

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA
Regular Meeting – October 7, 2003 – 6:00 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk to Council

M I N U T E S

All area newspapers, radio stations and television stations were informed of this meeting in compliance with guidelines set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

PRESENT

Chairman William C. Dees – District #6 - Presiding
Vice Chairman Larry E. Greer – District #3
G. Fred Tolly – District #1
Gracie S. Floyd - District #2
Clint Wright – District #4
Mike Holden – District #5
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7
Joey Preston – Administrator
Tom Martin – County Attorney
Linda N. Gilstrap – Clerk to Council
Tammie Shealy - Deputy Clerk to Council

(During times of discussion and presentations the minutes are condensed and paraphrased.)

The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, October 7, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman William C. Dees called the meeting to order. Mr. Clint Wright gave the invocation and everyone pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Chairman Dees stated that item “#7. **PRESENTATION: \$ TAXES \$** - Anderson County Taxpayers Association (requested 15/allotted 5)” had been give their 15 minutes as requested. Chairman Dees wished Ms. Wilson a happy birthday.

Mr. Clint Wright moved to approve the September 16, 2003 minutes as mailed. Mr. Tolly seconded the motion. Ms. Wilson said that she called the Clerk’s attention to several typographical errors. Vote was unanimous to approve with changes as discussed.

Citizen Comments: Ms. Teresa Morgan talked about the QRV issue and how the County EMS Commission, Chiefs’ Association had held many formal and informal meetings in the last year. She said she looked forward to the outcome. The in-service training issue, however, had not been through the same process. Ms. Pat Hasenfuss said she saw ads in the paper regarding public hearings. She asked for some type explanation, in layman’s terms, of what the bonds are for and for the general public’s understanding. Mr. Brooks Brown stated that it seemed to him that the county did not need to get into the ambulance service business and the County does not need to compete with already established private businesses. Mr. Dan Harvell thanked Council for the time on the agenda to discuss taxes. He asked that the item be deferred until the next meeting (October 21) and the item be placed closer to the beginning as previously requested.

Chairman Dees read Resolution #R2003-071 – a resolution establishing an in-service training program for the EMS squads of Anderson County. He asked Mr. Tolly to explain the item since he was the sponsor. Mr. Tolly read the revised resolution wording “A resolution establishing an In-Service Training Program for the EMS Squads of Anderson County – conducted by the Pelzer EMS Squad and financed by

allocating \$40,000 from the budgeted QRV fund for six months." Mr. Tolly moved to approve and Ms. Wilson seconded. Council discussed. Mr. Tolly asked Mr. Roper to explain the program and he did. He said the IST program would establish an in-service program for squads of Anderson County and the benefit to the program is that paramedics will not have to go back and re-take the standardized testing and be re-certified. Council discussed further. Chairman Dees moved to table the resolution to allow for input from the EMS Commission. Mr. Greer seconded the motion to table. Vote was three in favor (Dees, Greer, Wright), and four opposed (Holden, Wilson, Tolly, Floyd). Motion to table failed. Council continued discussion. Mr. Greer moved to amend the motion that in the event that the motion passes that the equipment purchased with the money from the QRV budget would remain the property of Anderson County, it would be on a loan or lease basis to the squad conducting the program and in the event it is needed for other training sessions by the County or any other entity as determined by Anderson County that the equipment would be recalled and placed in that service. Ms. Wilson seconded. Vote was five in favor (Wilson, Tolly, Dees, Wright, Greer) and two abstentions (Holden, Floyd). Motion carried. Council discussed further. Mr. Tolly called for the question. Chairman Dees called for the vote on the call for question. Mr. Holden, Mr. Tolly, Ms. Wilson, and Ms. Floyd voted in favor and Chairman Dees, Mr. Greer opposed, and Mr. Wright abstained. (Note: please see final vote on this issue on page 6 of the minutes.)

