

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2006 AT 4:32 P.M.
GRAND JURY ROOM AT THE UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh, Vice Chairperson Dora Martin, Councilman Toney Farr, Councilman Tommy Ford, Councilman Joey English, Councilman Randall Hanvey, Councilman Joe Lawson, County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros and Clerk to Council Linda G. Jolly

Absent: None

Notice of the meeting and a copy of the agenda giving the date, time and place of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the hall of the Union County Courthouse and a copy was mailed to the members of the Union County Council, the County Attorney, WBCU Radio Station, the Union Daily Times, Spartanburg Herald Journal, WSPA-TV, WIS News, Allen Hutto with MHISC, Mr. Ethan Burroughs with Wachovia Bank, the Union County Development Board, Mr. J. B. Stepp, Mr. Scott Frost, Wallace Thomson Hospital, Mr. John Cadena with SCANA Corp., Ms. Ann Fesperman with the Upstate Workforce Investment Board, Mr. Darrell Wade, Ms. Ann Canada, Ms. Annie E. Wessinger with Capital Consultants, Ms. Sandra Palmer and Mrs. Anne Brock with Clemson Extension.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh called the meeting to order. Chaplain Dora Martin gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk to Council gave the Roll Call with the following results:

Toney L. Farr, District 1 – Present
Dora T. Martin, District 2 – Present
Tommy E. Ford, District 3 – Present
Joey D. English, District 4 – Present
Randall Hanvey, District 5 – Present
Joe G. Lawson, District 6 – Present

Dora Martin: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of Union County Council held on September 13, 2006 and to adopt the minutes as written.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented certificates and gift cards to Mr. Melvin Revis for 5 years of dedicated service and to Mr. Jeff Bailey for 10 years of dedicated service to Union County.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated there were three vacancies on the Union County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse due to term expirations. The applicants were Mrs. Ariel Fron, Mrs. Teena Heym, and Mr. Joseph Harper.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to appoint Mrs. Ariel Fron, Mrs. Teena Heym, and Mr. Joseph Harper to serve another term on the Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

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Joey English: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Hal Johnson with the Upstate Alliance gave Council an update. He played a video highlighting the upstate. His presentation included information on their vision, mission and focus for Upstate Alliance. They are a marketing organization that provides marketing strategy, support and builds relationships. The slide presentation covered information pertaining to their team, their Executive Committee, operating budget, public sector investors, private sector investors, county investments, target markets, business development highlights, and the upcoming Asian mission. Councilman Toney Farr asked if they had been approached about joining up with the new regional education centers that are about to be established as a result of the new EEDA law. Mr. Johnson stated he was aware they were being set up but they had not been approached to be part of this group. Mr. Farr suggested it would be helpful if the Upstate Alliance were to make contact with this new group.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated the Sheriff's Office had received four new Crown Victoria vehicles. A couple of years ago the County donated some of the older vehicles to the Town of Jonesville who had made a request for any vehicles the County may be able to give them this year. Mr. Troy Champion who is over the Equipment Shop stated that there were two of the older vehicles in fairly good shape.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to donate two of the used vehicles from the Sheriff's Office to the Town of Jonesville.

Toney Farr: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated the County had received an invoice from the Upstate Alliance for \$14,941.00.

Toney Farr: Made a motion to approve payment of the invoice for the Upstate Alliance.

Dora Martin: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated that Mr. Hal Johnson with Upstate Alliance had delivered a check in the amount of \$7,800.00 to the Economic Development Board. They were funds to be used for economic development which came from proceeds of a golf tournament they held.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated that TBA Construction had given him an estimate on what it would cost to complete Phase III on the From Building. The estimate was \$225,586.00 which he referred to the Committee on County Administration and Finance for consideration.

Airport Manager Ron Wade stated he had provided information to Council in August relating to the property located adjacent to the airport. International Paper Company sold the property. The two new owners are still willing to sell 50 acres to the County for future expansion at the airport. The Airport Commission would like Council to consider the request at the next meeting of the Committee on County Administration and Finance.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented for third and final reading an ordinance to make provision for a Hospitality Tax on all prepared food and beverages sold in Union County,

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and for an Accommodations Tax on accommodations furnished to transients in Union County.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to adopt the ordinance to implement a Hospitality Tax and Accommodations Tax as stated.

Joey English: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated the tax would go into effect January 1, 2007.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented for third and final reading an ordinance providing for a Fee Agreement between Union County and BMW Manufacturing Co., LLC.

Toney Farr: Made a motion to adopt the ordinance providing for a Fee Agreement for BMW Manufacturing Co., LLC as stated.

Joe Lawson: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented for second reading an ordinance authorizing, confirming and ratifying an amendment to the Agreement governing the Multi-County Business/Industrial Park by and between Union County, South Carolina and Spartanburg County, South Carolina, in order to authorize, confirm and ratify the expansion of the boundaries of the park to include certain property owned or operated by Intier Automotive Interiors of America, Inc., its affiliates and assigns, Invista S.a.r.l., its affiliates and assigns, and Stankiewicz International Corporation, its affiliates and assigns, and other matters related thereto.

Toney Farr: Made a motion to accept second reading of the ordinance to expand the boundaries of the Multi-County Business/ Industrial Park as stated.

Dora Martin: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented for second reading an ordinance to develop a jointly owned and operated Industrial/Business Park in conjunction with Spartanburg County, such Industrial/Business Park to be geographically located in Spartanburg County and established pursuant to Sec. 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended; to provide for a written agreement with Spartanburg County to provide for the expenses of the Park, the percentage of revenue application, and the distribution of fees in lieu of ad valorem taxation; and other matters related thereto.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to accept second reading of the ordinance to develop a jointly owned and operated Industrial/Business Park as stated pertaining to the Kohler Company.

Joe Lawson: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh introduced for first reading an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007, of Union County, South Carolina, in the principal amount of not exceeding \$2,300,000.00; fixing the form and certain details of the bonds; authorizing the County Supervisor to determine certain matters relating to the bonds; providing for the payment of the bonds and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto.

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Joe Lawson: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to accept first reading of the ordinance pertaining to the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007 as stated.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh called for any committee reports but there were none at this time.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh called for any other business but there was none.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented a financial statement for Spartanburg Area Mental Health.

Joe Lawson: Made a motion to accept the financial statement for Spartanburg Area Mental Health.

Dora Martin: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Councilwoman Dora Martin called a meeting of the Committee on County Administration and Finance for Monday, October 16, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. There will be a meeting of the Union County Delegation that same evening at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh informed Council that the City Council would be discussing the agreement pertaining to the animal shelter at their meeting on October 17th. He understood they would be considering providing \$4,500.00 a year plus a one time allocation of \$10,000.00 to be used toward renovations of the County Animal Shelter. They will leave their facility intact for at least 12 months for an overflow facility if the adoption program is not where it needs to be.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to adjourn.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Donnie R. Betenbaugh, Chairman
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council