

Kershaw County Council Minutes  
Tuesday, November 14, 2023



A regular meeting of the Kershaw County Council was held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Kershaw County Government Center.

**County Council Present:** Chairwoman Katie Guinn                      Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones  
   Councilman Derek Shoemake                      Councilman Danny Catoe  
   Councilman Brant Tomlinson                      Councilman Russell Brazell

**Absent:** Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr.

**Staff Present:** Danny Templar                      Lauren Reeder                      Hannah Parler  
   Ryan Monaghan                      John DuBose                      Joey Adams - Raczkowski  
   Jeff Burgess                      Gerald Blanchard

Members of the press and public were present.

***In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, copies of the agenda were sent to the newspapers, TV, and radio stations, citizens of the county, department heads, and posted on the website.***

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairwoman Katie Guinn called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., welcomed and thanked those present in person and online to the meeting of Tuesday, November 14, 2023. The Invocation was led by Rev. Charlie Thomas, Pastor of Unity United Methodist Church, Lugoff, South Carolina, and all in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Chairwoman Katie Guinn called for a motion on the adoption of the agenda. Councilman Brant Tomlinson made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilman Danny Catoe. During the call for discussion, Councilman Derek Shoemake made a motion to amend the agenda removing Item# 17- Executive Session – Personnel Matter because it was a discussion that needed all Council present; seconded by Councilman Russell Brazell. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, and Councilman Danny Catoe were all in favor to remove Item# 17 from the agenda. Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. was absent for this meeting.

Chairwoman Katie Guinn proceeded to call for a vote to approve the amended agenda. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, and Councilman Danny Catoe were all in favor to adopt the amended agenda. Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. was absent for this meeting.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

By request of Councilman Derek Shoemake, a proclamation recognizing November as Community Giving Month was presented to all donors, volunteers, corporations, foundations, and organizations, churches, charitable organizations and generous individuals who give back to the people of Kershaw County. After reading the proclamation into record, Chairwoman Katie Guinn called for a vote to approve the proclamation. Councilman Derek Shoemake made the motion and it was seconded by Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones. During discussion, Councilman Derek Shoemake expressed his gratitude

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to everyone who participates in giving back to the people of Kershaw County through Blanketing Families and 4WW (For West Wateree). Chairwoman Katie Guinn called for a vote to accept the proclamation and by show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, and Councilman Danny Catoe were all in favor to accept the proclamation recognizing November as Community Giving Month. Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. was absent for this meeting. A photo was taken with Council and organizations.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairwoman Katie Guinn read the Rules and Guidelines of Public Comments into the record. Please see attached Sign-In Sheet for Public Comments.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

**Donny Supplee – United Way of Kershaw County Ventures and Progress**

Donny Supplee, President of United Way of Kershaw County and Chris McKinney, Chair of the United Way of Kershaw County Board of Directors, thanked County Council for their continued support of the United Way of Kershaw County; because of the continued support, United Way is able to help many people of Kershaw County with Social Services Provision and Public Transportation. United Way of Kershaw County is requesting continued support from Kershaw County by requesting (a) Extend the Lease for DSS/HHS for another 10 years (b) Provide matching funds for Public Transportation for United Way VAN (Vehicle Access Networks).

**Scott R. Adams – General Counsel and Corporate Secretary and Shivam Goel – Marketing Manager of Americas Sterile Technologies, Inc.**

Scott Adams, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for Americas Sterile Technologies, Inc., along with Shivam Goel, Marketing Manager, gave a brief presentation on the Palmetto Plant – North America Headquarters, Lugoff, South Carolina. STL is one of the industry's leading fiber optic manufacturers with a 25+ year innovation track record and customer base in more than 100 countries. In 2023, STL established its first U.S. cable manufacturing plant in Kershaw County, South Carolina. The plant:

- is strategically located closer to the customers in the region for speedier delivery,
- increases manufacturing capacity to meet the growing demand for fiber,
- minimizes the carbon footprint with in-region logistics and transportation, and
- creates more jobs in the region.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairwoman Katie Guinn called for a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting of Tuesday, October 24, 2023. Councilman Brant Tomlinson made the motion and it was seconded by Councilman Danny Catoe. No discussion. By show of hands, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Russel Brazell, Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, and Councilman Danny Catoe were all in favor of the approval of the minutes. Chairwoman Katie Guinn recused herself from the vote because of absence on 10.24.2023. Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. was absent for this meeting.

