

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - March 16, 1988 - 6:00 p.m.  
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MARCH 16, 1988 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - ROOM 109. JAMES M. "JIMMY" COX, JR. PRESIDED.

PRESENT

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

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

Mr. Cox asked for a motion to approve the March 1, 1988 minutes as mailed. Mr. Garrison asked that a correction be made on page 3, fourth paragraph, last sentence to read: "Vote on the motion was 5-0." Mr. Hooper asked that the clerk include Mr. Pracht's high points in his speech as a part of the minutes instead of the brief statement. Mr. Garrison moved that the minutes be approved with the above amendments and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 5-0. The Clerk has made the corrections and regrets the error.

Mr. Otis Edwards appeared before Council on behalf of himself and Mr. Ernest Fowler. Mr. Fowler runs a shoe shine store on the corner of McDuffie and Whitner Streets. He explained that an unplanned move could cause moving expenses that they could not afford and asked County Council to make some provisions for moving expenses for himself and Mr. Fowler. If Council does decide to allow for moving expenses, he asked that he be allowed to present a cost estimate to make the move. Mr. Cox said that Council needs to discuss and maybe consider moving expenses for everybody to be relocated with some type dollar cap on it, but it would be premature to discuss at this time. Council received as information.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Aiken came before Council with a property tax problem. Mrs. Aiken said that they purchased a house on April 30, 1987 from Perpetual. There was a small block building behind the house that was used as a beauty shop years ago. During the first of May they went to the Assessor's office and filled out all

the proper papers and at the end of December they received the property tax bill for \$414. They tried to appeal and were told that all the papers were lost. Mr. Cox moved to extend the deadline for filing for residential use until Friday, March 18 for Mr. & Mrs. Aiken and to direct the Assessor and the Board of Appeals to hear their case. Mr. Holden asked that the County Administrator and the County Attorney be directed to help these people with their problem. Mr. Cox included Mr. Holden's suggestion in his motion. Mr. Garrison seconded. Mr. Mullinax said that the reason that the property was assessed at 6%, it was in the name of Perpetual at the time of the sale. Vote was 5-0. Ms. Aiken asked if this would solve the problem of the 1987 taxes paid under protest and Mr. Cox said that if the Assessor rules a refund will be in order.

Mr. Mullinax, County Attorney, asked for an executive session to discuss three items of business. Two involved pending lawsuits; Watson verses Anderson County and Anderson Aviation verses Anderson County Airport Commission and industrial development. Mr. Wiles moved to go into executive session at 6:20 p.m. and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Wiles moved to come out of executive session at 7:00 p.m. and go back into regular session. Mr. Garrison seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Cox moved to direct Mr. Rusty Burns with the Planning & Development Board to proceed along the industrial development line as discussed in executive session. Mr. Wiles seconded and vote was 5-0.

Dr. Don Garrison appeared before Council once again concerning a previous request of \$400,000 to help fund a business and industrial development center. The deadline to apply for \$600,000 of EDA money is March 31. He told Council the \$400,000 request could be extended over fiscal year 1989 and fiscal year 1990. The proposed fund request is as follows:

TOTAL PROJECT COST \$2,000,000

March 16, 1988 Budget Status

U.S. Dept. of Commerce EDA Grant	\$600,000
Tri-County Technical College Foundation	150,000
Pickens County Major Industry	100,000
Oconee County Council	200,000
Total	<u>\$1,050,000</u>

Pending	
Anderson County Council	\$ 400,000
Pickens County Council	200,000
TOTAL	<u>\$1,650,000</u>

Balance Needed

Business Industry Commitments	
Through College Foundation	350,000
TOTAL	<u>\$2,000,000</u>

Mr. Cox said he understood the importance of this project. Mr. Garrison explained that there could be a possibility of some monies available (grants) that could cut down on the requirement of Anderson County and would like the opportunity for Mr. Burns to look into this even if a called meeting was needed and moved that this be done. Mr. Cox seconded. Mr. Cox assured Dr. Garrison that a special meeting will be held and it will be prior to the deadline of March 31. Mr. Garrison asked to include Mr. Watson, County Administrator in the motion to work with Mr. Burns. Vote

was unanimous.

Mr. Bob Minnick, representing Davidson Mineral Properties, appeared before Council to go on record as opposing some of the wording of Ordinance #245 (proposed Land Use Plan). He said he operated a rock quarry on Hayes Road in Anderson County and opposed the following section:

Section 4.6 - Mining and Extraction Operations (item #3)

"No such use shall be located less than 2,500 feet from any residential use, when explosives are to be employed."

Mr. Cox explained that any existing rock quarry would be grandfathered in. Mr. Minnick explained that they had looked at purchasing additional property in that area; which would however come under these guidelines. He also said that their present reserves would be depleted in 3-5 years and they are now using explosives with 1000 feet of residential areas and are governed by the S.C. State Fire Marshall's office. Mr. Wiles moved that this be referred to the Land Use Committee for them to work out between now and third reading. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was 5-0.

Sheriff E.E. "Duck" Cooley came before Council offering the County services to fix Squad 1's ambulances. He said their mechanic could repair if someone could pay for the parts. Mr. Cox said that County Council previously authorized the Purchasing Manager to make the necessary repairs on these ambulances. Mr. Cox then moved to accept the Sheriff's offer of the use of his mechanic to repair the ambulances and to ratify prior decision to direct the Purchasing Manager to make the purchases. Mr. Garrison seconded. Mr. Garrison commended the Sheriff on his offer to do this work. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Tony Cirelli presented third reading of Ordinance #241 - Minimum Standards for Roads. He discussed amendments dealing with the ordinance. Mr. Cox asked that on page 19 under Grandfather Clause that the following be substituted: These amendments shall apply to all roads constructed after the date of the adoption of these amendments. Mr. Garrison asked that the following sentence be added: "Any road considered to be unsafe by the Director of Road Maintenance shall be referred to County Council." Mr. Cox asked that the second sentence on page 19, section "b" be changed to read: "Any street/roadway platted but never opened or those roadways which have substantially reverted back to their natural condition must comply with these regulations at such time as developer wishes to sell, market or open said development." Mr. Wiles asked that encroachment permits be required on County roads. Council discussed the changes. Mr. Cox then moved to postpone third reading until the next regularly scheduled Council meeting to allow the changes discussed to be included. Mr. Wiles seconded and vote was 5-0. Mr. Wiles asked about the use of a prime coat and would like to see some type of enforcement for maintenance of a sign as discussed. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cirelli asked to delay action of item "C" on the agenda (amendments to the Mobile Home ordinance) until a later date.

Mr. Cirelli presented second reading of ordinance #245 - proposed Land Use Plan and asked that the following amendment be made to section 4.2 which is the recommendation of the Land Use Committee: "A time limit of 15 days shall be placed on the person doing reviewing of any particular site plan coming into the County for review and approval." Mr. Hooper moved to approve on second reading and Mr. Garrison seconded. Mr. Wiles moved to approve the recommended amendment and Mr. Cox seconded. Mr. Cox asked to delete wording of Section 4.7 - Gun Club or Skeet

Range and add the following: "No gun club or skeet range shall be operated in Anderson County unless said operation shall be in compliance with all applicable regulations of the State of South Carolina." Mr. Hooper seconded the amendment made by Mr. Cox. Vote on the second amendment was unanimous. Vote on the first amendment was unanimous and vote on the second reading of Ordinance #245 twice amended was 5-0. Mr. Holden asked that all amendments be incorporated into the ordinance prior to third reading.

Mr. Garrison asked that second reading of Ordinance #244 (amendments to Building and Codes) be postponed until the next meeting for further study.

Mr. Cox moved to enter into a contract with Business Records for the replication of the RMC records for Anderson County at the price negotiated by Jack Crowe (\$487,000). Mr. Hooper seconded. This has been the recommendation of the Bar Association, the Courthouse Commission and the subcommittee dealing with the courthouse records.

Mr. Mullinax stated that the Courthouse Committee requested that County Council defer action on the project to allow them to review the funds. Mr. Holden said he was not ready to step in and spend money on the project until the Courthouse Building committee has a chance to evaluate it. Council discussed. Vote on the motion to enter into a contract with Business Records was four (4) in favor (Mr. Cox, Mr. Hooper, Mr. Wiles and Mr. Garrison) to one (1). Mr. Holden opposed the motion.

