

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

SOUTH CAROLINA

COURTHOUSE AD HOC COMMITTEE

April 10, 2017
2:30 PM
Legal Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Rose called the meeting to order at approximately 2:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 7, 2017 – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Myers, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADOPTON OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Myers moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to adopt the agenda as published. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- a. **Courthouse RFQ** – Mr. Seals stated his office looked at what could be done as far as viability. There is a process in which there will be an assessment of the current building.

Before the committee is an RFQ the County Administrator has drafted to solicit a consultant to assist with the assessment, but to also allow it to be broad enough so that other alternatives can be looked at within the parameters and scope of the RFQ. The County, in effect, is soliciting qualifications and the criteria is noted therein. One of the important criteria is the ability to work with a variety of stakeholders in the beginning. It's not to just look at the technical merits of the court: How is it going to grow? What's the caseload?

Although those are important, but you have to get the constituents and stakeholders in a more personal way to understand the things they are looking at. The goal is to arrive at recommendations the committee can look at that will be based upon a facility that can take this community through 2070.

It will take approximately 6 months of the on ground work. This needs to be a stealth process in order to not receive a jaundiced view of the courthouse.

It was noted that CASA will continue to be housed within a court facility. It does not mean the Council is locked into housing them in the court facility.



Committee Members

Seth Rose, Chair
District Five

Greg Pearce
District Six

Dalhi Myers
District Ten

Others Present:

Michelle Onley
Janelle Ellis
Chad Fosnight
Jennifer Wladischkin
Chris Younts
Gerald Seals
Brandon Madden

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Ms. Myers moved, seconded by Mr. Rose, to proceed with the issuance of an RFQ. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:36 PM.

