

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011 AT 5:30 P.M.
GRAND JURY ROOM AT UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Chairman Tommy Sinclair, Vice Chair Kacie Petrie, Councilwoman Joan Little, Councilwoman Dora Martin-Jennings, Councilman Tommy Ford, Councilman Ben Ivey, Councilman Randall Hanvey, County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros and Clerk to Council Linda G. Jolly

Absent: None

Notice of the meeting and a copy of the agenda giving the date, time and place of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the hall of the Union County Courthouse and a copy was mailed to the members of the Union County Council, the County Attorney, WBCU Radio Station, the Union Daily Times, Spartanburg Herald Journal, the Union County Development Board, Ms. Ann Canada, Mrs. Anne Brock with Clemson Extension, Mr. James Kollock, Mrs. Anna Brown with the County News, Mr. Mickey Gist, Mr. Frank Hart, Mr. Ray Treadway, Mr. Howard Gibson, and Mr. Robert Small. A notice of the meeting was also posted on the County's website.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called the meeting to order. Councilwoman Dora Martin-Jennings gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk to Council gave the Roll Call with the following results:

Joan Little, District 1 - Present
Dora Martin-Jennings, District 2 - Present
Tommy Ford, District 3 - Present
Ben Ivey, District 4 - Present
Randall Hanvey, District 5 - Present
Kacie Petrie, District 6 - Present

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to approve the previous minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on September 13, 2011, the special Council meeting held on September 20, 2011, the special Council meeting held on September 27, 2011 and to adopt the minutes as written.

Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated that next on the agenda was presentation of service awards but none of the recipients were there. He recognized Jeffrey D. Wright for 5 years of dedicated service, Scott Ruby for 5 years of dedicated service, and Jeff Bailey for 15 years of dedicated service to Union County. The recipients are provided a service award certificate and gift card in appreciation for their years of service.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated Council needed to consider a vacancy on the Union Carnegie Library Board. The position was advertised again and there were two applicants who were Cindy Langley and Mike Stevens.

Dora Martin-Jennings: Made a motion to nominate Mike Stevens to serve on the Library Board.

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Kacie Petrie: Seconded the motion.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to nominate Cindy Langley to serve on the Library Board.

Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Dora Martin-Jennings and Councilwoman Kacie Petrie voted in favor of the appointment of Mike Stevens.

Councilman Randall Hanvey, Councilman Ben Ivey, Councilman Tommy Ford and Councilwoman Joan Little voted in favor of Cindy Langley.

Cindy Langley was approved for the appointment to the Union Carnegie Library Board by a majority vote.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated that next on the agenda was Donald Lyles and Mr. Hodges but he did not see Mr. Lyles present.

Mr. James Rice as President of the NAACP in Union County thanked the members of the Union County Council for their generous donation to help with the Stay in School Program. Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated it is not only important for children to excel in sports but also in academics.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated he had received a request from the landowners to remove Sam's Road in the Jonesville area from the County Road Maintenance System.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called for any elected officials or department heads who wished to address Council.

Clerk of Court Freddie Gault stated there had been complaints about not being able to hear well in the main courtroom. He and the solicitor had gone in together last year and had a new PA system put in. They had a company that had installed panels for Oconee County come in and give a bid. He stated Solicitor Kevin Brackett would pay the \$8,000.00 needed to put in the foam panels in the court room from his funds to help cut down on the echo and noise. Mr. Gault stated the panels would be put on the front and back plaster walls so as not to detract from the look with the wood trim in the court room.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated some years ago after the shootings in Atlanta the Supreme Court Justice handed down a ruling to the counties to establish security for the court houses. Ours never really got off the ground for whatever reason. They met and addressed the location and placement of the metal detector that is now used in the hall on the main floor and some other security requirements.

Tax Assessor Susan Hanvey stated the County Appeals Board had heard three appeals last Wednesday. They have scheduled two other meetings for eight more appeals to be considered by the Appeals Board.

Sheriff David Taylor stated they held a follow up meeting yesterday pertaining to the home detention system. The company they talked to price wise is the cheapest and they are pleased with their proposal. He informed Council that there was a water leak in the wall at the jail. The water heater went out in the women's section but they have it back up and

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running. Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated the bids for the jail roof would be opened on October 18th.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated they had a compressor in the air conditioning system that needs to be replaced. You get a year's warranty but if it is replaced now then the warranty starts now. But if you wait to replace it in March then the warranty starts then.

