

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
MAY 23, 2000
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Joseph McEachern, Chair; Paul Livingston; Anthony G. Mizzell; Stephen F. Morris; James Tuten

OTHERS PRESENT: Kit Smith, Buddy Meetze, Susan Brill, Bernice Scott, Greg Pearce, Thelma Tillis, T. Cary McSwain, Tonya Dunham, Tony McDonald, Milton Pope, Chief Harrell, Michelle Cannon-Finch, Larry Smith, Marsheika Martin, Mullen Taylor, Pam Davis, Ash Miller, Laura Pace, Randy Jorgenson, Mike Byrd

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 25, 2000

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to approve the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to adopt the agenda as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Richland County Coroner: Autopsy Contract Renewal

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve renewal of the contract with Richland Pathology Association for the FY 00/01 to perform autopsies for the Richland County Coroner's Office. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Consolidated Services – Records Storage Contract Renewal

Mr. Morris moved to approve alternate 2 (reject a renewal with Consolidated Services and re-bid the archiving contract). The motion died for a lack of a second.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to support the recommendation to renew the County's contract with Consolidated Services to archive County records for FY 00/01 with an estimated cost of \$67,000.00. The vote was in favor. Mr. Morris opposed.

Emergency Services: Purchase Orders Contract Renewal

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve an award of Purchase Orders for services in the 00/00 budget year. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Emergency Services: Ambulance Chassis Purchase

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to approve an award of contract to Vic Bailey Ford for the purchase of Ambulance Chassis for \$164,517.00. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Sheriff's Department: Purchase of Dive Equipment

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to authorize the purchase of Dive Gear and Equipment for the Dive Team.

Mr. Morris questioned if anyone else in the County have dive equipment besides the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Michael Byrd stated he was not aware of any. Mr. Byrd stated he believe the Department of Natural Resources does.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Sheriff's Department: Purchase of Robot System

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to authorize a purchase of a robot and robot reconnaissance system for the Special Response Teams.

Mr. Morris questioned if there was another bomb squad who has this robot system. Chief Harrell stated the Sheriff's Department has the only local bomb unit in the area. Further discussion took place.

Mr. Livingston commended the Sheriff's Department for paying low cost for good service for the above two items.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Columbia Cellular Telephone Lease

Mr. McDonald updated Council on this item. He stated the County roof consultant is working with the construction manager for Columbia Cellular Telephone to discuss different issues. He requested for Council to refer this item to the June 6th meeting for more information.

A discussion took place.

Ms. Scott had a question regarding liability issues; such as if lightning strikes the tower. Mr. Dan Lott, Pendington & Lott, stated there is a provision in the lease where Columbia Cellular is responsible for any loss as a result of their actions. He stated they would be responsible for covering any damages if lightning strikes.

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Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to forward this item to Council with questions to be answered then, if any. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ITEMS PENDING ANALYSIS

Funding Strategies for the Township Auditorium

Mr. McEachern stated the Township Board will meet on Thursday, May 25th and requested the committee to approve this item contingent upon the board's decision.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Morris, to forward this item to full Council with no recommendation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

Local Option Sales Tax: Overview and Recommendation

Mr. Mizzell gave a brief synopsis of the Local Option Sales Tax and the Committee.

A discussion took place.

This item was forwarded without a recommendation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Submitted by,

Joseph McEachern
Chair

The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin