

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA
Regular Meeting – June 17, 2003 – 6:00 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk to Council

AMENDED
M I N U T E S

All area newspapers, radio stations and television stations were informed of this meeting in compliance with guidelines set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

PRESENT

Chairman William C. Dees – District #6, Presiding
G. Fred Tolly – District #1
Gracie S. Floyd - District #2
Vice Chairman Larry E. Greer – District #3 (Absent from 7:10 p.m. until 8 p.m.)
Clint Wright – District #4
Mike Holden – District #5
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7
Joey Preston – Administrator
Todd Davidson – County Attorney's Office
Linda N. Gilstrap – Clerk to Council
Tammie Shealy - Deputy Clerk to Council

ABSENT

Tom Martin – County Attorney

(During times of discussion and presentations the minutes are condensed and paraphrased.)

The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, June 17, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Bill Dees called the meeting to order and welcomed all present. Mr. Larry Greer gave the invocation and everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. Chairman Dees read the Quote.

Ms. Gracie S. Floyd introduced Mr. Christopher Reed who is the new Staff Psychologist for Vocational Rehabilitation. Ms. Floyd and Council welcomed Mr. Reed and his wife, Sylvia to Anderson County.

Ms. Cindy Wilson read Resolution #R2003-052 – a resolution recognizing and honoring Anderson County resident Walter Alexander upon his retirement as Mayor of West Pelzer; and other matters related thereto. Ms. Wilson moved to approve the resolution and Chairman Dees seconded. Vote was unanimous. Council congratulated Mr. Alexander and thanked him for his many years of service to the Town of West Pelzer. A framed copy of the resolution was presented to him.

Mr. Larry Greer moved to approve Resolution #R2003-049 – a resolution recognizing and honoring Dr. Don Garrison upon his retirement as President of Tri-County Technical College; and other matters related thereto. Chairman Dees seconded and vote was unanimous. Chairman Dees asked Dr. Garrison to join Mr. Greer and himself down at the podium. The resolution was read into the record and a framed copy was presented to Dr. Garrison. Council thanked Dr. Garrison for his many years of service to the County of Anderson and Tri-County Technical College.

On the motion of Ms. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Holden, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2003 meeting as mailed.

Chairman Dees reading the title to Ordinance #2003-025 – an ordinance amending, in limited particulars only, the Master Road List of all County Roads located in and maintained by the County of Anderson, South Carolina, created by Ordinance #2001-007; and other matters related thereto. Mr. Holt Hopkins reported that there was a map in the packet showing the area. He said after investigating requests on the next two ordinances up for Council's consideration, they discovered that a part of Indian Branch road needed its' own identification number. Now the residents living on the gravel section of Indian Branch their address is Indian Branch. He said that there was a main Indian Branch, which is tar and gravel – the section that turns off, is

also considered Indian Branch. In their opinion, it is a separate road. They requested that a separate identification number be given. The County has been maintaining the section in question for at least 10 years, which is approximately 1100 feet. Mr. Greer moved to approve the request and Mr. Wright seconded. Ms. Wilson asked if the road was left off the master road list and Mr. Hopkins replied that he was asking that the road be given an individual identification number and treat it as a separate road. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Dees read the title to Resolution #R2003-026 – an ordinance amending; in limited particulars only, the Master Road list of all County Roads located in and maintained by the County of Anderson, South Carolina, created by Ordinance #2001-007; and other matters related thereto. Ms. Hopkins said that this was at the end of the graveled portion that Council just discussed. It is an additional 500' at the end of the 1100' feet. The resident is handicapped and has requested that the County scrape and add gravel to that portion (private drive) for humanitarian reasons. Advice from the County Attorney is that it needs to be a part of the county system for the county to do that type work and there is not a real good way to make this road meet County standards. Mr. Greer said that he would offer a motion to approve and then request that Ms. Brown come and explain the situation. Mr. Wright seconded. Ms. Wilson said there were roads in District #7 that had to do a special tax district arrangement for road repair. There is also a road in District #7 where there is a seriously disabled child; mentally and physically challenged and she was told that the County could not scrape the road even though the family claims that there is a history of maintaining the road. She also said that the County needs to do everything possible for citizens in difficulties and she would like to request that if the Council approves this then they need to agree to do that on Mt. Bethel Road in District #7 which is virtually the same situation. She said she wondered what type of precedent that the County will be setting. Mr. Hopkins said that since he became Director of Public Works the County has utilized the Special Tax District solution to these type problems. Mr. Wright said that the ordinance was simply a re-write of the Road Standards in the County and he said he wondered what legal position the County would be put in for people that the County has required in the last few years to have their roads brought up to standards in subdivisions. Mr. Holden said that he had a request for two dirt roads needing work and the county sent them a letter saying that they could not work on private problem and if the County does this the County would be opening up for Ms. Wilson's request and his request. Ms. Floyd asked Mr. Greer if he had another recourse and he said that the only one was the Special Tax District, which would be creating such a tax burden on the property owner that it would not be practical to do. Ms. Brown said that that her brother-in-law lived on Indian Branch – she lives on Milt Drive another road in the same area. She said that they live on the very end of Milt Drive with no way in and no way out. At the time there was a 50' right-of-way given through all 7 properties. She said that the County in 1992 came in and cut a road down to their back door, which was scraped, ditched and graveled. The said they would continue to maintain the road but the County never came back. A petition was turned in and since then her husband has had two massive heart attacks and is disabled. This road is 1800'. Mr. Holden suggested that the County maintain the road under humanitarian reasons. The Attorney stated that even if the County works on the road for humanitarian reasons Council is still breaking the law if it is not a county road. The only way to legally do it is to adopt it as a county road. Ms. Wilson asked what the cost to the county would be. Mr. Hopkins said that an estimate had not been prepared. Ms. Wilson said that knew of a developer who got a road built in her district at County and "C" fund expense. Ms. Wilson moved to table the ordinance for further study and bring up at the next meeting. Ms. Floyd seconded and vote was six in favor and one opposed (Greer). Mr. Greer said that this was in his district and it was not an unusual situation. He said that Council needed to look at the situation. Ms. Wilson said that the Mt. Nebo waterline was resolved because Council agreed to let her appropriate funding from District #7's paving fund account. Mr. Greer said it was not a question of money from the paving account rather the question is whether the Council is ready to commit to that course of action then he would ask for approval to appropriate the necessary funds.

Mr. Greer moved to approve Ordinance #2003-027 – an ordinance amending, in limited particulars only, the Master Road List of all County Roads located in and maintained by the County of Anderson, South Carolina, created by Ordinance #2001-007; and other matters related thereto. Mr. Wright seconded the motion. Mr. Wright said that Ordinance #2003-026 is an ordinance dealing with a road that the County has never maintained and never met County standards so that is a separate issue than item #C (Ordinance #2003-028) which has been maintained at one time by the County. So that puts Council in a different situation. He

said that he would like to see the agreements that the County has that were entered into in the 90s. Mr. Greer requested the Administrator to have staff along with the Attorney's Office research County Ordinances and records for any agreements pertaining to both items (B and C). This would include any humanitarian relief in the form of a line access for emergency vehicles. He asked that the information be furnished to him before the next meeting. Mr. Floyd also asked that a copy of the reports be sent to her also. Ms. Floyd moved to table the ordinance and Ms. Wilson seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Dees read title for first reading consideration to Ordinance #2003-022 – an ordinance to amend ordinance #98-019, as previously amended by Ordinances #99-029, #2000-063, #2001-014, #2001-046, #2002-017, and #2002-036 relating to the industrial/business park of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park. Mr. Greer moved to approve and Mr. Wright and Ms. Wilson seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Dees read title for first reading consideration to Ordinance #2003-028 – an ordinance authorizing the leasing of a corporate hangar, office space within said corporate hangar and certain adjoining land at the Anderson Regional Airport to the Anderson County Sheriff's Office; and other matters related thereto. Mr. Tolly moved to approve and Mr. Wright seconded. Ms. Wilson said that it looked like the sheriff would be paying \$3,000 per month for rent and it looks like it is going from one pocket to another to meet FAA regulations. Does the County use our Sheriff Department's helicopter for any other activities other than for law enforcement and for public demonstrations? Mr. Preston said he was not authorized to answer that. Vote was unanimous.

