

ORIGINAL

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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

M I N U T E S

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

PRESENT

James M. "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
Mike Mullinax, County Attorney
David Watson, Administrator
Rusty Burns, Asst. Administrator
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

Mr. Beebe called the meeting to order and Councilman Hooper gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Wiles, seconded by Mr. Hooper, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the February 18 meetings as mailed.

Mr. Ralph Bouton representing O'Neal Engineering, Inc., asked Council to consider them for any engineering bids/services that the County may have. He gave a brief slide presentation to introduce the company to the council. Mr. Wiles moved that the firm be placed on the county's bid list to receive bids on engineering needs. Mr. Hooper seconded. Mr. Rhodes amended the motion that all architects/engineers be included on the county's bid list. Mr. Hooper seconded the amendment. Vote on the amendment was 5-0. Vote on the original motion as amended was four (4) in favor and one (1) against. (Mr. Cox voted against the original motion.)

Mr. Frank Robinson, representing an organization known as "Home of the Heart", explained the organization's goal is to establish and maintain/oversee a facility for the rehabilitation for alcoholics. He asked for council's support on the concept. Mr. Hooper suggested that the Council work with the Airport Commission for a possible site for the organization. Mr. Rhodes moved that Mr. Watson get with the Anderson County Airport Commission and set aside four (4) acres at the Airport for the facility. Mr. Hooper seconded. Council discussed. Mr. Beebe called for a vote to lay on the table because of certain legalities. Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was 5-0. Mr. Hooper moved that the Council give a vote of confidence on the proposed organization. Mr. Wiles seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Rhodes explained that a road in district #5 (Hiott Road - C9-206) was in the process of being closed and he had received requests that the road remain open. Mr. Rhodes moved that the County Attorney get with the New Prospect Church Deacons to withdraw the suit and work on a compromise; if a compromise cannot be reached then the County Attorney be

directed to work to keep the road open. Mr. Berry Creamer commented on keeping the road open. Mr. Hooper seconded the motion. Mr. Beebe amended the motion that the County Attorney get with both parties for a solution to the problem. Mr. Hooper seconded the amendment. Mr. Wiles stated he thought the County should not get involved. Vote on the amendment was 5-0. Vote on the original motion as amended was four (4) in favor and one (1) opposed (Wiles). Mr. Cox moved to reconsider and ask the County attorney to work a compromise and not to get involved in the suit. Mr. Beebe seconded the amendment. Vote was four in favor and one opposed (Rhodes). The entire proposition was reconsidered. Mr. Cox moved that the County Attorney work with both parties in the spirit of compromise to resolve the matter and not to get involved in litigation and not go to court for any purpose unless he is authorized by Council. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Jimmy Cox presented Resolution #321 recognizing Older Workers of Anderson County to Council and to Mrs. Jo Brown, Director of the Senior Citizens Program. A certificate of recognition was also presented to Mrs. Brown recognizing all seniors. Council adopted the resolution unanimously.

Mr. Cox asked the County Attorney to draw up an ordinance with the following three recommendations for presentation at the next meeting. He explained that he was in favor of a system known as Zero Based Budgeting, which is a system whereby all agencies, departments, commissions funded by Anderson County must justify their budget requests on a year to year basis. 2. He would recommend that all Boards and Commissions operate on a line-item budget. 3. All agencies would be required to furnish audits before being funded. Mr. Mullinax will draw up the ordinance as requested by Mr. Cox.

Mr. James McClure, Chairman of the Election Commission, asked that the punch card voting system be purchased for the County. He said apparently there was no state funding available. Mr. Wiles moved that the county purchase the system as requested. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. The original cost is \$115,572.45 which includes 430 voting booths. Mr. Beebe recognized Mr. Fred Moore who said that State Law Section 7-13-1310 states that written approval must be obtained from the Delegation before any voting system is purchased. He said that the move to purchase would be out of order without these requirements. Mr. Rhodes moved to table until the proper procedures are carried out. Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote to table was two (2) in favor (Hooper, Rhodes) and three (3) opposed (Cox, Wiles, Beebe). Motion was defeated. Mr. Mullinax said that the requirements could be done by this body and then get written permission from the Delegation & Election Commission second. Mr. Rhodes amended the motion that the County follow all state laws in purchasing the system. Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous. Vote on the original motion to purchase the system was three (3) in favor (Wiles, Cox, Beebe) and two (2) opposed (Rhodes, Hooper). Motion carried. Mr. Rhodes asked that the minutes reflect that Mr. Watson and Mr. Burns was informed to cross every "t" and dot every "i".

