



AGENDA
KERSHAW COUNTY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING
MAY 19, 2020 3:30 P.M.
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS / KERSHAW COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
515 Walnut Street, Camden, SC 29020

Call to Order

Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance Chairman Julian Burns

Adoption of Agenda

New Business

- Appeal to DHEC Ruling on KershawHealthA
(placed on the agenda by Chairman Burns)

Adjournment

Individuals who need auxiliary aids for effective communication concerning the above meeting should contact the Clerk to Council at 425-1500, 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. The public may access the internet as a guest through the County's Wi-Fi and locate the agenda on the County website.: www.kershaw.sc.gov

PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES

(Amended by Kershaw County Council, August 12, 1997)

1. Public Comment:
 - > is an opportunity for members of the public to share information with Council
 - > is not a time for debate with or questions and answers from Council
 - > is a time for Council to receive input
 - > is not a time for Council responseIn short, during Public Comment Council will LISTEN to public comment, but not COMMENT on public comment.
2. Offensive and inappropriate comments will not be tolerated and comments should be limited to statements and rhetorical questions.
3. If a group would like to speak to Council, we request that a spokesperson be selected and that this person indicate the group he/she is representing on the sign-up sheet and in his/her comments.
4. Public comment is a time to discuss issues, not individuals. Other avenues exist for individual personnel complaints.
5. Public comment period is limited to 30 minutes with 5 minutes maximum allowed per individual speaker.

PUBLIC HEARING GUIDELINES

(Amended by Kershaw County Council, January 28, 2020)

1. Prior to the public hearing persons wishing to speak should sign up to speak.
2. Immediately prior to the public hearing, it shall be announced that persons wishing to speak must identify that they wish to speak.
3. When the public hearing is opened, that persons be notified as to how many people have signed up, and identified, and in what order.
4. Persons will speak in the order in which they signed up, and identified, and in the order they have identified themselves as wishing to speak.
5. Each person can speak a maximum of ten minutes.
6. Comments at public hearings should be germane to the matter subject to the public hearing which should be liberally construed.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS GUIDELINES

(Amended by Kershaw County Council, January 28, 2020)

These rules may be varied by county council by a single vote at the time of the presentation.

1. A "public presentation" as an agenda item is limited to non-governmental organizations that wish to make requests or present information to County Council involving matters which are within the purview or statutory scope of County Council's authority.
2. A public presentation is limited to no more than three per meeting. The maximum time allotted for a public presentation is 20 minutes. No action is taken by County Council as a result of a public presentation.
3. Governmental entities, agencies of Kershaw County, or boards of Kershaw County can likewise present a public presentation as an agenda item. Governmental entities, agencies of Kershaw County, or boards of Kershaw County or entities that have a contractual relationship with Kershaw County can likewise request to be put on the agenda under New Business.
4. A request to be put on the agenda as a public presentation, or new business (if applicable) shall be accompanied by a written request which shall state the nature of the public presentation and the substantive content of the proposed presentation.
5. Individuals or representatives of organizations that wish to express concerns to County Council or to comment as to public matters are more appropriate to present their concerns or comments during the "public comment" section on the Council agenda.

Kershaw County Mission

It is the mission of Kershaw County Council to provide policy leadership, work to ensure adequate resources are available, monitor the consequences of policy decisions and make changes as necessary to ensure goals are being met in order to move the county in the direction of realizing its vision for the future.

Kershaw County Values

In meeting the needs of the citizens of Kershaw County, Council will be guided by the values of honesty, transparency, courageous leadership, civility, respect and understanding issues and concerns through active listening.

Kershaw County Vision

Kershaw County Government seeks to create an environment in which partnerships between the private and public sectors are developed for the purpose of improving the prosperity and quality of life for our citizens. Kershaw County will foster a climate conducive to increased economic development and improvement of the educational, social and cultural opportunities for our citizens. Kershaw County will provide the leadership to ensure citizen participation in the governance of the county as it works to deliver the highest quality of services in the most cost-effective manner.



April 22, 2020

Dear Councilmembers,

As you may know the Health Services District of Kershaw County has supported the purchase of KershawHealth by Prisma. I have attached for your review the unanimous resolution passed by the District. We believe that the goals of a South Carolina non-profit, such as Prisma, will better align with the needs of our hospital and citizens than the investor owned model we have seen during the last few years. We also stand ready to vigorously enforce the binding provisions of our lease agreement if the hospital is bought.

You may be aware that DHEC recently took further steps to approve the purchase by Prisma. On behalf of the Health Services District, I am writing County Council to ask your consideration in supporting this purchase. We are aware that the purchase by a non-profit entity can create a fiscal challenge for the County, and we hope to be a part of facilitating a solution between the parties if you can support this purchase in principal.

Thank you for your consideration and work on this matter, and we look forward to continuing this important work with you.

Sincerely,


Derial Ogburn, Chairman

The Health Services District Board of Trustees



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April 27, 2020

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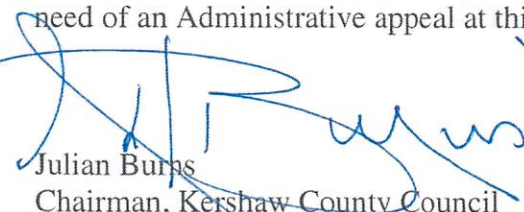
Mr. Chairman,

Thank you for your letter of April 22nd. It is most welcome. We especially appreciate the fact that it opens the door to outcomes that are mutually beneficial for all the Citizens of Kershaw County.

One of those outcomes is to keep our hospital local and viable. As we have indicated, we support its sale, which is the unanimous view of Council. We welcome the prospect of a long-term stable partner/owner of our local hospital.

We are also seeking to understand the ways this could benefit other aspects of the community (health, safety, physical activity). Using your offer to facilitate discussions, and taking the possibilities that you hold out to us, we are sure that we can arrive at an outcome that will allow the preservation of our EMS system - so vital to our healthcare system and our network of senior living. Certainly, we are prepared to do our best to maintain it in its current state of excellence. But as you well know, the timing of this deal, mixed with the crisis at hand, makes such a transition very difficult to accomplish at this point in time. Bridge funds related to EMS would fit within the Health Services District purposes and benefit the Citizens of Kershaw County. It will take us two years to be at a point where we can safely anticipate our ability to do so.

In all this, we talk to you with the understanding and awareness of your passion for our local healthcare system. We respect and admire it, and look forward to us holding a meeting as soon as possible between all appropriate parties. In view of a productive meeting, we do not foresee the need of an Administrative appeal at this time.


Julian Burps
Chairman, Kershaw County Council

CC: Members Kershaw County Council
Members Kershaw County Health Services District