



**ANDERSON
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SOUTH CAROLINA

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County Administrator

**AGENDA
ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY
January 5, 2020 at 12:00 PM
Historic Courthouse – Council Chambers – Second Floor
Chairman Tommy Dunn, Presiding**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**
2. **OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY:**
3. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**AGENDA
ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 5, 2020 at 12:30 PM
Historic Courthouse – Council Chambers – Second Floor
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1. **CALL TO ORDER:**
2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mr. Brett Sanders
3. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:**
4. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:**
5. **APPRECIATION TO COUNCIL:** Mr. Matthew Merriweather (allotted 5 minutes)
6. **CITIZENS COMMENTS:** Agenda Matters only
7. **ORDINANCE THIRD READING:** none
8. **ORDINANCE SECOND READING:** none
9. **ORDINANCE FIRST READING:** none
10. **EMERGENCY ORDINANCE:**
 - a. **2021-001:** An emergency ordinance to declare a State of Emergency for Anderson County, South Carolina due to the Corona Virus (COVID-19) pandemic; procedures for operation of Anderson County during the emergency.
Mr. Tommy Dunn (allotted 10 minutes)
11. **RESOLUTIONS:** none
12. **FAIR PROPOSAL:** Mr. Rusty Burns (allotted 5 minutes)
13. **REPORT FROM PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY JANUARY 4, 2021:**
 3. Approval of Minutes October 23, 2020
 4. Executive Session:
 - a. Contractual matters on Pendleton
 5. Discussion on changes to EMS Budget Plan
 6. Discussion on an addition of a full time employee to the QRV's
 7. Discussion on the purchase of 2 new vehicles
 8. Discussion on putting EMS areas out for RFP
 9. Discussion on funding Pendleton 2nd truck
14. **APPOINTMENTS:**
District 1 – Planning Commission
15. **ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:** (Allotted 2 minutes)
16. **CITIZENS COMMENTS:**
17. **REMARKS FROM COUNCIL:**
18. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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For assistance please contact the Clerk to Council at 864-260-1036.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2021-001

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR ANDERSON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC; PROCEDURES FOR OPERATION OF ANDERSON COUNTY DURING THE EMERGENCY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, Anderson County, South Carolina has been impacted by and is immediately threatened by a public health emergency due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, Anderson County government has the responsibility pursuant to South Carolina Code Section 4-9-120 and Section 2-38(c) Code of Ordinances, Anderson County, South Carolina to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of Anderson County Citizens and to mitigate the effects of emergency events; and

WHEREAS, since December 11, 2020 Anderson County has been in the top ten (10) counties in the State of South Carolina in new daily positive COVID-19 cases;

WHEREAS, Anderson County has been in the top ten (10) counties in the State of South Carolina for total number of cumulative positive COVID-19 cases since October 25, 2020, a period of over nine (9) weeks;

WHEREAS, on December 25, 2020, Anderson County experienced the highest single day number of reported COVID-19 positive cases at 199 positive cases since the beginning of the pandemic;

WHEREAS, hospitals within Anderson County have recently reported that they are experiencing the highest levels of COVID-19 patients since the beginning of the pandemic and are operating at or near capacity for COVID- 19 patients;

WHEREAS, health care officials, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, have suggested social distancing and minimizing mass meetings as ways to control the spread of the COVID-19 virus;

WHEREAS, Anderson County Council passed Resolution R2020-033 on November 20, 2020 encouraging the wearing of face coverings when in public areas; and,

WHEREAS, the Anderson County Council has determined that it is necessary to put in place procedures to minimize mass meetings to the extent possible until the consequences of the pandemic subside and to further plan for the continuation of County Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Anderson County Council in meeting duly assembled that:

1. A state of emergency is hereby declared within Anderson County due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19);

2. The County Administrator, in cooperation with the Emergency Preparedness Department, Law Enforcement Officials, and such other federal, state and local officials as the County Administrator deems appropriate, is authorized and directed to take all necessary and appropriate actions to carry out the terms of this Emergency Ordinance and protect the life, health and safety of the citizens of Anderson County. Such actions shall include, but not be limited to, development and implementation of a plan for continuity of County operations; directing or redirecting personnel and/or functions of County departments and agencies for purposes of addressing the effects of COVID-19 pandemic while performing County services; and protecting the health and safety of County employees and the public for so long as the emergency exists.

