

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2007
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman Gunnells, Councilman Thomas, Councilman Davis, Councilman Calhoun and Councilman McClain.

ABSENT: Vice Chairman Norris and Councilman Simpson

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gunnells called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Gunnells led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Councilman Thomas gave the invocation.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:

Chairman Gunnells stated for the record that both the Press and Banner and the Index Journal were notified of the meeting and that the meeting was posted on County Buildings as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Calhoun made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2007, regular county council meeting. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Councilman Thomas abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items): None

PRESENTATIONS:

Ms. Pat Golden, Nutrition/RSVP Coordinator with McCormick County Senior Center requested that Council allow her to establish an RSVP Program for the region of Abbeville, Greenwood and McCormick Counties. This program is for volunteers 55 and older. It gives the volunteers a sense of belonging. They provide for yearly banquets, have several categories that they give awards for and do several luncheons.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) Resolutions:

- 1) A resolution (07-29) updating Abbeville County Administrative Procedure 06-7 to reflect Internal Revenue Service Standard Mileage Rate. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.
- 2) A resolution (07-30) recognizing and honoring Ms. Sandra H. Jones for her dedicated years of service to the residents of Abbeville County. Councilman McClain made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.
- 3) A resolution (07-31) authorizing the County Director to enter into a Lease/Purchase Agreement with Bobby Jones Ford for the purchase of seven (7) new automobiles. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. After some discussion on the cars being labeled and used by the Deputy's the motion carried 5-0-0.
- 4) A resolution (07-32) authorizing the County Director to enter into a purchase agreement with Peach State Ambulance Inc. for the purchase of two (2) new ambulances not to exceed \$185,092.00. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.
- 5) A resolution (07-33) authorizing the County Director to enter into a Lease/Purchase agreement with First Citizens Bank for the purchase of two (2) new ambulances. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.
- 6) A resolution (07-34) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with Smith Data for the computer services agreement for modifications for tax reform for the Auditor, Treasurer and Tax Collector. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.
- 7) A resolution (07-35) authorizing the County Director to enter into a health services agreement with Southern Health Partners, Inc. for the delivery of all medical and dental services to inmates of the Abbeville County Detention Center. Councilman McClain made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Finance Committee—Ray Gunnells, Claude Thomas and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- b) Personnel and Administration—Bryan McClain, Jeff Simpson and Claude Thomas. No report was given.

- c) Public Works—Jeff Simpson, Claude Thomas and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Billy Norris, Mike Davis and John Calhoun. No report was given.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, Ray Gunnells and John Calhoun. No report was given.
- f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun, Bryan McClain and Jeff Simpson. No report was given.
- g) Public Safety—Mike Davis, John Calhoun and Billy Norris. No report was given.

A motion was made by Councilman McClain to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual issue with the old hospital and an Economic issue. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Gunnells reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that no action was needed following executive session.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Agenda Items): None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion Councilman Thomas made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Done this _____ day of _____, 2007

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
Ernest Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council