

ORIGINAL

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - April 4, 1989 - 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 4, 1989 at 4:30 p.m. in the Anderson County Council Chambers - Room 109. Chairman Jimmy Cox was sick and unable to attend. Vice Chairman David Hooper presided.

PRESENT

David L. Hooper - District #2
Harvie E. Banister - District #3
Elise C. Cahaly - District #4
Mike Holden - District #5
David Watson - County Administrator
David Standeffer - County Attorney
Jack Crowe - Purchasing Manager
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk

ABSENT

James M. "Jimmy" Cox, Jr. - District #1

Mr. Hooper called the meeting to order and welcomed all visitors. He then gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Hooper, seconded by Ms. Cahaly, Council voted unanimously to approve the March 7 and March 21, 1989 minutes as mailed.

Mr. Jimmy Wingo, with the Chamber of Commerce, explained that three years ago the Golden Goose Society was created to promote a positive image of Anderson and a spirit of cooperation among groups in Anderson. He said that a "Spirit of Cooperation" was demonstrated as a result of the Needs Assessment Survey and presented Anderson County Council, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce and the Golden Goose Society, with a plaque for their cooperation on the Needs Assessment Survey. Council thanked Mr. Wingo and other members present.

Mr. Hooper amended the agenda to hear from Mr. Jimmy Jackson on the Junkyard located near Mr. Roscoe Whitten and Ms. Sandra Henry, both next on the agenda. Mr. Jackson reported that a written clean-up order had been issued and the man involved had hired an attorney. The attorneys need to get together in order to get the problem solved. Mr. Jackson said that junk cars have been moved from the road but the requirement is 1,000 feet and the cars are still 300' for the state

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road. Mr. Hooper informed everyone that the item would be discussed in executive session.

Mr. Hooper explained that Mr. Cox was sick with the flu and asked that action on the EMS contract be delayed until he was present. Mr. Hooper moved to put action off as requested by Mr. Cox. Mr. Banister seconded. Mr. Holden explained that going with Greg Shore the County would be able to roll back some of the three mill tax (1-1/2 mills) and save money and the two year proposed contract would reduce what the County is presently paying. Vote was unanimous to postpone.

Mr. Daniel Chapman, representing the Courthouse Authority, told Council that the courthouse display, plans and model were in Mr. Watson's Conference Room for Council to look at. He said a meeting of the Courthouse Authority would be next Friday and invited everyone to attend and participate. The Authority has already voted to submit the specifications for bids and would like input from County Council as soon as possible. Other members of the Authority (Robert Funk, Larry Reeves, Forest Suggs, Roy Jeffcoat) were recognized and all were commended for their diligent effort and time spent on the project. Mr. Jordan was also recognized. Mr. Chapman also said that the Authority planned to have a special ceremony on May 1 (Law Day) at which time the first corner stone will be placed.

Mr. J.D. Compton appeared before Council asking for consideration for money for all the Senior Citizens Programs in Anderson County. He explained that the Belton center would like money to travel and luncheons and suggested that the Council appropriate \$4,000. Each center in the County would decide if they would participate. Mr. Hooper said that Council would consider and Council received Mr. Compton's remarks as information.

Ms. Margaret Daniel spoke in favor of the Senior Citizens Program in Anderson. She explained their program in Williamston and said that she couldn't say enough good things about Jo Brown. Council received as information.

Mr. Holden moved to appropriate the following from his District #5 - Special Projects Fund: \$1,000 - Anderson Chapter of S.C. Association of the Blind, \$300 - Verennes Elementary School - "Just Say No" Club, \$300 - Good Neighbor Cupboard, \$200 - Anderson County Civil Air Patrol. Mr. Hooper seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden asked Mr. Rusty Burns to explain the Metro Zoning Master Plan. He said that it was a master plan for all of Anderson County with a zoning element to take place in the urban areas of the county. The study would cost \$30,000 which would be placed in the 1989-1990 budget and would be done by Uismon, McGill & Bell Planning Consultants. They advised the County on the present Land Use Standards now in effect. The Master Plan would allow the County to be in front of County problems and the zoning would be for the urban areas to provide

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protection to the existing subdivisions and existing businesses. Mr. Burns explained that public hearings will be held in all Council Districts and the study will take approximately 18 months to complete. Mr. Burns will apply for grants to help with the cost. Mr. Holden moved to give the Planning & Development Board permission to proceed with the study and ask that the Land Use Committee to help with the study. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was three in favor (Hooper, Holden, & Cahaly) and one opposed (Banister). Mr. Cox was absent.

Mr. Stephen Crawford asked for approval on the following budget appropriations: \$1,500 for steps and railings at the Pelzer Community Club, \$2,000 for Cheddar Youth Center, \$2,500 for a modular playstructure for the Town of Honea Path, and \$4,800 for modular playstructure for the Wellington Hill Park. Mr. Hooper moved to approve the appropriations and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was 4-0.

