

**ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA
Regular Meeting - January 4, 1994 - 4:30 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk**

M I N U T E S

PURSUANT TO SECTION 30-4-80 OF THE STATE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS/ORGANIZATIONS WERE NOTIFIED BY MAIL AND/OR FAX OF THIS MEETING:

G. Fred Tolly, Jr., William Floyd, Harvie Banister, Ed Allgood, Mike Holden, Tom Martin, INDEPENDENT MAIL, GREENVILLE NEWS, WYFF - CHANNEL 4 TELEVISION, WSPA - CHANNEL 7 TELEVISION, WLOS - CHANNEL 13 TELEVISION, CATV (AND. CABLE), CENCOM CABLE TV, EASLEY PROGRESS, Matt Phillips-WRIX RADIO, Bill Meade-THE JOURNAL, Roy Ethridge - AND. MONITOR, WAIM RADIO, WCCP RADIO, Joe Newton-COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, Rosemary Garrick-HOMETOWN REFLECTIONS, Brantley Jordan (picked up).

A regular meeting of the Anderson County Council was held on January 4, 1994 at 4:30 PM in the new Anderson County Council Chambers - Old Courthouse - Second Floor.

PRESENT

G. Fred Tolly, Jr. - District #1
William A. Floyd - District #2
Harvie E. Banister - District #3
Ed Allgood - District #4
Mike Holden - District #5
Gary A. Smoak - Administrator
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

ABSENT

Tom Martin - County Attorney

Chairman Mike Holden called the meeting to order and Mr. Gary Smoak gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Holden nominated Mr. Fred Tolly for chairman and Mr. Floyd seconded. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Holden relinquished the chair to Mr. Tolly at this time.

Mr. Tolly called for nominations for vice-chairman. Mr. Holden nominated Mr. William Floyd for vice-chairman and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Council heard from Carl Johnson, a concerned citizen, at this time.

Mr. Tolly presented third and final reading of Ordinance #408 - an ordinance authorizing the sale of approximately one (1) acre, more or less, of Anderson County Real Estate. Mr. Banister moved to approve on third reading and Mr. Floyd seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tolly presented first reading of Ordinance #409 - an ordinance to provide for property owners to rid properties of weeds, undergrowth, trash, and other conditions detrimental to the public health, welfare or safety of County citizens. Mr. Floyd moved to approve on first reading and would like to hear the response from all citizens involved with this ordinance prior to second reading. Mr. Banister expressed his opposition to the ordinance. Mr. Holden seconded. Council discussed. Vote was three in favor and two opposed (Banister, Allgood).

Mr. Allgood appointed Mr. Ed Kennedy and Mr. Ben Owens to the Human Relations Council.

Mr. Banister said that he was unable to contact his appointee to the Human Relations Council and would try to prior to the meeting on Jan. 11.

Mr. Holden said that Mr. "Red" Nixon had resigned from the Economic Development Board and would like to replace Mr. Nixon with Mr. Nick White on the board.

Mr. Smoak presented bids for the purchase of mini-blinds for the Old Courthouse. The low bid from Trammell Design Services, Inc. for \$4,102.00 (plus tax) was recommended. Mr. Smoak said that there was approximately \$57,744 left from the bonds and must be spent, for the purpose that the bonds were floated, by April or the County will continue to pay arbitrage on that. He said the building needed signs, landscaping, computer equipment, building repairs (Agriculture Building) and etc. Mr. Tolly said he would like to complete the third floor of the old courthouse and repair the heating and air in the Agriculture Building on Towers Street. Council agreed to ask the Administrator to prioritize a list for Council's approval. Mr. Allgood moved to approve the purchase of the blinds from the low bidder and Mr. Floyd seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Allgood said that there was a situation in his district in which it would cost approximately \$20,000 to pave a dirt road which is desperately needed. He said that the Council could create a special millage tax district which would allow these people to pay for this over a period of time. This would also cover sewer lines, infrastructure and other needs of the County. He requested that the Council approve a resolution asking the Bond Attorneys to see what the cost would be and bring back with the funding possibilities. Chairman Tolly suggested that Mr. Smoak and Mr. Crout get with Mr. Allgood and Bond Counsel to draw up an ordinance for Council's consideration.