Council recessed at this time. (7:10 p.m.) Chairman Dees called the meeting back to order.

Mr. Shawn Colin with the Council of Governments was in attendance to present the County's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy report. Mr. Greer said that he was requested by the Disabled American Veterans to make a presentation so he excused himself. (Mr. Greer left the meeting at this time.)

Mr. Colin said that in 2001 the COG developed the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the six county region. Last year Anderson County Council adopted the Anderson County portion of the project Initiative List which was submitted in the regional plan submitted to the Economic Development Administration as the fully revised 2002 Comprehensive Economic Development strategy. The plan is for 5 years and each interim year the plan requires COG to do an annual progress report. We haven't amended the plan that Council officially endorsed last year. They are just trying to provide a progress report based on their reporting requirements. We have projects that may state that they are completed but they must go by fiscal year so either initiated, partially completed, or fully completed within the fiscal year for reporting requirements. EDA requires that a schedule be set up for projects that will most likely start in fiscal year 2004 and that is also included in the plan. The report does not exclude the 284 projects that were included in the Anderson County portion of the plan that was adopted last year. This is provided for information and does not amend the plan. EDA recommends that this be presented to all County Councils and ask for a letter of endorsement that states that they have received and reviewed the update and they still endorse the projects and initiatives that were in the plan adopted last year. This will be done each of the next three years until 2007. Mr. Wright moved to approve and Ms. Wilson seconded. Ms. Wilson said on page 13 and 14 there were several projects that have been completed but there are several projects that have not even begun. For example on Midway Road resurfacing and spot improvements and Welcome Road, resurfacing and spot improvements have not been done at all. There was a lot of discussion about the Long Road reconstruction last year, other than redoing the intersection of Long with Midway everything has been accomplished on the Highway 81 end, she said. She said she needed to know if there was more extensive work planned. Under Waste Water – Phase 1a of Beaverdam has not even begun. Powdersville is completed, S.C. 8/US 29 completed, US 76 completed, Rocky River Trunk line – there is already a truck line in there and she thought that was mostly the City. She said that some of this needed to be clarified. Mr. Colin said that the above projects were either completed or scheduled to initiate in fiscal year 2003. Some type of fiscal commitment or timeline set for those projects. Toward the end of the report lists the 2004 projects and the document was only a progress report. Ms. Floyd said that the wording of the report does

not say a progress report is says "Projects completed in fiscal year 2003". Also it goes on to say a "Summary of projects completed in fiscal year 2003 is listed below". She says that she has a problem the statement that "these" projects were completed. She said that some of the Downtown Development has not been completed. Council agreed that they did not have adequate information to properly vote on the plan. Ms. Wilson moved to table and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was four in favor, one opposed (Wright), one absent during vote (Greer) and one abstention (Floyd). Motion to table carried.

Chairman Dees read title of Resolution #R2003-050 – a resolution recognizing and honoring Anderson County resident Cameron L. Gray on this nomination to attend the National Youth Leadership forum on Technology; and other matters related thereto. Mr. Holden moved to approve and Ms. Wilson seconded. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Holden read the resolution into the record and then presented a framed copy of the resolution and Council publicly commended Mr. Gray for his outstanding achievement.

Chairman Dees read title of Resolution #R2003-051 – a resolution recognizing and honoring Anderson County Resident William S. Hanks upon his retirement from the Honea Path Police Department; and other matters related thereto. Ms. Wilson moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous. Ms. Wilson read the resolution into record and a framed copy of the resolution was presented to Mr. Hanks for his many years of service to the Honea Path Police Department.

