

MINUTES OF BAMBERG COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING - March 29, 2022

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In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, Bamberg County Council met 6:30 p.m., March 29, 2022 in Council Chambers with limited seating for the public alongside livestreaming of the meeting provided for public view. **Present:** Chairman Spencer Donaldson, Councilwoman Sharon Hammond, Councilmen Evert Comer, Jr., Clint Carter, Phil Myers, Jr., Larry Haynes and Dr. Jonathan Goodman, II **Others Present:** Joey R. Preston, T.M. Thomas, Richard Ness and Chip Maier.

Bamberg County Council Special Called meeting was called to order by Chairman Spencer Donaldson at 6:30 p.m. Invocation was rendered by Councilman Phil Myers, Jr., followed with the pledge of allegiance led by Councilman Evert Comer, Jr.

On motion by Councilman Haynes, seconded by Councilwoman Hammond, the agenda was approved as submitted.

Chairman Donaldson called for a motion to enter in executive session to discuss a contractual/personnel matter/administration office (administrator's contract). On motion by Councilwoman Hammond, seconded by Councilman Carter, council gave approval to enter in executive session to discuss the contractual/personnel matter/administration office (administrator's contract).

On motion by Councilman Comer, seconded by Councilman Carter, council agreed to come out of executive session and enter in open session.

Chairman Donaldson announced that the council discussed in executive session, the renewal of contract for Administrator Preston and during the discussion it was agreed to extend the contract for one additional year. Chairman Donaldson called for the motion for contract renewal. On motion by Councilman Comer, seconded by Councilman Haynes, council voted for the renewal of Administrator Joey Preston's contract for an additional year. During this time Chairman Donaldson called for a verbal vote of being in favor or not in favor for the renewal of the contract. Voting in favor: Councilman Larry Haynes, Councilman Evert Comer, Jr., and Dr. Jonathan Goodman. Voting not in favor: Councilwoman Sharon Hammond, Councilman Phil Myers, Jr., and Councilman Clint Carter. Council Chairman Spencer Donaldson cast the tie-breaking vote and voted in favor of Administrator Preston's contract being renewed for an additional year, resulting in a 4-3 vote.

There being no further business for discussion, on motion by Councilman Haynes, seconded by Councilman Comer, council voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose R. Shepherd, Clerk to Council