

GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 4:30 P.M.

COUNTY SQUARE - CONFERENCE ROOM D

COUNCIL MEMBERS

MR. BUTCH KIRVEN, CHAIRMAN
MR. WILLIS MEADOWS, VICE CHAIRMAN
MRS. XANTHENE NORRIS, CHAIRMAN PRO TEM
MR. JOE DILL
MR. MIKE BARNES
MR. SID CATES
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MR. RICK ROBERTS
MR. BOB TAYLOR ABSENT
MRS. LIZ SEMAN
MR. ENNIS FANT, SR.
MR. LYNN BALLARD
MR. FRED PAYNE

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted on the bulletin board at the County Square and made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned Citizens.

STAFF PRESENT

Joe Kernell, County Administrator
Mark Tollison, County Attorney
John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator
Theresa Kizer, Clerk to Council
Regina McCaskill, Deputy Clerk to Council
Paula Gucker, Assistant County Administrator, Public Works
Bob Mihalic, Governmental Relations Officer

OTHERS PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Butch Kirven

<u>INVOCATION</u> Councilor Fred Payne

Item (3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Councilor Norris moved to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2017, Regular Committee

of the Whole meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (4) THE PHOENIX CENTER / STRATEGIC PLAN

Presented by: Adam Brickner, Executive Director

The Phoenix Center

PHOFNIX CENTER OVERVIEW

Prevention

Worked with 11,000 people in FY 2017

- ECHO Grant for addressing Opioid abuse
 - o Coalition of Partnering Agencies
 - o Awareness Campaigns
 - Medicine Drop boxes throughout the County
- Collaborations / Partnerships
 - o Law enforcement, medical community, schools, and other agencies

<u>Treatment</u>

- Nearly 7,000 received Treatment in FY 2017
- Services- Professional, Highly Trained, Licensed Counselors & Peer support
 - o All Counselors have Master's Degrees
 - o 70 Counselors and 11 Peer Support Groups
- The Phoenix Center does what others can't works with Uninsured and Underinsured
- Uses the Family Effect Integrated Treatment Model through Duke University
- In FY 2017: 906 clients reported Opioids as primary drug of use
- The Phoenix Center initiated 48% into Recovery

Recovery

- 3,000 initiated into Recovery in FY 2017 through Treatment Services
- Recovery Communities on-site AA and NA
- Worked closely with FAVOR
- Strong recovery community

Summary of Accomplishments

- 10 Priority Areas identified through needs assessment process
- Nearly 11,000 Prevention participants and 7,000 Treatment clients
- 61% successful completion
- Improved client outcomes in all areas substance use, arrests, unemployment, homelessness
- More than 700 children and adolescents served
- 116 pregnant women served with 18 babies born with no illicit substances in their system
- 79% of clients assessed within 2 days of entry and 46% attended first treatment session within 6 days of assessment

PRIORITY AREAS

- Strengthen Recovery Oriented Systems of care and increase capacity
- Ensure quality Treatment and Initiation in Recovery
- Increase services to children
- Increase services to adolescents
- Increase services to pregnant women
- Increase access to Treatment Services on request
- Expand services to opiate users
- Continue Interim Housing Support
- Increase financial stability and diversity
- Enhance staff development of training

AREAS OF FOCUS FOR FY 2018

- Commission and Community Partner Survey
- Increase operating cash and accounts receivable
- Stabilize staff turnover

Item (5) BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEWS

(a) Human Relations Commission (4 vacancies)

The following individuals appeared before the Committee of the Whole and gave their personal presentations:

Ehlen, Melida - District 22 **Evans**, Roberta - District 17 2. Farr, Nicholas 3. District 21 **Floyd**, Frank 4. - District 24 **Griner**, Cynthia - District 22 6. Johnstone, Ethan - District 23 **Leamon**, Nyroba - District 21 7. McNeil, William 8. - District 25 Mendez, Kate 9. - District 21 10. Scott, Amanda - District 24 Yarborough, Hubert - District 24 11.

By ballot vote, the following individuals were elected to fill four vacancies on the Human Relations Commission: Roberts Evans, Robert Houston, Ethan Johnstone and Nyroba Leamon.

All recommended applicants were forwarded to full Council for final approval.

Item (6) <u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u>

ACTION:

Councilor Dill moved to go into Executive Session for discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee regulated by the County Council, or the appointment of a person to a public body.

Motion carried unanimously and the Committee of the Whole entered into Executive Session at 5:18 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mr. Tollison reported Greenville County Committee of the Whole out of Executive Session stating no action was taken during the session.

The meeting reconvened at 5:35 p.m.

Item (7) <u>CLERK APPOINTMENT</u>

ACTION: Councilor Dill moved to appoint Regina McCaskill as Interim Clerk to Council for not more

than 90 days while Council reviews the job description and authorizes the negotiation of

salary within the appropriate range.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (8) ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Councilor Ballard moved to adjourn.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present and the meeting was adjourned

at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Theresa B. Kizer, Clerk to Council