

ORIGINAL

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - August 21, 1990 - 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 21, 1990 at 7:00 p.m. in the Anderson County Courthouse-Courtroom. Chairman James M. "Jimmy" Cox, Jr. presided.

PRESENT

James M. "Jimmy" Cox, Jr. - District #1
David L. Hooper - District #2
Harvie E. Banister - District #3
Elise C. Cahaly - District #4
Mike Holden - District #5
David Watson - County Administrator
Rusty Burns - Assistant Administrator
David Standeffer - County Attorney
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk

Chairman Jimmy Cox called the meeting to order and Mr. David Watson gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Cox read an amendment recommended by the Clerk to the August 7, 1990 minutes. The amendment reads: Page 3: Mr. Burns presented a request for Mr. McClure for \$30,000 from each Council district for contract paving. Change "for contract paving" to "to purchase paving equipment". Ms. Cahaly moved to approve as amended and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Ernie Garrison, representing the Anderson Board of Realtors, presented a request that members of their organization have access to records in the Assessor's Office by telephone modem and that Council appoint a representative to work with the Executive Director to come up with a solution to the request. The Board also requested that a copy of the Council's agenda be sent to the Board's Office (Ms. Peggy Hill). Mr. Cox directed the Administrator to discuss the request with members of the Board and report back on the request to gain access to records in the Assessor's Office. The Clerk was directed to mail agendas to Ms. Hill.

Mr. Cox explained that the possibility of re-opening the Civic Center issue on alcohol to take the referendum off the ballot would not come up tonight. Ms. Cahaly stated that the vote was still four to one. The people of Anderson County will have a voice in the matter, Mr. Cox said.

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Mr. David Standeffer, County Attorney, presented first reading of Ordinance #313 calling for the issuance of \$2.5 Million Dollars Sewer Bonds for the Generostee Sewer Plant, Clemson Quadrant (northern area of Anderson County). Ms. Cahaly moved to approve on first reading and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Standeffer presented Ordinance #315 reinstating the EMS Commission for Council's approval on second reading. Ms. Banister moved to approve and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Standeffer presented Ordinance #316 providing for the issuance and sale of the \$2.5 Million Dollar Sewer Bonds for Council's consideration on first reading. Mr. Hooper moved to approve and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Standeffer presented Ordinance #311 - Anderson Cable TV Franchise renewal for approval on third reading. Ms. Cahaly moved to approve and Mr. Banister seconded. Council discussed the following proposed amendments recommended by Mr. Mattison. (a) change 15 years to 10 years (b) require a \$3,500 application fee for all new business which will be refunded after a period of two years from the franchise fees. Ms. Cahaly moved to approve the ordinance on third reading with the two amendments and Mr. Banister seconded. Council discussed further. The chairman suggested that the item be moved down on the agenda to allow the County attorney to look over the amendments prior to passage.

Mr. Standeffer presented Resolution #550 requesting that the district boundaries of Homeland Park Water District be extended by annexation to include properties of C.H. Martin. Mr. Hooper moved to approve and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Standeffer presented third and final reading of Ordinance #314 removal of the tap-on-fee for Loblolly Pines sewer project for a period of one year. A public hearing was held concerning the ordinance. There were no comments. Mr. Holden moved to approve and Mr. Cox seconded. Mr. Holden moved to amend the ordinance to change the period of 12 months to 18 months (no tap fee). Mr. Cox seconded the amendment. Vote on the amendment was 5-0. Vote on the original motion as amended was unanimous.

Mr. Standeffer presented Resolution #548 designating the Anderson-Oconee Council on Aging as an entity in Anderson County to provide transportation to the elderly and handicapped. This will allow the agency to apply for grant funds to purchase a van with no county money involved. Mr. Hooper moved to approve and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Standeffer requested an executive session to discuss a matter involving litigation.

Mr. Eugene Sutton presented a video of businesses in Anderson County (west side - Willow Wood Apts.) that are dealing in illegal gambling, drugs and prostitution. He explained that he was presently involved

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with a business there called Sutton's Prevention Consultants dealing with drug prevention, drop-out prevention, teen pregnancy and Aids prevention. They go in with security staff and try to clean up drug infested areas as a consultant in Anderson. Mr. Sutton asked Council to form a committee to study business licenses to regulate businesses in the County. Mr. Cox appointed Mr. Banister, Mr. Holden and Mr. Standeffer to a committee to study the possibility of a County business license.

Mr. Cox presented a proclamation declaring September 17 - September 21, 1990 as Existing Business and Industry Appreciation Week in Anderson.

Mr. Standeffer presented Ordinance #311 - renewal of Anderson Cable TV franchise once again. He said that he reviewed the amendments and did not see any problem with changing the franchise period from 15 to 10 years but he was sure about the application fee. Council discussed the intent of the application fee which is for new companies. Mr. Cox moved to adopt the 10 year amendment to the ordinance on third reading and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was 3 in favor (Cahaly, Cox, Banister) and two opposed (Hooper, Holden). Vote on the original motion as amended was unanimous.

