

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
JULY 19, 2000
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph McEachern, Anthony Mizzell, Stephen Morris

ABSENT: Paul Livingston, James Tuten

OTHERS PRESENT: T. Carry McSwain, Mike Byrd, Rodolfo Caldwell, Ronaldo Myers, Chief Harrell, Dwight Hanna, Tony McDonald, Larry Smith, Monique Walters, Marsheika Martin, Pam Davis, Amelia Linder, Tony Holden, Mullen Taylor

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes – June 27,2000

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Finance: Budget Amendment to increase mini bottle revenue

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve a budget amendment to the Lump Sum Agency's budget in the amount of \$149,022.00 for the purpose of providing funds to the Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council (LRADAC). The vote in favor was unanimous.

Register of Deeds: Renewal of Software Service Maintenance Agreement

Mr. McSwain stated this was an annual agreement. He stated this is a budgeted amount.

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Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. Morris, to approve the payment of \$46,284.00 to Team Information Advantage, Inc. of Lexington, S.C. for the software service maintenance agreement. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Sheriff's Dept: Ordinance Amendment regarding vehicle towing, storing

Chief Harrell stated the Sheriff's Department discovered the ordinance had not been adjusted since 1983. He stated towing services are charging the same rates as they did in 1983. Chief Harrell stated the rate change is comparable with the City of Columbia and other areas.

Mr. Morris requested comparable rates with Greenville, Charleston, Florence on towing and storing.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to defer this item to the next committee meeting with more information presented at that time.

Mr. McSwain requested for this item to come back to the committee as an authorization of the establishment of a fee by regulation. He stated the regulation would need to come before Council. Mr. McSwain stated this procedure would be simpler to adjust during the budget process.

Mr. Smith, County Attorney, stated until the ordinance has been changed the towing fee would continue to be \$40.00 and \$2.00 for storage.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

EMS: Grant Award

Mr. McSwain stated this is an annual routine grant award. He stated the total grant is \$134,000.00. He stated the money would be for response, new equipment, patient care, access, training and in-service education for paramedics.

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Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve the acceptance of an EMS grant from DHEC for the purpose of expanding or improving County EMS services. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Grants: JEDA Grant Conduit for Southerly's LLC

Mr. McSwain stated JEDA is a flow-through. He stated there are 21 new jobs to require land, purchase machines and equipment.

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve for Richland County to be the conduit for loan funds to flow from JEDA to Southerly's, LLC in the amount of \$550,000.00. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Procurement: Contract Renewals

Mr. McSwain stated this is an annual request.

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approval the renewal of various contracts for services in the 2000-2001 budget year. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Detention Center: Diamond Pharmacy Services Contract

Mr. McSwain requested for Council to forward this item to full Council without a recommendation.

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to forward to Council with no recommendation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

Employee Health Insurance Coverage

Mr. McSwain briefed Council on changes to the employee health coverage. He stated the generic drug co-pay plan has gone from \$5 to \$7.00. He stated there was a reduction in name brand prescriptions from \$20.00 to \$17.00.

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Mr. McSwain the most costly part of the plan is the inpatient hospital coverage has now a \$250.00 deductible with a 90% co-payment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Submitted by,

Joseph McEachern
Chair

The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin