

ORIGINAL

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - July 17, 1990 - 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 July 17, 1990 at 7:00 p.m. in the Anderson County Council Chambers - Room 109. 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  
Mike Holden - District #5  
David Watson - County Administrator  
Rusty Burns - Assistant Administrator  
David Standeffer - County Attorney  
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk

ABSENT

Elise C. Cahaly - District #4

Chairman Jimmy Cox called the meeting to order and Mr. David Hooper gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Holden, Council voted 4-0 to approve the June 19 and July 3, 1990 minutes as mailed.

Mr. Cox explained that Ms. Cahaly was in Miami at the National Association of Counties Conference and unable to attend.

Mr. David Standeffer, County Attorney, presented third reading of Ordinance #303 calling for and scheduling a referendum to change the number of County Council Single member districts from five to seven. A public hearing was held concerning the change. The following people spoke during the public hearing: Mr. Roy Perry, Mr. Michael Deanhart, Mr. Eugene Sutton, Jr. and Ms. Cathy Corcoran. The public hearing was declared closed. Mr. Hooper moved to approve the ordinance as presented on third reading and Mr. Holden seconded. Council discussed. Mr. Hooper amended the ordinance to change the number of districts from 5 to 9 and Mr. Holden seconded. Council discussed the possibility of a minority being elected. Vote on the amendment was 4-0 and vote on the original ordinance as amended was 4-0.

Mr. Standeffer presented second reading of Ordinance #307 for Council's consideration on amendments to expand powers of the board according to state law. Mr. Holden moved to approve on second reading and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was 4-0.

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Mr. Standeffer presented Ordinance #309 for consideration on second reading authorizing the execution and delivery of \$6,500,000 Industrial Development Revenue Bonds for Federal Paper Board Company, Inc. Project. Mr. Banister moved to approve as presented on second and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. Standeffer presented Ordinance #311 for consideration of first reading concerning renewal of a cable television franchise to Anderson Cable TV Company (Booth American Corporation). A public hearing was held concerning the renewal of the franchise. On the motion of Mr. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted 4-0 to approve as presented on first reading.

Mr. Standeffer presented second reading of Ordinance #310 to ban burning in the event that a drought situation occurs. This ordinance allows the Council to enact a resolution declaring a state of emergency due to drought conditions and/or other conditions which create fire hazards to the unincorporated area of Anderson County. Mr. Cox moved to approve on second reading and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. Standeffer stated that Mr. Banister had requested a resolution to close a road known as Cowan Circle which crosses "The Old Cowan Farm" and runs from Hwy. 195 to Drake Road. The property owner owns property on both sides of the road. The landowner would be required under state law to bring an action before the Court to have an order to actually close the road. Mr. Banister moved to approve by resolution (#546) and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. Standeffer requested an executive session to discuss litigation matters, and economic development matters. Mr. Holden asked to hold off until other items on agenda are heard. Council agreed.

Mr. Mike Holden presented Resolution #545 recognizing Ms. Sandra Jacobs for designing, developing and implementing an aquatic exercise program under the direction of the Arthritis Foundation from June 1986 until June 1990. A plaque was presented to Ms. Jacobs. Mr. Holden moved to approve Resolution #545 as presented and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. Ken Walker, representing the Anderson County Land Use Commission, asked for Council's consideration of the Mobile Home Ordinance (#299) as amended for approval on second reading. Council discussed the amendments and asked Mr. Walker to separate the amendments from the original ordinance. Mr. Cox moved to approve the ordinance on second reading without the amendments and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was three in favor (Hooper, Holden, Cox) and one opposed (Banister). Motion carried.

Mr. Banister moved to go into executive session at 7:50 p.m. for the reasons stated previously by the County Attorney and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 4-0. Council requested that Senator Mike Mullinax be present in executive session.

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Mr. Banister moved to come out of executive session back into regular session at 8:35 p.m. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Standeffer asked Council to issue a Letter of Commitment approving a sewer development project in the County as discussed in executive session. Mr. Cox moved to authorize the Letter of Commitment and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. Hooper moved to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds for a sewer project in the County in the amount of \$2,500,000 by approving first reading of Ordinance #313. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was 4-0.

Mr. Standeffer requested approval of a right-of-way easement to enlarge the entrance at Solid Waste to allow room to move buildings to Road Maintenance. Mr. Cox moved to accept the right of way and enlarge the entrance and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Council reaffirmed an agreement to allow the Administrator to enter into an option agreement for the use of the building on Clinkscates Street to house the Registrations and Election Office.

Mr. Standeffer asked for approval to settle a claim for damage to a vehicle as discussed in executive session. Mr. Holden moved to approve and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. Standeffer asked for permission to settle a litigation matter as discussed in executive session. Mr. Cox moved to allow the County Attorney to settle the claim along the lines recommended in executive session and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. Stephen Crawford presented the following recreational projects and programs appropriations.

1. The amount of \$3,5000 toward the \$7,000 cost of resurfacing the six tennis courts at Belton's Leda Poore Park.
2. The amount of \$1,500 to help sponsor the annual "Midnight Flight Road Race" to be held August 31, 1990. The City of Anderson has also contributed \$1,5000 toward the race.
3. The amount of \$3,000 toward the sponsorship of the annual "Chubby Wells Lifestyle Basketball Camp" to be held at Anderson College July 23-27th. Of this, \$1,000 will be contributed from funds earmarked for recreation in Council District #2.
4. The amount of \$1,380 for the development of master plans for recreational facilities at Centerville and Concord Elementary Schools. Funds for the plans will be provided through monies earmarked for recreation in Council Districts Two and Five.

Mr. Banister moved to approve the recommendations by Mr. Crawford and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was 4-0.

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Mr. Holden had to leave the meeting at this time.

Mr. Darrell Clark presented the following request which would require \$10,000 toward the \$30,000 cost of conducting a program for the prevention of alcohol and drug abuse among high risk youth in public housing. The areas to be concentrated on would be Fairview Gardens, Anderson Gardens and Friendship Court which are the major drug areas. The proposal has not been presented to the City of Anderson and any funding would be contingent upon a comparable match by the City of Anderson. Mr. Banister asked that this be held off until all members of Council are present.

Mr. Crawford presented the following recommendations for advertising and promotion grants under the guidelines of the South Carolina Accommodations Tax Law as requested by Mr. Hurley Badders.

1. Anderson County Arts Council -- \$ 800.00
2. Belton Tennis Association -- \$ 1,180.00
3. Belton Standpipe Festival -- \$ 250.00
4. Civic Center of Anderson -- \$ 1,000.00
5. Pendleton District Commission -- \$ 3,500.00
6. REVIVA -- \$ 250.00

The total amount of appropriations are \$6,980.00. Mr. Hooper moved to approve the requests and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was 3-0.

Mr. Eugene Sutton thanked Council for approving the referendum concerning nine member council districts. Mr. Sutton explained the big gambling business in Anderson County and the need to clean up the Franklin Street-Earl Homes area. He also requested that the County and the Sheriff's office support an effort in putting a mobile unit in force across the County to teach youth about drugs. The mobile unit will be a drug and gambling prevention unit. Mr. Sutton requested from the Sheriff's office \$7,500 to help with the purchase of the unit from drug seized money. Council received as information.

Council heard from Mr. Roy Perry concerning restricting outside burning. Council received as information.

Mr. David Watson, County Administrator, explained that as directed by Council he checked into abandoned wells and found that they were governed by State law.

Mr. Watson informed Council of a meeting which took place between Clinton King, William McCoy, J.R. McClure concerning the understanding of the operation of the landfill. A draft memorandum on merit raises was placed at all Council members stations concerning the way the merit raises will be handled. A one month review was presented on the transfer station and recycling center - Harris Bridge Road. Mr. Marvin Mattison was recognized for cleaning up the bushes and mowing as requested by Mr. Clifton Thomas at an earlier meeting.

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Mr. Rusty Burns explained that a tap fee was placed in the Loblolly Pines Ordinance by mistake. There will be no tap fee for one year on that project and the Sewer Authority has requested that it be removed from the ordinance. Mr. Hooper moved to approve first reading of Ordinance #314 removing the tap fee as requested. Mr. Banister seconded and vote was 3-0.

Mr. Burns, at the request of Mr. Holden, recommended that Mr. Lloyd Wilson be appointed to the Planning & Development Board to replace Mr. Al Lynch. Mr. Hooper moved to approve and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was 3-0.

Mr. Burns presented the following expenditures involved with moving the Solid Waste shop building: \$11,500 - move shop, \$4,500 - move office building, \$7,000 - concrete pad. The money will come from the Solid Waste budget. Mr. Cox moved to approve and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was 3-0.

Mr. J.R. McClure asked for \$30,000 from each Council members' asphalt account to purchase equipment. Council agreed to hold off until all members of Council are present.

The following purchases were presented by Mr. Burns for Council's consideration: (1) Ford Tractor with Front End Loader & Rollover from Greenville Ford Tractor for \$17,500 for Road Maintenance. Mr. Hooper moved to approve and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was 3-0. (2) For Road Maintenance - various tires from ATA Goodyear in the amount of \$11,624.85, (3) Tires- Gates Firestone - \$4,141.75, (4) tires - Welborn Tire - \$14,036.38 (5) Anderson County Airport - 1 year full maintenance agreement for Air Conditioner - Wood, Inc. - \$3,420.00, (6) Computer Services - one - IBM 3477 Info Window - Keyboard, one - IBM 3476 Info Window - Keyborad, one - 4202 XL Mod3 w/printer cable from IBM in the amount of \$2,456.79 (7) Paving of Entrance road to Santens of America by Stewart Jackson in the amount of \$50,113.00. This is a grant and no county funds will be required, (8) Paving of Scotts Bridge Road Project by Thrift Brothers, Inc.- \$135,608.70. Mr. Banister moved to approve the above as requested and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was 3-0.

Mr. Burns asked for the acceptance of a grant for the Santens Project in the amount of \$171,000 for an additional road in rear of property. (This is not a bid). Mr. Hooper moved to accept as recommended and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was 3-0.

Mr. Watson informed Council that the Registration and Elections Board will move tomorrow. (Wednesday, July 18.)

Council observed a moment of silence in memory of Magistrate Bob McCoy who passed away on Monday, July 16.

Council recessed for 5 minutes at this time.

Mr. Cox called the meeting back to order. Mr. Cox discussed putting a referendum on the November ballot concerning a 10.5 mill tax increase

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for funding for the Sheriff's office. Mr. Cox moved to approve on second reading the referendum - Ordinance #312. Mr. Banister seconded and vote was 3-0.

Council heard from Mr. J.R. Young, a concerned citizen at this time.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda N. Gilstrap*

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