

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF DARLINGTON)

RESOLUTION NO. 676

**A RESOLUTION RE-ESTABLISHING THE
DARLINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Darlington County take great pride in the principles of democracy, the rule of law, and the institutions of our county government; and,

WHEREAS, the duly elected members of Darlington County Council are well aware of the poor overall condition and antiquated nature of our present courthouse, including inadequate layout for present-day court operations, insufficient design for current security considerations, lack of current life safety systems and dangerously antiquated HVAC and other operational infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, under the authority of Resolution No. 643 and Resolution No. 661, the Darlington County Council wishes to re-establish the Courthouse Construction Advisory Committee to provide guidance to the County Administrator concerning the architectural design and site design of a new courthouse; and,

WHEREAS, after over fifty years of use and service, the building is outdated and inefficient, resulting in ever-increasing taxpayer costs to maintain and operate; and,

WHEREAS, because our courthouse is the seat of county government, and stands as a symbol to all of the depth of commitment of the people of Darlington County to good government, pride in our locality, and respect for the citizens who daily use the courthouse; and,

WHEREAS, there is generally recognized among the citizenry a tremendous need to substantially upgrade this most important edifice of local autonomy and governance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of Darlington County, South Carolina, the Darlington County Council, that there is hereby established the Darlington County Courthouse Construction Advisory Committee, whose voting membership shall be constituted as follows:

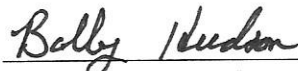
- (1) The Resident State Senator, who shall serve as Chairperson
- (2) The Chairman of County Council
- (3) The Clerk of Court
- (4) The Judge of Probate
- (5) Circuit Court Judge
- (6) Family Court Judge

- (7) One Member of the public appointed by the County Council Chairman who must be physically disabled,
- (8) One Member of the public appointed by the County Council Chairman who must have an Engineering and/or Architectural background,
- (9) One Member of County Council appointed by the County Council Chairman.
- (10) A member of the Darlington County Bar Association appointed by the Darlington County Bar Association, and
- (11) The Darlington County Sheriff.

The County Administrator shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the Advisory Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Committee is established to determine the specific needs of the County with regard to the construction of a new courthouse facility, to develop a timetable and method of implementation for such construction, to identify the sources of revenue and specific actions necessary for the undertaking of the project, and to render its report and recommendations to County Council no later than two years from the date of this Resolution.

APPROVED by Darlington County Council in meeting duly assembled this 3rd day of April 2017.



Bobby Hudson, Chairman
Darlington County Council



J. Janet Bishop, Clerk to Council