Citizen Comments: Mr. Ed Jean said that he was floored after the last Council meeting when his Council representative (Ms. Wilson) gave the presentation on the two sewer lines. He did not understand why it was being done at the Council meeting. It seemed that there might be an arterial motive as to why it is necessary to bring up a Williamston City sewer problem. He said that he believed council should require a formal disclaimer when writing on county letterhead. Mr. Brooks Brown talked about the council's "slush" fund and he noticed in the paper that Mr. Tolly, and Ms. Wilson would give up these funds. He asked council to allow the Administrator manage the day-to-day operations of the county. Mr. Dan Harvell stated that at the last meeting Council passed a resolution that was a deliberate move against the Council member of District 5. He said that it was obvious that Council did not wish Ms. Wilson to represent her district in such a manner in which she was elected to do. Council implied that she was speaking for the entire Council since she used the same stationery that others do being duly elected Council members of this County. He said that the resolution stated that she was in opposition to the renewal permit and it did not. It only asked for public input before the Sewer expansion was voted on here. Council then voted 4-3 to not let her make the letter of the public record by reading it aloud. He said Council had the related documents and an explanation of why this resolution was not factual, an obvious attempt to distort the facts and at the same attempt to discredit a fellow council member. It is still unsure who claims original credit for the resolution because all Council members sat silent when asked, he said. They can now only draw conclusion that the County Attorney took orders from the Anderson City Manager.

Council recognized Suzanne McMahan, of Special Populations and Recreation, as Employee of the Month for May. Council presented Ms. McMahan all the special Employee of Month gifts. Council commended Ms. McMahan for all her dedication and hard work as an employee of the County.

Mr. Joey Preston said that at the last County Council meeting Ms. Wilson appropriated \$1,000 for the S.C. Watercolor Society for a special function. Mr. Jim Zeiche with Allied Waste presented Ms. Rosemary Moore of the S.C. Watercolor Society a check in the amount of \$2,500 for their 26th Annual Exhibition. Ms. Moore thanked Mr. Zeiche for his donation.

Ms. Cindy Wilson showed slides of the Evergreen Road and Shackleburg Road area of the sewer line installation location. She showed other slides and said that she thought the County did not actually demonstrate the use of best management practices. Others slides were shown of the Croxton property and showed that the County failed to leave a 50' strip by the stream, and silk fencing was not put in until the property was underway 4-5 months. Some of the grass that has been planted has germinated and some areas either it was not planted or did not work in the area. Some of the areas are definitely in floodplain areas. She said that it was of great concern that the county was causing some potential erosion problems in

the area and leaving the fencing down allowing the owners cows to easily get out and venture on to I-85. Slides also showed manholes under water, which according to the contract should have been 24" above ground level. She said that the sites still need some attention and the project was paid for but not completed. Ms. Wilson said that the reason she showed slides from the Williamston Project and these was because they both share the same engineering company and in both cases the observation of the construction progress was not completed yet it was paid for. She also said according to the contract the County paid \$39,000 for them to observe construction of the project. (The following section of discussion was requested to be verbatim by a member of Council, Mr. Larry Greer.) **Ms. M. Cindy Wilson, Council Member:** And by contract with the construction company, we agreed to have an engineer or county personnel on site full-time whenever the equipment was rolling – we were to have a county person on site. The engineering company was to have a person on site 20 hours per week. Needless to say, without our being there the contractor got from point A to point B at the most expedient way he could go. Um, I'm asking that we sit down and evaluate these situations. We're not setting good examples for what we're preaching up here. And the other issue that I want to point out, and I'm, I'm sorry Mr. Greer's not here. I think that Mr. Greer of all people, being a farmer would appreciate how these people feel. And I would also like to ask of him, and I'll complete this at another time when he will be here, but many of us recall during the past several years, when it was brought up about water quality in the, um, watershed areas for Rocky River that Mr. Greer claimed that he went and pulled samples himself. But last Council meeting, he pointed out that he went to an unnamed source who was an appropriate source to do the actual testing, and that there was a chain of custody, so to speak. And I would like to have a copy of all the paperwork involved with those water reports. Um, in reference to a comment that a citizen made, there are no provisions for recall, but I think that we do have provisions for referendum. I was elected by a constituency in my district; we have about 22,000 people according to the last census report. They've put me in office two times. And it was primarily because of the concern of this particular project and other projects. I think that if this county put some of our sewer projects to referendum, you would find that there is little or no support among the citizens for some of the projects that are deemed unnecessary, and that are actually more damaging than they do good. As a councilman and as an individual involved in the real estate industry, yes we need sewer lines, yes we need sewer plants. But we have to put them in, in such a way that they actually benefit economic development, and our residents, and industrial development. And that has not always been the case. And we are also suppose to put them in, once it is planned, to have them put into the ground in a proper way in compliance with the EPA and South Carolina DHEC regulations. We have breeched a number of those rules. Um, Mr. Greer has returned. Um, I had just pointed out that I was concerned that the last meeting when you were talking about the chain of custody for some water samples, there were a number of us who recalled that in many instances in previous meetings, that you claimed you pulled the samples and had them tested. And then in the last meeting, you claimed that you called a source unnamed and we would like to know the name of the source. Um, I understand that Shealy Environmental maybe out of Columbia, did the actual lab work. But you referred to a chain of custody. And I would like to know, did you pulled the grab samples or was someone contracted to do that?"