Mr. Standeffer presented Ordinance #317 providing for the procedures necessary to commission law enforcement officers to provide for the proper security, general welfare and convenience of Anderson County for Council's consideration on first reading. Mr. Hooper moved to approve and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Rusty Burns asked for a resolution to allow labor only at the new road at Hanna High School. The funding will be provided from "C" funds - School District #5 for the materials. Mr. McClure said that the County could do the clearing, grading and putting stone down. Completion date is in 1992. Mr. Hooper moved to pursue the request and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Ms. Cahaly moved to go into executive session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss litigation matters as requested by the County Attorney. Mr. Banister seconded and vote was 5-0.

Ms. Cahaly moved to come out of executive session back into regular session at 8:45 p.m. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cox moved to direct the Administrator to proceed with organization and implementation of a centralized County shop and the transfer of specific personnel necessary to get the shop up and running as soon as possible. The slots will come from Solid Waste, Sheriff's Department, and Road Maintenance. The purpose of the shop would be to perform maintenance functions to all county vehicles and additional, at such time as it is up and running and adequately handling all other county affairs, it will assist the Rescue Squads with repair of ambulances. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

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Mr. Rusty Burns presented the following purchases for Council's approval. (1) Road Maintenance - 1974 flat bed truck, 1976 Dodge truck, 1974 pick-up, 1978 Dodge pick-up from the Division of General Services at \$1,800.00. These are budgeted items with no additional funding required. (2) Sheriff's Office - 3,000 round of .38 wadcutter for target shooting at \$76.05/M, 2000 Rounds - .45 auto-full metal jacket for target shooting at \$145.26/M, 5000 rounds - 9MM-115 GR. full metal jacket for target shooting - \$115.92 from Palmetto Distributors - total \$1,152.18 (3) Sheriff's Office - 54 each - Point blank Hilite Ballistic Vest @ \$450.52 each, 8 each - Point blank surveillance tactical ballistic vest at \$725.00 from Lawmen Safety for a total of \$31,634.48. (4) Sheriff's Office - 12 each - Strobe light bars at \$458.43, 12 each - Add L/R Alley lights at \$53.50, 12 each - Add Front flashing Blue Halogens at \$69.00 each, 12 each - Add rear Flashing blue Halogens at \$69.00 each, and 12 each - 4 switch control unit w/Mtg. Bracket & 18" cable at \$38.21 each for a total of \$8,257.68 from Whelen Engineering Company. (5) Sheriff's Office - 10 each - Pro-guard #38-3100 vehicle screen at \$228.54 each, 15 each - DEF-TEC #77 Vertical mount electric shotgun rack at \$63.84 for a total of \$3,243.75 from Palmetto Distributors. Sheriff - 20 each - Motorola Syntor X9000 Mobile Radios for a total of \$80,867 from Motorola Communications and Electronics, Inc. (6) Sheriff's Office - 10 each - 1991 Ford LTD Crown Victoria Marked Cars Black/Currant red), 2 each - 1991 Ford LTD Crown Victoria unmarked cars (Titanium/Currant Red), 1 each - 1991 Ford LTD Crown Victoria unmarked Cars (Twilight Blue/Shadow Blue), 1 each - 1991 Ford LTD Crown Victoria unmarked (Oxford White/shadow blue) for a total of \$161,042.30 from Pulliam Motor Company. Ms. Cahaly moved to approve the purchases above as presented and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Burns asked for tentative approval of a 90%-10% matching grant (County's share \$1,443.75) for an Airport project. Total cost of \$14,437.50. Mr. Holden moved to approve and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Burns presented a request concerning the off systems bridge program where the State Highway Department will pick up 90% of the cost for construction/repair of Hen Coup Creek and Big Brushy Creek bridges. The actual cost from the Highway Department for Hen Coup Creek is \$368,937.86 and Big Brushy Creek \$566,912.77. The amount budgeted is under but the state will allow the County to make up the difference next year of approximately \$50,000. The grant was signed four years ago and the figures were estimates. Mr. Hooper moved to approve and make up the difference next year. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Burns presented a request to apply for a Rural Improvement Fund grant for Anderson and West Anderson Water Company. The amount requested is \$24,000 which will be split between Senator Mike Mullinax and Rep. C.D. Chamblee for the purchase of 15,000 linear feet of 6" waterline, 8,870 linear feet of 3" waterline and 2,100 linear feet of 2-1/2" waterline to provide water for McGill Road, McClure Road, Chamblee, Hillhouse Road, Norris Road, Harben Road, Hall and Axman and

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also to improve water pressure on Mountview Road. Mr. Holden moved to allow and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Burns presented a change order to the first road approved for the Santens Project-Phase 3. The price is \$109,420 and requires no County money. Mr. Cox moved to change the order to the original contract and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Burns asked that some of the County property be surveyed and for permission to secure the services of a surveyor. Mr. McClure explained that Road Maintenance could do the job. Mr. Cox moved to director Administrator to have Mr. McClure and Road Maintenance do the surveying. Mr. Banister seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cox explained that engineering work was in the process to bring a 24" main to the Town of Williamston. Pelzer and West Pelzer are running into water problems and there is an opportunity to investigate the possibility to bring the waterline across the river from Greenville County. Mr. Cox moved to direct the County Engineer (Design South) to do the preliminary engineering work at no cost to the County. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cox explained that with the laying of the sewer trunk line in Powdersville it had created great promises and great problems such as management questions and how the decisions would be made with regard to expenditure of funds from revenues generated. After reviewing with the Sewer Authority, there is no objections to the Council forming a three person Advisory Committee on this sewer trunk line from the Powdersville area. Mr. Cox moved to form this three person Advisory Committee advisory to the Sewer Authority to make recommendations concerning the implementation of the sewer system in Powdersville. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

The members of the Advisory Committee will be: David White, L1.. Evans, Norman S. Garrison.

Mr. Cox talked about the expected growth from the Powdersville sewer line and control of that growth. He said that there was a Powdersville Study Committee who has studied this for a couple years. There is a lot of problems with incorporation such as population density, state law regarding annexation requirements. If an area falls within five miles of a city they must petition that city for annexation before they may incorporate. As requested, Mr. Cox, moved to form a five man Land Use Advisory Committee from the Powdersville area to recommend to County Council as to what type land use controls should be utilized in the Powdersville area. Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was three in favor (Cox, Hooper, Holden) and two opposed (Cahaly, Banister). The following persons were appointed: Mr. Jim Garrison, Dr. Kent Hammond, Mr. David McClain, Jr., Mr. T.W. Cely, Ms. Sandra Clary.

Mr. Cox presented Ordinance #318 which will enable the Land Use Advisory Committee to make specific recommendations for the Powdersville area (Anderson County Development District Ordinance) and

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moved to approve on first reading. Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Burns requested to create a new position in County Government. The title to be Director of Research and Policy Formulation. Mr. Burns read the job requirements which are: (1) provide the Council information that will help members decide public policy, (2) provide economic and social information to council members and update it quarterly, (3) recommend policies and procedures to Council (4) recommend priorities for the budget year to Council (5) establish study groups that will provide Council information on technical matters affecting public policy (6) act as a liaison for Council with other government agencies to help Anderson County and (7) consult other groups who have a bearing on public policy issues being addressed by Council. Council discussed. Mr. Hooper moved to approve and Mr. Cox seconded. Mr. Banister moved to table. Motion died from lack of a second. Council recessed to brief members who were not informed of the position. The position will report directly to the Administrator and no new money will be required. Vote was four in favor and one opposed (Banister).

Mr. Standeffer asked for approval of matters discussed in executive session. Mr. Cox moved to allow the County Attorney to proceed along the lines discussed in executive session relating to a matter of pending litigation. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cox discussed Ordinance #312 scheduling a referendum for the Sheriff's Department and the lack of votes as presently constituted to leave it on referendum therefore he asked for a motion to approve and a second to discuss any amendments. Mr. Hooper moved to approve on third reading and Mr. Cox seconded. Mr. Cox then offered an amendment to change the question to read as follows:

"Should Anderson County Council raise property taxes by 28.6 mills spread over the next three years to implement the first three years of a ten year plan proposed by Anderson County Sheriff, Gene Taylor, for improving the Anderson County Sheriff's department?" The increases, if approved are to be implemented as follows: Tax year 1991-1992 additional tax of 7 mills over the present level of taxation. Tax year 1992-1993 additional 8.2 over the present level of taxation and tax year 1993-1994 additional taxation of 12.7 mills over the present level of taxation. This referendum will not provide the additional taxation necessary to fund the balance of the 7 years under the Sheriff's 10 year plan.

Mr. Hooper seconded the motion and Council discussed. Vote on the amendment was three in favor (Cox, Hooper, Banister) and two opposed (Cahaly, Holden). Vote on the original proposition as amended was three in favor (Cox, Hooper, Banister) and two opposed (Cahaly, Holden). Motion carried.

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Mr. Holden moved to appropriate \$500 from funds in District #5-Recreation Budget for Townville Elementary School. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Banister explained that Honea Path received an ambulance purchased by the County which arrived with \$3,693 more equipment than the purchase order called for. The Rescue Squad paid for the extra equipment. Mr. Banister moved that the County reimburse the Rescue Squad for this money and Mr. Cox seconded. The funds are in the budget and no additional money will be necessary. Vote was unanimous.

Council heard from Mr. Jerry Nunn a concerned citizen at this time.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda N. Gilstrap
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