**DISCUSSIONS**

**Equine Development in Kershaw**

After a visit to Aiken, South Carolina by Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones, Councilman Russell Brazell, and Councilman Derek Shoemake, during their own personal time and expense, knowledge and experiences were shared in reference to the Equine Development in the beautiful Town. With some research and contacts from Jeff Burgess, Director of Kershaw County Economic Development, Kershaw County someday would like the possibility of having an Equine Development of their own.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES**

(Amended by Kershaw County Council, January 24, 2023)

1. Public Comment:

- is an opportunity for members of the public to share information with Council
- is not a time for debate with or questions and answers from Council
- is a time for Council to receive input
- is not a time for Council response

In short, during Public Comment Council will listen to public comment, but not comment on public comment.

2. Offensive and inappropriate comments will not be tolerated.

3. If a group would like to speak to Council, we request that a spokesperson be selected and that this person indicate the group he/she is representing on the sign-up sheet and in his/her comments.

4. Public comment is a time to discuss issues.

5. Public comment period is limited to 5 minutes maximum allowed per individual speaker.

6. Public Comments to Council as an agenda item shall continue uninterrupted to be live streamed by audio and video (where available) until the Public Comments agenda item is finished and concluded.

These rules may be altered or amended by County Council by a single vote – including, but not limited to, when the agenda item is reached.

## **PUBLIC HEARING GUIDELINES**

(Amended by Kershaw County Council, January 24, 2023)

1. Prior to the public hearing persons wishing to speak should sign up to speak.

2. Immediately prior to the public hearing, it shall be announced that persons wishing to speak must identify that they wish to speak.

3. When the public hearing is opened, that persons be notified as to how many people have signed up, and identified, and in what order.

4. Persons will speak in the order in which they signed up, and identified, and in the order, they have identified themselves as wishing to speak.

5. Each person can speak a maximum of ten minutes.

6. Comments at public hearings should be germane to the matter subject to the public hearing which should be liberally construed.

## **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS GUIDELINES**

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Rules as to Public Presentations

These rules may be varied by county council by a single vote at the time of the presentation.

1. A “public presentation” as an agenda item is limited to non-governmental organizations that wish to make requests or present information to County Council involving matters which are within the purview or statutory scope of County Council’s authority.

2. A public presentation is limited to no more than two (2) per meeting. The maximum time allotted for a public presentation is 15 minutes. No action is taken by County Council as a result of a public presentation. (Amended 9.26.2023)

3. Governmental entities, agencies of Kershaw County, or boards of Kershaw County can likewise present a public presentation as an agenda item. Governmental entities, agencies of Kershaw County, or boards of Kershaw County or entities that have a contractual relationship with Kershaw County can likewise request to be put on the agenda under New Business.

4. A request to be put on the agenda as a public presentation, or new business (if applicable) shall be accompanied by a written request which shall state the nature of the public presentation and the substantive content of the proposed presentation.

5. Individuals or representatives of organizations that wish to express concerns to County Council or to comment as to public matters are more appropriate to present their concerns or comments during the “public comment” section on the Council agenda.

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## **KERSHAW COUNTY VALUES**

**Residents** – We believe that Kershaw County residents are the driving force in the delivery of our services and solutions.

**Accountability** – We honor commitments to our customers and take responsibility for our actions in all that we do.

**Diversity** - We value a workforce that reflects diversity, equity, and inclusion so that we can respond to our community whose strength is found in our differences.

**Transparent Stewardship** – We uphold openness and ethical conduct in the planning, management, and accounting of our financial, economic, environmental, historical, and cultural resources.

## **KERSHAW COUNTY VISION**

The vision for Kershaw County is to exceed the needs and expectations of the county now and achieve the right balance between growth and preservations to become what future generations deserve.

