

ORIGINAL

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - February 21, 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 January 21, 1989 at 7:00 p.m. in Pendleton at the Pendleton Town Hall - 108 South Depot Street. 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 Standeffer - County Attorney
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 thanked the Mayor of Pendleton and others for the opportunity to meet in Pendleton.

On the motion of Ms. Cahaly, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the February 7, 1989 meeting as mailed.

Mr. David Peters appeared before Council requesting that drainage repairs in front of Anderson Aviation be approved. Bids are back and the low bid is \$19,822. The funds are budgeted. Mr. Hooper moved to approve the low bid to make the repairs with the funds already in the budget. Ms. Cahaly seconded and vote was unanimous. New drains will be installed.

Mr. Jimmy Stathakis presented a proclamation designating February 24 through March 3, 1989 as "PLANTING FOR A POSITIVE FUTURE WEEK". He asked Council for their support and explained that the Anderson Board of Realtors were launching a major campaign to plant 10,000 Dogwood Trees in Anderson County. Chairman Cox moved to approve and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Cox reappointed Mr. Mike Holden to the Appalachian Council of Government's Board.

Mr. Hooper moved to appoint Dr. Kenneth Smith to the Alcohol & Drug

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Abuse Commission. Mr. Banister seconded and vote was unanimous. Dr. Smith will replace Ms. Carolyn Eaton who resigned last month.

Chairman Cox talked about the Council's Special Project Fund account and the reason for the fund being set up to start with. He said he has been a supporter, but within the last week he had to take a look at his position on special projects. He also said that he did not believe there has been any misappropriation of money or the projects that it assisted with, were not meritorious, but the the perception of the general public is that the money is used for personal gain. He then moved to declare a moratorium on special projects allocations, return the money to the general fund and at budget time be prepared to take up the special projects as line items. Mr. Hooper seconded and offered an amendment that David Watson write the Attorney General on what the Council can fund and cannot fund. Mr. Cox seconded the amendment. Mr. Hooper explained that he had a special project coming up later on the agenda. Mr. Holden said that he has \$20,000 remaining in his fund and has commitments and was not in favor of the motion. Council discussed the motions. Ms. Cahaly called for the question. Vote on the amendment was four in favor on one opposed (Holden). Vote on the original motion as amended was two in favor (Cox, Cahaly) and three opposed (Holden, Hooper, Banister). Motion failed.

Mr. Burns asked Council to grant a moratorium on stackable or side by side billboards. Mr. Cox moved to declare tonight, a moratorium on stackable or side by side billboards within Anderson County. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tony Cirelli asked Council to consider deleting roll curbing as addressed in Ordinance #267 (Minimum Standards for Roads) and add form curbing. He asked Council to consider first reading of an ordinance (#276) approving the recommendation of Mr. J.R. McClure. Mr. Hooper moved to give first reading approval and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden moved to appropriate \$2,000 to the Centerville Fire Department and \$2,000 to the Center Rock Fire Department. The funds are to come from District #5 - Special Projects. Mr. Hooper seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Hooper moved to appropriate \$2,500 to the Hammond Community Center from District #2 - Special Projects. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. David Standeffer asked Council for approval on third reading, Ordinance #266 authorizing the execution and delivery of \$3,500,000 principal amount industrial development revenue bonds for Kravet Fabrics, Inc. Project. Mr. Banister moved to approve on third reading and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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Mr. Standeffer presented second reading of Ordinance #265 authorizing the execution and deliver of \$2,000,000 principal amount industrial development revenue bonds for Tag & Label Corporation Project. Mr. Cox moved to approve on second reading and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Standeffer presented Ordinance #277 amending Ordinance #143 of 1984 pertaining to the regulation and franchising of the playing of the game of BINGO in Anderson County. He asked Council for approval on first reading. Mr. Holden moved to approve and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Standeffer asked Council for an executive session to discuss contract negotiations - Anderson Ambulance Service and to discuss economic development. Mr. Cox moved to go into executive session to discuss matters solely relating to economic development. Ms. Cahaly seconded. Mr. Holden asked that the time of the executive session be limited to 5 minutes. Mr. Cox agreed. Vote was unanimous. (time: 7:40 p.m)

Mr. Cox called the meeting back to order at 7:50 p.m. and Mr. Hooper moved to come out of executive session back into regular session. Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Cox explained a request to give the County Engineer authority to negotiate with a property owner for a right-of-way power easement. Due to the time restraint involved, if negotiations fail, the County Attorney would be authorized to take the necessary legal action to acquire a right-of-way for the proposed power easement. Mr. Cox moved to grant authority in both cases. Ms. Cahaly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Hooper asked Mr. Standeffer to mail all members of Council copies of the proposed Anderson Ambulance Contract.

Mr. Standeffer asked Council if he could address several problems with the proposed contract with Anderson Ambulance Service. Mr. Cox explained that he would like time to look over. Mr. Hooper moved to postpone until the next meeting so that Council can look over before voting and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was three in favor (Cox, Banister, Hooper) and two opposed (Cahaly, Holden). Motion carried. Ms. Cahaly stated that every month action was delayed, it was costing the County \$1,000-\$1,500 more if a decision was made.

Mr. Watson explained that he learned there was a surplus of pine trees available to the County and could be used for reseeded landfill sites. He said that there was approximately 50 acres closed out at the Starr and Big Creek landfills. The trees (37,000) could be planted at the two sites for approximately \$1,800 and asked Council to approve and the money to come from the Contingency Fund. Mr. Hooper moved to authorize the action by the Administrator and Mr. Cox seconded. Mr. Holden moved

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to ask the Administrator to check other labor that may offset the cost and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote on the amendment was 5-0 and vote on the original motion as amended was 5-0.

Mr. Watson asked for authorization to sign a right-of-way for the Road Maintenance shop building. Mr. Cox moved to allow the Administrator to sign the right-of-way and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson said that he was directed at the last meeting to find additional funds for the Public Defender for an additional employee. He said that \$3,000 was already transferred and the balance of \$8,000 was available in the Contingency Fund. Mr. Cox moved to authorize the transfer from the Contingency Fund and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson presented a request from the Sheriff to purchase 20 - four drawer file cabinets from Fant's Books Store (low bid) for \$2,774.00. Mr. Hooper moved to approve the purchase and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous. The funds are available in the Sheriff's budget.

Mr. Watson presented purchases to upgrade the Computer Department and other departments. He explained all the requested purchases for the Sheriff's Department, Public Defender's Office, Road Maintenance, and Computer Services Department. The total of all the equipment recommended is \$86,274.35 from IBM and GTSI. Mr. Hooper moved to approve the purchases and allow the funds to be transferred from each department into the Computer Services Department account. Ms. Cahaly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson called Council's attention to information mailed on the proposed reorganization of the Recreation Commission and asked that Council review and schedule first reading at the next meeting.

Mr. Jimmy Jackson, Litter Officer, introduced Ms. Carol Burdette. Ms. Burdette is the new Litter Coordinator for Anderson County.

Mr. Burns stated for Council's information, that a partial Zoning Preliminary study would be back in about a month.

Mr. McClure asked for pipe for the City of Anderson for a project to curb and gutter Concord Avenue. Mr. Hooper moved that \$6,500, the amount needed, come from the Pipe account to help with the project. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. Mr. Cox amended the motion to include (600 feet of 18" pipe) \$2,900 for the City of Williamston for pipe. Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote on the amendment was three in favor (Cox, Cahaly, Hooper) and two opposed (Holden, Banister). Vote on the original motion as amended was three in favor (Cox, Cahaly, Hooper) and two opposed (Banister, Holden). Mr. Holden said that this was money being spent on an individual project.

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Mr. Standeffer explained to Council that Anderson Rescue Squad owned real estate on South Murray Avenue which was foreclosed because of default. Twenty Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000) of the money was returned to the mortgage holder, over \$40,000 is remaining from the sale of the property. He said after creditors of the Rescue Squad are paid, there should be approximately \$30,000 remaining, he asked that Council be named trustee. The funds could be used to help defray the cost of the Special Tax District. Mr. Cox moved to allow the County Attorney to ask that Council be considered trustee. Mr. Banister seconded and vote was unanimous.

Ms. Elise Cahaly appointed Mr. Robert Thompson of Pendleton to the Planning and Development Board.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda N. Gilstrap
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