



CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL “SPECIAL CALL” MEETING

**Chester County Government Complex
Council Chambers September 24, 2015 at 10:00 AM
1476 J A Cochran Bypass, Chester, SC 29706**

Chairman Shane Stuart – Presiding

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE:

CHAIRMAN SHANE STUART

VICE CHAIRMAN JOE BRANHAM

COUNCIL MEMBER BRAD JORDAN

COUNCIL MEMBER ARCHIE LUCAS

COUNTY ATTORNEY JOAN E. WINTERS

- I. Call to Order – meeting was called to order at 10:01am by Chairman Stuart
- II. Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation, the invocation was done by Council Member Lucas.
- III. New Business –
 1. To discuss the Chester County Federal Building Roof & Structure – Chairman Stuart thanked everyone for coming to this meeting in such a short notice. After having engineers and architects go in and take a look, the condition of the building is worse than originally thought. Mr. Jarrett, with Hall Architect was unable to attend this meeting today but, he sent a letter that Chairman Stuart read. ***“The repair is immediately necessary because of the current condition of the building and its components at this time. The building is unsafe and could, in theory cave in upon its self which no one wants to have happen...”*** Basically the building has sunk about 6-8inches and the ceiling is falling. Judge Short and his staff have moved into the basement of the courthouse. Chairman Stuart included photos in the Council Member’s packets. There was a discussion concerning the matter. There was a quote initially given at \$19,000, but it was revised to \$16,000. (This email was also in the packets.) The amount to fix the repairs for the Federal Building should be included in the 1% sales tax money. There is \$175,000 setup for the 1% sales tax. Council Member Branham asked, “what are the plans for this

building after is it repaired”. Chairman Stuart stated that we would get it repaired as best as possible and then figure things out. Chairman Stuart did mention that Judge Short had mention that he would like to move back into the Federal Building, once it was repaired. Attorney Joanie Winters, explained the purpose of the council being called to this meeting as quickly as possible is because of the safety factor. There is a provision in the Purchasing Procedure Manual that allows the County Supervisor in this case, to go forward with procurement in an emergency situation without going through the normal channels of procurement. The rest of the repairs will go through the bidding process as they normally would. This is just to make sure that the building does not collapse while waiting to get bids. Chairman Stuart said that he would need to call the South Carolina Archives to let them see that we are not changing anything historical.

*****THERE WERE ENOUGH MEMBERS TO MAKE A QUARUM*****

Council went on record to vote on this matter, even though there was not a need because the rules state in an emergency, they do not have to. **Council Member Jordan** motioned to approve the repairs to the federal building, motioned **2nd** by **Council Member Branham**. **Vote was unanimous**. Susan Cok, was present and stated that she would contact the contractors today to see when they would be able to get started on the building.

IX. Adjourn – Council Member Lucas motioned to adjourn, **2nd** by Council Member Jordan. **Vote was unanimous adjourn.**

Shane Stuart, Chester County
Council Chair & County Supervisor

Council Member Archie Lucas
Interim Clerk to County Council

Minutes from September 24, 2015 by Tabatha Strother, Administrative Assistant