

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA
Regular Meeting – November 4, 2003 – 6:00 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk to Council

M I N U T E S

All area newspapers, radio stations and television stations were informed of this meeting in compliance with guidelines set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

PRESENT

Chairman William C. Dees – District #6 - Presiding
Vice Chairman Larry E. Greer – District #3
G. Fred Tolly – District #1
Gracie S. Floyd - District #2
Clint Wright – District #4
Mike Holden – District #5
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7
Joey Preston – Administrator
Tom Martin – County Attorney
Linda N. Gilstrap – Clerk to Council

ABSENT

Tammie Shealy - Deputy Clerk to Council

(During times of discussion and presentations the minutes are condensed and paraphrased.)

The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, November 4, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman William C. Dees called the meeting to order. Council member Gracie S. Floyd called on Assistant Administrator Michael Cunningham to give the invocation. A moment of silence was observed in honor of all veterans. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Ms. M. Cindy Wilson moved to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2003 meeting as mailed. Mr. Tolly seconded. Ms. Wilson asked that the Clerk go back and make a more precise version of the taxpayer's presentation. Vote was unanimous.

Citizen Comments:

Mr. Ben Morton encouraged all members of Council to vote in favor of the zoning referendum on the agenda (Ordinance #2003-057). Mr. John Griffin stated that his property taxes increased by 50% and he has lived in Anderson since 1961 and has paid taxes for 52 years. He said he never got a notice to appeal on his taxes. He also said that he has never seen such since he moved here. Mr. W.D. McConnell said that he has a trailer on Hartwell Lake and his taxes went up 485% - from \$1,760 to \$8,940 and it seems unreal to him. He said that a similar situation happened in Charleston and they took it all the way to the Supreme Court. Mr. Bennie Sue West suggested that Council revisit the budget and trim it down. She said that she had a list of things from the bar code sheet that could be reduced or deleted. She said that it looks as if two-three employees are getting a college education by taxpayers. She said that it seems that government is getting into an area that it doesn't belong. The government needs to provide things that the taxpayers cannot provide for themselves. Mr. Ed Allgood said that in Sunday's paper there was an insert – a copy of a tax bill on a home valued at \$119,000 – when you add up the portion of the taxes that was county government (three mill county sewer tax and the solid waste tax) in the example it came to \$456.30. He said that he divided the total number and it was 44.9% not

