

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - February 4, 1986 - 9:00 a.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

A MEETING OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 1986 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - ROOM 109. CHAIRMAN HAROLD E. BEEBE PRESIDED.

PRESENT

Jimmy Cox, District #1
David L. Hooper, District #2
Robert L. Wiles, District #3
Daniel A. Rhodes, District #4
Chairman Harold E. Beebe, District #5
David Watson, Administrator
Rusty Burns, Asst. Administrator
Mike Mullinax, County Attorney
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

Mr. Beebe called the meeting to order and Mr. Watson led in prayer. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Wiles, Council voted unanimously to approve the January 9 and January 21, 1986 minutes as mailed.

Mr. Mullinax called for a public hearing before final adoption of Ordinance #188 calling for the issuance of \$500,000 general obligation bonds for the new Law Enforcement Center. There were no comments and the public hearing was declared closed.

Mr. Mullinax presented third reading of Ordinance #188 authorizing the issuance and sale of \$500,000 general obligation bonds for the purpose of constructing a Law Enforcement Center in Anderson County. Mr. Wiles moved that the ordinance be approved on third reading as presented. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Mullinax presented second reading of Ordinance #193 authorizing an amendment of a \$1,000,000 I.D.R. Note for Craft Bonded Warehouse. Mr. Beebe moved that the ordinance be approved on second reading and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mullinax presented Resolution & Inducement Contract #312 for Mount Vernon, Inc. for Council's consideration. Mr. Hooper moved that the resolution and contract be approved. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Mullinax presented Resolution #313 designating the Anderson-Oconee Council On Aging as an entity in Anderson County to provide transportation to the elderly and/or handicapped. Mr. Wiles moved that the resolution be approved. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Mullinax presented Ordinance #190 for first reading approval calling for a seven (7) member council with five (5) members being elected from single member districts and two (2) members being elected at large from the entire county and to provide for four (4) year staggered terms. Mr. Hooper moved that the ordinance be approved as presented and Mr. Rhodes seconded. The county attorney was asked if this was something that could be done legally. He stated that "Home Rule" allows you to create either at large council districts or single member council districts; and doesn't provide for the combination. Mr. Beebe called for the question. Vote was two (2) in favor (Hooper, Rhodes) and three (3) opposed (Wiles, Cox, Beebe). Motion was defeated.

Ms. Linne Otter with the 1990 Cooperation/Recognition Committee of Anderson County presented Council with a certificate of special recognition for displaying a spirit of cooperation with the City of Anderson to plan and implement 5 storm/sewer drains in the City of Anderson.

Mr. Rhodes presented Resolution #315 commending Mr. Chamblee for his proposed bill that would require direct election of Public Service Commission members. He also presented Mr. Chamblee with a certificate of appreciation. Council agreed to approve the resolution as presented.

Mr. Doug Phillips, Director of the S.C. Appalachian Council of Governments, presented a funding proposal whereby Anderson County's share would be reduced by approximately \$1700.00. Mr. Cox moved that the Council approve the new funding plan. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous. Mr. Phillips said a letter would be mailed shortly asking that another appointment be made to the COG board by Anderson County.

Mr. Wiles stated that the City of Anderson was about to employ an engineering firm to study and up-grade their sewer system. He said that the County and the City, along with the Sewer Authority signed an agreement in 1983 outlining certain things regarding sewer and therefore asked the Chairman to call a meeting with the City of Anderson, County Council and the Sewer Authority to discuss the provisions of this. After a long discussion the chairman agreed to call the meeting as requested.

Mr. Wiles presented for first reading Ordinance #194 relating to the election of County Council members so as to provide that Anderson County Council shall be expanded to seven (7) members to be elected from seven (7) single member districts. He then moved the adoption of the ordinance and Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was four (4) in favor (Wiles, Cox, Hooper, Beebe) and one (1) opposed. (Mr. Rhodes)

Mr. Wiles presented second reading of Ordinance #191 providing for the placement of the system known as Enhanced 911 on the ballot. He then moved that the ordinance be approved and Mr. Rhodes seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Hooper presented a Resolution (#314) asking the Association of Counties to endorse proposed legislation which would prohibit the General Assembly from requiring municipal corporations, counties or special purpose districts to perform any act or furnish any service which would require the expenditure of money without providing for funding from state funds. He then moved that the Resolution be approved. Mr. Cox seconded the motion and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Rhodes presented a resolution expressing sympathy to the families of the seven astronauts of the Space Craft Challenger and designating seven (7) scholarships for \$250 each bearing the name of each of the seven astronauts to be given to seven (7) deserving students. Council decided the resolution should be in the form of an Ordinance. Mr. Rhodes then asked that first reading of this ordinance (#195) be