Chairman Dees presented third and final reading of Ordinance #2003-034 – an ordinance amending ordinance #99-004, the Anderson County Zoning Ordinance, as adopted July 20, 1999, by amending the Anderson county Official Zoning map to rezone from I-2 (Industrial Park) to O-D (Office District) one (1) parcel of land comprising approximately +/- 3.52 acres of property in the Hopewell Precinct on Evergreen Road. The property is identified by TMS #144-00-05-003 and is fully described by Plat Book CPO83, Page #347, Deed Book 18Q/568. Mr. Preston stated that staff recommended adoption of the ordinance. Ms. Wilson moved to approve on third reading and Mr. Wright seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Ms. Cindy Wilson asked for a point of personal privilege. She said there was a need brought to her attention regarding a place in the Council Chambers for handicapped individuals in wheelchairs. She asked that the Administrator to make it possible, maybe by taking a row of chairs out, to allow these handicapped individuals to be seated at the front of the chambers. Mr. Holden said that there were wheelchair spaces at the rear of the room.

Chairman Dees read second reading of Ordinance #2003-038 – an ordinance amending, in limited particulars only, the Master Road list of all County roads located in and maintained by the County of Anderson, South Carolina, created by Ordinance #2001-007; and other matters related thereto. A public hearing was held and no comments were heard. Mr. Preston said that staff recommended adoption on second reading. Mr. Wright moved to approve and Mr. Dees seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Dees read second reading of Ordinance #2003-039 – an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of an amendment to a lease purchase agreement between Anderson County and Milliken & Company, so as to extend the initial investment period to ten years for investments in excess of the initial commitment. A public hearing was held. Mr. Brooks Brown asked exactly what the lease purchase involved and what was the cost to the County. The County Attorney explained the assessment ratio and net reduction in taxes paid. Ms. Wilson moved to approve on second reading and Mr. Greer seconded. Mr. Greer stated that on second reading he abstained because of questions and at the end of the last meeting he spoke with individuals and his questions have been answered. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Dees read title of first reading to Ordinance #2003-042 – an ordinance to repeal Ordinance #2002-018; to disestablish the Heritage at Cobbs Glenn Special Tax District (2nd) in Anderson County; to establish the nature of services to be performed therein; to designate the uniform service charge in the special tax district; to provide for the operation of the special tax district; and other matters related thereto. Mr. Tolly moved to approve and Ms. Floyd seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Dees read title of first reading for Ordinance #2003-043 – an ordinance authorizing the extension of the project acquisition period under that certain lease agreement by and between Anderson County, South Carolina, and BMW Manufacturing corporation dated as of September 1, 1998, to allow the completion of the project, the amendment of such lease agreement to reflect such extension and other matters relating thereto. Mr. Greer moved to approve and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Dees read title of first reading of Ordinance #2003-045 – a general bond ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of Anderson County, South Carolina, Special Source Revenue Bonds (LINWA L.L.C. Project); prescribing the form of bonds; limiting the payment of the bonds solely from certain revenues derived from the payments of fees-in-lieu of tax from certain properties located a joint-county industrial and business park; pledging such moneys to the payment of such special source revenue bonds; creating certain funds and providing for payments into such funds; making other covenants and agreements in connection with the foregoing; and other matters relating thereto. Mr. Preston said that staff recommended adoption on first reading and the ordinance simply meets the terms of the original inducement agreement. Mr. Wright moved to approve and Mr. Tolly seconded. Ms. Wilson asked what LINWA produces or makes. Mr. Jim Broyles explained that they had a commercial development that is available for anyone to come in and build a business or whatever type facility meets C-1 or C-2 commercial standards. The only property within the commercial park is Design South's office and their Engineering Architectural Design Firm. Ms. Wilson asked Mr. Broyles if the County paid him to design the sewer infrastructure and he responded LINWA, L.L.C. did. She then asked whom LINWA, L.L.C. was and he said it was his mother and three first cousins. He said that he was a manager but not a principle in LINWA, L.L.C. Ms. Wilson said that she took exception to giving an inducement agreement to a commercial project, which is in the hottest growing corridor in the County. She said that she supported sewer going down Highway 81 and that benefited them. She said that she was sold on the notion that his development would increase the tax base and yet the very first project is a non-profit. Mr. Broyles responded that the property she was referring to was not within the commercial property included in the inducement agreement. Ms. Wilson said that the county was setting precedent. Ms. Wilson asked Mr. Broyles if he designed the major sewerline from Evergreen to Jones Creek line. He said "No. Ma'am." The site was a 90-acre agriculture site now it is taxes at 6%. Mr. Holden said it only concerns commercial development. Ms. Floyd called for the question. Vote was 6 in favor of the call (Holden, Tolly, Dees, Greer, Floyd, Wright), one abstention (Wilson). Vote on Ordinance #2003-045 was five in favor (Holden, Tolly, Dees, Floyd, Wright), one opposed (Greer), and one abstention (Wilson). Motion carried.