3. All agencies of Anderson County are directed to cooperate to the fullest extent with the County Administrator and provide such assistance as may be required for response to this emergency.

4. During this state of emergency, the County Council and standing committees of County Council will meet on an as-needed basis determined by the Chairperson of County Council or the chairperson of the standing committees of County Council. Therefore, the requirement of Section 2-37(a) of the Code of Ordinances, Anderson County, South Carolina that the dates and places of all Council meetings for the year be established at the first meeting of County Council in January is suspended until the emergency ceases.

5. During this state of emergency, all boards, commissions, and committees (including ad-hoc committees) shall not meet and the County Administrator is directed not to schedule any such meetings. Any timelines related to any approval requirements by boards and commissions are hereby suspended and the timeline shall restart after the emergency ceases.

6. During the period of effectiveness of this Emergency Ordinance, any Ordinance, Resolution or policy of Anderson County in conflict with the provisions hereof are suspended by this Emergency Ordinance.

7. In accordance with Section 2-38 (c) of the Code of Ordinances, Anderson County, South Carolina, this state of emergency shall continue for a period of sixty-one (61) days unless sooner terminated by or further action is taken by the Anderson County Council.

[Possibly add paragraph 8: Effective date of January 15, 2021 in order to hold scheduled Planning Commission Meeting and Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting.]

ORDAINED in meeting duly assembled this 5th day of January, 2021.

ATTEST:

FOR ANDERSON COUNTY:

Rusty Burns
Anderson County Administrator

Tommy Dunn, Chairman
Anderson County Council

Lacey A. Croegaert
Clerk to Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leon C. Harmon
Anderson County Attorney



Public Safety Committee

Amended Agenda

Committee Members:

The Honorable Ray Graham, Chairman
The Honorable Craig Wooten
The Honorable Jimmy Davis

Monday, January 4, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

Historic Courthouse-2nd Floor
Conference Room

1. Call to Order: Honorable Ray Graham
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Honorable Jimmy Davis
3. Approval of Public Safety Minutes:
 - a. October 23, 2020
4. Executive Session:
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10. Citizen Comments
11. Adjournment:

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**Minutes
Public Safety Committee
Friday, October 23, 2020**

The Public Safety Committee meeting of Friday, October 23, 2020 was called to order at 8:32am by Chairman Ray Graham. Mr. Craig Wooten, Mr. Jimmy Davis, and Ms. M. Cindy were in attendance for the Public Safety Committee meeting. The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was provided by Mr. Craig Wooten.

The following items were discussed by the committee:

Mr. Craig Wooten made the motion to go into Executive Session for Discussion on Franchise Agreements with a second from Mr. Jimmy Davis, the committee voted unanimously 3-0 to go into Executive Session.

Mr. Craig Wooten made the motion to come out of Executive Session with a second from Mr. Jimmy Davis, the committee voted unanimously 3-0 to come out of Executive Session with no decision or votes taken.

This item is for information only. No decisions or votes were taken for this item.

3. Approval of Public Safety Minutes:

Mr. Craig Wooten made the motion to approve the corrected August 14, 2020 Public Safety Committee minutes with a second from Mr. Jimmy Davis, the committee voted unanimously 3-0 to recommend to Full Council.

4. Discussion on EMS Franchise Requests, Mr. Steve Kelly:

Mr. Jimmy Davis made the motion the County does not accept any Franchise applications for a period of six months until we evaluate how the QRV success rate is for the County. Any funds received by a company applying will be refunded with a second from Mr. Craig Wooten. The committee voted unanimously to 3-0 to recommend to Full Council.

