

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - August 20, 1985 - 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 AUGUST 20, 1985 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE ANDERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE - COURT ROOM. CHAIRMAN DANIEL A. RHODES PRESIDED.

PRESENT

Jimmy Cox, District #1
David L. Hooper, District #2
Robert L. Wiles, District #3
Chairman Dan Rhodes, District #4
Harold E. Beebe, District #5
David Watson, Administrator
Rusty Burns, Assist. Administrator
Mike Mullinax, County Attorney

ABSENT

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk
(Maternity Leave)

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

On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Wiles, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the August 6, 1985 meeting as mailed.

Mr. Rhodes nominated Ms. Ingrid Jackson to fill a vacancy on the Recreation Commission. Mr. Hooper seconded the nomination. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Rhodes presented first reading of an ordinance (#176) calling for a tax roll back. He then moved that the ordinance be approved as presented. Mr. Beebe seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. John Campbell of Piedmont presented a petition to County Council requesting that something be done regarding a business being operated in his subdivision. The Council turned the matter over to the County Attorney.

Mr. Rhodes opened a public hearing for written or oral comments on closing of the County Stockade. Approximately 12 persons expressed their opinions regarding the closing of the Stockade. Mr. Rhodes then declared the public hearing closed.

Mr. Beebe moved that the County Council immediately close the County Stockade and send all state prisoners to state custody within 30 days and all County prisoners be sent to the County Jail within 30 days or as feasibly possible. Mr. Hooper seconded the motion. Mr. Cox was concerned about the possibility of a liability situation from over-crowding at the County Jail. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Beebe then proposed the possibility of building a 40-bed wing on the County Jail at an estimated cost of \$150,000. No tax increase will be needed and this estimate would be a one time addition and expense that can be funded through savings realized from the closing of the Anderson County Corrections Facility. Mr. Hooper seconded the motion. Mr. Cox asked about the possibility of state or grant monies available on the project. Mr. Burns said there was a possibility of \$49,000 from a rural improvement fund and other possible grants. Mr. Cox amended Mr. Beebe's motion that the Council will not decide immediately on building the new wing, but rather will take under consideration and apply for grant monies to see what are available before a decision is made. Mr. Wiles seconded the amendment. Vote on the amendment was 2 in favor (Wiles, Cox) and three opposed (Rhodes, Hooper, and Beebe). Vote on the original motion was three in favor (Rhodes, Hooper, Beebe) and two opposed (Cox, Wiles).

Mr. Beebe moved that the group of buildings known as the County Corrections Facility be demolished within the next 45 days (after the last prisoner is removed). Mr. Rhodes seconded the motion. After a long discussion, Mr. Beebe withdrew his motion.

Mr. Beebe moved that all present employees of the Stockade be given a notice of layoffs tomorrow (August 21) and will take effort within the next 30 days. This is to allow the Road Maintenance Department to reorganize because prison labor will no longer be used. Mr. Rhodes seconded the motion. Mr. Wiles moved that the Council go into executive session to discuss personnel layoffs. Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was four in favor and one opposed (Mr. Cox opposed). The Greenville News reporter opposed the executive session. The Council voted unanimously to the closing of the Anderson County Corrections Facility after about 45 minutes in executive session. (Tape not clear)

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Mr. Hurley Badders of the Pendleton District Historical & Recreation Commission, asked for Council's approval on the following appropriations of the Accommodations Tax monies. \$1,000 would be earmarked for the Spring Water Festival - Williamston Park, \$1,000 for Iva Octoberfest and \$305.00 for (RevIVA) Iva Civic Improvement Association. These funds would be out of the 1984-85 budget. Council voted unanimously to approve the request.

Mr. Watson presented a letter from the Registration Board requesting that Council approve funding in the amount of \$10,232 for temporary part-time help. Council voted unanimously to approve the request as presented.

Mr. Burns presented the following asphalt bids for Council's approval. The low bidder being Thrift Brothers.

District #1	-	\$26.12	per	ton
District #2	-	\$25.98	"	"
District #3	-	\$27.10	"	"
District #4	-	\$26.12	"	"
District #5	-	\$26.00	"	"

This would be a grand total of \$785,813.30. Mr. Rhodes moved that the County approve the low bid as presented from Thrift Brothers. Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Burns asked for approval of the low bid from Carolina Machinery to purchase various machinery parts for the Anderson County Solid Waste Department in the amount of \$7,665.52. Mr. Wiles moved that the low bid be approved. Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Burns asked for approval of an emergency purchase of various computer materials from Carlton Chandler in the amount of \$19,267.71 on 8-19-85. Mr. Hooper moved that the purchase be approved. Mr. Beebe seconded. Vote was unanimous. (This emergency purchase includes additional tax notices from Attaway, Inc.)

Mr. Burns asked for approval of electrical and computer work by Jordan Electrical Company for \$2,584.55. Mr. Hooper moved that the purchase be approved. Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Beebe moved that the Purchasing Department be allowed to bid out fifty (50) driveways for pipe installation (10 per district). Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson asked for authorization to pay Mr. Joey Wright approximately \$15,000 for charges for defending the county against a law suit by an inmate. Mr. Watson informed the Council that the money was available in the fy 84-85 budget. Mr. Hooper moved that the bill be paid as recommended. Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was four (4) in favor (Cox, Wiles, Hooper, Beebe) and one (1) opposed (Rhodes).

On the motion of Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Wiles, Council voted unanimously to approve first reading of Ordinance #175 (amendment #1 to original Ordinance #171 - 1985-86 fy budget).

Mr. Watson informed Council of a proposed rate increase for our Group Health Insurance. He then introduced Mr. Elton Jones, from Pilot Life to explain the three conditions in order to postpone the needed increase. These are the conditions recommended:

1. County incorporate Pilot's MedCare Program
2. County will allow a Pilot Life representative to solicit employees for Universal Life Insurance.
3. County will adopt a pre-employment physical.

Mr. Wiles moved that the above recommendations be approved. Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was four in favor (Rhodes, Cox, Wiles, Hooper) and one opposed (Beebe).

Mr. Rhodes moved that the Council approve budget transfers of all line items for County Sewer and Planning & Develepment and placed under direct assistance rather than line items. Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Rhodes moved that when the plans and specifications for an additional wing for the Jail are adopted that all Stockade buildings will be demolished, torn down or bulldozed and any salvageable material will be salvaged or sold and give the administrator and Purchasing Department the authority to do this. Mr. Beebe seconded. Vote was three in favor (Rhodes, Beebe, Wiles) and two opposed (Hooper, Cox).

Council heard from concerned citizens at this time.

Council adjourned at approximately 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk
ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL

Note: Linda Gilstrap was on maternity leave and did not attend the meeting. The minutes were written from the tapes.