

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - December 6, 1994 - 7:00 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

PURSUANT TO SECTION 30-4-80 OF THE STATE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS/ORGANIZATIONS WERE NOTIFIED BY MAIL AND/OR FAX OF THIS MEETING:

G. Fred Tolly, Jr., William Floyd, Harvie Banister, Ed Allgood, Mike Hoyden, Tom Martin, INDEPENDENT MAIL, GREENVILLE NEWS, WYFF - CHANNEL 4 TELEVISION, WSPA - CHANNEL 7 TELEVISION, WLOS - CHANNEL 13 TELEVISION, CATV (AND. CABLE), CENCOM CABLE TV, EASLEY PROGRESS, Matt Phillips- WRIX RADIO, Bill Meade-THE JOURNAL, Roy Ethridge - AND. MONITOR, WAIM RADIO, WCCP RADIO, Joe Newton-COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, Rosemary Garrick- SENIOR REFLECTIONS, Brantley Jordan (picked up and paid for).

A regular meeting of the Anderson County Council was held on December 6, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. in the Anderson County Council Chambers - Old Courthouse - Second Floor.

PRESENT

G. Fred Tolly, Jr. - District #1
William A. Floyd - District #2
Harvie E. Banister - District #3
Ed Allgood - District #4
Mike Holden - District #5
Tom Martin - County Attorney
Gary A. Smoak - Administrator
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

Chairman Tolly called the meeting to order and Mr. Tom Martin, County Attorney, gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Banister moved to amend the November 15 minutes to include on page 4, paragraph 2 that "Mr. Banister moved to approve the roads as presented. Motion died from lack of second." Mr. Holden seconded the motion to approve with the above amendment and vote was unanimous. (The clerk has made the change and regrets the error.)

Mr. Smoak reported the results of the \$4.4 Million General Obligation Bonds. Four bids were received and the low bid from Merrill Lynch was 6.0665% and the next low bid was 6.204616. As a result of this the County saved about \$60,000 over the life of the bonds, he said.

Mr. Ray Mattison, Director of Employment and Training Department, presented a plaque to County Council from the Pendleton District Private Industry Council for leadership and guidance in providing outstanding employment and training opportunities under the Job Training Partnership Act for the Citizens of Anderson County.

Mr. Tolly conducted a public hearing only for ordinance #94-029 - an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of not exceeding \$110,000,000 principal amount Industrial Revenue Bonds - Glen Raven Mills, Inc. Project. No comments were received therefore the public hearing was declared closed. Mr. Martin explained that the third and final reading will be held on December 20 and the reason for the public hearing at this time was because the State Budget and Control Board does not meet until December 13 to act on the bonds. The public hearing was advertised for 4:30 p.m. and at that time the County Attorney and Clerk was available in the Chambers for the hearing; however no one attended.

Mr. Tolly presented first reading of Ordinance #94-030 - an ordinance to amend certain provisions of the Building Code section of the Anderson County Code. This amendment would change the time a permit expires from 6 months to 12 months. Mr. Allgood moved to approve on first reading with the understanding that a work session with the Home Builders Association will be held prior to second or third reading and Mr. Floyd seconded. Mr. Martin explained that during the time the County Code was being printed the printers omitted about two paragraphs of Ordinance #327. The correction is being made to the code at no cost to the County. Only the underlined words are changed, he pointed out. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Tolly presented resolution #R94-035 - a resolution recognizing and honoring Dennis Claramunt for his economic development contributions to Anderson County. Mr. Allgood moved to approve and Mr. Floyd seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Smoak pointed out that two alternates to serve on the Anderson County Grievance Committee needed to be appointed in the event that one of the other three could not serve. Mr. Tolly nominated James Patterson from the Public Works Department to serve as an alternate on the County Grievance Committee. Vote was 5-0. Mr. Banister nominated Sandy Ashworth from the Finance Department as another alternate on the Grievance Committee. No other nominations were received. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Tolly called attention to an editorial in the Anderson Independent Mail. The editorial stated that Anderson County ranked 38th from the bottom on the list of the country's 2,000 largest governmental units and their tax revenue per capita. Anderson was the lowest ranking of any South Carolina governmental unit. The South Carolina Forum's 1994 City/County Money Book compared fiscal year 1992-1993 budgets in all 46 counties. Anderson County came in fifth from the bottom in expenditures per capita, behind Cherokee, Chesterfield, Marlboro and Sumter. Another statistic was Anderson County had fewer employees per 1,000 population than any county in the state. Its 433 employees work out to 2.93 per 1,000 residents. The state average was 4.4 employees per 1,000, as reported in the editorial. Mr. Tolly said that this was important that Council and the public were aware of this and that the taxpayers were getting a lot of "bang for their bucks"; a credit to taxpayers and to its staff that we are operating as efficiently as we are. Council received as information.

Mr. William Floyd presented a request for construction of a new play area and old basketball court to be resurfaced at Nevitt Forest School the estimated cost is \$6410. Another project, to resurface Kennedy Street Headstart Parking Lot was discussed with a cost estimated at \$4400. Mr. Holden moved to approve the requests and the funds to come from District #2 paving. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was 5-0. Mr. Banister said he had no problem but asked why it wasn't included in district #2 paving list. Mr. Floyd replied that it was a little bit more than asphalt.

Mr. Smoak explained that State law stipulated that a Town can use a magistrate to assist them with their Town recorder duties. He explained the procedure in getting that done. The Town of Honea Path has decided to do this and has submitted an agreement to Anderson County. If the Council approves that agreement then Mr. Smoak will sign a supplemental agreement with the Town which outlines the procedures. Mr. Smoak said that the magistrate will not receive extra pay for this. Mr. Banister moved to approve as presented and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Smoak presented a change order for relocating a sewer line for the Glen Raven Sewer project. The total cost of work would be \$2,100.00. Mr. Allgood moved to approve and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Smoak said that back in July, Council directed the Public Works Department to contract with a company to haul dirt to close out the Starr Landfill in a "not to exceed" purchase order of \$67,200. The County received the invoice for the work in the amount of \$71,235 which exceeds the purchase order amount by

\$9,275. Mr. Smoak recommended the payment of the invoice and said that if approved this will be \$431,000 spent to close the two landfills as mandated upon the County. An extension has been approved until February 1 on the closure. Mr. Banister moved to approve and Mr. Floyd seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Smoak presented the paving list for each County Council district for 1995. The roads will be put out for bids and then brought back for final adoption. Mr. Banister moved to approve the list as presented and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was 5-0. Mr. Tolly noted for the record that an alleyway connecting Pope Dr. & E. North Ave. was added to his list after they were mailed out.

Mr. Smoak presented a list of roads approved by the ACTC Committee and asked that Council also approve so that the work can begin as soon as received. Mr. Banister moved to approve and Mr. Floyd seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Allgood moved to table until next year, item #9 (c) Dirt Road - Mountain Springs Subdivision until the first of the year. Mr. Floyd seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Holden moved to table any action on item #9(d) Reconsideration of road off Standridge Road to allow him time to get with all parties involved. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Smoak explained that the County has experienced a short-fall in the projected revenue for the Solid Waste department for fy 95. The reason is because Waste Management has built and is now using a transfer station in the northern end of the County and they are taking all of their waste to that transfer station. From there they are trucking it to their landfill site in Spartanburg County. They have also been successful in getting some other private haulers who pick up in the northern end of the County to use their facility instead of Anderson County's. The result is that we will probably see a short-fall of revenue of about \$588,000, annually about \$743,000 (which is about 30% of our estimated revenue for the year). A revised projected budget report was presented. (Schedule A) Total revised revenues \$1,793,497 - expenditures from Sept. to June, 1995 \$1,062,829 and other liabilities of \$717,242 together comparing expenditures with revenues leaves the County with a positive balance of \$13,426. Add the estimated Business Fees coming into the County - \$50,000 = positive balance of \$63,426. This figure assumes anticipated results such as: personnel be kept to exactly the number that was budgeted (68 total persons), operational costs and contractual cost not exceed the budgeted amount for the months that remain in the fiscal year, no capital expenditures of any nature spent through out the balance of the year, and that the County delay the construction of the transfer station at Pendleton with an estimated savings of \$75,500. If the

County follows the revised budget as explained above by Mr. Smoak, the County should end the year with about \$113,000 positive balance. Mr. Smoak explained other measures on Schedule B. I. Close transfer stations one day a week (open 7 days now) we could save \$2480 per month. II. Cut hours on transfer stations from 12 to 10 hours per day and open the stations from 8 am - 6 pm, we could save another \$2640 per month. III. If the County combined I & II; the County could save about \$30,725 in 6 months. Mr. Smoak further recommended that one - MEO III and one MEO II be eliminated with a savings of \$19,157. If the County does the above the County should end the year with about \$100,000 in the fund. Council discussed. Mr. Allgood said that the Harris Bridge road and King David transfer stations were always over running and backed up. Everyone from the Town of Pendleton is having to go to the Harris Bridge Transfer Station. Mr. Banister moved to approve and Mr. Floyd seconded. Mr. Allgood offered an amendment that the Pendleton Transfer site NOT be put on hold. Motion died from lack of second. Mr. Allgood offered another amendment that the hours remain the same at the Harris Bridge Road and King David Transfer Stations. Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was 5-0 on the amendment. Vote on the original motion was 5-0.

Item #11 - Titles of Ambulances to Rescue Squads was deferred until the next meeting.

Mr. Smoak asked for permission to apply for CDBG grant funds for Venture Packaging for water, sewer, fire protection, and railroad spur. Mr. Banister moved to allow and Mr. Floyd seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Smoak asked for approval of a commitment letter for road construction (\$100,000) for Venture Packaging from the S.C. Coordinating Council. Mr. Floyd moved to approve and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Smoak asked for permission to apply for CDBG grant funds for Reliance Electric in the amount \$100,000 for fire and water protection. Mr. Banister moved to approve and Mr. Floyd seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Tolly moved to go into executive session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss contractual and personnel matters and Mr. Floyd seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Allgood moved to come out of executive session back into regular session at 11:05 p.m. Mr. Floyd seconded and vote was 5-0.

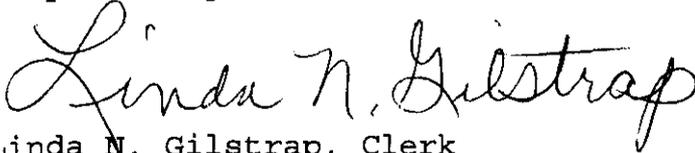
Mr. Martin explained that Council received information on and discussed 5 contractual matters, 2 personnel matters and 2 matters dealing with economic development.

Mr. Tolly moved to direct the County Administrator to continue with procedures as outlined in executive session on a pending contractual matter. Mr. Floyd seconded. Mr. Smoak will bring the matter back to County Council. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Tolly moved to direct the Administrator to pursue certain grants and the economic development proposals as discussed and suggested in executive session. Mr. Floyd seconded. Mr. Smoak will come back to County Council for final approval. Vote was 5-0.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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