Mr. Larry E. Greer, Council Member: "Ms. Wilson, evidently, and I'm not sure where the discussion has been, but evidently you have confused a figure of speech with a technicality. When I say, 'I had the samples pulled', I didn't mean that I had physically, personally pulled the samples. I requested through our administration, that these samples be done. And they were done. And I received copies of reports from those samples, they're available to any, if you wish to look at 'em, they're available any time you want to look at 'em, I'll open the file and let you look at them. They're there. The samples were done. Uh, the chain of evidences was maintained as to the validity of the samples, you know I'm not sure you're trying to go here. I just walked in. But the samples were appropriately taken. They're valid samples. Uh, on the quality of the water, again, you know, I'm going back to what I said at the last council meeting, we're plowing the same ground again. And, quite honestly, to me it's a waste of fuel. When I, when I worked, when I farmed and worked the land, I didn't like to plow more than once because it cost diesel fuel. And if I have to plow the same ground two and three and four times, it's a waste of effort, and it's a waste of energy. And, you sitting back there in the audience the night we spent an hour and a half to two hours doing the presentation, showing you the samples that were taken, the quality of water, you even produced you own samples. And somehow or another, I found it very convenient that your tests, that you ran, that I haven't

even questioned the validity of, that your people say you ran, that I didn't question the validity of, but just as I found it curious at the last Council meeting, that you wouldn't object to expansions at the Generostee Plant, but you would object to expansions at the Rocky River Plant, you're questioning the validity of the samples that we had pulled, but in your own samples, you conveniently left out any reference to fecal coliform (or chloroform?). Which based on the knowledge that I have, Mr. Carpenter sitting there, Mr. Pearson is sitting here, that's the guidepost that you use in determining water quality. Yet, when your side of this issue presented their report, they conveniently, for whatever reason, left out any reference to fecal chloroform. Could it be, and I don't know, but could it be that you conducted those tests, and you didn't like what you saw? I wonder. I don't know, but if you want to sit there and question the validity of samples that we ran, I've got, just like I said at one of the other Council meetings, when I use something, I've got the information to back it up Ms. Wilson. And if you want to sit down and go through all these records, one by one, they're available. So if you want to question Shealy Environmental who conducted the tests, if you want to question the reputation of this firm that did it, more power to you. But I stand by the conclusions that I drew when I studied that; when I got out and waded in the river, and collected samples of shellfish - clams, that I kept hearing, well an endangered species; that I found by the thousands in the river. Thousands. And, you know, if you want to sit there and question the evidence that I had produced, you're more than welcome to look at it. You can call Shealy Environmental. You can look at the records. You can look at the chain of evidence - whatever you want to look at. But, I'm, I'm going, I'm just going to say it straight out, this is not about Rocky River. It's not about Lake Secession. It's about Beaverdam."

Ms. M. Cindy Wilson, Council Member: "Mr. Chairman. May I response."

Mr. William C. Dees, Council Chairman: "Ms. Wilson. Go ahead."

Ms. M. Cindy Wilson, Council Member: "The comment about Generostee Creek was that I had not reviewed the numbers and discharge reports in Generostee Creek in about two years. The last time I looked, it looked like it was close to capacity, and it appeared to be a legitimate expansion - a necessary expansion at Generostee Creek. At Rocky River, however; we're only paying a daily, um, treatment amount on a per month basis for a hundred and fifty plus thousand gallons per day of our one million three hundred thousand gallons per day lease capacity. So we're nowhere near what we need. And as I understand, um, I'll have to get our engineer who did the sample work for our community, but our engineer who did that is the former Anderson County Sewer Engineer, Mr. William McCoy; who is highly respected and he can give you the technical data that he used. And as I understand it now, fecal chloroform was not looked at. He said that it was the metals and total um, oxygen levels and so forth in the water. Now, you missed the slide show because I think that you as a farmer of all people would've appreciated it. How would you feel if a construction project came onto your property and cut your fences and there were cows in the field?"

Mr. Larry E. Greer, Council Member: "Do you want a response?"

Ms. M. Cindy Wilson, Council Member: "If you feel inclined."

Mr. Larry E. Greer, Council Member: " If they're my fences and my cows, then they're going to fix the fence. (Unclear)."

Ms. M. Cindy Wilson, Council Member: " Now, that's what we've just shown and I'm sorry you didn't get to see it, and I'll be glad to make that available to you at another time."

Mr. William C. Dees, Council Chairman: "Thank you Ms. Wilson, Mr. Greer. I believe the allotted time for the presentation is up. And if you two need to continue this discussion after council meeting, please feel free to do so."

Note for the record – Mr. Larry Greer arrived at this time (8 p.m.)

Chairman Dees read the title for second reading approval of Ordinance #2003-021 – an ordinance amending Ordinance #99-004, the Anderson County Zoning Ordinance, as adopted July 20, 1999, by amending the Anderson Official Zoning Map to rezone from R-A to R-40 one (1) parcel of land comprising approximately +/- 35 acres of property in the Hammond School Precinct on Stringer road, near the intersection with Traynum Road. The property is identified by TMS 171-00-04-009 and is fully described by Plat Book CP078,

Page #454, Deed Book 4175/7. Ms. Wilson moved to approve and Mr. Wright seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Dees read the title for second reading approval of Ordinance #2003-023 – an ordinance amending Section 70-5:21.10, of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances pertaining to setback lines and buffers for buildings within I-2 Zoning Districts in Anderson County; and other matters relating thereto. A public hearing was held; no comments were received. Mr. Wright moved to approve and Ms. Wilson seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Dees read the title for second reading approval of Ordinance #2003-024 – an ordinance authorizing the transfer of certain Anderson County real property to the S.C. Department of Transportation; authorizing the execution and delivery of a real property deed related to the same; and other matters related thereto. A public hearing was held. Mr. Brooks Brown asked where the property was located. Mr. Greer moved to approve and Mr. Wright seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Dees read the title of Resolution #R2003-048 – a resolution soliciting the help and support of the local media in establishing an active public awareness campaign to increase public involvement in Anderson County's Early Action Plan to achieve cleaner air in Anderson County; and other matters related thereto. Ms. Wilson read the resolution into the record. Ms. Wilson moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Wright seconded. Mr. Wright stated that this was a solicitation of help from the local newspaper and not an act of dictating how they are writing their stories. Vote was unanimous.

Agenda Items # 10 (a) and 10 (b) were withdrawn.

Mr. Fred Tolly moved to appoint Dr. James W. McCallum to the Human Relations Council. Ms. Wilson seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mike Holden moved to appropriate \$1,500 for Westside High School and Mr. Tolly seconded. The funds will come from District #5 Recreation Account. Vote was unanimous.

Agenda Items # 11 (b), 11 (c), 11 (e) and 11 (f) were withdrawn.