27%. He asked Council to correct – it is not the state where the tax is coming from but the County government represents 50% of your tax. Mr. Bill Callahan said he had been a resident since 1995 because of job relocation. He said his taxes went up 120% and he asked Council to please revisit the budget. Mr. Bill Houser lives in area where taxes went up drastically – discretionary spending are desperately needed by some deserving people but when revenues are down the Council needs to think about this. He said that it seems like it is time for a substantial change. He suggested that council form a task force to look at this. Mr. John Brandon said that Resolution R2003-041, which talks about County paying medical expenses, is too much of a liability for county to undertake. Mr. Bill Brock requested that the QRV proposal be tabled indefinitely and a comprehensive study should be done by an outside group. Mr. Bruce Gerrard said that many people are requesting that Council rollback the windfall millage that Council passed in a special called meeting held at 5 p.m. when most working people could not attend. He encouraged all homeowners to take their property tax bill and divide it by 12 because that is what each taxpayer is having to pay Anderson County for the privilege of living in the home that taxpayers have bought and paid for. He said he heard about government housing when he was a kid – but he never realize that he would live in it. He said hard times require hard decisions, which require strong leaders, and he said that he thought that was the “meat” of the matter. A lack of a “hands on” approach by the members of the Council has resulted in a budget runaway and the past seven years spending has been completely out of hand especially on non-essential items. He said as a past council member he sees it hard to believe the amount of travel and phone expenses turned in by members of council. Tonight Council has an opportunity to take some action on the citizens’ behalf and step up and rollback the millage and stop trying to put the blame on someone else, he said. Ms. Peggy Taylor said that in 1996 the county budget was \$33,000,000 – today it is \$88,000,000. She asked if everyone’s quality of life had improved that much. Are the roads twice as good and bridges twice as safe, she said. The county is spending twice as much money but the quality of life is no better now. More and more of everyone’s family income is going just to pay taxes and she sees in the budget excess spending, she said. Ms. Katherine Hamby said that Council had an opportunity to re-evaluate the millage rate knowing that prices of properties had gone up. How does council justify the enormous increase in one year, she asked. Ms. Dena Dickerson agreed with what the man said about the medical benefits because everywhere around the Country employees are being given less and having to pay more. She asked council to consider putting a price on the reassessment forms so that the general public would be able to tell what there taxes would be. Mr. Dan Harvell asked Council to move up section 5 and reopen the appeals process. He said that when he mentioned the roads around the civic center being paved he assumed that the roads were county roads and he stated as such. He said that Mr. Strewing informed him at the Civic Center that those were actually state roads. Afterwards he looked at the roads. The amount of roads is actually .8 State and 2.6 County. He said that the legal fees in the county were enormous. The Guide to Anderson County Tax Notice was absolutely deceptive when County Council counted the \$386 which was state property tax relief intended for education and not to relieve taxpayers of county taxes and it skewed the percentages, he said. Mr. Rodney Sanders suggested that County Council freeze the budget because growth would take care of all the County problems. He said that he heard that the County Administrator and the Attorney were on the airwaves this week and he heard that the problem was a small group of complainers. He said that it was comforting to know that it was not the budget but the complainers and he takes the comment as an insult. He also asked Council to reopen the appeals process but unless county Council cuts the budget – the way the budget is formulated and the way the levy is set the budget is a fixed number. He asked Council to get involved and for them to tell the Administrator where they want the cuts and not let him make the cuts.

Ms. Wilson asked for a Point of Personal Privilege. Mr. Dees granted it. Ms. Wilson said that there was approximately 30 citizens standing in the hall and she asked if chairs could be brought in for these citizens to sit. Chairman Dees said that they would need to check with the City Fire Marshall to see if it would be allowed. Chairman Dees told the crowd that he would adjourn the meeting if necessary to

keep the meeting in order. The Chair called Ms. Wilson out of order after requesting that she relinquish the floor and she continued to speak. Chairman Dees declared the meeting adjourned and then left the room. After a few moments, the Chair returned announced that instead of adjournment council would take a 5-minute break. Chairman Dees called the meeting back to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Ms. Thomlinson asked where was the money coming from for the Beaverdam Sewer Project and if a conservation plan for the project was filed prior to the issuance of the permit. She also asked where would the public go to look at the plan. Ms. Wilson asked for permission to answer her questions and the Chair denied her request. She answered without permission that the money would have to be borrowed and the Budget and Control Board and DHEC would have to give a loan to the County under the Clean Water Act and the project will cost at least 20 million dollars. Ms. Debra Whitmire asked why the public (taxpayers) is not given a budget to see where money is being spent. Ms. Wilson replied to Ms. Whitmire's question. Ms. Floyd said that council was not following Robert's Rules of Order. Chairman Dees responded that this was not a town hall meeting. County Attorney Martin explained the reason that Council members were not responded to questions during the "Citizen Comments" section of the agenda. Mr. Charles Crowe encouraged Council to approve the 30-day extension for reassessment appeals. He also asked about the order of ordinances on the agenda.

Chairman Dees recognized Boy Scout Troop 206 from Iva.

Ms. Floyd asked for the floor. She moved to recommend a new section on the agenda (starting tonight) entitled "Council's Reply" to enable Council to address questions or statements made by citizens if necessary. Ms. M. Cindy Wilson seconded. Council discussed. She asked that the new policy include that the audience give Council the same respect/consideration as Council affords them. Vote was unanimous.

Ms. Wilson moved that Council form a Finance Committee with 2 per district coming from financial backgrounds to study and review budgets and financial statements. She said the committee would be advisory to County Council. Mr. Holden seconded. Council discussed. Mr. Holden amended the motion that the committee would be made up of only one appointee from each Council district. Ms. Wilson withdrew her motion and then restated the motion that each Council member appoints one member from his or her district and the committee would be advisory only and will review the budget, financial statements and financial matters. Mr. Holden seconded. Council discussed. Vote was four in favor (Wilson, Holden, Tolly, Greer), two opposed (Dees, Floyd), and one abstention (Wright). Motion carried.

COUNCIL'S REPLY: Ms. Floyd said that Ms. Bennie Sue West said that the County was paying for two employees to go to college. She asked Mr. Preston to explain. He said that County policy states that the County will assist with College tuition and it has been going on for years. Mr. Greer said that in reference to the questions concerning the medical benefits that as an individual Council member he has zero power and authority. The Council only acts as a unified body only by the will of the majority. So a proposal by an individual council member is just a proposal. The medical benefits are not a policy of this County at this time. He also heard that the County had raised assessment as well as millage. He said that the millage rate has not changed (75 mills). The assessment increased and the millage rate decreased. He said that the budget is placed in the Libraries and is available to the public. The financial statements (CAFA) are also available in the Libraries. To publish in the newspaper it would cost the county a lot of money. He proposed \$800,000 in possible budget cuts during discussion on third reading of the budget. To say that there is only one Council member looking at the budget is an erroneous statement, he said. Ms. Floyd asked Mr. Preston to enlighten Council regarding the balloon. Mr. Preston said that the General Fund budget did not support the balloon and he heard Ms. Taylor say that the budget had gone from 33 million dollars to 80 million dollars and that is an erroneous statement. Ms. Floyd asked Mr. Preston to address the questions regarding Attorney fees. Mr. Preston said that he

did not know of any six attorneys that were hired to represent the county concerning Beaverdam Sewer Project. Mr. Preston said that the statement of that the County has paid the County Attorney is not true and anytime you buy property, most business people will understand, that you pay the attorney who pays the property owner. The information has been totally misconstrued and is a lie. Ms. Floyd asked about the two million dollar figure someone mentioned about the cars. Mr. Preston said that the citizen was probably referring to the Lease Purchase agreement for capital purchases. Mr. Preston agreed to meet one on one with those citizens who talked about the budget. Mr. Preston said that the citizens are being misled that if Council rolls back the taxes that they will see a big decrease in their taxes and that is not true. Ms. Floyd asked Mr. Preston to make himself available (one on one) to these people who have questions. Ms. Wilson asked Mr. Preston what the accommodations tax revenues for 2002-2003. Mr. Preston said probably over 1/2 million dollars. She said that they could only find around \$33,000 and he said that she was confusing it with the portion of the accommodations tax that is sent back to the County from the state. She asked him to get the figures for her by the next meeting. She asked why the County was paying for the Balloon Federation and others such as \$16,000 at the Ramada Inn to put up balloon pilots and crews and why did the County pay more than \$18,000 for the same purpose at LaQuinta and Studio One. Mr. Preston said that Ms. Wilson was absolutely misleading the citizens. He said companies contributed money to the county and then county in turn paid those expenses, which makes it a "pass through". Ms. Wilson said that last March she requested those figures and those numbers never added up to what the County spent. Mr. Preston said that Ms. Wilson was trying to make people believe that there was some type conspiracy or something going on and that was not true. Ms. Wilson said that as to the attorneys and DHEC, she along with neighbors and friends filed appeals to permits issued by DHEC. During those meetings before DHEC, they had one attorney and there would be 2-3 DHEC attorneys, 3-4 McNair Law Firm Lawyers and sometimes they would be interchangeable. She said that she has asked Mr. Preston about the legal expenditures for several years now and he refuses to give her anything but the cost summaries. She asked him to separate what was right-of-way acquisition or land acquisition or simple billable hours. Mr. Holden asked Mr. Holt Hopkins to explain the question concerning \$1,300 for maintenance employees. He said that the department had worked with out any kind of accident that would require the employee to take off from work and they were rewarded with a steak dinner after 500,000 hours without any accidents. The County saved in one year over \$50,000 in insurance premiums for this achievement.

Mr. Holden moved to move up items #4(a), #4(b), #4(g), and #5(a), and #5(d). Ms. Wilson seconded and vote was unanimous. The items will be put after number 1.

Mr. Bob Strother gave a brief presentation on Anderson County's annual investment in the Appalachian COG is \$74,948 and the return to Anderson County on that investment in 2002 was \$10,960,661 – a return on investment ratio of \$146 to \$1. Council received his presentation as information. A copy of his presentation is on file in the Clerk to Council's office. Ms. Floyd asked Mr. Strother if Mr. Harvell, President of the Taxpayers Association, could be invited to attend the December COG meeting so he can go back and give the information to his people.

Chairman Dees read item #4(a) for first reading consideration – Ordinance #2003-056 – an ordinance extending the time for filing objection to the evaluation and assessment of real property resulting from reassessment with Anderson County; and other matters related thereto. Mr. Holden moved to approve on first reading and Ms. Wilson seconded. Mr. Preston asked if staff could give a short presentation on reassessment.

Council recessed at 8:00 p.m. to allow time for staff to set up. Chairman Dees called the meeting back to order.

The County Attorney explained what reassessment was. Ms. Gina Humphrey gave examples by using pie charts for showing the percentage for each type of property in the County. She talked about the vehicle rollback tax. She said that real property was taking on a heavier tax burden than ever before. She showed the tax impact as related to schools. She showed that the average stick built home in Anderson County was around \$75,000 and if the County rolled back the levy the taxes on the \$75,000 home would be \$29 less. Council heard from Dr. Mac Burris who talked about the School District 5's budget, how it is funded, where it has fallen short of funds. Council also heard from Mr. Millard Smith, Mr. Keith Cole, Dr. Reggie Christopher, and Mr. Tom Dobbins concerning what the impact would be on the school districts if the appeals process for reassessment was re-opened and extended for 30 additional days. The County Attorney was asked to read the Ordinance. Vote on Ordinance #2003-056 was five in favor (Tolly, Holden, Wilson, Floyd, Greer) and two opposed (Dees, Wright). Motion carried.

Mr. Tolly announced that there would be a called meeting on Wednesday, November 5 at 6 p.m. to hold second reading of Ordinance #2003-056.

Council recessed for about 5 minutes at approximately 10 p.m. The Chairman called the meeting back to order at 10:05 p.m.

Chairman Dees called on Ms. Cindy Wilson, sponsor of Ordinance #2003-052 – an ordinance amending the operating and capital budgets of Anderson County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004 (Ordinance 2003-016) to amend Sections II and III levying of a sufficient tax for County Ordinary and other purposes and General fund appropriations and revenues by reducing total appropriations General fund from \$42,298,860 to \$37,298,800 and reduce the source of Revenue Property taxes by \$5 million. Ms. Wilson moved to approve. Motion died from lack of a second. Ms. Wilson asked for a point of personal privilege and she was denied by the Chairman because she would be allowed at the end of the meeting to make her remarks.

Chairman Dees presented Resolution #R2003-078 – a resolution directing the Anderson County Administrator to review the Anderson County Budgets for 2003-2004, in an effort to find sufficient reductions or savings in such budgets, so as to reduce by ten percent the tax revenue needed to support the General fund of such budgets, in an effort to reduce the current Anderson County millage levy to the rollback millage level, in order that Anderson County Council may draft an appropriate Anderson County Ordinance to amend such budgets; and other matters related thereto. Mr. Greer moved to approve the resolution and Ms. Wilson seconded. Ms. Wilson said that the 10% across the board was a "no brainer" and was too simple and would have devastating effects on vital services. She called Council's attention to an approximately 100-page document with her suggested cuts. Do away with overtime, advertising (\$184,230.76) doesn't include the amount spent on delinquent tax ads. This includes advertising on WRIX which could be done away with and public service announcements be used, Black Pages \$4500, Dues and Subscriptions amount of \$ 34,850.74 – the county should stop paying for individual employees to belong to the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club, Food – includes catering category - \$35,206.99 – do away with, fuel and oil - \$509,304.86 – this could be cut by 1/3. Awards and Recognitions – the County could do away with \$19,691.32, Meals - \$37,952.08 – do away with, Miscellaneous – (the county has 57 accounts labeled miscellaneous) \$590.005 – do away with the public underwriting of the Balloon Federation, also the county should not pay for their prize money, shirts, Office supplies - \$263,687.76 – no more putting murals in Mama Penn's, Sullivan's Grill, Friends and etc and bottled water that account could be cut in half. Telephone \$624,092.96 – cut by half. Employee Training – cut at least from \$148,727.81 to \$74,363.91, Travel – cut in half to \$24,904, lodging cut from \$86,592.50 to \$43,200.96, Registration fees cut from \$41,142.21 in half, Professional Services – cut this from \$645,771.56 in half, landscaping services – paying now \$258,159.29 which includes \$24,523.10 to the BUD group for house keeping. We could cut most of this down by half, she said and use prison

labor, the County has paid Cline Brandt and Kochenower almost a million dollars over the past several years from Management consulting. They charged the County \$22,342.50 – the County paid them \$63,988.01 for management consulting, Elliott Davis Company - \$32,544.85 only in the Finance Department, the Council can also reduce the photo copy, equipment maintenance by 1/3 and the current amount is \$103,749.49. Last year the County spent \$766,997.44 with the McNair Law Firm, \$39,913.80 with the others for a total of 807,911.24. The prior fiscal year the County spent almost \$3 million mostly with McNair Law Firm – right here is \$4,274,797.10 in cuts that can be made and the County can also taking engineering, the County needs an in-house counsel, best trained head engineer which would reduce almost a million dollars, she stated. Mr. Greer stated that he was proposing that County government rollback millage. Mr. Greer said that he thought the County could print the budget in the paper by each member of Council giving up \$100,000 of their paving funds. He also said that his resolution (R2003-078) was not a cut across the board 10%. He read the resolution. Council discussed further. Vote was six in favor and one abstention (Floyd). Ms. Floyd stated that she abstained because the procedure was currently being done. Motion carried.

Ms. Cindy Wilson, sponsor of Resolution #R2003-079 – a resolution to re-open the reassessment appeals process for taxpayers as referred to by Administrator Joey Preston's letter to Mayor Phillip E. Clardy on 10/27/03 said that she would withdraw the resolution because Council has already covered it. She also stated for the record that she couldn't get a second on virtually the same item.

Council recessed at 11:10 p.m. Chairman Dees called the meeting back to order at 11:15 p.m.

Chairman Dees read title of third reading to Ordinance #2003-042 – an ordinance to repeal Ordinance #2002-018; to disestablish the Heritage at Cobbs Glenn Special Tax District (2nd) in Anderson County; to establish the nature of services to be performed therein; to designate the uniform service charge in the special tax district; to provide for the operation of the special tax district; and other matters related thereto. Mr. Tolly moved to approve and Mr. Wright seconded. Vote was six in favor and one absent (Ms. Floyd had stepped out of the room and was not present during the vote.) Motion carried.

Chairman Dees read title of third reading for Ordinance #2003-043 – an ordinance authorizing the extension of the project acquisition period under that certain lease agreement by and between Anderson County, South Carolina, and BMW Manufacturing Corporation dated as of September 1, 1998, to allow the completion of the project, the amendment of such lease agreement to reflect such extension and other matters relating thereto. Mr. Wright moved to approved on third and final reading and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Dees read the title of third reading of Ordinance #2003-044 – a first supplemental ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of an Anderson County, South Carolina, Special Source Revenue bond (LINWA, L.L.C. Project) Series 2003, not to exceed \$975,000; and other matters relating thereto. Mr. Wright moved to approve and Mr. Holden seconded. It was stated for the record that this fee in lieu of tax does not include the Legacy. Council discussed. Mr. Wright called for the question and Ms. Floyd seconded. Vote was unanimous. Vote was five in favor (Holden, Tolly, Dees, Wright, Floyd) and two opposed (Greer, Wilson).

Chairman Dees read title of third reading to Ordinance #2003-045 – a general bond ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of Anderson County, South Carolina, Special Source Revenue Bonds (LINWA L.L.C. Project); prescribing the form of bonds; limiting the payment of the bonds solely from certain revenues derived from the payments of fees-in-lieu of tax from certain properties located a joint-county industrial and business park; pledging such moneys to the payment of such special source revenue bonds; creating certain funds and providing for payments into such funds; making other

covenants and agreements in connection with the foregoing; and other matters relating thereto. Mr. Wright moved to approve and Ms. Floyd seconded. Council discussed the ordinance in detail concerning the FILOT agreement. It was stated that this FILOT agreement does not include the Legacy. Mr. Wright called for the Question. Ms. Floyd seconded and vote was unanimous. Vote on the ordinance was five in favor (Holden, Tolly, Dees, Wright, Floyd) and two opposed (Greer, Wilson). Motion carried.

Chairman Dees presented second reading of Ordinance #2003-047 – an ordinance to amend Ordinance #98-019, as previously amended by Ordinances #99-029, #2000-063, #2001-014, #2001-046, #2002-036, and #2003-022 relating to the Industrial/Business Park of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park. Mr. Holden moved to approve and Mr. Tolly seconded. A public hearing was held and no comments were received. Vote was five in favor (Holden, Wright, Tolly, Dees, Floyd) and two opposed (Greer, Wilson). Motion carried.

Chairman Dees read second reading of Ordinance #2003-048 –an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of not exceeding \$400,000,000 principal amount industrial revenue bond, series 2003 (Robert Bosch Corporation Project), of Anderson County, South Carolina; the application of the proceeds of said bond to pay the costs of acquiring land, a building or buildings and various machinery, apparatus, equipment, office facilities and furnishings which comprise an industrial facility; the entering into of certain covenants and agreements and the execution and delivery of certain instruments relating to the issuance of the aforesaid bond, including an indenture between Anderson County and the purchaser securing the Bond and prescribing matters related thereto, and a lease agreement, including fee in lieu of tax provisions, between Anderson County, as lessor, and Robert Bosch Corporation, a Delaware Corporation as lessee; and other matters relating thereto. A public hearing was held and no comments were received. Mr. Martin explained changes to the Inducement Agreement. Mr. Tolly moved to approve and Ms. Wilson seconded. Vote was six in favor and one abstention. Mr. Greer abstained because his son is an employee of the Robert Bosch Corporation.

Chairman Dees read the caption of second reading of Ordinance #2003-051 – an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 98-019, as previously amended by ordinances No. 99-029, No. 2000-063, No. 2001-014, No. 2001-046, No. 2002-017, No. 2002-036 and No. 2003-022 relating to the Industrial/Business Park of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the Park. Mr. Wright moved to approve and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Dees read the caption for first reading of Ordinance #2003-046 – an ordinance to amend the Anderson County Code of Ordinances and the Anderson County Capital and Operating Budget Ordinance so as to require an annual inventory of all Anderson County Capital Assets valued in excess of two hundred dollars, as part of and subject to the annual Anderson County budget process; and other matters relating thereto. Mr. Greer moved to approve and Mr. Tolly seconded. Mr. Greer explained the need for the ordinance and Council discussed. Ms. Floyd moved to amend the ordinance as to require any assets in excess of \$500 and to exclude expendable and consumable items. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was three in favor (Holden, Tolly, Floyd) and four opposed (Wilson, Dees, Wright, Greer). Motion to amend was defeated. Mr. Greer called for the question and Ms. Wilson seconded. Vote was unanimous. Vote on the ordinance was four in favor (Wilson, Wright, Dees, Greer) and three opposed (Tolly, Floyd, Holden). Motion carried.

Chairman Dees read the caption for first reading of Ordinance #2003-053 – an ordinance to amend ordinance No. 98-019, as previously amended by ordinances No. 99-029, No. 2000-063, No. 2001-014, No. 2001-046, No. 2002-017, No. 2002-036 and No. 2003-022 relating to the Industrial/Business Park of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the Park. (Robert Bosch) Mr. Wright moved to

approve and Ms. Wilson seconded. Vote was six in favor and one abstention. Mr. Greer abstained because his son is employed by the Robert Bosch Corporation.

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Chairman Dees read caption for first reading of Ordinance #2003-055 – an ordinance amending, in limited particulars only, the master road list of all County roads located in and maintained by the County of Anderson, South Carolina, created by ordinance 2001-007, and expressing intent to cease County maintenance on and to authorize County consent to judicial abandonment and closure of certain Anderson County roads; and other matters related thereto. This is for a portion of state road (Airport Road), which is needed in order to extend the runway. Mr. Tolly moved to approve and Ms. Wilson seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Dees read caption for first reading of Ordinance #2003-057 – an ordinance amending Ordinance #99-004, the Anderson County Zoning Ordinance, as adopted July 20, 1999, by amending the Anderson County Official Zoning Map to adopt a map in the Pendleton Voting Precinct. Mr. Wright moved to approve and Ms. Wilson seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Dees read caption for first reading of Ordinance #2003-052 – an ordinance amending the operating and Capital Budgets of Anderson County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004 (Ordinance 2003-016) to amend Sections II and III levying of a sufficient tax for County Ordinary and other purposes and General Fund appropriations and revenues by reducing total appropriations General Fund from \$42,298,860 to \$37,298,800 and reduce the Source of Revenue Property Taxes by \$5 million. Ms. Wilson moved to approve. Motion died from lack of a second.

Ms. M. Cindy Wilson, the sponsor of Resolution #R2003-076 – a resolution terminating the McNair Law Firm saving Anderson County one to two million dollars per year, asked that it be withdrawn from the agenda. She said that she would reserve the right to bring up later.

Chairman Dees read the caption to resolution #R2003-077 – a resolution making application to the State Budget and Control Board of South Carolina for approval of the issuance by Anderson County, South Carolina, of its Industrial Revenue Bond in the principal amount of not less than \$150,000,000 and not exceeding \$400,000,000 (Robert Bosch Corporation Project) pursuant to the provisions of South Carolina Code annotated, Title 4 (1976), as amended. Mr. Wright moved to approve and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was six in favor and one abstention. Mr. Greer abstained because his son is employed by the Robert Bosch Corporation.

Chairman Dees presented resolution #R2003-080 – a resolution pertaining to the staffing of a Quick Response Vehicle in Anderson County; and other matters related thereto. Mr. Greer moved to approve and Mr. Wright seconded. Council discussed. Mr. Tolly moved to table and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote to table was six in favor and one opposed (Wright).

Chairman Dees presented Resolution #R2003-081 - a resolution announcing the imposition of a Building Permit Moratorium created by the "Pending Ordinance" doctrine in the Pendleton Voting Precinct, Anderson County, South Carolina; and other matters pertaining thereto. Mr. Clint Wright moved to approve and Mr. Greer seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Larry Greer moved to adjourn and to carry all unfinished business over to the next regularly scheduled meeting (November 18). Ms. Wilson seconded and vote was five in favor and two opposed. (Floyd, Wright). Motion to adjourn carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: (time requested 5/allotted 5 minutes)

- a. Letters of Appreciation: For: Bob Daly – From: SCAC Risk Manager, Mr. Robert Benfield
- b. Minutes: Anderson County Transportation Div. Safety Meeting – Oct. 7, 2003
- c. Reports: Detention Center Litter Report – Oct. 13 – Oct. 16, 2003 and Oct. 20 – Oct. 24, 2003
- d. Letter by owner of Old County Smokehouse/ Sewer Line in area of Route 81.
- e. Letter from Anderson County Soil and Water Conservation Dist./ AC Emergency Watershed Project

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk to Council
ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL