

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

ORIGINAL

Regular Meeting - May 17, 1988 - 5:15 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MAY 17, 1988 AT 5:15 P.M. IN THE ANDERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE - COURTROOM. 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, Administrator
Jack Crowe, Purchasing Manager
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. Cox explained the reason for changing the time of the meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. was because of the long agenda. Mr. Hooper moved to permit the chairman to arrange the agenda in whatever order he wishes. Mr. Garrison seconded and vote was unanimous.

On the motion of Mr. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Wiles, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the May 3, 1988 meeting as mailed.

Mr. Rusty Burns asked Mr. Buck Terry, Chairman of the Planning & Development, to report on an appropriation received yesterday. Mr. Terry announced that Duke Power Company had donated the sum of \$2,000 to office of Planning & Development for the purposes of advertising and promoting economic development in Anderson County.

Mr. Burns introduced Mr. Martin Durham the new Civic Center Manager. He thanked Council for the opportunity to be a part of Anderson County and said that he believes the Civic Center will be a big success.

Mr. Cox asked Mr. Prue Gilreath to present his presentation to Council next. Mr. John Pracht who was next on the agenda asked that his presentation be deferred until the next regular meeting. Council agreed. Mr. Gilreath said that the Senior Citizens Program was about four years old and was one of the best in the State of South Carolina. He thanked Council for helping make this program an overwhelming success. He also thanked Jo Brown for the work she has done to make the program such a big success and thanked the City of Anderson for their help in providing the building. He expressed to Council the

importance of continuing the program for the Senior Citizens of Anderson County. Council received Mr. Gilreath's presentation as information.

Mr. Cox explained the procedure for citizens wishing to be heard and the pad was passed around for anyone wishing to speak to sign.

Mr. J.D. Compton passed out copies of the present (1987-88) fiscal year budget for the Senior Citizens Program. He read over the figures for those who did not have copies. He read a proposal for Council to consider concerning the Senior Citizens Program. His proposal is as follows: 1. The money presently appropriated to the Anderson County Senior Citizens program known in the annual budget summary FY 1987-88 as activity Number 709 not be budgeted in the 1988-89 budget. 2. The money should be appropriated and prorated to each Senior Citizen organization throughout Anderson County Municipalities according to the active membership. This is to allow each organization in the county municipalities to have their fair share of the money to spend on their local activities. The money coming in would give a boost to the local organization to cause more Seniors to participate. 3. The coordinator of each local Senior Citizen Organization from each municipality, will be responsible for the money appropriated to their local organization and be accountable to Anderson County Council. He explained that the present Senior Citizens Program placed a burden on elderly to travel to Anderson to attend the activities. He said he was not out to crucify Jo Brown and has never tried to stab her in the back and wanted to make that clear. He said that the outlying cities of Anderson needed transportation to get these seniors to Anderson to participate in the program. He explained that he thought the biggest part of the activities of the program were being held in Anderson County. He showed several pictures from the Greenville News and Independent of activities of the program. He said Mr. Wiles had donated for the last two years, out of his special projects fund, the sum of \$1,000 and he thanked Mr. Wiles for the donations. He said the decision to fund the outlying Cities would be left up to County Council. Mr. Compton criticized the band for going outside of Anderson County. Mr. Cox asked Mr. Compton under his plan would Piedmont or Powdersville receive any money since neither were incorporated. Mr. Compton replied that Piedmont or Powdersville residents would have to travel to Pelzer. Mr. Cox also called his attention that under his proposal additional funds would be needed to audit all the different small groups. Mr. Compton replied that the additional monies needed could be appropriated to cover the audits. Mr. Garrison asked Mr. Compton if it was his intent to do away with an organized program, with a professional coordinator, and to divide this money out between various senior citizens groups within the County. He replied that was what he had on his proposal and wanted the Council members to realize that the satellite districts of Anderson County needed money. Mr. Wiles moved to receive Mr. Compton's remarks as information to hear from others before a decision is made. Mr. Cox seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Council heard from Mr. Bob Krause, a member of the Senior Citizens' Band. He spoke on the importance and the achievements of the current Senior Citizens' program. Council received as information.

Council then heard from Mayor Leo Fisher of Belton. He said the reason he was present was at the request of senior citizens from Belton. They came to him requesting help. He read a Resolution that the City of Belton approved, at the request of Mr. Compton. The resolution states the same request that the proposal Mr. Compton presented to Council earlier in the meeting. He explained the financial condition of the Senior Citizens Group of Belton and asked Council to look at this problem. Mr. Cox asked Mayor Fisher how much assistance did the Town of Belton give to the group. He replied none. He thanked Mr. Wiles for his assistance in the past. Mr. Wiles said he was aware of the need for assistance in Belton, Honea Path, Starr and Iva, and said he will be asking for monies in the budget. He asked that the Resolution be received as information and moved to purchase a van, through State Surplus, for about \$1,600.00 and the money to come from Contingency fund or where available. Mr. Cox seconded. This van to be used by the Belton Senior Citizens Group. Mr. Wiles said and he promised to help in the 1988-89 fiscal year budget. Mr. Garrison spoke on the program and the needs of all groups. He said the coordinator was doing a wonderful job and therefore felt that Council should have a recommendation from this coordinator before anything is done. Mr. Garrison amended the motion that the problem be referred to the Senior Citizens' Coordinator for her recommendation to be looked into with all other groups in the County. Mr. Hooper seconded the amendment. Vote on the amendment was 5/0. Vote on the original proposition as amended was unanimous. Mr. Wiles said he didn't mind referring it, but wanted to supply the need to the Belton group. He asked that a recommendation be made by the next Council meeting.

