

# RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL SOUTH CAROLINA



## RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

March 15, 2016  
4:00 PM  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Malinowski called the meeting to order at approximately 4:06 PM

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**March 1, 2016** – Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Mr. Malonwski, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to adopt the agenda as published. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### ITEMS FOR ACTION

- a. **Terms of Service** – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to hold this item in committee for legal to amend the language in Sec. 2-327(a) as follows: “... eligible for reappointment after one year following such member’s term expiring.”
- b. **Determine if an act that amended Section 27-2-105, code of laws of South Carolina, 1976, approved in June 2014, is a violation of Home Rule.**

**Background:** The above amended bill gives the state the authority to change county boundaries with no input from the county/counties being affected. This could have a tremendous financial impact on a county by the transfer of millions of dollars of property from one county to another or even changing a county line to put property in a neighboring county to assist with economic incentives for a new business.

**I also question why the Richland County Lobbyist did not make Richland County aware of this bill as it proceeded at the state level?**

**Currently the Richland County/Lexington County line is being looked into for change and neither county has requested this change or disputed the**

#### Committee Members Present

Bill Malinowski, Chair  
Julie-Ann Dixon  
Jim Manning

#### Others Present:

Kimberly Roberts  
Michelle Onley  
Liz McDonald

**lines. (See 10-4-15 Tim Flach article in The State for some details.) [MALINOWSKI]** – Ms. McDonald stated this matter originated when a State vehicle was involved in an automobile accident on I-26 near Harbison in the mid-90s and it had to be decided where the accident happened, Richland or Lexington County. The re-establishment of the County lines has been broken into phases. Due to pending litigation, the lines will not be certified until the litigation has been resolved.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if Richland County or Lexington County disputed where the Lexington/Richland County lines are located.

Ms. McDonald stated neither County has disputed the County lines.

Mr. Malinowski stated he would like to see a resolution drafted that states neither Richland County nor Lexington County are disputing the boundaries as they exist. Therefore, there is no need to go further with the Geodetic Survey trying to change the Richland County boundary.

Ms. McDonald stated the county lines have not been formally reestablished. The legal matter that brought the line into question was resolved and it was established which county should hear the case, but the actual line has not been reestablished.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to defer until the committee is provided a legal opinion on whether only the counties can dispute the county lines or can any entity and why the Geodetic Survey is taking steps to alter the county lines. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- c. Membership Requirements for Business Service Center Appeals Board** – Mr. Malinowski inquired about the following language: “Not more than one member of the Appeals Board may be an employee of the County.”

Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to strike the language: “Not more than one member of the Appeals Board may be an employee of the County” and have legal bring back an amended ordinance at the next committee meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- d. Add to Council Rules – All Regular and Special Called Council meetings will be broadcast** – Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to forward to Council with a recommendation for approval. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:34 PM.

The Minutes were transcribed by Michelle M. Onley, Deputy Clerk of Council