

**MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**November 27, 2012
12:00 P.M.**

CONFERENCE ROOM D - COUNTY SQUARE

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Council Office and mailed to the newspapers, radio stations and television stations.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Joe Dill
Vice Chairman Lottie Gibson
Councilor Sid Cates
Councilor Xanthene Norris

COMMITTEE MEMBER(S) ABSENT:

Councilor Dan Rawls

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeffrey D. Wile, Assistant County Attorney
James Dorriety, Assistant County Administrator
Debbie Templeton, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jennings Autrey, Sergeant, Greenville County Sheriff's Office
Gene Smith, Greenville County Recreation District
Ty Houck, Greenville County Recreation District
Dick Hills, Citizen

CALL TO ORDER:

Joe Dill
Chairman

INVOCATION:

Sid Cates
Councilor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Councilor Sid Cates moved to approve the minutes of the Committee on Public Safety and Human Services' special meeting of September 17, 2012. Motion carried unanimously by all Council members present.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE OF BEAUFORT COUNTY AND THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE OF GREENVILLE COUNTY

ACTION: Vice Chairman Lottie Gibson moved to forward the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Sheriff's Office of Beaufort County and the Sheriff's Office of Greenville County to full Council for approval. Motion carried unanimously by all Council members present.

SWAMP RABBIT ISSUES

Mr. Dick Hills, Citizen of Greenville County, expressed a concern for the high crime activity in the vicinity of his property on Old Bleachery Road which is adjacent to the Swamp Rabbit Trail. Since the introduction of the Swamp Rabbit Trail, he has experienced multiple property crimes, including trespassing and larceny. Since going public with his concerns with the crime and safety issues along the Swamp Rabbit Trail, citizens from along various areas of the trail, including Berea and Pickens, have come forth expressing like concerns.

Mr. Ty Houck of the Greenville Recreation District spoke regarding steps that have been taken regarding Mr. Hills' property which include reestablishing a gulley and installing a gate to prevent vehicular traffic. The Greenville County Sheriff's Office in addition to responding to calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week provides two motorcycle officers that patrol the trail during first shift hours.

Though appreciative of the response thus far, Mr. Hills believes more steps need to be taken to insure the safety of both person and property. Such steps may include, but not limited to, barriers, lighting, extra patrol, fencing, and stricter laws and penalties.

ACTION: Vice Chairman Lottie Gibson recommends convening a special committee consisting of representation from different areas along the trail along with Chairman Dill's review regarding safety and crime along the Swamp Rabbit Trail. Motion carried unanimously by all Council members present.

NOISE ORDINANCE SECTION 106

ACTION: Vice Chairman Lottie Gibson moved to forward the Noise Ordinance Section 106, as amended, to full Council for approval. Motion carried unanimously by all Council members present.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Councilor Norris moved to adjourn the meeting of the Committee on Public Safety and Human Services. Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Templeton, Administrative Assistant, Public Safety Committee