

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

ORIGINAL

Called Meeting - June 29, 1988 - 6:00 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

A CALLED MEETING OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 1988 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE ANDERSON ANDERSON COUNTY CHAMBERS - ROOM 109. CHAIRMAN JAMES M. "JIMMY" COX, JR. PRESIDED.

PRESENT

Chairman James M. Cox, Jr. - District #1
David L. Hooper - District #2
Robert L. Wiles - District #3
Ernie Garrison - District #4
Mike Holden - District #5
David Watson - County Administrator
Mike Mullinax - County Attorney
Jack Crowe - Purchasing Manager
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk

Mr. Cox called the meeting to order and Councilman David L. Hooper gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Garrison, seconded by Mr. Wiles, Council voted unanimously to approve the June 7 and June 16, 1988 minutes as mailed.

Mr. George Sands appeared before Council representing Kimbrells, tenants occupying buildings that are to be demolished for the Courthouse. He asked Council to set a time table for requiring these tenants occupying buildings to vacate and that demolition not take place until absolutely necessary. He said the tenants need as much time as Council can give them to relocate. Mr. Cox said he thought that the request was very reasonable. He also asked Council to make this time table public. Council received as information.

Mr. Wiles explained that a project, previously approved from District #3 Special Project money, could not be completed during this budget year and asked that these funds in the amount of \$2,500 be transferred to the Flatrock-Bowen Fire Station. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wiles moved to reappoint Mr. Ernie Simpson to the Anderson County Solid Waste Management Authority. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mullinax presented Resolution #457 and Assistance Agreement by and between Anderson County and Orian Rugs, Inc., whereby under certain conditions, Anderson County will issue not exceeding Seven Million Two hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,200,000) Industrial Development Revenue Bonds or notes. Mr. Hooper moved to approve and Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mullinax presented first reading of Ordinance #252 authorizing the execution and delivery of a \$4,000,000 principal amount industrial development revenue not (Orion Rugs, Inc., Project) and \$3,200,000 principal amount industrial development refunding note. Mr. Wiles moved to approve the ordinance on first reading and Mr. Garrison seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mullinax presented a Resolution approving the transfer of a franchise of Cable Synergy from Cable Communications. Mr. Hooper moved to approve and Mr. Holden seconded. Mr. Garrison explained that Council has no way to assure citizens of Anderson County that they receive good service. He asked that the County Attorney look into this and come back with a recommendation. Mr. Wiles asked that a clause be added that these companies be required to run cable where it is feasible. Mr. Garrison moved to table the resolution for further study. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mullinax presented first reading of Ordinance #253 amending section 5 of Ordinance #119 of 1983 which created the Anderson County Board for the Mentally Retarded and Developmentally Disabled. This was requested by the Mentally Retardation Board for the purpose of allowing them to come under the State Retirement System. Mr. Wiles moved that the Ordinance be adopted on first reading and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mullinax requested an executive session to discuss matters dealing with litigation and contractual matters.

Mr. Watson presented the following special projects requests for Mr. Holden. \$2,300 to the City of Anderson for resurfacing tennis courts - Hudgens Swim Center and \$1,000 for the Association of the Blind. Mr. Holden moved that these be approved from District #5 Special Projects fund. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson said he had a contract from the Department of Social Services to be signed dealing with Family Court Records and the handling of DSS clients. The contract has been reviewed by the County Attorney and appears to be in order. He asked for permission to sign for another year. Mr. Wiles moved to approve and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was four in favor (Cox, Holden, Wiles, Garrison) and one abstention (Mr. Hooper).

Mr. Watson presented a proposal from Greene, Lindley for the County's annual audit in the amount of \$27,000. Mr. Hooper moved to approve and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson said that the following departments had requested to make purchases dealing with capital expenditures after the 15th of May which is not permitted because of an ordinance. All requests were denied. Solicitor - \$4,083.83, Recreation Commission - up to \$1,500 for a riding lawn mower for the Pendleton Park and \$2,200 for speed monitoring equipment for the Highway Traffic Safety Commission. All departments have asked Council to give consideration in the new budget. Council received as information.

Mr. Jacky Hunter presented the following budget transfers. Department of Social Services - Account #707 - from Electricity and Gas (#707-120-027) to Telephone (#707-120-026) in the amount of \$1,804. DSS - from Electricity and Gas (#707-120-027) to Repairs to Buildings (#707-135-050) in the amount of \$220.00. Mr. Wiles moved to approve and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was four in favor (Cox, Holden, Wiles, Garrison) and one abstention (Hooper). From Airport - account #424-135-050 (Repairs to Buildings) in the amount of \$1,050 to Road Maintenance Account #601-140-063 (pipe), and transfer within the Road Maintenance Budget Account #601-100-001 (salaries) to 600-100-002 (temporary/part time salaries) in the amount of \$7,500.00, and \$5,000 from #601-100-001 (salaries) to #601-140-062 (chemicals). On the motion of Mr. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Garrison moved that Highway 187 from its' intersection at Highway 24 to Clemson Blvd. be named Wild Hog Road. Mr. Wiles seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson said that bids were received for replacing the roof at White's Aviation in the amount of \$3,340.00 and could be considered a capital budget expenditure. The funds are in the present budget. Mr. Wiles moved to approve and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Crowe asked for permission to purchase a dump truck from Division of General Services - Surplus Property in the amount of \$2,000.00. Funds are available in the current Road Maintenance budget. Mr. Holden moved to purchase and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson informed Council that Mr. Robert King would be retiring as of June 30 but would be with the County until everything is in order. Mr. Watson thanked him for all his service to the County.