## **KERSHAW COUNTY PURPOSE**

The golden thread that runs through everything we do as public servants is increasing the quality of life for our residents.

## **KERSHAW COUNTY MISSION**

As responsible stewards of county resources, Kershaw County will deliver efficient, effective, and safe public services while remaining accountable to our residents.

KERSHAW COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**11.14.2023**

If you would like to address the County Council during the Public Comments portion of the agenda, please sign in below. Public Comment allows 5 minutes per individual speaker. See back of agenda for complete guidelines.

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SUBJECT:

ADDRESS &  
PHONE NO.

- |     | NAME:                  | SUBJECT:                         | ADDRESS &<br>PHONE NO.       |
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| 1.  | <u>TOM WEBB III</u>    | <u>CODES</u>                     | <u>803 432 9304</u>          |
| 2.  | <u>Amy Kinard</u>      | <u>United Way Public Transit</u> | <u>803-432-2525</u>          |
| 3.  | <u>Jim Donahue</u>     | <u>United Way Public Transit</u> | <u>803-432-0951</u>          |
| 4.  | <u>Becky Yankrough</u> | <u>United Way Public Transit</u> | <u>803-424-3699</u>          |
| 5.  | <u>Jeff Mattox</u>     | <u>Free speech</u>               | <u>redress of grievances</u> |
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**ORDINANCES**

**First Reading: FILOT Ordinance for Project Tree (FILOT Agreement)**

Authorizing pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, the execution and delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, by and between Kershaw County, South Carolina and Project Tree, as sponsor, and one or more sponsor affiliates, to provide for a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Incentive and certain special source revenue credits for the benefit of a project in the County; and other related matters.

After discussion, there were many questions about the status of this Ordinance pertaining to taxes and fees leaving uncertain answers to move forward with approval. Councilman Brant Tomlinson would like to have more information about fees before casting his vote. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Derek Shoemake, and Councilman Danny Catoe were all in favor to pass the FILOT Ordinance for Project Tree (FILOT Agreement) for the First Reading. Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones and Councilman Brant Tomlinson were opposed to the passing of First Reading until further information is obtained. Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. was absent for this meeting.

**First Reading: FILOT Ordinance for Project White Oak ( FILOT Agreement)**

Authorizing pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, the execution and delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, by and between Kershaw County, South Carolina and Project White Oak, as sponsor, and one or more sponsor affiliates, to provide for a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Incentive and certain special source revenue credits for the benefit of a project in the County; and other related matters.

During discussion of the FILOT Ordinance for Project White Oak (FILOT Agreement), the same questions for Project Tree are concerns for approval before having final reading. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Derek Shoemake, and Councilman Danny Catoe were all in favor to pass the FILOT Ordinance for Project White Oak (FILOT Agreement) for First Reading. Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones and Councilman Brant Tomlinson were opposed to the passing of First Reading until further information is obtained. Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. was absent for this meeting.

**First Reading: Bethune Property Conveyance Ordinance**

An Ordinance authorizing Kershaw County to convey county owned real property located at 2843 Mecklenburg Road, 325 Brown Street, and 2863 Mecklenburg Road, to the Town of Bethune for public purposes, the property to be conveyed consists a total of 17.18 acres, more or less, and is further identified on the Kershaw County Tax Maps as Parcel Numbers B141-00-00-047 (11.18 acres, more or less); B141-00-00-048 (4.10 acres, more or less); and a portion of B141-00-00-049 (a 1.90 acre portion, more or less). (placed on the agenda by Councilman Danny Catoe)

During discussion of the First Reading of the Bethune Property Conveyance Ordinance, Councilman Danny Catoe made a motion to pass the First Reading conveying property owned by Kershaw County to the Town of Bethune for public use with the understanding from Legal that it will revert back to Kershaw County if Bethune does not use the property; seconded by Councilman Brant Tomlinson. Councilman Danny Catoe expressed his concerns about this property and the many approaches from the citizens of the area, the Mayor, and Councilmembers of Bethune. This will be an asset to Bethune as they move forward. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Derek Shoemake Councilman Danny Catoe, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, and Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones were all in favor of passing the First Reading of the Bethune Property Conveyance Ordinance. Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. was absent for this meeting.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Dates for November and December Meetings** (placed on the agenda by Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr.)

