

ORIGINAL

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - April 3, 1990 - 4:30 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

A regular meeting of the Anderson County Council was held on April 3, 1990 at 4:30 p.m. in the Anderson County Council Chambers - Room 109. Chairman Jimmy Cox presided.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

David L. Hooper - District #2

Chairman Jimmy Cox called the meeting to order and Mr. David Watson gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag. Mr. David Hooper was out of town at a training seminar.

Mr. Banister moved to approve the March 6 and March 20, 1990 minutes as mailed. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was three in favor (Holden, Cox, Banister)-none opposed. (Ms. Cahaly had not arrived at this time and Mr. Hooper was absent).

Council listened to Ms. J.R. Stowe from Bertha Drive. She told Council about an unlicensed builder who made repairs to her house and took over \$18,000 of her life's savings. She explained the cost (a contract was signed for \$9,500), the quality of work done and the time it took to make the repairs. Ms. Ruth Thackston and Ms. Winnie Thornhill also has similar problems that they discussed. Council discussed the way senior citizens on fixed incomes, were being ripped off by unlicensed builders doing work that does not meet building codes. Mr. Cox suggested that Council approve an Ordinance requiring any builder that operates in Anderson County and performs for an individual or company and makes repairs of \$1,000 to \$10,000 to be licensed by the County of Anderson prior to commencement of work. If a person violates the ordinance results could be a \$200 fine/imprisonment for 30 days. Each day the violation occurs will constitute a separate offense. Mr. Cox also suggested that the ordinance contain rules on how the builder will draw down his money for the work. Mr. Cox moved to approve on first reading. Mr. Banister stated that he wanted to see the ordinance in

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writing prior to a vote. Council agreed to direct the County Attorney to draft up an ordinance for Council's consideration at the next meeting.

Capt. John Skipper appeared before Council asking that \$17,165 from the Jess Reed forfeiture be transferred into the Sheriff's drug money checking account. The money will be used as "Flash" money. Mr. Cox explained that the auditor needed an audit trail and instructed Mr. Hunter to handle. Also the gas situation in the Sheriff's budget was discussed. Ms. Cahaly moved to approve the release of the \$17,165 and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Jimmy Cox presented Ordinance #303 calling for a referendum on the November ballot asking the citizens of Anderson County to change from 5 single member Council districts to 7 single member council districts. The reasons for the request is the districts are much to large and do not provide for a chance of minority representation on Council. The new districts will be drawn in accordance of the new census results. Mr. Cox moved to approve and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. Cox explained that the Pendleton "Civic" Center roof repair estimate was \$5,000. An additional \$2,950 will be needed to complete the repairs and moved to send the builder a "Letter of Commitment" to fund \$3,000 in the 90-91 fy budget. Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. Cox explained that the YMCA had requested \$5,000 for new projects in Anderson and suggested a "Letter of Commitment" for funding in the 1990-1991 fiscal year budget. Ms. Cahaly and Mr. Banister agreed that any commitments should be made during budget time. Mr. Cox asked to go on record as being in favor of this funding and moved to approve in the form of a commitment. Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was two in favor (Cox, Holden) and two opposed (Cahaly, Banister) and one absent (Hooper). Mr. Banister and Ms. Cahaly suggested to hold off until the budget process. Motion failed.

Mr. Cox said the Mayor of Williamston requested 400' of CM pipe and 20 each 15" bands to connect the pipe. He moved to take the estimated cost of \$1,800 for the items from the pipe account (Road Maintenance) and Mr. Holden seconded. Mr. Banister said he was not opposed but would expect to get pipe for Honea Path if he needed it. Vote was three in favor (Cox, Holden, Banister) and one opposed. Ms. Cahaly explained that she voted in opposition because of the gas situation. Motion carried.

Mr. Jacky Hunter presented the following budget transfers: Road Maintenance Department #603-155-085 (Bridge consulting & Contractual) to #604-155-085 (Contract Paving) amount: \$42,282.82 and Road Maintenance Department #603-155-085 (Bridge-Consulting & Contractual) to #601-100-002 (Temporary/Part time salaries) amount: \$10,000.00. Mr. Banister moved to allow the transfers and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was three in favor (Cox, Holden, Banister) and one opposed (Cahaly). Motion carried. Mr. Cox moved to authorize the County

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Administrator, in the event of fuel crisis, to transfer funds not to exceed \$15,000 from any source available if needed to purchase gas. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was 4-0.

Mr. David Watson presented the following purchases: Removal of approximately 1800 gallons of waste oil and water from the premises at the Anderson County Airport. Harold Mason Waste Oil Company to do the work for \$1.00 per gallon. Request to purchase 20-each batteries for Life Pak 5 - Anderson County EMS - \$1,884.75 from Aull Battery Company. No additional funds will be required. Mr. Cox moved to allow the purchases and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. David Standeffer explained that a citizen of the County would like to give some property to the County. This citizen is not ready to go public, therefore Mr. Standeffer asked Council for permission to allow the County Administrator to sign any documents necessary to receive title of the property. The property, in his opinion, would be very desirable. Mr. Banister said he would like to be a little more informed about it or see it before voting to accept. Mr. Cox called for a 5 minute recess to brief members on the property location. Mr. Cox called the meeting back to order. Mr. Cox moved to authorize the Administrator to accept the property and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Mr. Banister amended the motion to include that before acceptance the building be checked to be sure that it meets Fire and City Codes and contains no asbestos. Mr. Cox seconded the amendment. Mr. Watson will poll all members once the building has been inspected. Vote on the amendment was 4-0 and vote on the original motion as amended was 4-0.

Mr. Andy Rand explained a grant that Anderson Ambulance Service had applied for which requires a 10% match. The grant is for "Andy the Ambulance" which is a robotics ambulance and is used to teach children how to react in an emergency. He said Anderson Ambulance had a problem with vendor money since it was running mid-year and requested that the County advance them 90% of the \$7,500, the money will be recovered within 30-45 days from the Department of Highway Safety. This will be no cost to the County. Mr. Banister moved to approve and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Council heard from concerned citizens at this time.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk
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