Mr. Wright moved to appropriate \$2,000 for the Double Springs Community Club for upkeep and programming. The funds will come from District #4's Recreation Fund account. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wright moved to approve the acceptance of Keri Creek Estates into the County road system. Ms. Wilson seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wright asked that Council consider canceling the August 5 regularly scheduled meeting because of the Annual Association of Counties Conference. He moved to cancel and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- a. Certificates and Training:
 1. Ms. Tammie Shealy – Basic Weather Spotter Training Course
 2. Mr. Gerald Shealy – Intro to Debris Ops in FEMA's Public Assis. Program, Special Events Contingency Planning for Public Safety Agencies, Exercise Design Course, Role of Voluntary Agencies in Emergency Management, Introduction to the Public Assistance Process, Community Hurricane Preparedness
 3. Mr. John Ferguson – Introduction to Management and Supervision
 4. Ms. Johnnie Johnson – Dealing with Unacceptable Behavior, Stress Management/Pressure Points, Amber Alert, TDD Callers, 3-1-1, Life as a New York Telecommunicator on 9-11-01
 5. Ms. Karen B. Mills – Court Testimony, Stress Management/Pressure Points, Amber Alert, TDD Callers, Missing/Exploited Children, Life as a New York Telecommunicator on 9-11-01

6. Ms. Tamara Galloway - Court Testimony, Stress Management/Pressure Points, Amber Alert, TDD Callers, Missing/Exploited Children, Life as a New York Telecommunicator on 9-11-01
7. Ms. Merrill Hinchman - Dealing with Unacceptable Behavior, Stress Management/Pressure Points, Amber Alert, TDD Callers, 3-1-1, Life as a New York Telecommunicator on 9-11-01
8. Ms. Kimberly Cheslak - Amber Alert, TDD Callers, 3-1-1
9. Ms. Shannon Wyatt - Dealing with Unacceptable Behavior, Stress Management/Pressure Points, Amber Alert, TDD Callers, 3-1-1, Life as a New York Telecommunicator on 9-11-01
10. Ms. Sharon Chitwood - Amber Alert, TDD Callers, 3-1-1
11. Mr. Neil Grzlecki - Life as a New York Telecommunicator on 9-11-01
12. Ms. Jessica Trimble - Court Testimony, Stress Management/Pressure Points
13. Ms. Dollie Webb - Life as a New York Telecommunicator on 9-11-01
- b. Letters of Appreciation:
 1. For: Council Member Larry Greer From: Ms. Vickie Campbell-Howell
 2. For: Mr. Michael Miller From: Ms. Druanne White, Solicitor
 3. For: Mr. Bob Daly, Detention Center From: Meals on Wheels
 4. For: Mr. Ralph Cumber From: Ms. Paula Reel
- c. Minutes:
 1. Anderson County Transportation Division - Safety Meeting Minutes
 2. Airport Minutes of May 5, 2003 meeting
- d. Reports:
 1. Recreation Report
 2. District Paving Report
 3. Detention Center Litter Report for May 26-30, 2003
 4. KAB - Litter Report
 5. Road Maintenance Litter Report for May
- e. Medshore Ambulance Service's proposal for Quick Response Vehicles (QRVs)
- f. Anderson County Transportation Committee (ACTC) approved projects
- g. Departmental Transfers

Remarks from Council Members:

The following was requested verbatim by Ms. Cindy Wilson:

Mr. G. Fred Tolly, Jr., Council Member: "Mr. Chairman, for the record. After our last meeting, we passed a resolution; and five of the Council Members signed that resolution. It was taken to Ms. Wilson to sign. Ms. Wilson changed the wording of that document, and, uh, without the knowledge of the signees. That was an act of unethical, despicable, and unlawful; and I think it was very, very low-handed to do something to your fellow Council Persons. Also, you'd have to stoop pretty low to do something like that. Also, I feel like that in order for you to do this type of act, it had to be an act of desperation. People of desperation do commit desperation acts. And I think you need to apologize to your fellow Council Persons. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

Mr. Holden - no comments.