In the absence of Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., Councilman Derek Shoemake made a motion to proceed with the November 28<sup>th</sup> meeting and the December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, and cancel the December 26<sup>th</sup> meeting due to Christmas Holidays, and resume with normally scheduled meetings beginning in January, 2024; seconded by Councilman Danny Catoe. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Danny Catoe, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, and Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones were all in favor of the schedule for November and December meetings for 2023 for Kershaw County Council meetings.

**Deadlines for Appointments to Boards and Commissions** (placed on the agenda by Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr.)

In the absence of Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., Councilman Derek Shoemake explained that Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., would like to see in place possibly an ordinance or some rule that Entities and Delegations that have to appoint members on Boards and Commissions have at least a 90-day deadline to appoint someone or the appointment will be made by the Kershaw County Council. With this in place, hopefully, it will not delay the appointments and progress of the Boards and Commissions responsibilities and commitments. During discussion, Legal advised that an ordinance would be suitable stating such to cover all Boards and Commissions since they each have their own separate ordinance. No vote was done or necessary at this point, Legal will draft up an ordinance and report back to Council.

**Recreation Plans**

Recommendation from Finance Committee (placed on the agenda by Councilman Derek Shoemake)

Please see below the Memorandum and Recommendation from the Finance Committee pertaining to Recreation Plans.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**KERSHAW COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MEMORANDUM AND RECOMMENDATION**

**Summary**

The Finance Committee has reviewed a request for review and recommendation into potential recreation projects.

On May 23, 2023, Kershaw County Council passed a Motion to Improve Recreation Facilities. This motion allocated \$6 million in funds for use on suitable recreation projects, contingent on a \$6 million match from the Health Services District.

Pursuant to the Motion to Improve Recreation Facilities, the County Administrator collected proposals for improvements in North Kershaw, the Kershaw-County West Complex, and three alternative recreation projects in the Camden area: revitalization of Larry Doby Complex, revitalization of Woodward Park, or revitalization of both Larry Doby Complex and Woodward Park.

In turn, as required by the Motion to Improve Recreation Facilities, these proposals were reviewed by the Kershaw County Recreation Commission. On October 10, 2023, Parks and Recreation Director Shane Duncan presented an update to Council. Specifically, Director Duncan relayed that, along with the Recreation Commission's unanimous approval, he supported (1) moving forward with projects in Westville, Bethune, Boyd Young Park, Copeland Park, and the Kershaw-County West Complex costing approximately \$2 million; and (3) pursuing the option to improve Woodward Park and, if possible, purchasing the land adjacent to Woodward Park.

On October 19, 2023, pursuant to a referral from Vice Chairman Jimmy Jones, the Finance Committee met with Director Duncan and County Administration to discuss the various options. The Finance Committee accordingly makes the following recommendation.

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**Recommendation**

After reviewing the projects, and in light of the meetings on the same, the Finance Committee recommends the following to County Council:

- ▣ Approve \$ 367,000 for field improvements in Westville and Bethune, as set forth in the estimate provided by Director Duncan on October 10, 2023.
- ▣ Approve \$180,000 for lighting upgrades at Boyd Young Park, as set forth in the estimate provided by Director Duncan on October 10, 2023.
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- ▣ Approve \$1,273,000 for improvements at Kershaw-County West Complex, including the parking improvements set forth in the estimate provided by Director Duncan on October 10, 2023, and additions of food truck areas.
- ▣ Approve \$10,000,000 as set forth in the estimates provided by Director Duncan on October 10, 2023, for one of the two projects below. The Finance Committee defers to County Council as to which option is most prudent but notes that the Finance Committee does not recommend splitting funds between the two parks. The alternative projects are as follows:
  - o Revitalization Woodward Park and, if funds are available, purchase of the land adjoining Woodward Park.
  - o Revitalization of Larry Doby Complex.