Chairman Dees read the title of first reading of Ordinance #2003-044 – a first supplemental ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of an Anderson County, South Carolina, Special Source Revenue bond (LINWA, L.L.C. Project) Series 2003, not to exceed \$975,000; and other matters relating thereto. Mr. Wright moved to approve and Mr. Holden seconded. Mr. Wright stated that the ordinance does not obligate the county in any way whatsoever. Mr. Martin stated that there were zero obligation to he County. Mr. Greer stated for the record that he opposed the previous ordinance, and he will oppose this ordinance also, because he has maintained the position of not being ready to extend the credits and fee agreements to commercial and he intents to be consistent. Ms. Wilson asked Mr. Martin was his conflict

of interest was and he replied that his firm represents the company. Vote was five in favor (Holden, Tolly, Dees, Wright, Floyd), one opposed (Greer), and one abstention (Wilson). Motion carried.

Council received at 7:10 p.m. The Chairman called the meeting back to order at 7:15 p.m.

Chairman Dees presented the reading of Resolution #R2003-069 – a resolution authorizing the Administrator to prepare, execute, and submit an application to the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund for a loan not to exceed \$1,800,000.00, to finance a portion of costs of the construction of the Starr-Iva/Highway 81 Wastewater improvement project; and other matters related thereto. Mr. Preston said Council approved the project about 2 years ago. This resolution provides the balance needed in order to complete the project. Mr. Greer moved to approve the project by approval of Resolution R2003-069 and Mr. Wright seconded. Mr. Holden asked why in item # 5 (a) was it asking Council to do the project and then Item #5 (c) it is taking for granted that the County would approve. He asked Mr. Preston to explain what the \$1,800,000 was going for. Mr. Martin said that item (c) was awarding the construction contracts contingent upon approval by the State Budget and Control Board. Ms. Wilson asked if any wetlands would be impacted and Mr. Pearson responded that there would be some wetlands impacted. She also asked who the engineer was of the project. Mr. Pearson responded B.P. Barber. Mr. Pearson stated that the total project was \$7,170,000. Council has bond proceeds of a little over \$5,000,000, tobacco grant money of \$744,000, Town of Iva - \$100,000 for the closeout of the lagoons and 1.8 million dollars for application to the State Revolving fund loan. The biggest customer will be the Town of Iva. Ms. Wilson asked what would happen to the excess monies when the County borrows more than is needed. Mr. Pearson said that the County would never draw on it. Mr. Holden said that he was interested in representing District #5. Ms. Floyd asked could the same process be done to fund a waterline in her district. Mr. Pearson told her that he was not sure of any more tobacco grant money. She said she also had a problem with all this money going to District #3 area. Mr. Greer said that he wanted to remind everyone that he spent 1-1/2 hours fighting for a sewer line in another part of this county and he attended meetings in Columbia and he has consistently supported all areas of the County and for any member of the Council to imply that he only looks out for his part of the County is totally erroneous. He reminded everyone that his part of the County had been paying a 3-mil sewer tax since approximately 1984 and the county has had approximately \$100,000 of sewer infrastructure in both School Districts 2 & 3 over that time. He said when he ran for office it was his estimate that those two school districts had paid in excess of \$3 million in sewer taxes to the County to build infrastructure in other parts of the County and to build the tax base in those school districts so they could grow and development in those districts. He said that his part of the County deserved the same services and considerations as any other area of the County. He said that the County has spent millions of dollars providing infrastructure in Districts 1, 4, & 5 that built those tax bases. He said that if Council started extending commercial tax credits to commercial industry then where do they stop. He said that he thought it was time for Council to step up and help him support his part of the County. Mr. Holden moved to amend the motion that the \$1.8 million be divided equally among the 7 council districts. Ms. Wilson seconded. Ms. Wilson said the County had a project that she had helped battle that got her elected that is not needed. The sewer that provided for LINWA needs actually took care of the problem there. So the Council could certainly do away with the Beaverdam Project cause it would probably not be needed for another 20 years - if ever. She said there was seriously major infrastructure needs in the County and Beaverdam is not one of them. Mr. Pearson explained that the State Revolving fund monies were project specific and could not be divided for other purposes. Ms. Floyd asked who would help her find monies for her district to get money for water and she would like the same kind of help in getting funds for District 2. Mr. Greer stated that to clarify matters the discussion was regarding sewer not water. Mr. Greer asked Mr. Pearson what the total cost of the Beaverdam Sewer Phase 1 – he said he wasn't exactly sure but it was in excess of 1 million dollars. Vote on amendment was four in favor (Wilson, Holden, Tolly, Floyd), three opposed (Dees, Greer, Wright). Motion carried. Mr. Greer moved

