

ORIGINAL

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - July 18, 1989 - 4:30 p.m.

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

A regular meeting of the Anderson County Council was held on July 18, 1989 at 4:30 p.m. in the County Council Chambers - Room 109. Chairman Jimmy Cox presided.

PRESENT

James M. "Jimmy" Cox, Jr. - District #1  
David L. Hooper - District #2  
Harvie E. Banister - District #3  
Elise C. Cahaly - District #4  
Mike Holden - District #5  
David Watson - County Administrator  
David Standeffer - County Attorney  
Jacky Hunter - Finance Director  
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk

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

Mr. Banister moved to approve the June 6, June 19 and July 10, 1989 minutes as mailed. Mr. Holden seconded. Mr. Banister said the June 20th minutes needed a correction made. Ms. Cahaly reminded Council that the minutes of June 19 stated that Council agreed to hold the money in the Contingency Fund for employee pay raises and then on June 20 during the last 15 minutes of the meeting the money was spent on special projects. She suggested that the money set aside be put back in the Contingency fund by rescinding the last 15 minutes of the June 20th meeting. Mr. Cox said that would require a supplemental budget ordinance to amend the 1989-1990 budget. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Mr. David Standeffer, County Attorney, presented Resolution #506 and Petition for Culp Woven Velvets. Mr. Cox moved to approve as presented and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Broadus Holbrook spoke to Council concerning the Sheriff's Department and Council working together. Council received as information.

With no objections from Council, the agenda was amended to hear from Mr. Robert Murphy. Mr. Murphy spoke concerning the Crime Stoppers Program. He asked Council to commit \$5,000 toward the program.

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Council agreed to ask Mr. Watson and Mr. Hunter to search the budget and advise by the next meeting if money is available for the request.

Mr. Stephen Crawford asked Council to approve a request to help match a feasibility study of the Old Keese Barn in Pendleton. The amount needed is \$2,500. He said the money is in the Recreation Department's budget and the study doesn't commit the County to renovate the building if the study shows that it can be repaired. Council discussed the renovation and the Town of Pendleton committing funds on the project. Mr. Cox asked Mr. Crawford to explore a match with the Town of Pendleton for the study. Council agreed. Mr. Crawford will report back.

Mr. Crawford asked for permission to co-sponsor the Chubby Wells basketball camp scheduled for July 31-August 4. The amount needed to fund the camp is \$3,000 and is in the Recreation Commission's budget. Mr. Hooper moved to allow the request and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crawford asked Council for permission to donate the old monkey bars located at the Early Hanna Park to Patrick Harris Hospital. A new modular playstructure has just been installed at the park. Mr. Cox moved to allow the donation and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crawford also explained problems at County parks. He said that Council adopted an Ordinance in August of 1982 concerning hours and informed Council that he asked Road Maintenance to put up signs in the parks about the hours. Mr. Cox asked about speed breakers and patrols at Timmerman Park in Pelzer. Mr. McClure said that speed breakers could be put inside the park.

Ms. Elise Cahaly presented Theron Giddens, a reporter with the Independent Mail, a plaque of appreciation for reporting the news in Anderson. Mr. Giddens will be leaving the County on Friday to pursue another job.

Ms. Wanda Jeanes talked to Council about 8 break-ins in the last six months at Bill's Tire Center and two other businesses that she owns between Pelzer and Williamston. She explained that Sheriff Taylor was not cooperating with her and offered no assistance to help stop the break ins. Mr. Cox explained that Council only controlled the funding of the Sheriff's department. Council received as information.

Council conducted a public hearing concerning an amendment to a lease agreement dated September 8, 1987 between Anderson County and the Anderson County Mental Retardation Board. There were no comments and the public hearing was closed.

Mr. David Standeffer explained that there was a suggested amendment to the lease to delete the section requiring the M-R Board to get prior

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approval to make improvements or changes to the property and another amendment dealing with the section on subletting warehouse space. Mr. Cox moved to adopt the lease as originally written and not make any changes at this time. Ms. Cahaly seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Standeffer presented Resolution #507 approving a public hearing asking that the boundaries of Piedmont Sewer, Light and Fire District be extended by the annexation of certain tracts of land. Mr. Cox moved to approve the resolution calling for a public hearing. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Standeffer informed Council that he had contractual matters and would request an executive session. Mr. Holden moved to go into executive session at 5:20 for the reason stated and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Hooper moved to come out of executive session at 6:00 p.m. and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cox said that Council discussed insurance coverage for County employees. Mr. Cox moved to authorize the County Administrator to execute a contract to provide services, through an HMO-Self Insurance Plan, in conjunction with the Anderson Memorial Hospital as administrator for a period of one year, contingent upon the Administrator looking at all options and talking with all Council members prior to execution. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cox moved to accept the proposal by Greene, Lindley to continue as the auditing firm for Anderson County for a period of three years at the present price (\$27,000). Mr. Banister seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson presented a request from the Sheriff's Department to purchase office equipment. The total cost is \$2,946.72 from Martin's Office Supply. The funds are available in the budget. Mr. Cox moved to approve the purchase and Mr. Banister seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. McClure asked that Sloan be allowed to do a project at Westside High School before school starts. The project was approved in the budget. Mr. Holden moved to allow the project to begin and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cox moved to approve the expenditure of \$3,373.70 to Russell and Axon in conjunction with work done on the waterline in Williamston. Mr. Cox moved to approve the expenditure out of last years budget (1988-1989). Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

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Ms. Cahaly moved to direct Mr. Watson to draw up an Ordinance to amend the budget where all special projects money would be put on hold in order to implement the Archer Study. This would be the \$347,500 Council spent during the last 15 minutes of the June 20 budget meeting. Council discussed. Motion died from lack of second.

Council heard from Carl Johnson, a concerned citizen.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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