Mr. Larry E. Greer, Council Member: "Thank you Mr. Chairman. I have some questions and also some comments. My first question is to Mr. Preston; and I don't expect an answer tonight. But I would like to know how many, I guess, Sheriff's cars, Crown Victorias, Anderson County has purchased since January of 1999. I'd like to know the number purchased each year. I'd like to know the condition the cars were purchased in and how they were outfitted in order to meet the needs of the Sheriff's department. By that I mean were the cars purchased completely outfitted or were they purchased and then sent to shop to be outfitted with the light bars, radios, computer stands, shotgun racks, grills, and so forth. I'd like to know how many has been purchased each year. I'd like to know the cost of the basic car each year; and I'd like to know the cost of the add-on items that would have been added to those patrol cars to make them ready for use by the Sheriff's department. I'd also like to know the disposition of the cars that were replaced by those cars, and the conditions of those cars in at the time they were disposed of. In other words, did they have the light bars, shotgun racks, computer racks, and grills between the seats, and so forth in the cars when they were disposed of, or were those items removed? And if they were removed, where are those items. I'd like to have that information some time another. I know that, that's not going to be easily obtained quickly,

but I would like to have that information." End of verbatim. Mr. Greer said that he walked in on the end of a conversation and in response to the comment about someone cutting a pasture fence for whatever reason. He has a Duke Power transmission line that crosses his farm and on two separate occasions he has had problems with contractors performing work for Duke Power on this transmission line. He went to Duke Power because of a problem with the contractor. So what he was saying, if a contractor cuts a pasture he has an obligation to put that farm back in the good condition as it was before or even better. Also he would assume any liability for those livestock if they were to leave the property and cause harm to a vehicle or etc. We talked about the water quality test and the discussion ended before I had a chance to discuss a little bit further. The night that Council heard from the group that presented their side of the issue (Beaverdam Creek Sewer line) Mr. William McCoy was the engineer, he asked Mr. McCoy had some pointed questions concerning the test results which they were using in their presentation. He said he had been wrong before, but he doesn't think it is wrong this time cause he believed that Mr. McCoy made the statement something to the effect that he didn't do those tests someone else did. So he asked Council to allow the Clerk to go back to that meeting and transcribe verbatim his questions and Mr. McCoy's responses to those questions related to those tests that were being discussed that night. And also to transcribe verbatim both the comments of his and Ms. Wilson's in relation to those tests. He moved that this be approved and Ms. Wilson seconded. Vote was six in favor and one opposed (Wright). Motion carried.

Ms. Floyd said that Council has to sit there and go over the same thing over and over again. Under Robert's Rules, it says "no one may speak no more than 10 minutes at a time without the permission from the Assembly." She asked the Chair to please consider implementing this section of Robert's Rules when Council goes through debate.

Mr. Wright – no remarks.

Ms. Wilson said that it was apparent that Mr. Tolly, and none of the others, except Mr. Greer acknowledged that he read the letter, read the letter. The letter called for a public hearing in reference to a proposed expansion at Rocky River – the resolution did not match the letter. She said that she has demanded that the actual letter be attached to the "silly" resolution. She said that she agreed with Mr. Greer that it would good to go back and review what was said during the Beaverdam Creek sewer line project was discussed. Almost all of the project is in her district. The resulting memorandum would indicate that everyone was so worried about septic tank systems in their basin yet the actuality is that everyone said it was no problem since no one built down in the flood plain or the wetlands. She said the purpose of showing the slides regarding the fence lines is that the county is owner of project, the county is therefore potentially liable if those cows get out. She said that she was not going to "tattle" on one of the Council members who has been spending out of an account that doesn't show up on the reports; but one of the accounts in paving, not counting a \$6,000 appropriation last time, is already now \$18,656.98 in arrears. The recreation account is less than appropriated also. She asked that the Finance department bring everyone up to date. On budget transfers, last page, the County had almost \$153,000 transferred between departments. She said a lot of it is legitimate and a lot of it is questionable and it brings up the question – "Do we really have a budget?" She asked what Clement Young Rivers Law Firm does for the county.

Chairman Dees said that council generally follows Robert's Rules; however, Council voted to allow 45 minutes per one item or grand total of items. He thanked all for attending.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk to Council
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