

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBERS

September 25, 2024 9:00 A.M.

<u>PRESENT</u>: Committee Chair Hattie Burns, Committee Members Ben Conklin, Ethan Foard and Mary Anderson.

<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>: Council Members Rhett Butler and Douglas Curtis; Timothy L. Eubanks, Administrator; Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council/Office Manager; Michelle Stanley, Finance Director; J. Matthew Rivers, Circuit Public Defender and C. Heath Ruffner, County Attorney/Assistant Administrator.

<u>PRESS</u>: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 178 Mill Street, Chesterfield, SC, and the County Website (<u>www.chesterfieldcountysc.com</u>). In addition it was made available to the newspapers and concerned citizens (*upon request*).

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Burns welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Committee Member Conklin made a motion to adopt the September 25, 2024, meeting agenda. Committee Member Foard seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. March 21, 2023 - Committee Meeting

Committee Member Conklin made a motion to approve the March 21, 2023, Committee Meeting Minutes. Committee Member Foard seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Committee Chair Burns advised that pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(2), it was necessary for the Committee to enter into executive session for the discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, regarding the following: County – Municipality Contracts for Judicial Services.

Committee Member Conklin made a motion to enter into executive session. Committee Member Foard seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Committee Member Foard made a motion to exit executive session. Committee Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

REGULAR SESSION

Committee Chair Burns reported the Committee is back in regular session and that no action was taken and no motions were made in executive session other than to exit executive session.

Committee Member Conklin made a motion to decline the request to allow the full time magistrate to act as municipal judge for the Towns of McBee and Jefferson while a full time magistrate for the County. Committee Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Committee Chair Burns, Committee Members Ben Conklin and Mary Anderson. Committee Member Foard abstained. Motion passed 3-0.

ADJOURN

Committee Member Foard made a motion to adjourn. Committee Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVED:

Hattie Burns, Committee Chair

Judicial Committee Dated: March 5, 2025 **ATTEST:**

Betty M. Boswell Clerk to Council