Mr. Cox recommended the reappointment of Mr. Frank Hooper, Mr. William C. Hood, and Mr. Sam O. Sullivan, Jr. to the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Commission. Mr. Garrison seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mullinax opened a public hearing for oral or written comments on the 1988-1989 fiscal year budget. The following people spoke: Mr. Chuck Edwards - Special Populations Program, Mr. Jack Symons, and Mr. Carl Johnson. There being no further comments, the public hearing was declared closed.

Mr. Hooper moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel-salaries, litigation and contractual matters. Mr. Holden seconded the motion and vote was unanimous. (Time: 6:55 p.m.)

Mr. Holden moved to come out of executive session back into regular session at 10:12 p.m. Mr. Wiles seconded and vote was unanimous. Mr. Mullinax said that pursuant to discussions dealing with the condemnation actions he would request a motion to permit the County Attorney to proceed with negotiations and finalize condemnations action in accordance with the Imminent Domain Law. Mr. Holden moved to approve the request and Mr. Hooper seconded. Mr. Garrison stated for the record that because of the controversy concerning the property owned by his wife and mother-in-law he has abstained from all votes and

therefore will abstain on this matter also. Vote was four in favor (Cox, Holden, Hooper and Wiles). Mr. Garrison abstained. Mr. Mullinax stated that the total figures on the Western Square is \$857,000.

Mr. Watson presented third and final reading of Ordinance #251 (1988-1989 fiscal year budget). Mr. Hooper moved to approve the ordinance on third reading and Mr. Cox seconded. Mr. Hooper stated that he would abstain on all matters dealing with the Department of Social Services. Mr. Watson explained that a new revenue item concerning Building & Codes fees for replacement roofing and residing needed to be approved as part of the budget ordinance language. Mr. Watson also presented a proposal from Planning & Development of revenue of land use requirements. \$50 for Commercial and Industrial Revenue plus building permit fee, \$40 for multi-family, \$40 for appeal, and \$40 for mobile home parks. Mr. Watson said that the revenue from the re-roofing and re-siding would generate approximately \$3,000-\$5,000 annually. Mr. Cox amended the budget Ordinance #251 to include the above revenue requests. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous. Mr. Cox moved to amend the ordinance to include items discussed during the budget workshop. Mr. Hooper seconded.

Mr. Cox moved to approve an additional \$2,000 to cover drug boxes for EMS-EMTs. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Garrison moved to transfer the money budgeted for CERTA in the EMS Commission's budget and to earmark the money for CERTA. Mr. Holden seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Garrison moved that the four dispatchers positions asked for in the budget be transferred to the Sheriff's budget. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was four in favor (Cox, Hooper, Holden, & Garrison) and one opposed. (Wiles).

Mr. Watson gave the following budget figures for the 1988-1989 fiscal year budget. GRAND TOTAL: \$18,177,085. GENERAL: \$9,130,583.00, DEBT SERVICE: \$2,600,000.00, LIBRARY: \$900,000.00, INDIGENT HEALTH CARE: \$630,000.00, EDUCATION TAX: \$575,000.00, and a THREE MILL SEWER TAX. To balance the budget-increase property tax revenues from \$6,955,583.00 to \$7,905,583.00. He said it would be a 4.2 mill estimated tax increase. Mr. Wiles explained that with the elections and other matters that he was not ready to vote on the budget at this time. Mr. Hooper also explained that he would abstain on all matters relating to DSS. The Chairman called for the vote which was four in favor (Cox, Hooper, Holden, and Garrison) and one opposed (Wiles).

Mr. Burns presented Resolution #458 approving the 1988-1989 fiscal year budget and authorizing the expenditure for such purpose from the interest earned on bond proceeds where necessary. Mr. Cox moved to approve and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Garrison moved to appropriate the balance of his Special Projects money to the Pendleton Rescue Squad. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was 5-0.

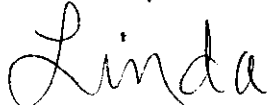
Mr. Wiles said he had approximately \$360 in his special projects fund

and would move to appropriate the money to the Iva Rescue Squad. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Cox moved to appropriate the following from his special projects. \$2,000 for Town of West Pelzer for a sewer project, \$2,000 for the Powdersville Fire Station for equipment, \$2,000 for the Board of White Plains Community Center for construction & the balance divided equally among the following: Hopewell Fire Station, Wren Fire Department, Pelzer Rescue Squad, and Williamston Rescue Squad. Mr. Garrison seconded the appropriations and vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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