



CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Where: CHESTER GOVERNMENT COMPLEX
1476 J.A. Cochran Bypass – Council Chambers**

When: October 5, 2015 - Immediately following the 5:30PM CCTC meeting @6PM

**Chairman Shane Stuart – Presiding
Vice Chairman Joe Branham
Council Member Brad Jordan
Council Member Mary Guy
Council Member Archie Lucas
Council Member John Holcombe
Council Member Alex Oliphant
County Attorney Joanie Winters**

- I. Call to Order ~ Chairman Stuart called for a motion to adjourn from the CCTC meeting. Council Member Guy motioned to adjourn the CCTC meeting, 2nd by Council Member Holcombe. The vote was unanimous in favor of.**

- II. Approval of Minutes ~**
 - 1. Chester County Council Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2015- Council Member Holcombe motioned to approve the minutes for September 21, 2nd Council Member Guy. The vote was unanimous to approve.**
 - 2. Chester County Council Special Call Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2015 - Council Member Branham made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Call Meeting, 2nd by Council Member Jordan. During the discussion, Council Member Lucas had remarks pertaining to the wording that Attorney Winters asked to be noted in these minutes pertaining to the County Supervisor not needing the County Council to make this decision. Attorney Joanie Winters explained to Council Member Lucas that she asked the clerk to put this in the minutes. The vote was all in favor, by the members that were present.**

*****Chairman Stuart stated that there were some issues that need to be discussed before the meeting actually get started. Attorney Winters added that Council is not amended the agenda, they are just moving Executive Session up because they are pertinent to some other things that council will be discussing. Council Member Oliphant motioned, 2nd by Council Member Branham to move Section VI (6), item six (6) up to just prior to the Public Hearing, following that would be the Executive Session. The vote was all in favor.*****

III. Citizen Comments ~ no one signed up for comments

IV. Section 6 - #6 - Proposed fire ladder truck for Richburg FD – John Agee. Chief Agee and members of the Richburg Fire Dept. presented the Council Members with a power point presentation on the ladder truck that the Council is being asked to purchase. He explained that due to the economic growth coming to Chester County, especially the Richburg area, this ladder truck and it’s capabilities are needed. They have already looked at two (2) of the three (3) trucks that they are interested in. He will be looking at the third truck this coming Thursday. Tommy Darby, County Treasurer, spoke on how the county can fund this project. The project would go against the debt capacity. At the end of this fiscal year, June 30, 2016 the County will have \$3.3 million in available debt. It looks like on paper that there would be debt available to fund this type of project. Mr. Agee stated, “the ladder truck that we’re looking at is \$1-\$1.1 million.” He also stated that if the truck is purchased today, no money would have to put down. Just sign the contract, and pay after possession of the truck. Council Member Jordan asked, when would they be able to take possession of a truck? Chief Agee answered that it takes one (1) year to build a truck. He still has not heard from USDA about the \$50,000 grant. But if the grant is approved, that money will go toward this truck. During the lengthy discussion about various ways that this truck could be paid for, Council Member Oliphant suggested to allow Chief Agee to work up some specs on the truck. This will allow the council time to look at other ways to pay for this truck. **Motion to give Chief Agee permission to go the specs for the truck, gather information was made by Council Member Jordan, 2nd by Council Member Oliphant. The vote was unanimous for.**

V. **Executive Session** – Council Member Holcombe motioned for the meeting to go into executive session, 2nd by Council Member Jordan. The vote was unanimous for. The motion to return back to regular session was made by Council Member Holcombe, 2nd by Council Member Guy. The vote was unanimous in favor of.

1. Personnel matter concerning economic development position (Joe Branham) ~
2. To receive update regarding Economic Development projects – Carolina Poly and Project 1429 ~
3. To receive legal advice regarding the Fire District allocations ~

VI. **Public Hearing** ~ **no one signed up for comments,**

1. Chairman Stuart read this ordinance.

VII. **Ordinances, Resolutions & Proclamations** ~

1. **Chairman Stuart read the Third reading of this ordinance. Motion to accept this third reading was made by Council Member Branham, 2nd by Council Member Oliphant. The vote was unanimous in favor of.**

VIII. **New Business**

1. **Based upon the CCTC board approval, accept the bid for 2015 Roadway Improvement Projects ONLY** ~ Council Member Guy motioned to approve the bid 2nd by Council Member Branham. The vote was 5-1 in favor of. Motion to approve the reimbursement for the road signs was made by Council Member Lucas, 2nd by Council Member Holcombe. The vote was unanimous for.
2. **The approval of bid for the Chester County Juvenile Justice, Voter registration building, and Great Falls Fire Department re-roofing projects.**
Mr. Jarrett Davis was present to answer any questions and address comments and concerns from the council. Motioned was made by Council Member Oliphant to approve the bid for the re-roofing projects, 2nd by Council Member Lucas. The vote was all in favor for.
3. **RESOLUTION** - A motion was made by Council Member Lucas to adopt this resolution for Public Hearing, 2nd by Council Member Guy. The vote was unanimous in favor of.

4. **RESOLUTION** – A motion was made by Council Member Branham to adopt this resolution, 2ny by Council Member Jordan. Council Member Oliphant recused himself. The vote was 5-0 in favor of.

5. **FIRST READING BY TITLE** ~ a motion was made by Council Member Branham to accept this first reading, 2nd by Council Member Lucas. Council Member Oliphant recused himself. The vote was 5-0 in favor of.

IX. Boards and Commissions

1. **Appointment to the Board of Assessment Appeals (Mr. Henry Sanders, Jr)** – Motioned by Council Member Guy to appoint Mr. Henry Sanders, Jr, 2nd by Council Member Jordan. The vote was unanimous in favor.

2. **Appointment to the Board of Assessment Appeals (Mr. David Wayne Loftis)** – Motioned by Council Member Jordan to appoint Mr. David Wayne Loftis, 2nd by Council Member Jordan. The Vote was all in favor.

Attorney Winters encouraged the Council Members to talk to their appointees and urge them to attend the meetings.

X. Council Comments ~ none

- XI. Adjourn** – **motioned by Council Member Holcombe to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Council Member Guy. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.**

K. Shane Stuart, Chairman & County Supervisor

**Council Member Archie Lucas, Interim
Clerk to Council**

Minutes from October 5, 2015 by Tabatha Strother, Administrative Assistant