**Conclusion**

The Finance Committee reminds County Council that, according to the Motion to Improve Recreation Facilities, moving forward on these projects is contingent on the Health Services District committing matching funds at their next regularly scheduled meeting. No funds from the County's \$6 million allocation to recreation will be expended until after this process is completed.

Based on the Recommendation and Summary of the Memorandum presented by the Finance Committee, and discussion with County Council, Councilman Derek Shoemaker made a motion to:

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This motion was seconded by Councilman Brant Tomlinson; by show of hands, Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, Councilman Danny Catoe, and Councilman Russell Brazell were all in favor ; opposed votes were Chairwoman Katie Guinn and Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones. Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., was absent for this meeting.

During discussion, motions were made and amended, withdrawn, and suggested. Chairwoman Katie Guinn made a motion to amend the motion to convey and give Woodward Park to the City of Camden; seconded by Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn and Vice-Chairman Jones were in favor of the motion; opposed votes were Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Danny Catoe, and Councilman Brant Tomlinson. The amendment did not pass. Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., was absent for this meeting.

**Planning and Zoning Code Violations (Wateree Plaza Dumpster)**

Placed on the agenda by Councilman Derek Shoemake, this discussion is pertaining to the Planning and Zoning Code Violations at the Wateree Plaza Dumpster complaint behind Food Lion with Little Caesars Pizza. Councilman Derek Shoemake made a motion to approve for Chairwoman Katie Guinn to attend the P/Z Hearing on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. on behalf of Kershaw County Council; seconded by Councilman Brant Tomlinson. Before voting, Chairwoman Katie Guinn made an amendment and motion to have Councilman Derek Shoemake attend the meeting with her on behalf of Kershaw County Council; seconded by Councilman Brant Tomlinson. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Danny Catoe, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, and Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones were all in favor to have Chairwoman Katie Guinn and Councilman Derek Shoemake attend and speak on behalf of Kershaw County Council along with Legal , if needed. Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr. was absent for this meeting.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**Board of Zoning Appeals (1 Vacancy) (4-year term)**

**Jeffrey Murphy** was nominated by Chairwoman Katie Guinn to represent District #4; seconded by Councilman Russell Brazell. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Danny Catoe, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, and Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones were all in favor.

**Planning Commission (1 Vacancy) (unfinished term ending 10.2.2024)**

Councilman Derek Shoemake made a motion to table the appointment to the vacancy to have input from all of Council; seconded by Councilman Russell Brazell. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Danny Catoe, and Councilman Brant Tomlinson were all in favor; Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones stepped out of Chambers momentarily, and Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., was not present for this meeting.

**Assessment Appeals Board (5 Vacancies)**

**Timothy Thomas** was nominated by Councilman Brant Tomlinson; seconded by Chairwoman Katie Guinn. By show of hands, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Derek Shoemake, and Councilman Danny Catoe were all in favor; Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones stepped out of Chambers momentarily, and Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., was not present for this meeting.

**Terry Bullard** was nominated by Councilman Russell Brazell; seconded Councilman Derek Shoemake. By show of hands, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Derek Shoemake, and Councilman Danny Catoe were all in favor; Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones stepped out of Chambers momentarily, and Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., was not present for this meeting.





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**COUNCIL BRIEFINGS**

Councilman Russell Brazell confirmed that he will not be running for Senate; he will remain on Council.

Councilman Derek Shoemake shared some events happening in the Town of Elgin. November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Elgin Tree Lighting; December 2<sup>nd</sup> Elgin Catfish Stomp; continued construction at the facility in the Park; presented Chris DeLong the Officer of the Year award; thanked the United Way for the amazing work they do in Kershaw County.

Councilman Danny Catoe shared some events happening in the Town of Bethune. December 2<sup>nd</sup> 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Christmas at Mt. Pisgah Resource Center; Bethune Adopt a Family – contact Bethune Town Hall – thanks to Mayor Holley for attending the meeting; congratulations to North Central Band for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> place in State Competition, North Central Volley Ball in the Lower State Region, to all athletes participating and making it happen for the best of Kershaw County.

