

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - February 7, 1984 - 9:00 a.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

PRESENT:

Fred G. Alexander, District #1
Prue L. Gilreath, District #2
Robert L. Wiles, District #3 - Chairman
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.

Mr. Wiles explained the need to have another vote on chairman and vice chairman by a show of up-lifted hand.

Results of chairman:

<u>votes for</u>	<u>voted by</u>
1 vote for Mr. Lynch	Mr. Rhodes
1 vote for Mr. Rhodes	Mr. Lynch
3 votes for Mr. Wiles	Mr. Alexander, Mr. Gilreath and Mr. Wiles
no votes for Mr. Gilreath	
no votes for Mr. Alexander	

Mr. Wiles was elected chairman by a three to two vote. Mr. Alexander, Mr. Gilreath and Mr. Wiles voting in favor and Mr. Lynch and Mr. Rhodes voting against.

Results of Vice chairman

<u>Votes for</u>	<u>voted by</u>
1 vote for Mr. Lynch	Mr. Rhodes
1 vote for Mr. Rhodes	Mr. Lynch
3 votes for Mr. Alexander	Mr. Wiles, Mr. Gilreath and Mr. Alexander
No votes for Mr. Gilreath	
no votes for Mr. Wiles	

Mr. Alexander was elected vice chairman by a three to two vote. Mr. Alexander, Mr. Gilreath and Mr. Wiles voting in favor and Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Lynch voting against the motion.

On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the January 17, 1984 minutes as mailed.

Mr. Joe Kirk from the S.C. Appalachian Council of Governments, gave a short slide presentation on sediment and erosion control.

Mr. O'Neal presented the road maintenance activity report. There was 367 work orders received for the period and 334 completed. Mr. Watson presented sealed bids for asphalt to be picked up at the plant. He recommended that County split the business between Sloan & Tribble Construction Companies for \$22.15 per ton if paid within 30 days from Sloan and \$22.20 if paid by 10th of month from Tribble. On the motion of Mr. Alexander,

seconded by Mr. Gilreath, Council voted unanimously to award the bid to Sloan & Tribble Construction Companies as recommended.

Mr. Watson presented sealed bids for guard rail. He recommended that the County go with the low bid from Armco, Inc. for a total of \$14,870.96. On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Gilreath, Council voted unanimously to award the bid as recommended to Armco, Inc. the low bidder.

Mr. O'Neal explained the need to allow the Grand Jury to meet once a month in the Council's chambers until a permanent space can be found. On the motion of Mr. Gilreath, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted unanimously to approve the request.

Mr. O'Neal presented third and final reading of Ordinance #130 (amendment #2 to original ordinance #112) for approval as amended. The ordinance was amended to include \$9,000 for Audit account #930.65, and \$3,000 for Clean-up Committee, and \$3,000 for Beautification committee. On the motion of Mr. Gilreath, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted three in favor (Mr. Gilreath, Mr. Wiles, and Mr. Alexander) with one against (Mr. Rhodes) and one abstaining (Mr. Lynch). Motion passed by majority vote.

The following were nominated by a unanimous vote to the Beautification Committee.

Mr. Gilreath - District #2 - Johna Cochran

Mr. Rhodes - District #4 - Juanita Garrison (Mrs.)

Mr. Lynch - District #5 - Mary Martin McClain

Mr. Wiles and Mr. Alexander did not have a nomination at this time.

On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted unanimously to designate Russell & Axon Engineers for the Architect for the FAA Flight Service Project.

On the motion of Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Gilreath, Council voted three in favor (Mr. Alexander, Mr. Wiles, and Mr. Gilreath) and two against (Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Lynch) going into executive session at 10:05 a.m. to discuss legal matters pending by and against the Airport Commission's law suits. Mr. Lynch goes on record as being opposed to executive sessions.

On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted unanimously to reconvene at 11:45 a.m.

Mr. Wiles explained that the executive session necessary to discuss matters relating to the Airport Commission law suits.

On the motion of Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Gilreath, Council voted unanimously that executive sessions not be taped.

The clerk read Ordinance #131 (County Attorney) for approval on first reading. On the motion of Mr. Wiles, seconded by Mr. Gilreath, Council voted three in favor (Mr. Wiles, Mr. Alexander, and Mr. Gilreath) with two opposed adopting the ordinance on first reading. Mr. Lynch and Mr. Rhodes voted against the motion.

Council held a public hearing for written or oral comments concerning Mitchell Manufacturing Company Project for \$550,000 principal amount Industrial Development Bonds. There were no comments.

On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance #128 (Mitchell Manufacturing) on third and final reading.

Mr. Wright discussed a referendum changing the number of County Council members from five to seven. On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted

unanimously to get an Attorney General's opinion concerning placing the question of changing the number of council districts on the ballot.

On the motion of Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Gilreath, Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance #126 (Open Container) on third and final reading.

Mr. Rhodes presented a request to accept into the County road system a section of Road S-4-161 (Vanquard). On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted unanimously to accept this road into the County system.

Mr. Gilreath proposed a motion to delay of publishing the delinquent taxpayers in the newspaper for a period of 30 days to allow the Council to look into this further. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alexander. Mr. Rhodes amended the motion to include a delinquent Tax Amnesty Plan (attached). This amendment was seconded by Mr. Lynch. Vote on the amendment was three in favor (Mr. Wiles, Mr. Rhodes, & Mr. Lynch) with one against (Mr. Alexander) and one abstaining (Mr. Gilreath). Amendment passed by majority vote. Vote on the original motion with the amendment was unanimous.

Council at this time, heard from various citizens.

On the motion of Mr. Gilreath, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda

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ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL

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DELINQUENT TAX AMNESTY PLAN

UNDER
1. Amnesty for 45 days. The amnesty would not apply to any taxes ~~over~~ three years old. Those who come in on pay, would pay only the taxes and not any penalties for the seven years affected by the amnesty period. This does not apply for taxes for 1981, 1982 or 1983.

2. Installment plan for paying off back taxes. As long as they come in during the amnesty period, they would stop the penalties from running and would work out a payment plan in equal installments.

3. Hardship committee. Anyone, especially elderly widows, who have not paid taxes can apply to the hardship committee to explain their situation. There is the possibility that persons could do work for the county and have their back taxes reduced or eliminated.

4. Citizens Committee to help separate all delinquent taxes into those which will probably never be collected like old cars and boats of persons who have moved out of the county, from those which could be collected through an aggressive delinquent tax collection program.

5. The Citizens Committee could also visit places like Spartanburg and Greenville and recommend to the council whether it would be effective to have a separate tax collection department in the county.

6. A special workshop of council in the coming weeks to discuss only the delinquent tax collection problem. After the amnesty, an aggressive tax collection program be started.