



**Richland County Council**  
**COURTHOUSE AD HOC COMMITTEE**  
**APRIL 10, 2017 – 2:30 PM**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29201**

Joyce Dickerson District Two	Paul Livingston District Four	Seth Rose, Chair District Five	Greg Pearce District Five	Dalhi Myers District Ten
---------------------------------	----------------------------------	-----------------------------------	------------------------------	-----------------------------

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - a. March 7, 2017 [PAGES 2-3]
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
4. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**
  - a. Courthouse RFQ
5. **ADJOURNMENT**



Special Accommodations and Interpreter Services Citizens may be present during any of the County’s meetings. If requested, the agenda and backup materials will be made available in alternative formats to persons with a disability, as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12132), as amended and the federal rules and regulations adopted in implementation thereof. Any person who requires a disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, in order to participate in the public meeting may request such modification, accommodation, aid or service by contacting the Clerk of Council’s office either in person at 2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC, by telephone at (803) 576-2068, or TDD at 803-576-2045 no later than 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

## 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

# RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

## SOUTH CAROLINA



### **Courthouse Ad Hoc Committee**

**March 7, 2017**

**Page Two**

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.