to amend that all monies spent within the past two years on construction of sewer lines in Anderson County and all future lines in this County, within the next five years, all monies be divided equitably and equally among the seven council districts of the County. Ms. Wilson seconded. Vote was three in favor (Wilson, Greer, Dees), three opposed (Holden, Tolly, Wright), and one abstention (Floyd).

Ms. Floyd said that she believed that Council needed to reconsider the amendment made by Mr. Holden dividing the monies up in 7 equal parts. Since the money can only be used for the specific purpose for which it was designated for. Ms. Floyd moved to reconsider the vote and Mr. Wright seconded. Vote was five in favor (Tolly, Dees, Wright, Floyd, Greer) and two opposed (Holden, Wilson).

Council discussed further the amendment made by Mr. Holden to divide the \$1.8 million equally among the 7 Council districts. Mr. Greer called for the question. Vote was unanimous on the call for the question. Council then voted on the amendment made by Mr. Holden was two in favor (Holden, Wilson) and five opposed (Tolly, Dees, Wright, Floyd, Greer). Motion failed. Vote on the resolution was unanimous.

Chairman Dees presented Resolution #R2003-070 – a resolution authorizing and supporting the application by Anderson County for all available Federal and State Grant funds for which matching County Grant funds have previously been made available by Anderson County Council through the Anderson County Operating and Capital budget or for which matching funds are not required; committing such previously budgeted matching funds as required by any such grant; authorizing the receipt and expenditure of such grant funds; and other matters related thereto. Mr. Wright moved to approve and Ms. Floyd seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Dees presented Resolution #R2003-072 – a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to award construction contracts for the Starr-Iva/Highway 81 Wastewater Improvement Project; and other matters related thereto. Mr. Greer moved to approve and Ms. Wilson seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Dees read Resolution #R2003-073 – a resolution making application to the State Budget and Control Board of South Carolina for approval of the issuance by Anderson County, South Carolina, of its Special Source Revenue bond (LINWA, L.L.C. Project), Series 2003, in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$975,000 pursuant to the provisions of South Carolina Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 1 and 29 (1976), as amended. Mr. Wright moved to approve and Mr. Tolly seconded. Council discussed further. Mr. Wright moved to call for the question and Mr. Greer seconded. At the time the call for the question was made, Ms. Wilson asked for the floor. Chairman Dees informed her that a call for the question is not debatable. Vote on the call was four in favor (Tolly, Dees, Wright, Greer), and three opposed (Wilson, Holden, Floyd). Motion on the call carried. Chairman Dees said that he did not hear Ms. Wilson asked for the floor at the time the call for the question was made. Mr. Martin said that it was the prerogative of the Chair to allow for further debate. Mr. Greer and Mr. Wright both withdrew their motion for call and second. Council then heard from Ms. Wilson. She said that she was not opposed to the development only to Council setting up for commercial and residential use inducements that were intended for industrial use. Vote on passage of Resolution #R2003-073 was five in favor (Holden, Tolly, Dees, Wright, Floyd), one opposed (Greer), and one abstention (Wilson). Motion to approve the resolution carried.

Council recessed at 8:10 p.m. Chairman Dees called the meeting back to order at 8:20 p.m.

Mr. Martin, after the break, informed Council that they needed to go back and take up discussion on Item #1 because the vote taken was actually the vote on the call for the question (and the call did not have a second). Chairman Dees asked Council to go back and take up after the motion on the call. Mr.

Wright at that time moved to second the call for the question (a second was not received at the time the call was voted on) and vote was unanimous.

Vote on item #1 (Resolution #R2003-071 as amended was four in favor (Wilson, Tolly, Floyd, Holden), two opposed (Greer, Dees), and one abstention (Wright). Motion carried.

Chairman Dees read title to Resolution #R2003-058 – a resolution adopting as permanent regulations, those policies recommended by the Anderson County EMS Commission; and other matters related thereto. Mr. Greer moved to approve the resolution as read. Ms. Wilson seconded the motion. Council discussed. Mr. Holden asked for County staff to come forward who put the proposal together. Mr. Doug Hooper, EMS District #7 Representative, came forward. He said that the EMS Commission had presented a request to council to provide a quick response vehicle to help offset some of the extended call time responses in rural areas of the County. The QRV could be placed where Council desired but the studies by the Public Safety department showed that the Ebenezer community was a viable place for the unit. However, the Council would have the ultimate decision on where the QRV would go. Mr. Preston said that the County had budgeted the funding for one QRV in the present budget. Mr. Tolly moved to amend paragraph number 3 (REPLACE WITH HIGHLIGHTED WORDS BELOW) "Whereas, on March 28, 2003, the EMS Commission voted to recommend the county purchase, equip, and **the HONEA PATH EMS STAFF THE** QRV for use in response to emergencies in the County." Ms. Wilson seconded. Mr. Bill Brock said that he would have to present this to his board for the final decision. Mr. Tolly amended the motion that the resolution would accept the Honea Path bid as presented. Ms. Wilson seconded the amendment. It was recommended by the County Attorney that the amendment be withdrawn by Mr. Tolly and offer this as a substitute motion which would be accepting the Honea Path proposal. Ms. Wilson also withdrew her second. Mr. Greer said that the amendment totally changes the effect of the resolution – it changes it from a County Run QRV to one being run by the Honea Path squad. Mr. Greer said that it was his understanding that the proposal by the Honea Path EMS was particular to the Ebenezer Community. He also called council's attention that the Resolution does not mention any location. Mr. Holden said he needed a QRV in the Centerville area. Mr. Holden asked Mr. Taylor Jones if he had been in discussion with the EMS Commission on the QRV proposal. He responded yes. Mr. Holden asked Mr. Jones if he wrote a memo to the EMS Commission. He started to read the memo and Ms. Floyd called a Point of Order asking for a vote prior to reading material. Mr. Holden told Mr. Jones that he thought Mr. Jones was trying to start a County EMS system. Mr. Jones said that was not true. Mr. Holden said that the present EMS system is working well and he did not understand why they are trying to destroy something that was working so well. Ms. Wilson said that there were grounds for everybody's argument and certainly healthy to debate and discussion however the QRV does more that just put a QRV in the Ebenezer area. The whole need still remains is the best quality health care that the County can provide to their citizens. Mr. Holden called Mr. Greg Shore to the microphone. He said that it was his (Holden's) understanding that MedShore would provide 2 QRVs. Mr. Shore said that they submitted two proposals: either 1-QRV or 2-QRVs. The price of 1 QRV was half the price in the budget. Ms. Floyd said that MedShore has told the County that he can give Council what the county needs. She said she thought Council needed to hold a meeting or work session on this QRV proposal. Mr. Martin explained that Council now had a substitute resolution. Vote was two in favor (Holden, Tolly), three opposed (Dees, Greer, Wright), and two abstentions (Wilson, Floyd). Motion failed.

Mr. Holden moved to table the issue to allow more time to talk with the Administrator, County Staff and members of the EMS Commission in a work session. Ms. Floyd seconded. Vote was three in favor (Holden, Tolly, Floyd), and four opposed (Wilson, Dees, Wright, Greer). Motion failed.

Back to the original resolution: Mr. Tolly moved to amend the resolution that the County accept MedShore's proposal for one QRV truck. Mr. Holden seconded. Mr. Tolly said that this would be the

same service for half the price of the County's proposal. This would also free up \$40,000 funded for the QRV to help with the In-Service training. Ms. Floyd called for the question and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was three in favor (Holden, Floyd, Tolly) and four opposed (Wilson, Dees, Wright, Greer). Motion failed. Mr. Greer told Mr. Shore that he did an excellent job that he provides. He said at the last meeting what was said about MedShore's proposal was not intended as criticism of his business or his staff. Mr. Greer recapped the proposals from memory from the last meeting. Mr. Greer said that he did not support a County operated EMS system in the County and he continues to support the squads in the County. Mr. Greer called for the question. Motion died from lack of a second. Vote on the amendment to allow MedShore to staff the QRV was three in favor (Holden, Tolly, Floyd) and four opposed (Wilson, Dees, Wright, Greer). Motion failed. Mr. Tolly offered another amendment to allow the Honea Path squad to staff the County owned QRV truck and equipment. Also in his amendment would be that the Honea Path squad come back within two weeks with a proposal to do this. Mr. Holden seconded. Council discussed. Mr. Wright asked Mr. Brock what his personal feelings about his board agreeing to staff a QRV owned by the County in Sandy Springs - Double Springs. Mr. Brock said that he had a board meeting on Sunday and he would be prepared to bring back a proposal at the next meeting. Mr. Wright said that there might be other squads that may want to bid on staffing also. Mr. Tolly said that the County could open the bid procedure back up to allow for others to submit bids.

Mr. Greer asked for a short recess at this time at 9:20 p.m. Chairman Dees called the meeting back to order.

Chairman Dees asked Mr. Tolly to restate his motion. (The County would purchase the equipment, the truck and all the equipment needed for utilization of a QRV and it would be staffed by the Honea Path Rescue Squad and the proposal would be brought back at the next meeting.) After discussion, there was talk to open the bid process back up for maybe other bids from others squads. Vote: three in favor (Holden, Tolly, Floyd) and four opposed (Wilson, Dees, Wright, Greer). Motion failed.

Mr. Wright moved to amend paragraph 3 to evaluate staff recommendations in two weeks- Presently Reads "WHEREAS, on March 28, 2003, the EMS Commission voted to recommend that the County purchase, equip and staff a QRV for use in response to emergencies in the County; and," - eliminate how it is staffed and look at what Honea Path's proposal would be and also give other rescue squads a chance to evaluate staffing of the QRV in the location that the Council decides. Mr. Tolly seconded the motion to amend resolution #R2003-058. Mr. Greer asked Mr. Martin, Mr. Preston, and Mr. Todd Davidson, and Mr. Tommy Thompson to get near a microphone for questioning. Mr. Greer said that a letter was sent to all squads saying that the Honea Path Rescue squad and MedShore had offered alternate bids and they were offered a chance to provide other proposals to the county for consideration. No replies were received as responses to the letter. Vote was four in favor (Floyd, Holden, Wright, Tolly), one opposed (Greer), and one abstention (Wilson). Motion carried. Back to discussion on the original resolution as amended - Council discussed the liability associated with the issue. Mr. Tolly called for the question and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was five in favor (Holden, Tolly, Dees, Wright, Floyd), and two abstentions (Greer, Wilson). Motion on the call carried. Vote on the original resolution as amended was unanimous. Mr. Greer stated that the only way the resolution can come back up to be voted on is for "reconsidering".

On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Ms. Floyd, Council voted 6-0 (Mr. Greer had temporarily left the room) to add Public Well Road to District #5 paving list for tar and gravel. The cost is estimated at \$18,753 from District #5 paving list.

On the motion of Ms. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted 6-0 (Mr. Greer had temporarily left the room) to appropriate \$1,000 for Southwood Middle School for school student incentives. The funds to come from District #2 Recreation Account.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Ms. Floyd, Council voted unanimously to approve the following pipe requests. The funds to come District #4 Paving account. 103 Pruitt Drive - \$100.00, 535 Bailey Drive and 539 Bailey Drive - \$800.00, 919 Chester Circle - \$500.00, 325 Thompson Street - \$500.00.

Mr. Wright moved to approve the following appropriations to come from District #4 Recreation account: \$4,000 – Pendleton Youth Association for programming, \$4,000 – Townville Recreation for programming, \$1,000 Pendleton Community Club for Building repairs, \$1,000 – New Holly Light Community Center for community programming, \$1,000 for Pendleton Band contest. Mr. Tolly seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tolly moved to approve an appropriation from District #1 Recreation account in the amount of \$5,000 for the YMCA Golf Tournament for scholarships for underprivileged children. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

Ms. Cindy Wilson moved to appropriate \$25,000 from District #7 Paving Account for the Williamston Soccer Complex. She said that the site had been changed. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was six in favor (Holden, Wright, Floyd, Greer, Dees, Wilson) and one abstention (Tolly). Motion carried.

Ms. Wilson moved to appropriate \$7,500 for the Honea Path Fire Department for special fire fighting equipment. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was five in favor (Wilson, Holden, Dees, Wilson, Floyd), one opposed (Greer), and one abstention (Tolly). Motion carried. The funds will come from District #7 paving account.

Ms. Wilson moved to appropriate \$1,000 from District #7 recreation Account for Belton Honea Path High School for athletic programs. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Greer moved to appropriate \$1,000 to the Belton Honea Path Booster Club (\$300 to be earmarked for basketball program, \$200 earmarked for other sports programs and the remainder to go into the general sports program. Ms. Wilson seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Greer moved to appropriate \$1,000 from District #3 to support the re-enactment of the Battle of Anderson County. Ms. Wilson seconded and vote was unanimous. The funds to come from District #3 recreation account.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Ms. Wilson, Council voted unanimously to approve the acceptance of the following roads into the County Road system. Riverchase Commercial, Leland Heights Subdivision, Heathwood, Primus Jackson, Barrington Place, Rivolli, and K & M Farms Subdivisions into the county road system.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- a. Certificates and Training:
 1. Mr. Gerald C. Shealy – Emergency Number Professional Title
 2. Mr. Wade Lee Brown – Protecting Against Lightning and Surges
 3. Mr. Hugh W. Lloyd – Microbial Remediation: design and Abatement
 4. Mr. Charles E. Pinson – Tech International Tire Repair Seminar, Rick Management and Workers' Compensation Training for Supervisors

5. Mr. Claude Smith – Tech International Tire Repair Seminar
6. Ms. Miriam N. Wooten – Microsoft PowerPoint 2000 Basic, Microsoft PowerPoint 2000 Proficient, Microsoft Access 2000, Microsoft PowerPoint 2000 Basic
- b. Letters of Appreciation:
 1. For: Anderson County Council From: Juana S. Slade and Marshall Meadors (Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce)
 2. For: Anderson County Council and Employees of Anderson County From: Anderson Roadrunners (Mr. Scottie Ferguson)
 3. For: Anderson Regional Airport From: Mr. Bud Bonner, Mr. Keith A. Baird, Mr. Bryan Ward, Mr. Dan Abbott, Mr. Patrick Whalen
 4. For: Attorney Michael Henthorne (McNair Law Firm) From: Mr. Mike Freeman, Assessor
 5. For: Mr. Gerald Shealy From: National Emergency Number Association (Mr. Bob Cobb)
- c. Reports:
 1. Animal Control Monthly Report – August, 2003
 2. Environmental Enforcement Monthly Report – July 2003
 3. Environmental Enforcement Monthly Training Report – August 2003
 4. Detention Center Litter Report September 15-18, 2003, September 22-25, 2003
- d. Proposed Ordinance #2003-041 – an ordinance amending Section 55-38, of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances pertaining to insurance benefits provided to retired Anderson County Employees; and other matters relating thereto.
- e. Carolina Alumni Scholars 2003 – Deepal S. Eliatamby
- f. Traffic Signal Request for New Hope Road
- g. Approved Projects – Anderson County Transportation Committee
- h. Museum Hires new curator – registrar
- i. Inmate Labor Program

REMARKS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Holden asked Mr. Holt Hopkins to check into the possibility of a traffic light at the intersections of Airline Road, George Albert Lake Road, Abbeville Highway, and Corning Street.

Mr. Greer said everyone has issues, principals, opinions, and etc. that council argues back and forth as Council members. He said that he tries not to develop any personal animosity toward any member sitting on council. Once the debate is ended he tries to move forward in what's in the best interest of the people he represents and the people of Anderson County. He said that he hopes everyone keeps that in mind that Council is here to serve all the people of this County and Council should work together to make Anderson County one of the best Counties in the State of South Carolina.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk to Council
ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL