

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - April 18, 1989 - 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 April 18, 1989 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at Concord Elementary School on Calrossie Road in Anderson. Chairman James M. "Jimmy" Cox, Jr. presided.

PRESENT

James M. "Jimmy" Cox, Jr. - District #1
David L. Hooper - District #2
Harvie E. Banister - District #3
Elise C. Cahaly - District #4
Mike Holden - District #5
David Watson - County Administrator
David Stendeffe - County Attorney
Jack Crowe - Purchasing Manager
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk

Chairman Cox called the meeting to order and Ms. Elise Cahaly gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Cox announced that the meeting was the third in a series of "on the road" meetings. He also announced that the next meeting, May 2, 1989 at 4:30, will be held at the new Williamston Municipal Center.

Mr. Hooper moved to approve the April 4, 1989 minutes with one amendment. Change paragraph 6 on page 5 to read as follows: "Mr. Jacky Hunter talked about problems with the Workman's Compensation Fund. He asked for permission to transfer \$18,512.16 into the workman's Compensation Fund from the Contingency Fund and \$15,000 from the Health Insurance account #441-110-013 to carry the County through June 30th. Mr. Holden moved to allow the transfers and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was unanimous." Mr. Holden seconded the amendment. Vote was unanimous to approve the amendment. Mr. Hooper moved to approve the April 4, 1989 minutes as amended and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Don Hughey explained an accident he had last July on Shockley Ferry Road. He said an ambulance was called and he and his family were carried to Anderson Memorial Hospital by Anderson Ambulance. He said the cost was \$125 per person to be carried from Shockley Ferry to the hospital. He wanted Council to be aware of the exorbitant charge and informed Council that they were getting involved with his insurance and felt that it was none of their business. He expressed the need for

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people to be told what the cost will be prior to service. Council received as information.

Ms. Jane Davis, a member of the Anderson Area Tourism Association, presented to Council a copy of their recently published "Absolutely Anderson" Travel Brochure which is a visitors' guide to Anderson and Lake Hartwell. Council received as information and thanked Ms. Davis.

Mr. Mike Holden moved to appropriate \$1,000 to the Townville Fire Department from District #5 - Special Projects Account Fund. Mr. Cox seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Stephen Crawford came before Council asking for appointments to the newly formed Recreation Department Advisory Committee. He recommended the following for the appointments: District #1 - Paul Massengill, District #2 - William Floyd or Charles Lewis, District #3 - Terry Cooley, District #4 - Jerry Floyd, District #5 - Harry Thompson. Ms. McMahan of the Special Populations has recommended Mr. James Cox and Jo Brown, Senior Citizens Coordinator has recommended Ms. Margaret Daniel. Council accepted the recommendations. Mr. Hooper recommended the appointment of Mr. William Floyd to represent District #2. Mr. Hooper moved to nominate Mr. James Cox and Mr. Cox nominated Ms. Margaret Daniel. There were no more at-large nominations. Vote was unanimous.

Sheriff Taylor explained the use of a narcotics dog by the Sheriff's Department. He said that they had requested the use of SLED's dogs on several prior investigations, but it was difficult to get the dogs on all cases. Capt. John Skipper explained a one year grant to get Anderson County's own Drug Dog. The County's share of the grant (75%-25%) would be \$14,058. Council discussed. Mr. Hooper moved to pledge the \$14,058.00. Mr. Holden seconded. Mr. Cox amended the motion to consider with other budget requests included in Sheriff's budget. Mr. Banister seconded the amendment. Vote on the amendment was two in favor (Cox, Banister) and three opposed (Hooper, Holden, Cahaly). Amendment failed. Vote on the original motion was three in favor (Hooper, Holden, Cahaly) and two opposed (Cox, Banister). Motion carried.

Council heard from Mr. J.R. McAlister, Chairman of the Anderson County Fire Protection Commission. He explained an Arson Investigator's position which was discussed by Council in August of 1988. He said Council gave first reading approval of an Ordinance to approve the position starting in January, 1989. He then asked Chief David Acker, Anderson County Fire Marshal, to explain the request. Chief Acker asked that the position go directly under the control of the Fire Commission. Mr. Cox moved to consider with other budget requests (1989-1990). Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cole Sutton, Chairman of the Broadway Lake Commission, explained to Council the history of Broadway Lake. He asked Council to consider funding the Commission. Mr. Cox explained that it would be talked

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about during budget work sessions. Council thanked Mr. Sutton for his information.

Council recessed for 10 minutes at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Cox called the meetings back to order at 8:50 p.m.

Mr. Roscoe Whitten thanked Council for cleaning up the Junkyard in his community.

Mr. David Standeffer, County Attorney, presented the contract between Anderson County and Anderson Ambulance Service to provide the Squad 1 area with emergency medical services. Mr. Hooper moved to accept the contract as presented and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Ms. Cahaly said that her son worked for Anderson Ambulance Service and she has consulted with the attorney and feels that there is no conflict of interest and will vote on the issue. Mr. Holden explained that he was not 100% convinced that this contract was the right way to go at this time, but it was the most economical. He said the County needed to be looking at some type ambulance service for the future during the term of this contract. Mr. Hooper said that the County needed to consider all the rescue squads in the County. Mr. Cox explained that any system that is put in place should be expandable to cover any other rescue squad that happens to fail. He also said that people in the Squad 1 service area are not treated equally as those in other parts of the County. People served by rescue squads do not have to pay at all to ride in an ambulance. He also said that the Special Tax district should be eliminated. Mr. Cox then amended the motion that the Special Tax District be eliminated and Anderson Ambulance Service be franchised but not subsidized. Mr. Banister seconded the amendment. Council discussed. Mr. Hooper offered another amendment that the County drop the Special Tax District and the \$182,000 come out of the County budget's general fund. He also included in the amendment that all other rescue squads would be allowed to bill. The amendment died from lack of second. Mr. Holden and Ms. Cahaly called for the contract. Vote was three in favor (Hooper, Holden, Cahaly) and two opposed (Cox, Banister) of the contract.

Mr. Standeffer explained a problem on a sewage pipeline right of way given by Mr. Hurbert Baldwin. The pipe was laid on a different line than granted in the right of way, therefore Mr. Baldwin has granted another right of way on the appropriate land. He asked that Council deed back the land that inappropriately deeded to the County on the first right of way. Mr. Cox moved to approve and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Rudy Painter appeared before Council on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. He explained an on going project with the I-85 Corridor Group. He said the group was trying a program called Up State - Up Close. This is an event where the group will host the State Legislature, Spouses, Governor, Lt. Governor, their wives and staff for

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three days (Oct 12-14) in our area. He asked Council to contribute \$7,500 to help with the event. Mr. Cox moved to approve the money and to ask Mr. Rusty Burns to locate the funds. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Standeffer asked Council for an executive session to discuss two items concerning litigation and one concerning a contractual matter. Mr. Banister moved to go into executive session at 9:25 p.m. and Mr. Hooper seconded. Mr. Holden asked that the session be limited to 5 minutes. Vote was four in favor (Hooper, Cox, Banister & Cahaly) and one opposed (Holden).

Mr. Hooper moved to come out of executive session back into regular session at 9:30 p.m. and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Standeffer explained that Council discussed information concerning City Licensing Fees on the Courthouse Project in the amount of \$16,000. Mr. Cox, Mr. Hooper and Mr. Holden went on record stating that the fees should be dropped. Council was provided with information concerning a junkyard and the City-County Tax Equity situation. Mr. Hooper moved that the \$16,000 be paid to the City. Motion died from lack of second.

Mr. Jacky Hunter asked for Council's approval on the following budget transfers: Transfer from the Contingency Fund account #443-140-065 \$7,000 to account #411-115-019 (Clerk of Court) to cover a murder trial out of town. Mr. Cox moved to approve and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous. Transfer \$3,500.00 from Road Maintenance Account #601-140-061 (Hardware Supplies) to account #601-150-080 (Rental of Equipment), Assessor transfer from account #408-100-002 (Temporary Part-time Salaries) to account #421-160-093 (Office Equipment-Data Processing) in the amount of \$7,098.00, EMS transfer from #702-100-001 (Salaries) to account #702-145-073 (Insurance) \$1,606.00 and Assessor transfer from Account #408-100-002 (Temporary Part-time Salaries) to #408-145-073 (Insurance) \$1,950.00. Mr. Cox moved to allow the transfers and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Crowe asked for permission to purchase the following items: Sheriff's Department - strobe light bars, alley lights, flashing blue lights and cable for the five new Sheriff's vehicles ordered - from Whelen Engineering in the amount of \$3,369.92, Computer equipment - GTSI at a cost not to exceed \$3,426.00, four used automobiles to be used by the Assessor's office at a total cost of \$6,000.00 from the Division of General Services, Road Maintenance Department - One - 1989 single axle dump truck at \$21,159.33, one - tandem axle 1989 dump truck at \$36,546.85 both from Bill Krib Chevrolet and one - 1989 pickup truck for \$8,545.78 (Moore Hudson). Mr. Holden moved to approve the purchases as requested and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson announced a scheduled budget work session on Wednesday, April 26, 1989 at 5:00 p.m.

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Mr. Tony Cirelli said that Duke Power was approached by the contractor (Triangle) for the Civic Center requesting a temporary right of way. The right of way will go from the poll in front of the existing Road Maintenance shed and will exist as long as the temporary poll is needed and will be 25' each side of the line. The right of way will expire when they line is no longer needed. He asked Council to approve David Watson to execute the agreement. Mr. Cox moved to allow Mr. Watson to execute the agreement and have the County Attorney review. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was 5-0.

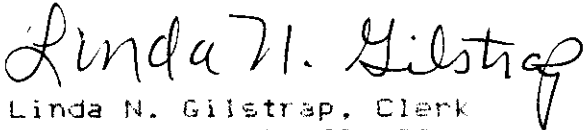
Mr. Cirelli reminded Council of the City-County softball match on Thursday, April 21, 1989 at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Cox asked for approval for piping a ditch in Harpers Ridge. Mr. McClure explained that it needed a swell - 95' of 15" pipe. This would cost approximately 4 or 5 hundred dollars. Mr. Cox moved to approve 95' of 15" pipe to correct the problem and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Council heard from Mr. Roy Perry, a concerned citizen.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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