

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - June 19, 1984 - 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 JUNE 19, 1984 AT 7:00 P.M. IN ROOM 109 OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING. THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

Fred G. Alexander, District #1
Prue L. Gilreath, District #2
Robert L. Wiles, Chairman, District #3
Daniel A. Rhodes, District #4
A.M. "Al" Lynch, District #5
Billy D. O'Neal, Administrator
Joseph G. Wright, III, County Attorney

Mr. Wiles called the meeting to order and Mr. Alexander gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the June 5, 1984 meeting as mailed.

Mr. O'Neal gave the road maintenance activity report for the period June 4 - June 15, 1984. The county received 283 work orders and completed 253. Mr. O'Neal explained that a resolution was passed appropriating the Accommodations Tax money into the Recreation Commission's budget. The portion of the money for advertising/promotion of tourism will go into the Pendleton District Historic & Recreation Commission (approximately \$6,675). He then told Council that the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee needed to be appointed at the next meeting.

Mr. O'Neal reported to Council that the State Highway Department had abandoned a section of road on the border between Greenville & Anderson Counties - the Old Dunham Bridge across the Saluda River. Greenville County decided to abandon the bridge also, so they placed dirt on their side and Anderson County's side. Residents of that area would like the bridge to be reopened and have a signed petition. Mr. O'Neal would like to find out the condition of the bridge before any action is taken.

Mr. O'Neal asked for permission to make inter-departmental transfers and to make transfers up to \$1,500 between departments. On the motion of Mr. Gilreath, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted unanimously to allow the request to make the transfers as needed as long as it doesn't exceed the budgetary amount.

Mr. Rhodes read a resolution (#231) calling for a referendum for a two-mill tax increase to provide indigent health care. He then moved that this be approved. Mr. Lynch seconded the motion. Mr. Gilreath moved that this be tabled for further study. Mr. Alexander seconded. Vote was 2 in favor (Gilreath, Alexander) and three opposed (Wiles, Lynch, & Rhodes). Vote on the original motion was three in favor and two opposed. Lynch, Rhodes & Wiles voted in favor, Alexander, Gilreath voted in opposition. Mr. Gilreath stated he thought the indigent care fund was being managed in a very worthwhile manner and sees no reason for change.

Mr. Gilreath asked the administrator to drop the county insurance coverage that he has.

Mr. Alexander informed Council of a disposal plant that the city of Easley plans to build in Anderson County. He then asked Mr. David Beville to explain the situation. He said that a disposal plant for the City of Easley was scheduled to be built in accordance with plans and specifications as approved by DHEC sometime in the near future. This is planned just inside the county line in Pickens. It was recommended for that location by DEHC. The location is somewhere near Old Pendleton Mill road and Brushy Creek. His office has no record of it. Council goes on record as opposing this. Mr. Wiles asked the Sewer Authority and County Attorney to investigate and see if anything can be done about it. Mr. O'Neal will also check it out.

Morris Wynn, Director of the M-R Board, told Council that he and the administrator had looked at a 2 acre site for their planned facility near the Vocation Rehabilitation Center and Health Department. Mr. O'Neal stated that this location seemed to be the best location. On the motion of Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Gilreath, Council voted 5-0 to grant the request for the 2 acre site with the condition that the land revert back to the county in the deed.

Mr. Wright presented Resolution #229 requesting for a public hearing for the purpose of including a small track of land into the Homeland Park Water District. On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted 5-0 to approve.

Mr. Wright asked that Council approve a Resolution (#232) for an amendment to the lease agreement and third supplemental indenture in connection with the outstanding bonds of an original issue of \$1,000,000 Anderson County First Mortgage Industrial Revenue Bonds for Baxter Kelly. Motion was made by Mr. Lynch to approve. Motion was seconded by Mr. Alexander and carried.

Mr. Wright presented second reading of Ordinance #138 (Amendment #1 to original ordinance #129 - Building Permits). This would delete the words "by the applicant and" from section 7 and add: "Not all property owners have to receive a certificate." On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted 5-0 to approve.

Mr. Wright told the Council that Ordinance #136 (Airport Rules & Regulations) was being changed and not in final form for third reading.

