



Minutes

CORINTH-SHILOH SPECIAL PURPOSE TAX DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING

Regular Meeting January 30, 2024

Commissioners:
Dr. William Howiler, Jr
Mr. Monty Marcengill
Ms. Misty Morris
Mr. Wayne Smith
Mr. Richard Walton

Corinth-Shiloh Fire Commission met at 6:00 PM at the Corinth-Shiloh Fire Department, 940 Old Clemson Highway, Seneca, SC with all Commissioners, Fire Chief Kevin Christenbury, and members of the public in attendance. Additionally, Oconee County Councilman Hart and Mize were in attendance.

Press: 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 Corinth-Shiloh Fire Department, 940 Old Clemson Highway, Seneca, SC and the fire department website [www.corinthshilohfd.com]. In addition, it was made available [upon request] to the newspaper, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens

Members of the press present: Dick Mangrum/ 101.7 WGOG, staff of The Journal

Call to Order:

Chief Christenbury called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

Welcome and Introductions:

Chief Christenbury welcomed everyone in attendance to the meeting, introduced himself, asked for each commissioner to introduce themselves. Then each member of the fire department who was present introduced themselves and their position within the department.

Moment of Silence:

Chief Christenbury asked for a moment of silence prior to the Invocation by Mr. Owen Murphy

Invocation:

Assistant Chaplin, Owen Murphy gave the Invocation

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Meet and Greet / Purpose of the Group:

Chief Christenbury turned the floor over to Mr. Brandon Shirley to conduct an informal introduction of the commission members' background and reason for interest in service on the commission:

- Mr. Walton - Retired TTI executive largely servicing Home Depot as a customer
- Mr. Smith - Retired Duke Energy licensed operator, background associated with fire response
- Ms. Morris - Former ER mental health professional, military spouse, Mom
- Mr. Marcengill - Retired military, Retired Clemson University Fleet manager
- Dr. Howiler - Physician, Former Board Chair Oconee Medical Center, EMT-P, Trainer

This was followed by general questions by members of the community and commission members:

- Mr. T. Murphy (assistant chief volunteer fire department) asked each commissioner to describe their fire or emergency services background:
 - Mr. Walton - none
 - Mr. Smith - fire response team at Duke Energy
 - Ms. Morris - ER mental health professional, recent beneficiary of emergency response
 - Mr. Marcengill - procurement of fire equipment Clemson Fire Department
 - Dr. Howiler - a Volunteer EMT work with various fire organizations. EMT trainer for many years
- Mr. Walton asked about finances and accounting practices and sources: Members of the current volunteer fire department indicated that there will be a need for the commission to establish bank accounts and accounting practices. There are funds available from the volunteer fire department fundraising that could be made available to the fire district while it awaits cash flow from the tax revenue. These are all items that should be planned as early actions of the commission in concert with the volunteer fire department.
- B. Shirley asked that each member of the commission express their goals:
 - Mr. Walton - learn everything
 - Mr. Smith - get the fire department everything they need
 - Ms. Morris - to serve
 - Mr. Marcengill - help with procurement
 - Dr. Howiler - Learn, assure proper use of our tax dollars, provide quality fire and emergency services
- Ms. H. Mohr (member of the community) asked that the commission keep in mind that we are in a rural area subject to wildfire and their planning should include protection against this eventuality. She identified herself as an employee of the U.S. Forest Service with a background in wildfire prevention and protection.
- Mr. D. Crockett (member of the community) asked the members how they came to be selected for the commission, was it voluntary or through recruitment
 - Mr. Walton - asked by County Council Member Glen Hart
 - Mr. Smith - recruited by County Council Member Matt Durham
 - Ms. Morris - recruited by County Council Member Matt Durham

- Mr Marcengill - asked by County Council Member Don Mize
- Dr. Howiler - volunteered
- Ms. Carlquia (member of the public) expressed a number of concerns to the commission many related to the area in which she lives (Royal Summit Drive). These concerns included response times, equipment, fire district classification, number of people to be hired. She expressed concern that decisions were being made without consulting members of the public
 - Mr. Smith expressed his agreement that citizens had a right to know
 - Ms. Morris expressed gratitude for the comments

Oath of Office:

Chaplin John “Bill” Box administered the Oath of Office to:

Dr. William Howiler, Jr.

Monty Marcengill

Misty Morris

Wayne Smith

Richard Walton

All commissioners read the Oath of Office together.

Approval of Minutes:

No previous meeting minutes available, as this was the first meeting of the Fire Commission

Adoption of Rules of Procedures:

Ms. Morris made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith, approved 5-0, to adopt Model Rules of Parliamentary Procedure for South Carolina Counties

Adoption of Regular Meeting Schedule:

Mr. Walton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith, approved 5-0, to change the Thursday, March 13, 2025 meeting to Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

Mr. Walton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith, approved 5-0, to adopt the 2025 meeting schedule.

Appointment of Staff Secretary:

Ms. Morris made a motion, seconded by Dr. Howiler, approved 5-0, to appoint Mr. Kevin Whelan as Staff Secretary for the Corinth-Shiloh Special Purpose Tax District Commission.

Appointment of Staff Liaison / Fire Chief:

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Walton, approved 5-0, to appoint Chief Christenbury as Staff Liaison / Fire Chief of the Corinth-Shiloh Special Purpose Tax District for Fire Protection and the related Commission.

Public Comment Session:

If you are not able to attend in person and you have a comment, you may submit it by emailing kevinc@corinthshilohfd.com or calling 864-710-7011, so that your comment may be read into the record.

- No member of the public had comments

Commission Member Comments:

- Commissioner Howler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith, approved 5-0 to approve to nominate Mr. Brandon Shirley as a consultant for the Corinth-Shiloh Special Purpose Tax District Commission.

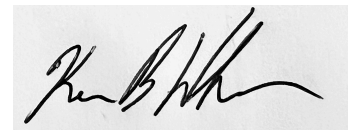
Executive Session:

None for this meeting

Adjourn:

Mr. Walton made a motion Mr. Smith seconded, approved unanimously, to adjourn at 7:08pm

Respectfully Submitted:



Kevin Whelan
Commission Staff Secretary

Next Meeting:

February 6, 2025 – Workshop

No Action Taken.

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Continue introductions and team building
6:00 pm, Training Room, Corinth-Shiloh Fire Department
940 Old Clemson Highway, Seneca, SC 29672

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