

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - October 19, 1982 - 7:00 p.m.

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

PRESENT: Vice Chairman - Daniel A. Rhodes
Joseph G. Wright, III
Fred H. Bratcher
Curtis Kinley
David L. Hooper
Attorney - Robert P. Lusk

Mr. Rhodes called the meeting to order and Councilman Joseph G. Wright gave the invocation.

Mr. Charles Whiten, Public Defender, introduced Mr. Tom Dunaway as the assistant Public Defender. He asked that Council approve and ratify this appointment. On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Hooper, Council voted unanimously to approve Mr. Dunaway as the Assistant Public Defender.

Mr. James Brooks discussed a water and ditch problem in Blossom Branch in Piedmont. On the motion of Mr. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Kinley, Council voted unanimously to direct Mac Walters, County Engineer, to go out and check out the situation and report back at the next Council meeting of November 4, 1982. Another problem Mr. Brooks discussed was the need for signs in the community. He stated that he had requested the signs over a year ago. Mr. Rhodes gave the list to Mr. Watson and asked that he check with the County Engineer to see if the signs had been ordered.

Mr. Watson presented proposals for rental of farm properties. He stated that the County opened the proposals on October 13 and had two people to respond. On the motion of Mr. Kinley, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to withdraw the pastureland from the bid until the County decides what to do with the cattle. On the motion of Mr. Kinley, seconded by Mr. Hooper, Council voted two in favor and two opposed to rent the 74 acres of cropland. Mr. Wright and Mr. Bratcher voted against the motion. Mr. Rhodes voted in favor to break the tie. Mr. Kinley also stated in his motion that the rental period would run from January 1, 1983 for one year. Payment by the successful bidder is to be made in full to the County Treasurer and within 10 days of formal notification. The tenant will be authorized to begin use of the land at any time prior to January 1, 1983 provided, the County has harvested existing crops from the premises. In the event that the highest bidder does not respond, the next highest bidder will be notified. The highest bidder was W.M. Bolt for \$20.50 per acre.

Mr. Hooper presented third & final reading of Ordinance #96 (Magistrate's Office Space-Old Farm House). On the motion of Mr. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Kinley, Council voted two in favor and two opposed. Mr. Wright and Mr. Bratcher voted against the motion and Mr. Rhodes voted in favor to break the tie. Mr. Wright asked if anyone

had checked into the possibility of putting a butler type building next to the Jail. Mr. Rhodes asked Mr. Watson to go out and take the plywood off and start prisoners to work getting the house ready.

Mr. James Campbell stated that Congress and the Senate recently enacted new legislation replacing the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973. The new legislation will delete the name CETA from the training program, therefore, he requested that County Council allow them to continue their operation under the name of the Anderson County Training & Employment Department and continue their authority to operate and/or subcontract training and employment programs under the new Act. On the motion of Mr. Bratcher, seconded by Mr. Hooper, Council voted unanimously to approve the request for Mr. Campbell. Mr. Campbell also presented the Council with the Affirmative Action Plan that was approved by the S.C. Human Affairs Office and the Office of the Governor and asked for Council's approval. On the motion of Mr. Kinley, seconded by Mr. Bratcher, Council voted unanimously to approve the Affirmative Action Plan for Anderson County.

On the motion of Mr. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Kinley, Council voted two in favor and two opposed to direct Mr. Watson to go out and remove the plywood and start getting the house ready for the Judge on Wednesday with the help of the County Engineer. Mr. Bratcher and Mr. Wright voted against the motion. Mr. Rhodes voted in favor to break the tie.

Mr. Clinton King, Director of the Anderson County Solid Waste Authority, discussed the 977 frontend loader that was destroyed by fire by vandals. He stated he would need \$52,000 to replace this piece of equipment in order to continue operations. On the motion of Mr. Kinley, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to direct Mr. Watson to check out the budget for money that would be available and report back by phone as soon as possible. Mr. King stated that all County equipment did not have insurance and was self insured. On the motion of Mr. Kinley, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to direct Mr. Watson to check and see what it would cost the County to insure all equipment.

Council held a public hearing for citizens to discuss the millage for the 1982-83 tax year. Mr. Guffey stated that the millage cannot exceed a one percent increase over last year. On the motion of Mr. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Bratcher, Council voted unanimously that after reassessment and resulting millage was applied that the variance be the minimum above last years millage necessary and according to law to cover the budget.

Mr. Brown asked Council if anything had been done concerning closing Fairmont Road which was discussed at the September 21, 1982 meeting. Council asked Mr. Brown to leave his name and number so the County Engineer could contact him concerning the problem.

On the motion of Mr. Kinley, seconded by Mr. Hooper, Council voted 2 in favor and 2 opposed directing Mr. Watson to get a description of the Airport property that the County has been using (other than what's inside the runways) and send out for bids for renting. Mr. Rhodes voted in favor to break the tie. Mr. Bratcher and Mr. Wright voted against the motion.

Mr. Watson stated that Russell & Axon could be retained for consulting services for the unfinished area on the third floor of the New County Office Building for a lump

sum of \$3,000. On the motion of Mr. Kinley, seconded by Mr. Bratcher, Council voted unanimously to retain Russell & Axon.

On the motion of Mr. Kinley, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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