

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - March 1, 1988 - 4:30 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

AMENDED
M I N U T E S

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MARCH 1, 1988 AT 4:30 P.M. IN THE ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - ROOM 109. JAMES M. "JIMMY" COX, JR. PRESIDED.

PRESENT

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

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

Mr. Wiles moved to approve the February 16, 1988 minutes as mailed. Mr. Hooper seconded. Mr. Garrison stated that during the February 16 meeting he made a motion that on the Litter ordinance to let the Litter Officer come under the direction of the County Sheriff and that motion died without a second; therefore he would move to amend the minutes to reflect this. Mr. Cox seconded the amendment. Vote on the amendment was 5-0. Vote on the original motion as amended was 5-0. The Clerk has made the correction and regrets the error.

Dr. Don Garrison, Pres. of Tri-County, came before Council with an urgent request for funding in the amount of \$400,000. He explained that an Industrial and Business Development Center had been approved by the Board over three years ago. This facility will house continuing education. About one half of the building will provide space for the special schools program for new industry. This is the number 1 priority for the College Foundation Board. They qualify for \$600,000 EDA money which will be available until March 31 provided the application is sent in. The proposed fund request is as follows:

Total Project Cost	\$2,000,000
\$600,000 ...US Dept. of Commerce, EDA	
\$600,000 ...Private Business/Industry Donations	
\$800,000 ...Local County	
\$400,000 ...Anderson County	
\$200,000 ...Oconee County	
\$200,000 ...Pickens County	
\$800,000 ...Total	

Mr. Cox asked the County Attorney if Council could issue a mini-bond to be paid back by Tri-County. He said he would look into it, but could not say for sure. Mr. Wiles moved to receive as information and look into every avenue possible to meet the request. Mr. Cox and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. David Crenshaw, representing the Sheriff's Office, explained their contract with the Army Corps. of Engineers to provide Law Enforcement services on Federal Property around Lake Hartwell in Anderson County. He explained an incident that happened last year with an officer being attacked. With negotiations with the Army, they have agreed to come up with the funds to pay for another position to work with the Lake Patrol. The contract will generate approximately \$32,000 this fiscal year and the contract period is from March 15 - October 15. Mr. Hooper moved to approve the slot and Mr. Garrison seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Crenshaw said as a result of the efforts of the Anderson County Drug Task Force, Mr. Robbie Ervin, and Lt. Jimmy Callahan, a grant had been approved to aid in the battle against drugs through the State Officers Criminal Justice Program. The grant will total \$25,758 this year and is approved for three years. The County will have to match \$6,439 of the \$25,758 this year and then \$3,636 for the second and third years. The \$6,439 match for this year includes \$2,803 for purchase of equipment and \$3,636 to fund one additional narcotics officer. It will be up to the County to pick the entire program up after the third year. Funds are available for this years match and would request that the slot be approved. Mr. Cox moved to approve the slot/position and authorize the Sheriff's Office to go ahead and hire. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Wiles presented a problem for Mr. Ivey Lowe concerning filing for agriculture use on a track of land. His father divided a farm by a living will and didn't think that dividing the land would change the assessment for last years taxes. Mr. Wiles moved that the time on the this particular incident, be extended to file until March 15. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Cox moved that the Council establish a Building Committee for the Anderson County Courthouse to be composed of five members; one appointed by each five council members. This committee would oversee the construction phase of the courthouse and follow it through to insure that the wishes of Council are carried out. The committee will work hand in hand with Fluor Daniel and Burnstudio and other contractors that might be involved. He moved that this be done by resolution (#436) and by first reading of an ordinance (#246) establishing the committee. Mr. Wiles seconded and vote was 5-0.

The following people were appointed:

- Mr. Robert Wiles appointed Mr. Laniel Chapman
- Mr. Ernie Garrison -- Robert B. Funk -- 508 Timber Lane
- Mr. Mike Holden -- Mr. Roy Jeffcoat
- Mr. David Hooper -- Larry Reeves
- Mr. Jimmy Cox -- Mr. David Hoffman

Mr. Mike Mullinax, County Attorney, explained that he needed to discuss contractual matters and matters involving pending litigation and would request an executive session. Mr. Holden moved to go into executive session at 5:05 p.m. and Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Garrison moved that Council go back into regular session and out of executive session at 5:45 p.m. Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Cox presented a Proclamation proclaiming March 1988 as mental retardation awareness month in Anderson County. Mrs. Debra Campbell, Executive Director of the M-R Board, introduced visitors present.

*** Mr. John Pracht thanked Council for the opportunity to be there and speak. He said that the individual property owners are being condemned and the S.C. National Bank is being negotiated with and the people of the County should know what was going on. He said he gave Council an option of 2½ acres on the eastern side which \$1.5 million was spent on, this is the full block joining the railroad from street to street and back to the railroad. He said he spent the majority of his life acquiring the property and the price he offered it to Council is less than he's put in it plus the interest on the money. He offered the 2½ acres on the eastern side for \$399,000 and would deduct the \$42,000 the county paid for the master plan to Burnstudio. He also explained that through condemnation the County would spend more than \$620,000 in acquiring the Western Square. He estimated the figure to be more than \$1 Million. He also urged Council to file reports of any official nature in the County Library. He said that if the County Council builds the Courthouse on the Western Square that Council should give serious consideration to acquiring the Wells property now while it's priced at market price. Council received as information.

Mr. Garrison said that a committee was appointed to seek out a professional group to look into the EMS situation in Anderson County and to report back to Council with a recommendation of a professional that Council could talk with about the EMS problem. He said the committee was composed of Mr. Watson, Mr. Burns, and Mr. Robert King. He would suggest that the group be reactivated and they report back with the information if possible. He moved that the group be reappointed to seek out and recommend to Council a professional group that can help Council to determine the proper set-up for our County EMS system. Mr. Cox said the committee is created without a vote.

Mr. Garrison read a letter from Peter Mowlajka requesting that Council give permission to fly the Clemson Centennial Flag at the Courthouse throughout the Centennial Celebration or if that is not possible, they ask that the flag fly on certain specified days. Mr. Garrison moved to fly the flag throughout the celebration and Mr. Hooper seconded. Mr. Cox moved to amend the motion that the flag fly only on the specified dates. Motion died from lack of a second. Council discussed the need for another flag pole for special purpose flags. Mr. Hooper moved that the County purchase another pole to use for this purpose. Mr. Garrison seconded and vote was 5-0. Vote on the motion was 5-0.

Mr. Garrison presented a request to amend the Building Codes Ordinance #215 extending the period for a permit renewal from a period of six months to one year. He also added that when a renewal permit is issued to the owner/occupant that no renewal fee be charged. Mr. Wiles seconded the motion to amend and vote was 5-0. The motion was to approve the first reading of Ordinance #244 amending the existing Building Codes ordinance.

Mr. Garrison said that the M-R Board requested, at the last meeting, that some changes be made in the parking area (old VR Building) and the cost would be approximately \$700. The Sheriff would also like a drive to his shop paved approximately 200' X 20' for about \$1,300. The total for the two projects would

be around \$2,000 and would request that \$400 come from each Council district's special projects fund. Mr. Cox explained that his special projects money was already committed and recommended that the funds come from their paving funds. Mr. Garrison then moved that the funds come from paving funds, if available, if not the funds to come out of each Councilman's special projects account. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Tom Allen appeared before Council to request funding of the installation of the Compact Book System proposed by Business Records Corp. for indexing, recording, and recreating land deeds, mortgages and plats for the RMC office. He said the situation has been studied for the past 14 months and feels that Business Records will give Anderson County the finest and longest lasting system. The system has been endorsed by the Courthouse Committee, Bar Association, and the Anderson County Board of Realtors by a majority vote. Mr. Cox explained that some members of Council were not ready to make a decision, therefore he requested that Mr. Crowe have a final recommendation to Council at the next meeting.

Mr. Elmer Tinsley came before Council asking for some help to cut the road to the Home of the Heart. The state has donated \$12,854 to pave the road, but they need the road cut. Mr. McClure said that he would estimate the County's cost at \$2.00 per foot. Mr. Garrison moved that the County cut the road and prepare it for paving. Mr. Hooper seconded. Mr. Mullinax said that he does not know if it can legally be done. It could be considered as using public monies on private property. Mr. Garrison said he certainly did not want to do anything against the road policy; therefore he offered a substitute motion that the request be referred to the County Attorney for a legal opinion before any action is taken. Mr. Cox seconded. The County Attorney will report back in two weeks. Vote on the substitute motion was 5-0.

Mr. Wiles stated that Rolling Acres Subdivision has a state grant (for water line) & the owners cannot come up with the amount of money needed. He then moved to appropriate \$3,000 from District #3 - Special Projects for this project. He explained that the City of Belton Recreation Commission is putting in an outdoor basketball court at the Jaycee Park and would also include in the motion that \$3,500 be appropriated for the paving of this from District #3 - special projects. Honea Path also needs \$400 for planting of trees and this would be included also. Mr. Cox seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wiles explained a request from the Senior Citizens Program to swap a piano and bench for a keyboard with stand and bench. This is an even swap. He then moved that this be approved. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Cox moved to appropriate \$2,000 to the Pelzer Recreation Center to repaint and refinish the gym. Mr. Wiles seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cox moved to approve on first reading Ordinance #245 which is the Anderson County Land Use and Development Standards Ordinance. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was 5-0. Mr. Wiles reserved the right for amendments to response time on second or third readings.

Mr. Watson recommended that Mr. McClure be allowed to pave Old Portman Road out of regular asphalt funds for Road Maintenance at approximately \$7,500. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was 5-0.

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The finance and road maintenance reports were distributed for Council's information.

Mr. Watson asked that some monies from the contingency fund be transfered to Solid Waste. Mr. Hunter presented the following transfers:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Contingency Fund #443-140-065	Solid Waste - #708-125-036 (Fuel & Oil)	\$6,320
Contingency Fund #443-140-054	Solid Waste - #708-135-052 (Repairs to Equipment)	6,320
Contingency Fund #443-140-065	Solid Waste - #708-140-057 (Asphalt Supplies)	7,360
Solicitor #416-100-001 (Salaries)	Solicitor #416-100-002 (Part time salaries)	7,398

Mr. Wiles moved to approve the transfers and Mr. Garrison seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Watson presented Council with his Annual Report due on or before March 1 of each year. Council received as information.

Mr. Crowe explained that approximately \$40,000 is budgeted for an ambulance for the Pendleton Rescue Squad. The Anderson Rescue Squad has a 1986 model GMC rescue ambulance vehicle which is inoperable as an ambulance. A modular unit is needed for the Pendleton Squad and can be purchased that meets the Federal requirements also the GMC can be traded toward the purchase of a van type unit. An additional \$6,000 is needed. Mr. Holden has agreed to give \$2,000 from his District #5 Special Projects. Mr. Crowe then asked the other 4 councilmembers for \$1,000 out of each district's special projects to meet these needs. He also asked Council for approval to spend an amount not to exceed \$46,000 for the two units. Mr. Holden moved to approve and Mr. Cox seconded. Mr. Garrison asked Mr. Crowe if this was the recommendation of Anderson Squad 1 and the EMS Commission. He replied no but the department would not enter into any kind of contract without the specific approval agreement of the Rescue Squad involved or the EMS Commission. Mr. Holden offered a substitute motion that Mr. Crowe be authorized to spend up to \$46,000 for the two units upon the recommendation of the EMS Commission. Mr. Cox seconded the substitute motion and vote was 5-0. Mr. Crowe will provide Council with a report of the transaction at the next meeting.

Mr. Holden moved to appropriate \$2,500 for Centerville Fire Department out of District #5 Special Projects and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Cox displayed the POW/MIA flag presented to Council at the VFW Annual Legislative Banquet by the Veteran Affairs Director and asked that it fly just beneath the American Flag. Mr. Wiles seconded and vote was 5-0.

Council heard from concerned citizens at this time.

Mr. Cox asked Tony Cirelli to report on the roads in Andergreen Subdivision. He said per instructions at the last meeting he could not find where Mr. Hall had any claims in the County's records office as going bankrupt. Mr. Cox and Council asked for Mr. McClure and Mr. Cirelli to get with the County Attorney to research the situation further.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gilstrap

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