Airport and Stadium Manager Ron Wade stated they had been awarded a federal grant for the airport but there were changes in the grant they had requested that had been complied with.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated that Building Inspector Brad Jolly had shown him two weeks in a row where new housing was being started. Councilman Ben Ivey stated that things are picking up.

Sheriff David Taylor stated they had gotten notification they would be receiving \$4,600.00 in grant money to purchase bulletproof vests. That grant would not require any matching funds. They should be able to purchase six or eight vests with those funds.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated they had started work on the repairs at the Annex building. The building is on two different levels which had not been discovered previously. The bids for the roof on the jail will be opened on October 18th. The bids for the work on Flat Drive and Midway were opened. They have a commitment for "C" Funds to help at Midway. The bid for Flat Drive was awarded to Sloan and the bid for Midway was awarded to Ashmore Brothers. Our insurance carrier noticed the billboards for the County Fair and starting asking questions about insurance coverage for that event. Some of that has to do with contractual situations and potential legal situations Council would need to discuss during executive session. After the incident involving the train at Cleveland Park it has changed the insurance business as far as law suits are concerned. A lot of this is a reaction to that. He said there was some chance due to a situation they will discuss in executive session that the amendment to the budget could change so it would be premature to approve it before executive session.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair presented for third and final reading an ordinance adopting a redistricting plan for Union County, South Carolina referred to as Plan 1.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to adopt the ordinance pertaining to the redistricting plan as stated.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The motion carried with five (5) Council Members voting in favor of the motion and one (1) Council Member (Kacie Petrie) opposing.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair presented for third and final reading an ordinance establishing a home detention program in Union County; and other matters related thereto.

Dora Martin-Jennings: Made a motion to adopt the ordinance establishing a home detention program as stated.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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Councilwoman Dora Martin-Jennings wished Sheriff David Taylor a Happy Birthday which will be on October 18th.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called for executive session to discuss contractual and legal matters.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to go into executive session.

Dora Martin-Jennings: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Union County Council went into executive session.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to come out of executive session.

Tommy Ford: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

County Council returned to regular session and Chairman Tommy Sinclair announced that no action was taken during executive session.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair presented for third and final reading an amendment to the ordinance adopting the Union County Budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 to provide for supplemental appropriations.

Dora Martin-Jennings: Made a motion to adopt the amendment to the ordinance adopting the Union County Budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 as stated.

Joan Little: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated the Council needs to look at doing resolutions for Kelly-Kelton Fire District and Cross Keys Fire District designating the procedure to be followed for recommendations for appointments to the Fire Board of Directors.

Dora Martin-Jennings: Made a motion to take the portion of Sam's Road that had been discussed out of the County Road Maintenance System.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called for any other business but there was none.

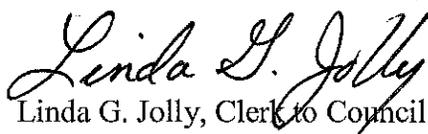
Dora Martin-Jennings: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.



Thomas L. Sinclair, Chairman
Union County Council



Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council

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Tommy Ford: Made a motion to approve the previous minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on October 11, 2011, the special Council meeting held on October 13, 2011 and to adopt the minutes as written.

Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated that next on the agenda was presentation of service awards but none of the recipients were there. He recognized Diane Freeman for 25 years of dedicated service, Barbara Baber for 25 years of dedicated service, and Ronnie Wade for 40 years of dedicated service to Union County. The recipients are provided a service award certificate and gift card in appreciation for their years of service.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair introduced Mr. Will Boyles as the new Tourism Director.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated Council needed to consider three vacancies on the Board for the Bonham Fire Department. There were three applicants who were Crystal Austin, Ronnie Yount and Rodney Gallman. Two were requesting reappointment and one is a new appointment.

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Dora Martin-Jennings: Made a motion to appoint Crystal Austin, Ronnie Yount, and Rodney Gallman to serve on the Board for the Bonham Fire District.