Councilman Brant Tomlinson thanked all of his colleagues for the hard work and working together for Kershaw County; a special thank you to Rev. Charlie Thomas, Pastor of Unity United Methodist Church in Lugoff, South Carolina, who has some great ideas and plans for Kershaw County, and a Happy Birthday to his wife.

Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones thanked all of his colleagues for the work they do and the respect given to him and to each other; wished Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, and Combat Veteran Chairwoman Katie Guinn a Happy Veterans Day as well as all Veterans; reminder to everyone that Kershaw has Rules for Order of Business and Kershaw must follow the rules laid out; suggested that when people are leaving the room if a few minutes can be given for them to clear the room to avoid proper hearing and disturbance to others.

Chairwoman Katie Guinn reported the following: Thanked everyone for the work and support of Kershaw County; wished colleagues Shoemake, Tomlinson, and Jones a Happy Veterans Day; Green Hill Baptist Church (2<sup>nd</sup> oldest church in Kershaw) will celebrate its 161<sup>st</sup> Birthday on November 26<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.; met with the Concerned Clergy of Kershaw County that meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month presiding President Maran Bennett; Holiday Market for the Kershaw County Arts Center is November 30<sup>th</sup> through December 10<sup>th</sup>; Arts Center also has Elf the Musical coming and Charlie Brown Christmas December 7<sup>th</sup>; Elf the Musical will be December 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>; congratulations to the Thomas Sumter Academy Cheer Team in winning State Championship.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S BRIEFING**

Congratulations to Donna and Scott for a great representation for our EMS 26th Annual Carolina Competition at the Symposium in Hartsville placing first place - they will go on to the State finals to be held in Myrtle Beach in March as part of the South Carolina EMS Association Symposium; Boat Ramp update includes a meeting Thursday morning at 9:00 with Andy Wicker the DNR, Engineer, DOT, as well as Bridge Engineer, Permit Engineer to discuss the best options for the Boat Ramp; the bridge over US1 needs some emergency repairs which is handled through DOT and hopefully these repairs will not interfere with the boat landing area; As far as MatchBoard update, plans are to submit and have it up and moving by the first of the year to help control our Boards and Commissions; The County Administrator and Legal have been working with two attorneys after the passing of the founder and organizer of Battlefield Trust in reference to the Camden Burial. Information has been requested and contact has been made with the deceased attorney, but it is uncertain how much information will be received; boxed information has to be reviewed along with other FOIA request documents; this will be a longstanding project with a lot communication with different people confirming the Battle of Camden process. Council requested another update at the next Council meeting; A flyer will be posted as a resource for the US1 and I20 on the County's website to help citizens as updates come in on the status of design concepts from DOT.

**LEGAL BRIEFING**

No briefing to report.

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**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Clean Community Commission - Vacancy – (City of Camden Appointment)**

Council decided that they would reach out to the City of Camden about a nomination for the Clean Community Commission for appointment.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**IN: 9:15 p.m.**

Chairwoman Katie Guinn called for an Executive Session for a Legal Matter to include Legal, County and Deputy Administrators; seconded by Councilman Derek Shoemake. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Danny Catoe, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, and Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones were all in favor to enter Executive Session. Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., was absent from this meeting.

**OUT: 9:45 p.m.**

Chairwoman Katie Guinn called for a motion to come out of Executive Session; Councilman Danny Catoe made the motion and it was seconded by Councilman Brant Tomlinson. By show of hands, Chairwoman Katie Guinn, Councilman Derek Shoemake, Councilman Russell Brazell, Councilman Danny Catoe, Councilman Brant Tomlinson, and Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones were all in favor to come out of an Executive Session on an Attorney Matter. Councilman Sammie Tucker, Jr., was absent for this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

After no further discussion, Chairwoman Katie Guinn called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Danny Catoe made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Councilman Derek Shoemake at 9:45 p.m. to adjourn the meeting of Tuesday, November 14, 2023.

11. 28. 2023

Date Approved



Hannah M. Parler, Clerk to Council