A public hearing was conducted to hear comments concerning the establishment of the Recreation Department (Ordinance #279). There were no comments. Mr. Standeffer presented third reading establishing the Anderson County Parks and Recreation Department and providing the powers and responsibilities of the department. Mr. Hooper moved to approve on third reading as presented and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. Banister asked Council to approve the following appropriations from his District #3 - Special Projects Fund: \$250 to the Belton Senior Citizens Center, \$250 to the Honea Path Senior Citizens Center, \$250 to the Flat Rock Bowen Fire Department, \$250 to the Craytonville Fire Department and \$250 for Ebenezer Fire Department. Mr. Holden seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Ms. Elise Cahaly moved to appropriate \$180 from District #4 - Special Projects Fund for the Pendleton Cultural Arts Festival. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

Ms. Cahaly explained a drainage problem at Pendleton High School. The cost to correct the problem would cost approximately \$1,250. Mr. McClure said that the funds could come from the pipe account. Ms. Cahaly moved to spend the \$1,250 from the pipe account to correct the drainage problem. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tony Cirelli opened a public hearing for comments on Ordinance #276 dealing with curbing (amendment to Road Ordinance #260). The public hearing was declared closed. Mr. Hooper moved to approve Ordinance #276 on third reading and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Burns said that Anderson County was challenged by the City of Anderson at playing a softball game. The game will be on April 20 at 7:30 at Martin Field. The team will be made of up 1/2 appointed or elected officials and the other made up of Department Heads, employees

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or media. He asked that if any one was interested in playing to contact him.

Mr. Cirelli explained that the option agreement on McGee Road for the right of way from Southern Bell agreement had been worked out. He said it was a 33 foot set back from the center of the state maintained road. Mr. Hooper moved to accept the option from Southern Bell and give Mr. Watson permission to sign. Mr. Banister seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Standeffer opened a public hearing for comments concerning Ordinance #278 (Animal Control). Several people spoke. The ordinance was explained by Mr. Standeffer. The public hearing was declared closed. Mr. Hooper moved to approve the ordinance on third reading and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was three in favor (Hooper, Holden, Cahaly) and one opposed (Banister). Motion carried. (Mr. Cox was absent.)

Mr. Standeffer conducted a public hearing concerning Ordinance #278 authorizing the execution and delivery of \$1,875,000 principal amount industrial development revenue bonds for Tag & Label Corporation, there were no comments. The public hearing was declared closed. Mr. Standeffer then presented third reading of the Ordinance for Council's consideration. Mr. Hooper moved to approve on third reading and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Council recessed for 5 minutes at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Hooper called the meeting back to order at 6:10. Mr. Standeffer asked for an executive session to discussion litigation, contracts and a personnel matter. Mr. Hooper moved to go into executive session for the reasons stated at 6:15 p.m. and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden moved to come out of executive session back into regular session at 6:40 p.m. Ms. Cahaly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Standeffer said that a motion was needed to settle two legal matters that were discussed in executive session. Mr. Hooper moved to allow the County Attorney to settle the legal matters as discussed. Mr. Banister seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden moved to permit the County Attorney to settle the contractual matter discussed in executive session as he see fit. Mr. Banister seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Standeffer asked Council to approve Resolution #500 supporting the efforts of SKL Corporation, d/b/a Anderson Plastics to maintain operations in Anderson County and supporting the efforts to obtain \$250,000 in loan funds from the South Carolina Jobs Economic Development Authority. Mr. Hooper moved to approve the resolution and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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Mr. Watson presented a request from the USDA FNS Food Program asking for Council's authorization to fund the Program for 1989-1990 in the amount of \$9,000. Mr. Hooper moved to allow the funding in the 1989-1990 budget and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson presented a request from the Building and Codes Department to transfer \$10,000 from Contractual Services to Salaries. This would be used to hire a full time Building Inspector and a temporary Mobile Home Inspector. Mr. Hooper moved to allow the transfer and approve the two positions which will be reviewed at budget time. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was three in favor (Holden, Hooper, Cahaly) and one opposed (Banister).

Mr. Jack Crowe presented a request from EMS to purchase a modular type ambulance for the Pelzer Squad. Only \$30,000 was budgeted for the purchase and would request an additional \$5,300 from the contingency fund to make the purchase. Mr. Hooper moved to allow the purchase and take the money from contingency fund and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Jack Crowe asked for permission to purchase night sticks, ticket book holders and ticket book covers for the Sheriff's Department. The low bid is from a local vendor for \$3,433. Mr. Banister moved to allow the purchase and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crowe asked for tentative approval for the expenditure of not more than \$2,931.25 for an automobile to be used by the Building and Codes Department. Money is available and no additional funding will be necessary. Mr. Hooper moved to approve the expenditure and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Jacky Hunter talked about problems with the Workman's Compensation Fund. He asked for permission to transfer \$18,512.16 into the Workman's Compensation Fund from the Contingency Fund to carry the County through June 30th. Mr. Holden moved to allow the transfer and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Ms. Cahaly moved to give Mr. Watson and Mr. Hunter permission to investigate self insuring and to look at State funding. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson reported that a tentative date of April 12 had been set for a preliminary budget workshop at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Holden asked Mr. McClure to explain the situation of a road in Townville. He said it was a County road, stone is already on the site and has been for two or three years. It was to be tar & graveled, surface treated, two-three years ago. All the residents have requested that it be done. Mr. Hooper moved to go ahead and pave the road. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

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Ms. Cahaly informed Council that a meeting was held to discuss the parking situation in the City of Anderson. Two members of City Council were present, everyone agreed to appoint a Parking Authority with the City and County Councils appointing two members each and the four members appointing the fifth member. The appointments would be business people. Mr. Holden moved to approve the recommendation and grant permission to appoint the authority. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Hooper asked that the Administrator write a letter to the City asking that the meeting on the 24th concerning Tax Equity be delayed until a later date and asked the Administrator to get all the information needed for the meeting. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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