5. Update on EMS System, Mr. Ray Graham:

Mr. Jacky Jackson requested an increase to the subsidy for the unit at Sandy Springs due to concerns that less subsidy is received from Anderson County for this unit than other providers are receiving for the same partial unit. At this time Williford and Ebenezer have a QRV in and removed the ambulance Priority had in place to be more feasible for the County. Mr. Graham recommended the subsidy should stay the same for this unit. The issues are with paramedic coverage in this truck and with the implementation of the EMD system and the QRV's in place, there should be less of a strain on resources making it a more manageable system. Staffing this truck with a paramedic/ EMT does max out the subsidy that is paid to them. This is an important truck for this area because each truck runs at least one hundred ten 911 calls a month. This a 12-hour day truck and is very busy. If this unit was replaced with a QRV the County would lose another transport unit which would be taxing to the surrounding areas. Since this truck was added Clemson University has not had to come into Anderson County to assist as much and previously it was once or twice a day. Since dispatch has been revamped Mr. Steve Kelly would like to have a discussion with Mr. Jackson that if it can't be kept as paramedic/EMT then it should go to EMT/ EMT. At this time the County cannot increase the subsidy so staff will work with him to keep it Paramedic/EMT. A paramedic is in place at the Zion Fire Department. The funding is not there to increase the EMS system so the County is trying to be constructive to provide the same level of care and improve the services for the same cost.

This item is for information only. No decisions or votes were taken for this item.

**Minutes
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6. Update on QRV, Mr. Steve Kelly, and Mr. Don McCown:

On October 1, 2020, the seven QRV's began operation and have been running for 23 days. Zion, Starr, Ebenezer, and Williford are 12-hour day trucks. Homeland Park, Centerville, and City Station 3 are the 24-hour trucks. The new dispatch software began implementation on Thursday, October 22, 2020. It will take a few days to get everything running smoothly and to make everything easier for the QRV's and the County as a whole. The impact of the QRV's has been significant. It is taking longer to staff and fill the part-time positions due to COVID. The system has been running well so far. This system is not only being used by Anderson it's being used in Iva, Belton, and the City of Anderson. Positive feedback has been received by providers and patients. One QRV was damaged by a fire truck. Mr. Steve Kelly appreciates the hard work of Mr. Joseph Stone in acquiring and outfitting the vehicles for this need. It took time to get everything running in a cost-effective means for the County. Some of the patient care protocols will be revamped to include new standards and this will decrease some of the needs for a paramedic and allow the EMTs to step up more. The EMTs can handle 97% of the calls received and the Paramedic will take care of the other 3%. Mr. Steve Kelly has received calls from across South Carolina and other States to see how Anderson County is implementing this system.

This item is for information only. No decisions or votes were taken for this item.

7. Citizen Comments:

Mr. David Hudon the Clinical Manager of Thorne Ambulance located in Greenville and Laurens. Mr. Hudon spoke about trying to remain in compliance. Thorne Ambulance will reapply to the Franchise Agreement in six months when it becomes available.

Mr. Brandon Nelson with Carolina EMS asked what process the County will use to verify the success of the QRV system and could the company continue to operate until the six month period comes if there are still calls there will be a need identified for people to come in.

Mr. Graham Carolina EMS will not be able to continue operating until a need is identified. The Council members will create some guidelines within this six month period to identify the need to add additional services into the franchise agreement. A notification will be sent out when a franchise opportunity becomes available in Anderson County.

8. Adjourn:

There being no further business, the Public Safety Committee meeting adjourned at 9:45am.

Public Safety Committee

_____, Chairman

_____ Date

**BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS
APPLICATION**

Please complete this application in its entirety and return to the address below:

Anderson County Council
c/o Clerk to Council
P. O. Box 8002
Anderson, SC 29622

All applications will be considered by County Council and appointees will be mailed written confirmation of Council's decision.

Name: Dunaway, Thomas W.
Last, First, Middle Initial

Board(s) and/or committee(s) in which you are interested:

1. Planning Commission - District #1
2. _____
3. _____

Physical Address and Mailing Address, if different:

_____ Physical
Same As Above Mailing

Home Phone: N/A Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Preferred method of contact: Email

County Council District: 1 GED Equivalent: Yes or No

Highest Level of Education: Juris Doctorate / ^{Law} School High School Grad: (Yes) or No

College Attended: Clemson University Degree: B.A. Political Science

Address of College: 105 Sikes Hall / Clemson / SC / 29634

Employment History:

COMPANY	POSITION	EMPLOYMENT DATES
<u>10th Circuit Solicitor's Office</u>	<u>Assistant Solicitor</u>	<u>October 2013 - June 2016</u>

<u>Dunaway Law Firm, LLC</u>	<u>Attorney / Partner</u>	<u>July 2016 - Present</u>
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Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: Dec. 18, 2020

Recommendation of Council: [Signature]