Mr. Burns presented bids on the road maintenance building for brick work. The low bid from Mr. Deanhardt for \$150 per 1,000 was recommended. Mr. Burns also asked that the needed money be transferred from the hardware and building fund. Mr. Hooper moved that both requests be permitted and Mr. Rhodes seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Burns informed council of the need for an emergency antenna down at the Emergency Operations Center at the Agriculture Building. The low bidder has agreed to lower the price to \$6,800 if the County will agree to go to Charlotte and pick up. Mr. Cox moved that this be approved. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Burns presented sealed bids for (14) patrol cars for the sheriff's department. The low bid coming from Pulliam Motor Company (state contract) for a total of \$138,125.18. He recommended that the Council approve the low bid. Mr. Wiles moved that this be accepted and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Burns informed Council of an emergency purchase on 12-20-85 to Freeman Mechanical to replace the compressor on the heating and air conditioning system on the third floor of the Anderson Health Department. The total purchase - \$4,547.45. Mr. Hooper moved that this be approved and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Rhodes asked Mr. Mullinax if the Election Commission decides to order vote machines, would an ordinance be required? His reply was if an additional expenditure of funds was required it would be necessary to pass an ordinance. He asked if the sale of the airmac machines would require an ordinance and advertised for 60 days. He asked the attorney for a written answer on both of the questions.

Mr. Watson asked for authorization to sell some old IBM equipment. Mr. Hooper moved to give the Administrator the permission to sell this equipment and to follow all legal requirements doing so. Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Council heard from concerned citizens at this time.

Council adjourned at 10:59 a.m. to open bids on interest rates for the \$500,000 Mini Bond for the new Law Enforcement Center.

The Chairman called the meeting back to order at 11:40 a.m.
The Council received the following three bids:

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| South Carolina National Bank | -- Fixed Interest Rate: | 6.66% |
| Bankers Trust - \$45,000 | -- year: 1987 | -- 5.25% |
| (annual principal amount)\$50,000 | " 1988 | 5.75% |
| \$55,000 | " 1989 | 6.25% |
| \$60,000 | " 1990 | 6.50% |
| \$65,000 | " 1991 | 6.70% |
| \$70,000 | " 1992 | 6.90% |
| \$75,000 | " 1993 | 7.0 % |
| \$80,000 | " 1994 | 7.1 % |
| C&S Bank | Fixed Interest Rate: | 7.25% |

Council recessed once again to allow the attorney and bond council to verify bids.

Mr. Beebe called the meeting back to order. Mr. Mullinax informed Council that the low bid was submitted by the South Carolina National Bank for a fixed rate of 6.66% and therefore recommended that council approve this bid. Mr. Beebe moved that his recommendation be accepted and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 4-0. Mr. Rhodes was out of the room temporarily during the vote and asked that the records reflect that he was in favor of the motion and would have voted that way.

approved. Mr. Cox seconded and reserved the right to other comments on second reading. Mr. Hooper said he would have to abstain because of a conflict of interest. The county attorney said he could not see it as a conflict of interest. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Rhodes introduced Resolution #318 reaffirming Council's support for the proposed livestock center to be located in Anderson County for approval. Mr. Wiles seconded the motion to approve and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Mullinax read Ordinance #192 relating to the election of County Council members so as to provide that the terms of office will be changed from 2 year terms to 4 year staggered terms. Mr. Rhodes moved the adoption on second reading and Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Council recessed for 15 minutes (9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.).

The meeting was called back to order by the Chairman at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Cox discussed the electronic voting system and funding of the system. Mr. Cox moved that the Council turn the purchasing of a voting system for Anderson County back over to the Election Commission for a recommendation that would not require a tax increase. Mr. Beebe seconded. Council discussed. Vote was four (4) in favor (Cox, Wiles, Beebe, Hooper) and one opposed (Rhodes).

Mr. Watson read a letter to Council from the Anderson County Airport Commission asking that Council allow Mr. Reid Garrison to tear down a small hanger and then to construct a 5 bay-hanger on his leased property at the Airport. The would be done according to the Anderson Airport Master Plan. Mr. Beebe moved that the permission be granted and construction to begin within 90 days after issuance of permit and be completed within 180 days. Mr. Cox seconded. Mr. Hooper stated he wanted some questions answered before this permission is granted therefore, he moved that the issued be tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Rhodes seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Walters presented the first road maintenance report done by the computer. Mr. Walters presented a petition asking that Simmons Road be changed to Compton Road in District #2 (Mr. Hooper). Mr. Hooper moved that this be done and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Watson said that he was directed at the last council meeting to determine if the balance in the Stockade fund could accommodate the paving of the Agriculture and DSS Buildings' parking lots. He said this could be done and was estimated to cost \$10,700. This will be done as soon as weather permits.

Mr. Watson passed out a memo on his directive at the last meeting to research computer access by the Board of Education. In this memo he said that the County should first concern themselves with the priorities - the real reason the system was purchased for and then consider this request later. Mr. Hooper moved to receive as information and Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Rhodes asked the Attorney to research the law about employing the same auditing firm more than one year.

The financial report was presented by Mr. Watson.

Mr. Burns presented a request from Road Maintenance to transfer \$10,000 from fuel & oil account into the patching account for emergency patching (all districts). Mr. Hooper moved that the be done and Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was 5-0.

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Mr. Beebe moved that Grady Patterson, State Treasurer, be notified that the County had issued general obligation bonds in the amount of \$500,000 to be repaid according to the SCN schedule. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was 4-0. (Mr. Rhodes was still out of the room.)

Council heard from other concerned citizens at this time.

Council adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda

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