

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - November 17, 1987 - 7:00 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON NOVEMBER 17, 1987 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - ROOM 109. CHAIRMAN 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. On the motion of Mr. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Wiles, Council voted unanimously to approve the November 3, 1987 minutes as mailed.

Mr. Cox asked if the agenda could be amended to hear a recommendation from the Courthouse Commission by the County Attorney. There were no objections. The following recommendations were presented by the County Attorney.

1. That Anderson County Council immediately retain the services of Burnstudio and that the Anderson County Attorney proceed to negotiate a contract to provide for the following services:
 - (a) To evaluate the primary site previously recommended by the Courthouse Commission and approved by County Council in order to assess the suitability of that site for the construction of the Courthouse/Administrative Office complex. Further, to evaluate and have available information as to the suitability of the remaining two (2) sites should the primary site not be appropriate.
 - (b) To prepare a facilities master plan for the complex, which will include renovations of the existing structures, and to execute such plans in conjunction with the architect/engineer throughout the construction of the project.

The services outlined above to be performed in conjunction with the primary architectural firm Fluor Daniel selected by the Courthouse Commission and approved by County Council.

2. To authorize the County Attorney to employ real estate appraisers to assist in the valuation, negotiation and acquisition of the courthouse site.

Mr. Cox moved that the recommendation be adopted and Mr. Hooper seconded. Council discussed. Mr. Cox amended the motion to include "new construction" in section (b). Mr. Hooper seconded the amendment.

(b) To prepare a facilities master plan of new construction for the complex, which will also include renovations of the existing structures, and to execute such plans in conjunction with the architect/engineer throughout the construction of the project.

Vote on the amendment was four in favor, none opposed and one abstention. Mr. Wiles abstained. Vote on the original motion as amended was 4-0-1. Mr. Wiles abstained. Mr. Wiles stated he abstained because he had something to present later pertaining to the site, but has no objections to Burnstudio looking at the site. The County Attorney will proceed with negotiations and report back to Council.

Mr. Richard Shirley, City Councilman, appeared before Council to apologize for putting three Councilmembers into a bad situation by inviting them to a meeting that was not publicly advertised. He also apologized to the members of Council that were not invited to the meeting. He also asked Council to keep the Courthouse downtown. Council received as information. He asked to go on record saying that there was nothing but genuine heartfelt concern on his part to invite the members to his office. He said he would continue to strive to keep the courthouse in the downtown area.

Mr. Darrell Clark, representing the Salvation Army Boys Club, came before Council to say thank you for their generous support. The 14 year olds and under was recognized for winning the State Championship Award. Another group recognized were the Greater Anderson Track Club who won the Program of the Year Award. They also thanked Council for their support. Council received as information.

Mr. Garrison moved to appropriate \$500 from each Council's Special Project Fund (\$2,500) to supplement the Basketball and Baseball Programs. Mr. Wiles seconded and vote was 5-0 to appropriate the \$2,500 for the Boys Club for these programs.

Mr. Hurley Badders appeared before Council concerning the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee. He explained that due to the change in the funding procedure that the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee has been inactive for over a year and the terms have expired. State law requires that there be seven (7) members on the committee and the majority represent the hospitality business. He recommended the following for reappointment and one new appointment.

Reappointment: Gerald Wittenberg, Tom E. Dudley, Mrs. Carl Stone,
Stephen Crawford, Arlene Sanders, & Hurley Badders

New Appointment: Tom Jonas

Mr. Cox moved that the appointments be made and Mr. Garrison seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Hurley Badders asked that Mr. Tom Allen, Chairman of Subcommittee of the Courthouse Commission, present a recommendation on records management. He stated that the Courthouse Commission recommends that Mr. Jack Crowe be empowered to proceed with negotiations with Business Records or a company or companies providing similar services and a contract be let by December 31, 1987 to implement the needed changes in the Anderson County RMC Office and that Mr. Rusty Burns be allowed to search for grant monies that may be available. Mr. Crowe stated that in his opinion this should be accepted as information and allow him to further pursue further avenues and other companies that may be available to provide service to the County. Mr. Allen said that the type system (Compact Book System) would be the best. Mr. Cox moved to direct Mr. Crowe to negotiate with whoever he desires and sees fit concerning the records and report back to Council with a recommendation for contract no later than December 31, 1987. Mr. Holden seconded. Council discussed. Mr. Garrison said he

would like to look at the system if it was a different type. Mr. Garrison moved to amend the motion to place a cut off date of March 1. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was 5-0. Vote on the original motion as amended was 5-0.

Mr. Holden moved to appropriate \$1,000 from District 5 - Special Projects for Homeland Park Water District drainage problems. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Mullinax presented third and final reading of Ordinance #235 amending original ordinance #207 establishing a uniform street naming and property numbering system. Mr. Wiles moved that the ordinance be approved on third reading and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Mullinax presented Ordinance #236 creating the position of Finance Director for the County of Anderson for second reading approval. Mr. Hooper moved to adopt on second reading and Mr. Holden seconded. Mr. Garrison amended the motion to state that the duties of this position will not infringe upon the duties of any elected officials. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous. Vote on the original motion as amended was 5-0.

Mr. Mullinax explained that an agreement between the County of Anderson and the City of Anderson had been reached concerning the upgrading and expansion of the Rocky River-Generostee Sewage Treatment Plant. He recommended that the Administrator and the Chairman be allowed to sign the agreement. He reported that the City would issue approximately \$18,000,000 Revenue bonds of which approximately 4.5 Million Dollars would be the County's share and 1.8 Million Dollars Homeland Parks'. The balance would be the City's. Mr. Cox moved to authorize the administrator and chairman to sign agreement as presented. Mr. Garrison seconded. Mr. Wiles explained a situation where residents of Gluck Village are being charged a dramatic increase by the City of Anderson. He said that Gluck was on Homeland Park Sewer and the fees are collected by Duke Power for the City or Homeland Park. The City has set their fee increase and Homeland Park has not. He asked Mr. Mullinax if Council are under a contract. He didn't like the City setting rates for his constituents in the County. Mr. Mullinax explained that the primary discrepancy is outside the city, customers are charged more per unit value because they have not paid city taxes and constructed sewage treatment plants and collection lines. Mr. Wiles recommended that they come directly under Homeland Park and asked the County Attorney to check into it. Vote on the motion was 5-0.

Mr. Johnson presented Resolution #426 approving road names for the implementation of E911. Mr. Hooper moved to approve and Mr. Cox seconded. Mr. Wiles offered the following names as amendments:

- C-17-19 - From Old Emerson Bridge Road across 413 to Milford Road
be known as BRYANT ROAD
- C-16-44 - From Flat Rock Road to intersection of C-16-42 be known
as WILSON ROAD
- Dirt road between Highway 81 and Flat Rock Road be known
as PAYNE DRIVE

Mr. Cox seconded the amendment and vote was 5-0. Vote on the original motion as amended was 5-0.

Mr. Wiles asked that Planning & Development and Road Maintenance be properly notified of the amendments.

Mr. Wiles presented an ordinance ordering a referendum in Anderson County

to submit the question of where the site shall be for the purpose of constructing the courthouse/administrative office complex. Mr. Wiles moved that the ordinance be approved on first reading. The motion died from lack of second. Mr. Wiles then pointed out parts of Ordinance #224, which in his opinion could be a problem with whether the county can legally build a new courthouse structure anywhere but directly behind the current courthouse. He said the county could demolish part of the Penney's Building and purchase the Revco Building and build there. This could be done for approximately \$4,000,000 and the county could roll back taxes about 4 mills. Mr. Cox said that the County may look at the \$4,000,000 courthouse and say that a \$10,000,000 Civic Center is not needed.

Mr. Garrison called a point of order to the chair by discussing a motion that was not seconded. Mr. Cox said that discussion was allowed by Mr. Wiles and any other member can discuss if they wish.

Mr. Garrison moved that the County purchase a sound system for the Senior Citizens Band. A cap of \$1,800 was placed on the purchase and the money to come from the contingency fund. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Watson presented the Road Maintenance Report and Financial Report to Council for information.

Mr. Watson explained that with the expansion of Wells Aluminum an additional lane is required on Blake Dairy Road. Mr. Wiles moved that the Council proceed with the project and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Crowe presented the purchase of a boom-mower to be mounted to a motorgrader for use in all areas. Mr. Wiles has agreed that the money could come from his district 3 funds. The cost of the boom-mower not to exceed \$17,500. Mr. Wiles moved to approve and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Crowe presented a request from Solid Waste for repair parts for JC862 Scraper. He recommended that an order be placed with Bruce Construction for \$10,313.13. Mr. Hooper moved to approve and Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Crowe recommended the purchase of an IBM PC for the Road Maintenance Department from IBM for \$3,445. Money is available in the budget. Mr. Hooper moved that the purchase be made and Mr. Garrison seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Crowe asked that the purchase of 12 drums of Malathion 95% concentrate be approved at \$6,780 from S.C. Department of Health & Environmental Control. Mr. Garrison moved that the purchase be approved and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crowe explained that he had discovered that Anderson County was a medium size Essx user (telephone system), the City of Anderson is a small Essx user as well as School District 5. He said that the County could recast the contract with Southern Bell and save \$63,000 over a three year period. The County would save \$345 per month, the City - \$634 a month and District 5 - \$782 per month. He therefore asked Council for permission to recast the contract & go with the program. Mr. Cox moved to allow the request and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Robert King informed Council that the EMS Commission voted to request the Council to leave the EMS dispatch where it is. Mr. Burns had previously stated that to centrally locate the E911 dispatch would save the County approximately \$111,373.

Mr. Wiles explained that he attended the last meeting of the EMS Commission and moved to reconsider Council previous decision. Mr. Burns suggested that Council appoint two members to a committee to study this problem. Mr. Wiles withdrew his motion. Mr. Cox asked Mr. Burns to continue to work on the situation and come back to Council with a solution.

Mr. Cox asked for a formal opinion on the language of the Courthouse Bond ordinance.

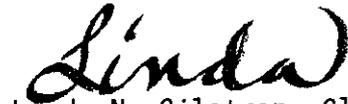
Mr. Hooper explained a request from Randall Smith for road work in order for him to get a loan to build a home. The residents have all signed a 50' right of way for this road-off Bowling Road. Council discussed road repairs. Mr. Mullinax was asked to present something for first reading approval. He then said that it would be first reading of Ordinance #237 approving amendments to the original road ordinance to implement a phase 1 dirt road, a phase 2 dirt road, and a phase 3 road as proposed by County Council. Mr. Cox moved to approve and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mayor Wright thanked Council for action on the sewer agreement.

Council heard from concerned citizens.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 9:25 p.m.
(The Chairman played the Gamecock Fight Song.)

Respectfully submitted,



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