

ORIGINAL

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - July 19, 1988 - 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 TUESDAY, JULY 19, 1988 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE ANDERSON ANDERSON COUNTY CHAMBERS - ROOM 109. CHAIRMAN JAMES M. "JIMMY COX, JR. PRESIDED.

PRESENT

Chairman James M. Cox, Jr. - District #1
David L. Hooper - District #2
Robert L. Wiles - District #3
Ernie Garrison - District #4
Mike Holden - District #5
David Watson - County Administrator
Mike Mullinax - County Attorney
Jack Crowe - Purchasing Manager
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk

Mr. Cox called the meeting to order and Councilman Robert L. Wiles gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Wiles, seconded by Mr. Garrison, Council voted unanimously to approve the June 29, 1988 minutes as mailed.

Mr. Hurley Badders appeared before Council with his annual recommendation for funding of the Anderson County Accommodations Tax. The following were requested for funding: Anderson County Arts Council -- \$500.00, Anderson Summer Soiree -- \$1,000.00, Pendleton District Historical and Recreational Commission -- \$1,000.00, Iva Civic Improvement Association (ReVIVA) -- \$820.00, S.C. Tennis Patrons Hall of Fame -- \$2,000.00, and Funding for tennis magazine advertisements and billboards to promote the S.C. Palmetto Championships in Belton -- \$1,200.00 The total amount requested -- \$6,520.00. On the motion of Mr. Wiles, seconded by Mr. Garrison, Council voted unanimously to approve the requests.

Council heard from Mr. Joe Hursey concerning approximately 420 names on a petition asking that the Courthouse Building be placed on a County referendum for the citizens of Anderson County to approve or disapprove. Council received as information.

Mr. Larry Young, Chairman of the EMS Commission, appeared before Council concerning the moving of radio equipment and dispatchers to the Sheriff's Office. He asked that they not be moved for various reasons such as, the present location is where the EMS Commission meets, present location of the training facilities, auxiliary water and power, same location as Emergency Preparedness. He stated that they were trying to

provide a service to the County at the lowest possible cost. He presented his request on behalf of the EMS Commission. Mr. Watson said the cost would be approximately \$60,000 in salaries per year to leave the dispatchers where they are. Council discussed the three different locations at the present time, for fire, emergency medical and law enforcement. Mr. Cox said that there was a conflict where the EMS Commission was in the control position over the dispatchers and dispatchers are on the commission. Mr. Cox asked if the Commission would be satisfied if the dispatchers were left where they are pending a resolution of those problems which needs to be worked out. Mr. Young said there would be no problem. Mr. Garrison moved to leave the EMS dispatching as it is except that it come under the jurisdiction of the County Administrator. Mr. Holden seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mullinax asked for an executive session to discuss proposed contractual matters; one pertaining to property in the Powdersville area, property at the Airport and the EMS contract at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Holden moved to go into executive session for the reasons stated by Mr. Mullinax. Mr. Hooper seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

On the motion of Mr. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Garrison, Council voted unanimously to go back into regular session out of executive session at 9:15 p.m.

Mr. Mullinax explained a proposed lease agreement of 2.98 acres located on the Anderson County Airport property to Mr. Tom A. Roose, Sr. at terms which were approved in executive session. The rental price is based upon the per acre valuation and will be offered to the lessee and their attorney for approval. Mr. Mullinax opened the floor for a public hearing concerning the lease. There were no comments and the public hearing was declared closed. Mr. Garrison moved to authorize the County Administrator and County Attorney to proceed with negotiations to finalize the lease. Mr. Wiles seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mullinax presented second reading of Ordinance #252 approving the execution and delivery of a \$4,000,000 principal amount industrial development revenue note for Orian Rugs, Inc. Project. Mr. Hooper moved to approve and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mullinax presented Resolution #459 and petition to the state budget and control board of South Carolina for approval of the issuance by Anderson County, South Carolina, of its industrial development revenue bonds for Orian Rugs, Inc. Mr. Cox moved to approve the resolution and petition and Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mullinax presented second reading of Ordinance #253 amending original ordinance #119 Mental Retardation. Mr. Hooper moved to approve and Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Mullinax asked for approval of Resolution #460 approving the transfer of the franchise from Cable Communications to Cable Synergy, Inc. into a limited partnership. He said the transfer was not an actual transfer of the ordinance. Mr. Wiles moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Hooper seconded. Mr. Garrison asked that a new

ordinance or a review of contracts be done to assure the citizens of the County of proper service. Mr. Mullinax said he was in the process of doing the review and would be completed within six weeks. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Rusty Burns asked for approval of a contract for Dixie Container in the amount of \$61,292. The money already has been funded with grant funds for the project. Mr. Wiles moved to approve and Mr. Garrison seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cox presented a proposal from two property owners to sell to the County 18 acres of land with an additional 4 donated for a park-ball field in Powdersville- Slabtown. The contract price is \$99,000. Mr. Cox moved that the Council place \$1,000.00 in escrow tentatively to allow the County Attorney to enter into this agreement/option. The \$1,000 will not be lost if we decide against the sell. If final approval is given, financing will be done by grants, funds from the Wren Youth Association and District #1-Special Projects and maybe District #4-Special Projects. Mr. Garrison seconded the motion. Mr. Garrison offered an amendment that before second reading, instruct the County Attorney to get an appraisal on the land. Mr. Cox seconded the amendment. Vote on the amendment was 5-0 and vote on the original motion as amended was unanimous.

Mr. Cox presented a contract with Greg Shore for EMS. The contract will run for six months with a 30 days right to cancel on both sides without cause. The terms have already been discussed. Mr. Hooper moved to approve the contract to be offered to Mr. Shore for his acceptance and Mr. Cox seconded. Mr. Garrison said that 18 months ago he asked for some type permanent solution to the problem and he was not in favor of going into a temporary solution and the County should consider other solutions such as a paid ambulance service or additional squads could be added in and around the Anderson area as volunteers and should have been studied a year and a half ago. Mr. Cox expressed the need to do something now to resolve the problem. Mr. Holden said that in the interest of saving lives in Anderson County some type solution was needed now. Mr. Wiles said that it would take some time to implement any kind of program and the cost would not be known and feels that this is the stop-gap measure for now but would like for a permanent solution to be looked at. Mr. Hooper said that a solution should have been made 6-8 months ago. He said a study should be made to see if a paid system can be set up. Vote was four in favor (Cox, Hooper, Holden & Wiles) and one opposed (Garrison). Mr. Cox explained that 1/8th of the funding would come from the money set aside for EMS and the balance would be funded by a special tax district. All areas will be treated the same by appropriating the same amount of money for each area.

Mr. Cox moved to establish a Special Tax District for the Squad 1 service area to provide emergency medical services by approving first reading of Ordinance #254. A portion of the funding for the service (1/8th) will come from money appropriated at budget time for EMS and the balance to come out of the Special Tax District. The service area will be determined by the established precinct lines which most closely approximate the Squad 1 Service area. Mr. Cox said that the ordinance also authorizes the County to proceed by contract with a private agency if they so desire. Mr. Cox included in his motion that the County Attorney provide necessary documents at the second reading incorporating

what was discussed in written form of an ordinance. He also said that the action was authorized by the S.C. Code of Laws, Chapter 21, Title 4, Section 4-21-10. Mr. Wiles seconded the motion to approve the special tax district. Vote was four in favor (Cox, Wiles, Hooper, & Holden) and one opposed (Garrison). Mr. Holden said he voted on the ordinance for first reading approval but will do some study before voting on second and third reading.

Mr. Jack Crowe presented the following purchases for Council's approval. (1) Purchase computer equipment for Computer Services from IBM in the amount of \$24,611. The funds are available. (2) Purchase a #4200 sealer, stand and trombone for detacher for Computer Services in the amount of \$3,874 from Moore Business Forms. (3) Purchase 130,000 each automobile & real estate tax notices from Moore's Business Forms in the amount of \$13,035. (4) Purchase computer equipment in the amount of \$7,222 from IBM for the Sewer Authority. Grant money for this has already been received. (5) Purchase one traffic counter for Planning & Development from Control Specialists in the amount of \$1,600. Funding is available in the 1988-89 budget. Mr. Wiles moved to approve the above purchases and Mr. Garrison seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Crowe asked Council for the approval of the expenditure of \$57,237 for the construction of a Road Maintenance Shop facility in the Airport area as previously discussed. The building is a 32,000 sq. ft. building, 40'X80' with 14 ft. wall height, heated and ventilated, and eight overhead doors (12X12), two offices with heat and air, one bath and one parts room, storage accommodations over the offices. Mr. Crowe said that the low bid was Ricker & Saylor. Mr. Wiles moved to approve the construction by Ricker and Saylor and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. McClure said that a decision to go with a culvert bridge on Portman Road had been decided and the approximate cost of \$40,000 for the culvert and between 7-10,000 dollars for the excavation and concrete. The money is appropriated in the 1988-89 fy budget. Mr. Wiles moved to allow Mr. McClure to proceed with the culvert bridge and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson asked for permission to transfer from salaries - 02 (part time/temporary) into the overtime account within the Assessor's Office budget-account #408 in the amount of \$2,468.42. Mr. Cox moved to approve the transfer and Mr. Garrison seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Cox said that Williamston had a new shopping center and some of the city streets needed to be redone (Pelzer Avenue and other streets). Mr. Cox moved to approve the paving project and the funds to come from District #1 paving supplies in the amount of \$21,964.93. Mr. Wiles seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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