

MINUTES OF CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX COMMISSION MEETING

5:30 PM, March 28, 2024

Waccamaw Branch Library

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm.

In attendance:

Commission members in person:

Mark Hawn - Chair Gary Cooper (for a portion)

Robert Crenshaw Ashley Nelson

Reed Tiller Gary Cooper

Commission members present via Teams (virtual): NA

Commission members not in attendance: NA

Also present:

Jim Hipp – Facilitator for the Commission (via teams)

Walt Ackerman – Georgetown County staff liaison for the Commission

Members of the Press present:

Charles Swenson – Coastal Observer

The Chair then proceeded with the Agenda and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2024 meeting.

MOTION was made by Chewning and seconded by Nelson to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2024 meeting.

Motion passed 6-0.

The Commission reviewed information provided by Jim Hipp that is intended to help each member maintain consistency in scoring on an individual basis from project to project. The information was well received by the body.

The Commission then began the review of several of the projects that were submitted.

Mr. Brandon Ellis was in attendance and gave a brief presentation on P2 - New Emergency Operations Facility. He was able to provide significant information, insight and explanation of various aspects of the project that Commission members had questions regarding. Each member scored the project. Scores in each category were read aloud, but as with the first project reviewed on March 14, 2024, no final score was recorded.

The Commission then moved on to review of the following projects:

P5 – Kilsock to Plantersville Water System Connection

P9 – 701 Water Improvement Phase III

P6- Sampit Community Sewer System

Amanda Gill from Georgetown County Water and Sewer was in attendance and was able to answer numerous questions from the commission and fully describe each of these projects. These projects were not given an initial score at the meeting.

After this exercise, members of the public was asked for comments. One person in attendance spoke on the need to have projects in his area to garner his support of the referendum.

The Commission discussed the potential need to hold meetings in addition to its regularly scheduled meetings. This will be addressed more at the April 4, 21024 meeting.

The Commission will hold its next several meetings as follows:

- April 4, 5:30 pm – Howard Event Space
- April 11, 5:30 pm – Southern Georgetown Library
- April 18, 5:30 pm – Andrews Branch Library
- April 25, 5:30 pm – Carvers Bay Branch Library

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:42 pm via motion by Ashley, second by Crenshaw.