based on those findings, staff would come back with options (i.e. do nothing, renovate, expand, or explore relocation to other potential downtown Columbia locations). Funding recommendations for each option would come back as well.

Ms. McBride, Clerk of Court, stated she would strongly suggest not renovating the present courthouse.

Mr. Rose stated he agrees with Ms. McBride, but the County should explore all options. As a part of the needs assessment, a professional would come in and interview the Clerk of Court, as well as, other persons that utilize the facility on a regular basis.

Mr. Rose stated as an attorney he has had the opportunity to go to various county courthouses in South Carolina and Richland County has one of the worst judicial centers in the State. The current building has outlived its life expectancy and is bursting at the seams. This is an opportunity to make a lasting impression.

Mr. Livingston stated at an earlier committee meeting, a discussion took place about revisiting the previous assessment or conducting a new assessment. He still supports the assessment, but he does not want to wait 8 months without narrowing down the main things the County is looking for. He suggested setting parameters for the assessment.

Ms. Myers suggested establishing a scope within 30 days and identifying a group to undertake the needs assessment, which will allow them the 7 months to complete the needs assessment.



Committee Members

Seth Rose, Chair
District Five

Joyce Dickerson
District Two

Paul Livingston
District Four

Greg Pearce
District Six

Dalhi Myers
District Ten

Others Present:

Michelle Onley
Janelle Ellis
Sandra Yudice

Jeanette McBride
Clerk of Court

Major Roxana Meetze
RC Sheriff's Department

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Mr. Pearce stated Mr. Fosnight has a scope of work proposal he is currently working on.

Dr. Ellis stated staff will work on completing the scope of work to present to the committee.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Myers, to bring back a draft scope to the committee within 30 days. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:49 PM.