At this time, Mr. Cox opened the floor for citizens wishing to be heard. Council heard from several citizens speaking in favor of the current senior citizens' program.

Mr. Ray Wood came before Council with a petition requesting that a dirt road off Masters Drive in Homeland Park be closed because of a nuisance to the Community. The Chairman asked Mr. Wood to present the petition to the Clerk, to turn over to Road Maintenance for a report at the next meeting.

Mr. Cox asked for a vote of people in favor of the current problem and the people in favor of Mr. Compton's proposal. Only a few people were in favor of Mr. Compton's plan. People from Belton said they did not want to hurt the present program they just wanted assistance in Belton. Council received all remarks as information. Mr. Garrison offered a Resolution (#454) commending Mrs. Jo Brown on the outstanding job as the senior citizens director, commending the band and directing Mrs. Brown to poll the senior citizens groups throughout the County to summarize the needs for Council's consideration in the next budget and determine if additional funds would be of help to groups in the outlying areas. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0. Mr. Wiles stated that he intended to ask for funding for the Belton organization in the 1988-89 budget.

Council recessed for 10 minutes at 7:00 p.m. At 7:10 Mr. Cox called the meeting back to order. Mr. Garrison asked for approval to appropriate \$2,500 to the Pendleton, Three & Twenty, and Walker

McElmoyle Fire Stations from his special projects fund. Mr. Cox seconded the request and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Burns asked Council to approve Resolution #452 supporting Anderson County's efforts to acquire funds to purchase a van to be used in a project involving each of the Rescue Squads in Anderson County. The van is to be used to transport elderly and/or handicapped citizens to medical facilities in order to receive medical treatment. This project will provide another service to the senior citizens of Anderson County, thus promoting the economic benefits which have resulted from the ever increasing growth of the retirement community in the County. Mr. Hooper moved to approve the Resolution (#452) as presented and Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Burns asked for permission to pursue a project to extend a county road and to rough grade an area to be turned over to the State Highway Department for them to maintain. The road is off Fielding Drive and will go into the new road beside the County Farm Property. Mr. McClure said that it will be a benefit to Anderson County. The request would be contingent upon the State taking the road into the State system for maintenance. The right-of-ways are through County property. Mr. Hooper moved to approve as requested and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Burns presented third and final reading of Ordinance #248 (Junkyard and Open Storage Ordinance). He explained the amendments as approved on second reading. Mr. Wiles moved to approve and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cox presented Resolution #451 endorsing the application by the Anderson-Oconee Council on Aging for gasoline tax funds to finance capital equipment for elderly and handicapped needs. He moved that the resolution be approved and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cox presented Resolution #453 supporting the application and proposal of the Anderson County Board for the Mentally Retarded and Developmentally Disabled for State Gasoline Tax Funds for transportation and stating that the Board for Mentally Retarded and Developmentally Disabled is an entity in Anderson County providing transportation to the handicapped. He moved that the resolution be approved as presented. Mr. Wiles seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cox explained a letter of request from the Pierce Town Fire Department for \$2,000 defray the cost of renovations to the building. He moved to appropriate \$1,000 from District #1 - Special Projects and \$1,000 next year if available. Mr. Garrison seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Marvin Mattison presented a memorandum for consideration concerning recommendations for improving animal related matters in Anderson County. It said that a cooperative study with a joint effort of the Humane Society must be done to determine our long term plans and goals. Mr. Cox moved to allow Mr. Mattison to proceed with this study which will take approximately six months. Mr. Wiles seconded. Mr. Garrison asked that the study be rushed up as much as possible. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crowe asked for permission to purchase special shelving for the Assessor's Office to match existing shelving in the amount of \$5,400. He also asked for the approval of a Xerox Memory Writer for the Solicitor's Office in the amount of \$2,142. No additional funding would be necessary. Mr. Garrison moved to approve the purchases and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Hunter asked for the approval of the following budget transfers. Assessor's Office -- Transfer \$2,500 from Acct. #408-100-001 (salaries) into account #408-160-093 (office equipment). Assessor's Office -- Transfer \$3,000 from account #408-100-002 (temp/part time salaries) into account #408-160-093 (office equipment). From Police Retirement Account #441-110-012 to Road Maintenance #601 -- \$50,000 and from the Bridge Account to Road Maintenance #601 -- \$70,000 for a total transfer to Road Maintenance of \$120,000 to carry through June 30, 1988. Mr. Wiles moved to approve the transfers and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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