Mr. Cox asked Mr. Burns to present a request from the Legislative Delegation. He said the Delegation requested a computer model #3197, IBM terminal, table and printer for a total cost of \$1,693. The Delegation has \$600 to go toward the purchase and each County Councilman could contribute \$210 from their Special Projects fund or from their road paving money (if special projects is not available). Mr. Cox moved that this be approved as presented and Mr. Garrison seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Burns presented a request from Ms. Phyllis Cooper, Coordinator for School District #5, for \$500 to go towards the publication of a brochure outlining facilities of School District #5. Mr. Hooper and Mr. Holden agreed to appropriate \$250 each toward this from Special Project Funds. Mr. Cox moved to approve the request and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Burns asked for a supplemental appropriation of \$500 for the Anderson Area Housing Authority. Mr. Hooper moved to appropriate from Special Projects - District #2 and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Burns presented a request from the City Fire Department for \$4,000 to update the firing range. Mr. Hooper moved to appropriate the \$4,000 from Special Projects - District #2 and Mr. Garrison seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. John Brock appeared before Council about the road for the "Home of the Heart." Mr. Mullinax reported that in his opinion, the road requested by Mr. Brock, for clearing and paving, is not a County road and would not advise the Council to work on this. Mr. Mullinax also said the road goes nowhere, it doesn't connect one County road with another, there is no record of right-of-ways and is shown on the

map as a dotted line which means a dirt road. Mr. Brock said the road in question is named Mary Williams McAlister Road and needs approximately 3500 feet paved. They have the right-of-ways. Mr. Cox asked Mr. Brock to have his attorney furnish them with the right-of-ways. Mr. Mullinax said that in his opinion this does not meet any of the County ordinances or regulations and does not serve any public purpose. Mr. Wiles moved to check the right -of-ways and make a decision at a later meeting. Mr. Garrison seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mullinax presented second reading of ordinance #246 establishing the Anderson County Building Authority. Mr. Cox moved to adopt the ordinance on second reading and Mr. Garrison seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mullinax presented Resolution #437 asking the Legislative Delegation to enact legislation to separate the Clerk of Court and the RMC offices and to provide that the RMC be an appointed position. Mr. Cox moved to adopt as presented and recommend that the position of RMC be appointed. Mr. Hooper seconded. Council discussed the RMC being an elected/appointed position. Mr. Garrison moved to amend the resolution that the RMC position be elected and Mr. Holden seconded. Council discussed the expense for a special election. Mr. Garrison said that this RMC office is part of an elected office and would not vote to remove this from the citizens of this county. Vote on the amendment was three (3) in favor (Garrison, Wiles, Holden) and two (2) opposed (Cox, Hooper). Council discussed further. Mr. Hooper moved to table for further study and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson presented a request from Anderson-Oconee Council on Aging for approval of a grant application for the purchase of 1-10 passenger van to provide transportation services to the elderly and handicapped citizens of Anderson County. The application requires the chairman's signature. Mr. Cox moved to approve and allow the document to be executed. Mr. Garrison seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Watson asked for permission to transfer monies from existing budgets for the repair of Squad 1 ambulances in the amount not to exceed \$5,000. Council approved.

Mr. Jacky Hunter asked for approval to transfer \$20,952.50 from account #441-110-012 (Police Retirement) to account #441-110-015 (Workman's Compensation). He also asked to transfer \$5,000 from account #601-140-061 (Road Maintenance - Hardware Supplies) to Road Maintenance account #601-140-062 (chemicals). He asked that \$10,000 be transferred from account #601-140-061 (Road Maintenance - Hardware Supplies) to Road Maintenance account #601-140-0064 (Signs). Mr. Wiles moved to allow the transfers and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Jack Crowe asked for approval to pay a \$2,000 invoice to W.K. Dickson for topo mapping of the proposed Airport Park. Payment to come from the Airport account #424-155-085 (consulting and contractual services). Mr. Wiles seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crowe asked for permission to purchase radio equipment from Motorola for the Sheriff's Department for \$6,867. Funds are available. He asked for approval of the purchase of a high pressure washer for \$2,059 from Chem-Tex. Funds are also available in the Sheriff's budget. Mr. Hooper moved to approve the request and Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crowe reported that the purchase and trade of ambulances for the Pendleton and Anderson Rescue Squads were done for \$45,000. The van type will be delivered next week and the other within 90 days.

Mr. Crowe explained that the Broadway School renovations for the Boy Scout Troops and the Johnson Broadview Building renovations were almost complete. Funds of \$8,000 and \$5,780 respectively were appropriated. The Boy Scouts have about \$660 left and Johnson Broadview \$1,200 and asked that checks be made for these organizations and have them take care of the expenditures for the balance monies with the stipulation that they provide the County with an accurate accounting of the expenditures of this money. Mr. Crowe also asked Council to ratify previous telephone pole approval of the appropriation of \$1,000 from District #5 Special Projects for Center Rock Fire Department. Mr. Crowe said that Champion International has proposed a permanent easement of the proposed portable landfill site instead of deeding it to the County. It will cost the County \$600 for this easement and asked that Council authorize the easement when completed. Mr. Hooper moved to approve all the recommendations presented by Mr. Crowe and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Mullinax asked for approval of a Quit-Claim deed to be executed by the County to the United States of America pertaining to abandoned roadways within the right-of-ways and foot area of the Richard B. Russell Lake. Mr. Wiles moved to approve and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cox presented a petition signed by all residents desiring to name road #C-7-82 P. Williams Road. Mr. Cox moved to approve and Mr. Garrison seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Council recessed for 15 minutes at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Cox called the meeting back to order.

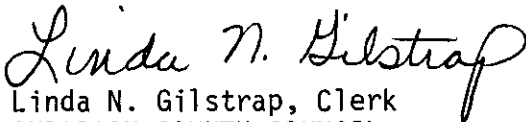
Mrs. Norma Burns, President of Burnstudio, presented Council with a Master Plan for the new courthouse and the current courthouse renovations. She briefly went over the plan to Council. Mr. Holden moved to accept the master plan as information and Mr. Garrison seconded. Vote was 5-0. A copy of the plan is on file in the Office of County Administrator.

Mr. Wiles said he had a request from the Town of Honea Path for paving of a parking area in the Town. He moved to appropriate \$2,500 out of District #3 - Special Projects into asphalt paving and asked Mr. McClure to look into this. Mr. Garrison seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Wiles moved to appropriate \$300 out of District #3 - Special Project Funds to the Town of Iva for planting of trees. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was 5-0.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk  
ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL

EMS COMMITTEE MEETING

March 28, 1988 - 2:00 p.m. - Conference Room - Third Floor

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. David Watson  
Mr. Rusty Burns  
Mr. Robert King

ORIGINAL

Visitors Present

Dr. Richard Woodruff  
Mr. Larry Young  
Mr. Greg Shore  
Mr. David Lorentson  
Mr. Bob Strader  
Mr. Albert Futrell  
Mr. George McDaniel  
Mr. Jacky Hunter  
Mr. Jack Crowe  
Mrs. Hession  
Mr. Brantley Jordan  
Mrs. Linda Gilstrap

The meeting was called to order and Mr. Robert King began the discussion by showing a map with the different squad areas in the County. He said the Anderson area was the largest and most populated. He also said there was a total of 8 squads and Anderson Ambulance has been designated as Squad 9 since they were asked to back up Squad 1.

Mr. King gave the following activity report from July 1 - Feb., 1988. Anderson Squad 1 averaged 141 calls per month. These are the calls dispatched through central dispatch, they get other calls. The high month was 210 and the low was 80. Belton Squad -- High: 88 Low 62 with an average of 74. Honea Path -- High: 26 Low 8 with an average of 14. Williamston -- High: 63 Low 34 with an average of 41. Pelzer -- High: 61 Low 36 with an average of 47. Iva -- High: 52 Low 25 with an average of 34. Pendleton -- High: 67 Low 42 with an average of 52. Fork -- High: 20 Low 8 with an average of 14. Anderson Squad 9 (Anderson Ambulance Service) High: 183 Low 61 with an average of 123. (The calls for Squad 9 are within the Squad 9 District.) Anderson Squad 1 answered 1,090 within three (3) minutes and 36 calls answered over 3 minutes. Belton Squad answered 494 in less than 3 minutes and had 97 answered in over 3 minutes. Honea Path answered 151 in less than three (3) and 40 over 3 minutes. Williamston answered 230 in less than 3 minutes and 82 over 3 minutes. Pelzer answered 254 in less than three minutes and 114 over three minutes. Iva answered 202 in less than three minutes and 68 in over three minutes. Pendleton answered 171 in less than three minutes and 245 over three minutes. Fork answered 88 in less than three minutes and 27 in over three. Anderson Squad 9 (Anderson Ambulance Service) answered 964 in less than three and 55 in over three minutes. Response time is the time it

took to get an ambulance rolling. All personnel are all volunteers except with Squad 9 (Anderson Ambulance). A portion of the equipment is County owned. Most units try to have three people on board when it is dispatched. State law requires that an EMT be on the unit.

Anderson Squad was the first squad organized in the County. It was organized as a fire and rescue squad because it was no County Fire. Municipal Fire Departments were not allowed to go outside the City. The geographical area of Squad 1 would be approximately 20-25% and the population could be estimated at 70,000 -75,000 of the total 150,000 in the County. When Squad 1 closed down all other squads agreed to back-up Squad 9.

Squad 1 had alot of "down time." The problem with Squad 1 is not response time, but manpower. If Squad 1 had been up, they would have answered all calls Squad 9 received. Mr. Watson asked Mr. King how the ordinance ties the County Council to the Commission. Mr. King said that the ordinance allows the commission to set up rules and regulations, once they are set up they can be changed with the approval of the Commission and Anderson County Council. The individual squads own their own buildings and equipment. None of the people are appointed by County Council, they are serving by virtue of their position. Each squad has their own Board of Directors and By Laws to operate under. The County has five paid employees. Each squad is required, at the end of each fiscal year, to turn in a financial statement to Mr. King showing how the \$5,000 provided by the County is spent and also any past due bills (over 90 days) and a list of the Board of Directors. All squads get assistance, of some kind, from their local town. New ambulances are based on the recommendation of the EMS Commission.

Mr. Futrell, Director of S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, Division of EMS, talked about State standards. He said that there was 4 different type licenses. One is a basic license. Presently all ambulance services are given a general license. A change is being made to give four different type licenses. One is a basic type license for services that meets the basic requirements: one EMT and one driver on each call as a minimum with proper ambulance and equipment. Another change is that in order for a service to be licensed, it must have a minimum of five (5) EMTs or 50% of those personnel assigned to ambulance duty must be EMTs. Another set of standards is the Enhanced Service. It will meet all the requirements of the basic service and will have two (2) EMTs on every run 80% of the time. A third system called an Intermediate System will have two (2) EMTs one of which must be at least an intermediate or above. The fourth highest level is called an Advanced System, which will consist of two (2) EMTs, one of which must be a Paramedic and must be available 80% of the time and must have more equipment such as a defibrillator and drugs. No effective dates have been set Mr. Futrell explained.

In the fall of 1986, there was a problem with Squad 1 being able to respond to calls, one solution that was set up was Squad 1 was required to notify Central. Mr. Futrell said that his records indicated that Squad 1 and Squad 9 made over 5,000 calls in the County and the County made less than 10,000 in 1987. Mr. Futrell suggested that the County look at the current arrangement and the most feasible solution to solve the long term needs in the county. He suggested a short term



solution and a long term solution. He said that the vehicles need to be looked at. Several different systems, used by other Counties in the State, were discussed. Mr. Futrell said he didn't know of any other county the size of Anderson County that rely on volunteers. He said that in a professional service one ambulance with seven (7) full time people is needed and one ambulance with 14 volunteers to provide 24 hour service. He said that it would take about one ambulance per 10,000 population. The Committee discussed an alternative where the other squads' service areas would be expanded. He suggested that the County get all data needed and decide what type system would best fit Anderson County then he will present alternatives and funding for a short term and long term solution.

There being no further discussion, the Committee adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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