

## **Anderson County Legal Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes: October 28, 2024**

**Members Present:** Terry Frank, Tracy Wandell, Tim Shelton, Russell Barker, Regina Copeland, Jeff Cole, Rex Lynch, Gary Long, and Sabra Beauchamp

**Members Absent:** Johnny Alley and Josh Anderson

**Others Present:** LEEAN TUPPER, Nichole Brooks, Special Counsel Jamie Brooks Jr., Robby Holbrook, Denise Palmer, and Annette Prewitt

Terry Frank called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 23, 2024**

Minutes were **approved as presented** on a motion by Sabra Beauchamp and second by Rex Lynch.

There being no updates regarding legal matters, Jamie Brooks Jr. left the meeting.

### **Review of Applicants for Position of Law Director**

Interim HR Director Andrew Stone gave an overview of the applicants for the position of Law Director. He said there were a total of five applicants, and he was able to contact four of the five via phone and/or e-mail.

Rex Lynch made a motion to recommend to County Commission the hiring of Jamie Brooks Jr. as full-time county law director. Second by Jeff Cole.

After discussion following the applicants and the process, Gary Long made a motion to Call the Question (move on the previous question) second by Rex Lynch. Chairman Frank noted it had been moved and seconded to stop debate, and vote on the pending question. By show of hands, 2/3 having voted in favor of ending debate, the vote proceeded immediately with Rex Lynch, Russell Barker, Sabra Beauchamp, Gary Long, Tim Shelton, and Jeff Cole voting “yes,” and Terry Frank, Regina Copeland, and Tracy Wandell voting “no.”

Vote on Rex Lynch’s previous motion to recommend to County Commission the hiring of Jamie Brooks Jr. as full-time county law director (Second by Jeff Cole): The **motion passed** by show of hands, with Russell Barker, Rex Lynch, Sabra Beauchamp, Regina Copeland, Tim Shelton, Jeff Cole, Gary Long, and Tracy Wandell voting “yes” and Terry Frank voting “no.”

Chairman Frank noted the committee minutes would be forwarded to County Commission for placement on the November Commission agenda for consideration at its November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Legal Staff Compensation**

At the committee’s request, Nichole Brooks left the room.

Interim HR Director Andrew Stone reviewed Nichole Brooks' salary history and bonus history since 2010. After review and discussion, the committee opted to research comp time laws and to allow the new law director – after appointment by County Commission – to review and determine compensation for office staff.

Both Nichole Brooks and Jamie Brooks Jr. re-entered the meeting.

### **Unfinished Business**

Sabra Beauchamp made a motion to review the Private Act, for committee members to note any changes, and be ready to discuss and make decisions regarding changes to the Private Act at the next meeting. Second by Rex Lynch. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

### **Next Scheduled Meeting**

The Legal Services Advisory Committee will next meet on November 7, 2024 at 9 a.m. in Room 118A.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.