Mr. Wright asked the Council to approve Resolution #233 & Assistance Agreement for \$1,000,000 Industrial Development Revenue Bonds or Notes for Carolina Spring Company. Mr. Lynch moved that this be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilreath. Council voted 5-0 to approve this resolution #233.

Mr. Rusty Burns with the Planning & Development Board asked for a 45 day extension on the road study project. Request was granted. The original deadline was June 30, 1984.

Mr. Wiles asked Council to approve Resolution #230 supporting the activities of the Anderson County Planning & Development Board to acquire the Iva to South Anderson rail line which the Seaboard Railroad intends to abandon. Motion was seconded by Mr. Alexander. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Lynch read Resolution #234 asking that the Administrator begin immediately searching for a computer with a lease/purchase option that would have the twin benefits of keeping a quarter of a million dollars in Anderson County and maintain vital records for our county officials. He moved that this be approved. Mr. Rhodes seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Rhodes placed Charles Davis in nomination for a vacancy on the Anderson County Solid Waste Authority. Mr. Alexander nominated Rudolph Cole for re-appointment. Vote on Charles Davis was three in favor and two abstaining. Mr. Gilreath, Mr. Alexander abstained. (There was no need for a second vote on Mr. Cole)

Mr. Gilreath asked the clerk to inform the Council by letter, in advance, of any expirations on the 11 boards/commissions.

Mr. Orian Parris asked that Council repeal Ordinance #108 (Mobile Home Regulations) or to place on the November 6 ballot asking if the Council should or should not repeal this ordinance. He made the request on behalf of the Anderson County Concerned Citizens for Better Government. On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Gilreath, Council voted 5-0 to receive as information.

Council took a 10 minute break at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. O'Neal opened a public hearing for written or oral comments on the 1984-85 proposed budget. Several citizens spoke.

Mr. O'Neal explained that all amendments from second reading had been incorporated in the budget. He explained the following changes not included in the budget. Line Item (Acct.#540) Recreation Commission under code 79 increase \$45,025 approximation of the revenues from the Accommodations Tax and an additional \$3,000 for the USDA Summer Food Program. This would be a total appropriation of \$121,834 for the Recreation Commission account #540. Add an estimated amount of \$6,675 into account #510 Pendleton District Historic & Recreation Commission for a total appropriation of \$32,675 This would be more expenditures than revenues (\$48,158). His recommendation would be to reduce the contingency fund by \$48,158 for a total appropriation for account #910 (Contingency Fund) \$51,842. This would make a balanced budget for a total of \$11,381,980 revenues and \$11,381,980 expenditures.

Mr. Wiles moved that the budget be approved on third reading. Mr. Gilreath seconded the motion for discussion. Mr. Gilreath moved that under the projected revenues - Source 120 - Delinquent Tax Collections be increased by \$36,000 for a total of \$336,000. He feels that the delinquent tax collections will increase. Mr. Alexander seconded. Vote was 3 in favor and 2 opposed. (Gilreath, Alexander, & Wiles voted in favor, Lynch and Rhodes voted in opposition).

Amendments by Mr. Gilreath

Mr. Gilreath moved that account #630 (Meals on Wheels) be increased from the recommended \$20,000 to \$25,000. Mr. Alexander seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Gilreath moved that account #975 (Beautification Commission) be increased from \$6,000 to \$12,000. Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was 3 in favor and 2 against. Mr. Lynch and Mr. Rhodes voted against, Mr. Wiles, Mr. Gilreath & Mr. Alexander voted in favor.

Mr. Gilreath told Council that it was time to take care of the recreational needs of our senior adults and moved that a new account be established (acct. #996) in the amount of \$25,000 to provide for a County Wide Senior Citizens Project and also asked that the Administrator and County Attorney work with the City whereby the City would provide the Recreation Center, facilities, supervision, utilities, etc. Mr. Alexander seconded. Mr. Rhodes moved that the original motion be amended that the money be divided equally among all established senior citizens groups through out the county. Mr. Lynch seconded. Vote was 2 in favor and 3 opposed. Mr. Rhodes & Mr. Lynch voted in favor, Mr. Wiles, Mr. Alexander, and Mr. Gilreath voted against the motion. Mr. Gilreath moved that the debate end. Mr. Alexander seconded. Vote was 3 in favor (Gilreath, Alexander & Wiles)

and 2 opposed (Lynch, Rhodes). Vote on the original motion was 3 in favor and 2 against. Mr. Alexander, Mr. Wiles, & Mr. Gilreath voted in favor, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Rhodes voted in opposition.

Amendments by Mr. Rhodes

Mr. Rhodes moved that account #230 (Magistrates) be increased \$2,000 (01-Salaries) for the chief magistrate, account #310 (Road Maintenance) be increased \$2,034 (01-salaries) add \$1,034 for County Engineer and \$1,000 for assistant engineer. Mr. Lynch seconded the amendments. Vote was 3 in favor with 1 opposed and 1 abstaining. Mr. Gilreath abstained, Mr. Alexander opposed and Mr. Wiles, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Rhodes voted in favor.

Mr. Rhodes moved that under account #320 (Airport) delete \$25,000 for the Airport manager. Mr. Lynch seconded. Vote was 2 in favor (Lynch, Rhodes) and 3 opposed (Wiles, Gilreath, & Alexander).

Mr. Rhodes moved that the recommendation of the administrator to take the deficite of \$52,184 from the contingency fund and the \$4,034 for the amendments from the contingency fund be approved. Mr. Lynch seconded. Vote was 4-1. Mr. Gilreath abstained.

Amendments by Mr. Wiles

Mr. Wiles moved that the budget commentary for Clerk of Court (acct. #129) be amended to read that the bailiffs receive \$20.00 per day and the Chief Bailiffs \$23.00 per day. Account #127 Probate Judge salaries - \$1,865 to give 5% pay increase omitted (\$10,129 salary to \$10,635) from a clerk's salary, and increase a new position from \$8,770 to \$10,129; account #152 (Treasurer) increase salaries \$750 for a 5% increase for the delinquent tax collector not recommended in original budget, account 250 - Coroner add \$425 for a full-time secretary to \$9,710.40; account #310 road maintenance salaries add \$1,000 for a \$200 increase for each 5 road maintenance supervisors. Mr. Rhodes seconded the amendments. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Wiles moved that the coroner's salary be increased from \$16,458 to \$17,458. Mr. Lynch seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Wiles moved that the road maintenance budget commentary should read that a proper pipe inventory be keep and a monthly report made available to council including the where the pipe will be used by the name of the job rather than by the number. Mr. Rhodes seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Wiles stated that he asked the Planning & Development Board to do a study sometime ago on the amount of county maintained roads in each district. District 1 - 26.18%, District #2 - 6.36%, District #3 - 45.07%, District #4 - 13.86% and district #5 - 8.52% therefore he moved that the road maintenance (account #310) commentary read that the funds for asphalt be expended at the following rates:

District #1 - 25%
District #2 - 15%
District #3 - 30%
District #4 - 15%
District #5 - 15%

Mr. Wiles feels that road maintenance in district 3, with the majority of the roads in the county, is way behind therefore he moved that the above be expended by the percentage of roads in each district. Mr. Alexander seconded. Vote was 3 in favor (Wiles, Gilreath, & Alexander) with 2 against (Lynch, Rhodes).

Mr. Wiles moved that the \$5,040 deficite come from the fund balance to have a balanced budget. Mr. Gilreath seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Alexander moved that the 1984-85 budget be approved as amended. Mr. Gilreath seconded, vote was 3 in favor (Alexander, Gilreath, Wiles) with 2 opposed (Lynch, Rhodes).

Mr. Rhodes contends that the budget is illegal because Council cannot divide the asphalt paving money in the manner in which it was approved. Mr. Lynch agreed.

Council heard from concerned citizens at this time.

On the motion of Mr. Gilreath, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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- Mr. Wiles: Road Maintenance - account #310 commentary: As all the Councilmembers are aware, I misplaced my paper, but I asked the Planning & Development Board to do a little study for me sometime ago concerning the miles of roads in each district. I brought my paper along but I kinda got them shuffled up, but I think I can go from memory at least from some of the districts. We have in district 1 approximately 26% of county maintained roads. In district 2 - I'll say, since I can't find my paper, district 3 has about 45% of county maintained roads. The other three districts are somewhat equally divided with an average of about 10% each. But the study that Trey and his staff did was somewhat of an estimate; but it was an educated estimate, so I feel that it's only fair that a district with 45% of the roads should receive more than 20% of the funds. I don't have anything in writing saying that that 20% is caged (?) now, but that is the way the funds have been expended. I don't want to look selfish on my part cause I don't stand anything as an individual to gain, but I ran for this office to represent the people of my district and I feel that road maintenance in my district is pretty well getting behind by leaps and bounds, the other districts are somewhat keeping up, maybe not keeping up as well as we would like to see, but they are keeping up. So, I'd like to make a motion that the money be expended by the number of miles per district. However, I feel that to make some gain would be better than no gain at all, I'm Making a motion that the funds for asphalt supplies, not any other road maintenance, just supplies, be expended at the rate of 25% in district 1 with approximately 26% of the roads, 15% in district 2, 30% in district 3, 15% in district 4, and 15% in district 5. The three districts in which I've recommended 15% have an average of 10% of county maintained roads. So I make this in the form of a motion that it go in the budget commentary. Is there a second?
- Alexander: I second.
- Rhodes: Who seconded that, please?
- Alexander: I did.
- Rhodes: You mean you're not gonna look out for the people in you district for the rest of this term, Mr. Alexander, just because you got beat. What's the matter with you?
- Alexander: What are you talking about, Mr. Rhodes?
- Rhodes: 15%-20% in your district.
- Alexander: He said 25% in my district.
- Rhodes: You don't think I'm gonna stand for that one minute do you?
- Lynch: Mr. Wiles, I'd like to make a comment.
- Rhodes: Jimmy Cox is not going to stand for it either, Charles Lewis is not going to stand for it.
- Lynch: I'd like to see the figures on the number of miles and roads by districts. Because District 5 is one of the largest districts. I'd have to say here and now, I had nothing to do with it, I know it's history. But a few years ago a 5 million dollar bond issue was passed, for a million dollars to be spent in each district. District 5 received \$430,000 of that million. Regardless of the number of miles, district 5 is behind in road maintenance, and I can't sit here and go for that. As a matter of fact, I would say, we're getting 25% here and 30% there, in order if we're gonna play "catch-up" then district 5 should get about 40% because they were shorted \$570,000 of their tax dollars and they're still paying for that bond issue. And I know that people I represent in district 5 would jump-up and down on my head if I went along with this. And I can't see this at this point in time.

Lynch: But I'd like to check with you Mr. Senn with the number of miles, but as long as this district that I represent has already been shorted \$570,000 and they're still paying for it, I can not go along with that.

Rhodes: I'm not about to go along with that, I'll tell you that now.

Wiles: The Planning & Development Board states that district 1 has 26.18% of the roads, district 2 has 6.36%, district 3 has 45.07%, district 4 has 13.86% and district 5 has 8.52%.

Lynch: I'm gonna question that 8.52%, if somebody would come out and ride district 5 with me on those roads.

Rhodes: He just said a few minutes ago the road study was not complete.

Wiles: ...I'm not saying this is accurate, I'm saying it's the best estimation I can get from the people who...

Lynch: My figures are \$570,000 short.

Rhodes: Mr. Wiles you better have them accurate because somebody is going to face Calhoun Pruitt, I'm sure.

Wiles: I don't mind facing Calhoun Pruitt, that's beside the point.

Rhodes: You better get a lawyer more capable than what you got.

Wiles: The motion remains, we have a second, is there any other discussion?

Rhodes: I've got the same amount of people in my district than you have. Do you want to start cutting law enforcement back because there is more crime in a district next? Is that what you gonna do? You gonna say you're going to have more deputies in your district?

Wiles: All in favor of the motion let it be known by the up-lifted hand.

Lynch: All opposed like sign. Motion carries three to two.

Wiles: Mr. Wiles, can I clarify something? You've said this is for budget commentary correct?

Lynch: Yes sir.

Wiles: That was budget commentary only, is that correct?

Lynch: It will become a part of the budget ordinance.

Wiles: A part of the ordinance?

Lynch: Yes sir.

Wiles: In other words you're telling me that district 5 will only receive 15% of the asphalt funds.

Lynch: Yes sir.

Wiles: That's not gonna fly.