Tommy Ford: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Gloria Kellerhals with Catawba Regional Local Food Coalition whose membership includes organic and sustainable farmers from Chester, Fairfield, Lancaster, York and Union Counties addressed Council about adopting a resolution for support. They hope to create new job opportunities for interested farmers and individuals in the area. Partners in this effort include York Technical College, US Department of Agriculture, SC Department of Agriculture, and Clemson University. Her presentation included an explanation of sustainable agriculture, why it is needed, core strategies, new local food marketing channels, education, Agribusiness development, planning, partnerships, leadership development, and support. There was discussion about food shed assessment, Clemson Extension's involvement, promotion through the media, any cost to the farmer to participate and organic qualifications. Chairman Tommy Sinclair presented a resolution to encourage the support of organic farming and sustainable agriculture and other small business pursuits; and other matters related thereto

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the resolution to a committee and to adopt the resolution to encourage support of organic farming and sustainable agriculture and other small business pursuits as stated.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called for any elected officials or department heads that wished to address Council.

Sheriff David Taylor informed Council there would be a National test for the Emergency Alert System on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. This would involve television, radio, and all other emergency agencies.

Sheriff David Taylor said he had requested the purchase of in-car video cameras for four of his vehicles at a cost of \$20,797.20 and asked if Council had any further questions.

Dora Martin-Jennings: Made a motion to approve the purchase of the in-car video cameras at a cost of \$20,797.20.

Joan Little: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Sheriff David Taylor stated Council had adopted an ordinance approving the Home Detention Program for Union County. He had received proposals from four companies and provided Council with a breakdown. Chairman Tommy Sinclair asked if there were supposed to be some guidelines written with this thing. Sheriff David Taylor stated they had already got that as part of their policy. They have already written that. He recommended accepting the proposal from 3M Electronic Monitoring which is a company out of Florida with twenty years of experience and the cheapest rates.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to accept the proposal from 3M Electronic Monitoring.

Tommy Ford: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Tax Assessor Susan Hanvey gave an update of the parcel conversions. They have converted 9,000 out of 22,000 parcels.

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Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated they were interested in pursuing the Brownfield money for the Buffalo Mill property but he had not gotten the signature he wanted for Phase I of that project.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated he wanted to give an update on UCARE and suggested Councilwoman Dora Martin-Jennings might want to do that. Councilwoman Dora Martin-Jennings explained that UCARE is sponsored by donations made by county employees to help needy children. They will be doing a fund raiser for the 12 Days of Christmas where drawings for \$100.00 will be held each of the twelve days before Christmas. There will also be a fund raiser during the Christmas Open House.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated that Troy Champion had helped with the removal of mortar from the cornerstone of the Courthouse. He reminded Council of the Cornerstone Centennial Celebration on Monday, November 14th at 11:00 a.m.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated there was a lady from the Maybinton area that told him her insurance had gone up to \$1,200 a year. He told Council the people in areas that are not within a fire district need to be put in a fire district. He said he had drawn some lines for the Santuc and Carlisle Fire Districts that would cover areas that are not currently covered. A gentleman from the Maybinton area stated the closest fire department from their house is three miles away and more fire houses are needed. Councilman Randall Hanvey stated that no matter what Council does they do not control the insurance rates. Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated the place to start would be to get everyone included in a fire district and then upgrade the fire districts so they can get better ISO ratings. Councilman Ben Ivey wanted the people who have not previously been in a fire district to understand that when they are included in a district they must pay the taxes for that fire district.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated he had talked to the McNair Law Firm about an ordinance covering all the boards and commissions appointed by County Council to allow Council to interface if there is cause to get involved. They are trying to get that worked out.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called for executive session to discuss potential contractual matters.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to go into executive session.

Tommy Ford: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Union County Council went into executive session.

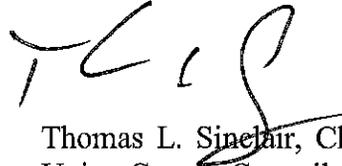
Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated County Council had come out of executive session and no votes were taken during executive session.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called for any other business but there was none.

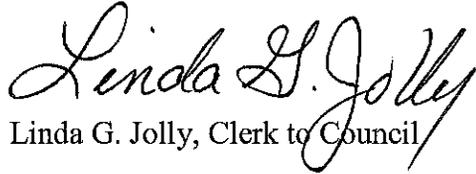
Dora Martin-Jennings: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

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Thomas L. Sinclair, Chairman
Union County Council

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Linda G. Jolly', written in a cursive style.

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council