

**MINUTES**  
**Public Safety Committee Meeting**  
**June 17, 1997**  
**11:00 a.m. -- Council Chambers**

Council Members Present: Carol Burr, Chairman of the Committee, James A. Campbell, Chairman of County Council, Frank E. Williams, Vice Chairman of County Council; Artie Baker, Charles E. Fienning, Louis Fleming, and Naomi Sanders.

Media: The Item

Public: Approximately five members of the public and the Jail Renovation Committee were in attendance.

Staff Present: William T. Noonan, Mary W. Lewis, William A. Houser, Lath Harris, Eddie Newman, Bobby Galloway, and John Duffie.

1. Call to Order -- The meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Committee, Councilman Burr.
2. Items to Discuss:

Correctional Facility for Sumter County:

He informed the group that the Jail Renovation Committee along with members of Council visited the Georgetown and Florence Counties Correctional Facilities.

Committee Chairman Burr also stated that the Jail Renovation Committee not only study facilities, but it also study the operations of the facilities.

The Committee discussed the need to construct a new facility as opposed to renovating the existing facility. It was also suggested that the new sites could be located in the area of the Queen Chapel Road. Additionally, the committee informed the group that it considered expanding the proposed new correctional facility by including space for the Sheriff's and Magistrate's if agreed by Council.

**NOTE:** It was recommended by members of Council that the discussion of other departments within the correctional facility should be separated from this issue at this point and discussed at a later time.

Mr. Duffie stated that Mr. Bobby Galloway sent out 24 bid packages; however, only ten proposals came into the County; and the County responded to the ten proposals. Eventually, the Jail Renovation Committee narrowed the proposal down to four firms and those firms made presentations to the Jail Renovation Committee on May 21, 1997.

After the Committee reviewed all the factors for awarding the proposals, the Jail Renovation Committee decided on three firms to be brought forward for Council's Public Safety Committee consideration.

Chairman Campbell then called for an executive session to discuss contractual matters relating to the proposed architectural firms.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Burr, and unanimously carried by Council to enter executive session to discuss a contractual matter. At the conclusion of executive session, the members re-entered open session.

#### **OPEN SESSION**

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Baker and unanimously carried by the group to recommend to full Council the architectural company of Greir-Fripp for the renovation and/or construction of a correctional facility for Sumter County.

The Committee agreed to take this recommendation to Council at its June 24, 1997, meeting. Then the meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary W. Lewis