

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
MARCH 28, 2000
6:00 P.M.**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Bernice G. Scott, J.D. "Buddy" Meetze, Susan Brill, L. Gregory Pearce, Jr., Thelma Tillis, Michielle Cannon-Finch, T. Cary McSwain, Marsheika Martin, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Pam Davis, Jim Prater, Sherry Wright, Judy Carter, Ash Miller, Robert Smith

CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order at approximately 6:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 22, 2000: Regular Session Meeting

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, 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

Purchase of 6 Jeep Cherokees for Sheriff's Department

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to approve the purchase of six (6) marked Jeep Cherokees and corresponding equipment packages for assignment to the forensic sciences division of the Richland County Sheriff's Department. The vote in favor was unanimous.

County as conduit for JEDA Loan funds

Mr. Tuten moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve Richland County as the conduit for loan funds to flow from JEDA to Columbia Health Care Services, Inc. with a requested loan amount of \$258,000.00. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Council Goals for 2000 and Funding Priorities

McEachern stated that some of the goals would change in priority because it needed further discussion.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to receive this as information. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Land acquisition for School District 1

Mr. McSwain recommended for the lease cost to be reduced at Dutch Fork.

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to send this item forward to Council, and in the meantime, the Administrator is to come up with a recommendation.

After discussion, Mr. Morris withdrew his motion.

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve option 4, exchanging the land for two years of free rent and instructed Mr. McSwain to ensure that all parties are in agreement. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Resolution for Babcock Center, Inc.

Mr. Tuten moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve this Resolution. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Resolution for "I Remember Mama" Day

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Resolution for Fair Housing

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to approve this Resolution. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Recognition of Census 2000 Poster Contest winners

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to recognize the contest winners. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. McSwain requested for the winners to attend the next Council meeting.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

Economic Development Project "Harvey"

Mr. Morris stated that the Economic Development has forwarded this item to Council.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to accept this item as information. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Eau Claire Cooperative Health Center, Request for Funding

Mr. Livingston stated he would like to revisit a motion made in December of 1999 regarding a funding request for \$250,000.00.

A discussion took place.

Mr. McSwain recommended bringing the two boards together and coming up with a resolution.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to instruct the administrator to bring the two boards together for a resolution, and if there were not a resolution, Council would designate \$100,000.00 to the Eau Claire Cooperative Health Center to help with operations of the Center.

A discussion took place.

Mr. McEachern called for the question. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The vote was as follows:

<u>In favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Livingston	Tuten
Mizzell	Morris
McEachern	

The motion passed.

ITEMS PENDING ANALYSIS

There are currently no items pending analysis.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:54 p.m.

Submitted by,

Joseph McEachern
Chair

The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin