

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
July 22, 2002

The Abbeville County Council met in regular session at the Council Chambers in the Abbeville County Office Building at 7:30 P.M. on July 22, 2002. Present at the meeting were Chairman Larry Walker, Vice-Chairman Ray Gunnells, and Councilmen Scott Brown, John Calhoun, Tojo Forrester, Billy Norris and Claude Thomas. Also present were County Attorney Gene Pruitt and Interim Director Gene Klugh.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Walker following which he introduced and welcomed Billy Norris as the new Councilman from District 4.

Chairman Walker led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Brown opened the meeting with prayer.

- I. Approval of Minutes: There were no minutes for approval.
- II. Presentations: There were no presentations by the public.
- III. Committee Reports: There were no committee reports.
- IV. Old Business

A. Renewal of Lease for S. C. Forestry Commission.: At the July 8, meeting Council had tabled consideration of renewing the lease with the S. C. Forestry Commission. On a motion by Councilman Thomas, seconded by Councilman Calhoun, the Council voted unanimously to consider the lease. A motion was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Gunnells to enter into a three-year lease with the S. C. Forestry Commission for space at the County Office Building for \$1,440.00, per year. The Council voted 7 to 0 to adopt the motion.

B. Request from Probate Judge for computer programs: Two proposals have been received for upgrading the Probate Court's computer programs: Icon Software \$6,285 and Nicholson Business Systems \$20,000. Funds have been budgeted for this purpose. A motion was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Gunnells to accept the proposal of Icon Software. The Council voted 7 to 0 to adopt the motion.

C. Proposals for conducting auction: The County has advertised for proposals from licensed auctioneers to conduct an auction of surplus county property. Three proposals were received: James E. Davis, 5 percent; Nelson Auction Co., 4 percent; and Prince Brothers Real Estate and Auction Co., \$800. A motion was made by Councilman Forrester and seconded by Councilman Thomas to accept the proposal of Nelson Auction Co. The Council voted 7 to 0 to adopt the motion.

V. New Business:

- A. Approval of bills for payment: A motion was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Calhoun to approve the bills for payment as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 7 to 0.
- B. Petition concerning bridge on Sharon Church Road: The Council received a petition from concerned citizens requesting that renovations be made to the bridge on Sharon Church Road. The bridge is on a state highway and is a part of the SCDOT system. By consensus, Council agreed to acknowledge receipt of the petition and to pledge its support in having the renovations made.
- C. Bids for paving McCall Road: Following a public advertisement, two bids were received for paving McCall Road: Pickens Construction Co., \$9,553, and Ashmore Brothers, \$13,666. A motion was made by Councilman Gunnells and seconded by Councilman Brown to accept the low bid of \$9,553, from Pickens Construction. The motion was adopted by a vote of 7 to 0.
- D. Consider first reading of an Ordinance to Convey to Brownette Brothers Trucking, Inc. a Five Acre Tract in the Abbeville County Industrial Park: The County Attorney reported that his research showed that the property was in the name of the Development Board and that Council action would not be required.
- E. Request from City of Abbeville for a final sewer plant payment of \$50,000:  
The County has received correspondence from David Krumwiede, the Abbeville City Manager, requesting that the county include \$50,000 in its FY-2003 Budget for final payment of its commitment to the city's sewer plant expansion project. Councilman Gunnells stated that he would like to review his notes before this matter was considered. Consideration of the request was deferred to the August 12, meeting of Council.
- F. Purchase of computer equipment for Finance Department: A proposal of Smith Data Processing for supplying replacement computer equipment for the Finance Department was received. The proposal was for \$5,126.90. Funds are budgeted for this purpose. SDP's was the only proposal since the County's software maintenance agreement with SDP would not be valid on other equipment. A motion was made by Councilman Gunnells and seconded by Councilman Norris to accept the SDP proposal for \$5,126.90. The motion was adopted by a vote of 7 to 0.  
Councilman Thomas requested that in the future information be provided on how hardware and software will be used and how the county will be benefited.
- G. A motion was made by Chairman Walker and seconded by Councilman Thomas to add items H and I to the agenda under new business. The motion was adopted by a vote of 7 to 0.
- H. A Resolution To Authorize the County Treasurer To Borrow Certain Funds From the County General Fund and to Direct that the Funds Be Repaid to The General Fund From Property Taxes. A motion was made

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by Councilman Thomas and seconded by Councilman Calhoun to adopt the Resolution. The Resolution was adopted by a vote of 7 to 0.

- I. Computer maintenance for library: While a part of the Greenwood-Abbeville Library System, the Abbeville Library computers were maintained under an agreement with Wells Computer Inc. The Library has received a proposal to continue this service at a rate of \$650, per month. Funds were budgeted for this purpose. A motion was made by Councilman Thomas and seconded by Councilman Brown to contract with Wells Computer Inc. for the maintenance of the library computers. The motion was adopted by a vote of 7 to 0.
- VI. Executive Session: A motion was made by Councilman Gunnells and seconded by Councilman Brown for the Council to go into executive session to discuss the positions of County Director and Planner and to receive a legal briefing from the County Attorney on two matters. The motion was approved by a vote of 7 to 0.

Following the Executive Session, Chairman Walker announced that the Council will be conducting interviews for the position of County Director and County Planner beginning at 8:00 AM on Saturday, July 27. The interviews will be in the Council Meeting Room at the Courthouse.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Calhoun. The motion was approved by a vote of 7 to 0.

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