Mr. Allgood talked about the small outside lights at the new courthouse. He said the County needed to do away with them or repair them. They could be removed and the space used for parking, he said. Council agreed to ask the County engineer to look at and bring back a recommendation to Council.

Mr. William Floyd proposed that Council meet with all Mayors of the Municipalities to discuss mandates for the coming year. He then moved that Council meet with them on Thursday, January 13 at 4 pm in the Conference room - Old Courthouse. Mr. Allgood seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Allgood moved that a meeting be set up with Anderson, Pickens and Oconee County Councils to discuss Solid Waste. This meeting to take place the first week in February. Mr. Floyd seconded. Mr. Tolly amended the motion that Clemson University be included in the meeting and Mr. Allgood seconded. Vote on the amendment was 5-0. Vote on the original motion as amended was unanimous.

Mr. Tolly moved to reappoint Mr. Joe Davenport and Mr. Al Norris to the Appalachian Council of Governments' Board for another two year term. Mr. Floyd seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Smoak presented a estimate of \$4,600.00 on asphalt to cover the Old Revco Building parking lot site. This is an estimate of a "turn key" paving job and would require approximately \$5,000 to grade, add stone and set up stone. Mr. Allgood moved to approve and Mr. Floyd seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Smoak said that it would cost approximately \$15,003 to give all employees who had been employed for at least six months and did not receive the cost of living increase in July. Funds are budgeted in the merit pay account. Mr. Floyd moved to approve as presented and Mr. Holden seconded. Mr. Banister said that he had some part-time employees (employees that work at the portable landfills) that did not receive a raise and that those people do a good job and deserve a raise. Mr. Banister moved to amend the motion to include permanent/part-time and temporary/part-time employees in this 3% pay increase. Mr. Floyd seconded. Council discussed the money involved. Vote on the amendment was unanimous. Vote on the original motion as amended was unanimous.

Mr. Tolly suggested that the next item on the agenda; J.C. Cox Wastewater Lagoons, be discussed in executive session which is a contractual matter. Council agreed.

Mr. Smoak presented an agreement between Anderson County and the South Carolina Department of Transportation to provide sewer services to the rest stop areas on I-85 in Anderson County. The agreement states that the Highway Department plans to take the treatment facilities out of service and install pump stations and force mains to transport the waste to existing Anderson County facilities for treatment. The facilities will be constructed to the County's specifications and the County will

accept ownership and will operate and maintain the systems. The S.C. Department of Transportation will pay the County the standard user fees. Mr. Tolly moved to approve the agreement and Mr. Allgood seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Smoak said that the Cherry, Bekaert & Holland Firm was charged with the 1993 year ending audit. He said that the audit was acceptable and commended the Finance Office staff for the way they turned over the complete financial documentation/information to the Auditors to completely assess county finances. Mr. Alan Robinson, with Cherry, Bekaert & Holland presented the audit and said that this was an unqualified audit. The County was not cited for any material weaknesses and the fund balance was up to approximately \$2,500,000 which is almost double from last year. Council commended and applauded the Finance Office for the good work.

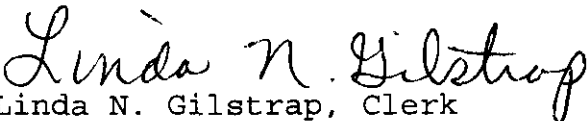
Mr. Floyd moved to go into executive session at 5:56 p.m. and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tolly moved to come out of executive session at 7:00 p.m. and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Smoak explained that during executive session Council discussed the J.C. Cox wastewater lagoons. Council agreed to defer action until a later date.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk
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