

# RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

## SOUTH CAROLINA

### COURTHOUSE AD HOC COMMITTEE

November 15, 2016  
1:30 PM  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Livingston called the meeting to order at approximately 1:33 p.m.

#### ELECTION OF THE CHAIR

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to nominate Mr. Pearce as Chair. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

**a. Move that Council explore the potential construction of a new Richland County Judicial Center**

Mr. Pearce provided the committee with a proposed "schedule" for the Richland County Courthouse.

Mr. Pearce recommended meeting with the City of Columbia (i.e. land/building swap, City court, etc.)

Mr. Livingston stated the City has appointed a Courthouse Committee.

Mr. Pearce stated next steps after meeting with the City would be to issue a RFQ for professional assistance.

Mr. Rush inquired about the projected costs to construct a new courthouse.

Mr. Livingston stated the projected cost was \$90-100 million.

Mr. Pearce stated the land and the building needs to be appraised.

Mr. Fosnight stated there would be 2 separate RFQs. The first would be a needs assessment and then another for design services after Council has decided on a location. The issuance of the RFQ and the completion of the needs assessment would take approximately 6 months.

The estimated cost for the needs assessment would be \$100,000.

Mr. Livingston will work to set up a meeting with the City of Columbia.



#### Committee Members

Greg Pearce, Chair  
District Six

Paul Livingston  
District Four

Seth Rose  
District Five

Torrey Rush  
District Seven

#### Others Present:

Chad Fosnight  
Michelle Onley  
Janelle Ellis

Jeanette McBride  
Clerk of Court

Major Roxana Meetze  
RC Sheriff's Department

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Mr. Pearce will be working with Mr. Fosnight and Mr. Seals to explore ways to fund the project.

Ms. McBride stated the current courthouse is bursting at the seams and there is not enough office space to accommodate the needs.

Mr. Fosnight stated the building is being surveyed because there are no accurate drawings of the facility.

The next meeting will be scheduled after the meeting with the City of Columbia is held.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 PM.