Mr. Wiles moved that the punch card system be purchased at the cost of \$115,572.45 and the funds to come from the following places: \$75,000 from the Stockade account, formally borrowed for the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Center, \$25,000 already in the budget, \$15,000 additional funds from the Stockade account. He also moved that the Airmac machines be sold and the funds of these be put in the road maintenance budget for patching. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. Mr. Hooper amended the motion that the County hire an independent auditing firm to audit the stockade account. Mr. Rhodes seconded and vote was two (2) in favor (Hooper, Rhodes) and three (3) opposed (Cox, Wiles, Beebe). Motion was defeated.

Mr. Rhodes moved that the county attorney get a ruling from the Attorney General to see if the Council could purchase the system in the manner voted on. Motion died from lack of second.

Mr. Mullinax opened a public hearing for comments concerning the issuance and sale of \$210,000 general obligation bonds. Several people spoke. The attorney declared the public hearing closed.

On the motion of Mr. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted unanimously to approve on third reading, Ordinance #189 approving the issuance and sale of \$210,000 G.O. Bonds for acquiring a computer system and additional equipment for the Anderson County Library.

Mr. Wiles presented third and final reading of Ordinance #194 expanding Anderson County Council to seven (7) members to be elected from seven (7) single member districts. Mr. Cox seconded. Mr. Beebe moved to amend the ordinance to include an additional choice to the voters of a seven (7) member Council with five (5) members being elected from single member districts and two (2) members being elected at large. Mr. Cox seconded the amendment. Vote was 5-0 on the amendment and 5-0 on the original motion as amended.

Mr. Mullinax opened the floor for a public hearing concerning the proposed Enhanced 911 Telephone system. Several citizens spoke against the system. A representative from Southern Bell explained the proposed system. Council received all remarks as information.

The Council recessed at 10:55 to open bids.

The Council continued to meet informally to open and inspect bids for the \$210,000 general obligation bonds for the purchase of the computer for the County Library. The County received two (2) bids: Southern Bank and Bankers Trust. Southern Bank having the lowest interest rate had limited language which disqualified it, therefore Bankers Trust for 6.63% would be recommended.

Council reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

Mr. Mullinax informed everyone that Bankers Trust with 6.63% interest rate was the lowest and asked that Council approve and accept these. Mr. Wiles moved that they be approved and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was 5-0.

The public hearing for the Enhanced 911 system was opened back up. Several other citizens expressed their opinion of the system. The public hearing was again declared closed. Mr. Wiles said that action on the proposed Enhanced 911 system would be delayed until the next meeting.

A representative for Northland Cable TV asked that first and second reading of the proposed Ordinance #196 be considered today. The attorney stated that Council had a 24 hour requirement between the first and second reading. Mr. Mullinax then presented for first reading Ordinance #196 approving and granting consent to assignment and transfer of the Community Antenna Television franchise and system from Video Properties to Northland Cable Television, Inc. Mr. Cox moved that this be approved on first reading and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Cox appointed Mr. Eddie A. Durham, Jr. to the Zoning Committee. Mr. Beebe appointed Mr. Frank Mauldin and Ms. Eleene V. Hall.

Mr. Watson presented the road maintenance report for information. He reported that old work orders would be reviewed during the next two weeks.

On the motion of Mr. Hooper seconded by Mr. Cox, Council voted unanimously to designate Mr. Tom King, Assessor, as the authority to determine legal residence.

Mr. Watson presented the Classification and Compensation Plan as prepared by the Appalachian Council of Governments. Mr. Watson pointed out 1 change on page 1 in which the Administrative Assistant be changed to a Secretary III. That salary would be adjusted to grade 12, salary range \$11,394 - \$15,200. Mr. Wiles moved that the plan be adopted as presented with the change and a merit system be worked out in the 1986-87 fy budget. Mr. Beebe seconded and vote was 5-0. The plan would be effective April 1, 1986.

Mr. Burns presented the Building & Codes report for the months of January and February for information.

Mr. Burns reported that the New Law Enforcement Center would be completed in approximately six months.

Mr. Burns presented bids for heating and air conditioning for the new road maintenance facility. He recommended to Council that Piedmont Comfort be awarded the bid because of the longer warranty period for \$4,672.00. The money would be available in account #601-140-061. Mr. Wiles moved that the recommendation of the Purchasing Department be accepted. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson asked for clarification on an earlier motion to purchase voting machines. Mr. Wiles moved that the Council reconsider earlier action concerning voting machines. Mr. Beebe seconded. Mr. Cox moved to amend the motion to reconsider only the motions that address the transfer of funds and the portion to follow state procurement code in purchasing the punch cards. Vote on the amendment was three (3) in favor (Wiles, Cox, Beebe) and two (2) opposed (Rhodes, Hooper). Vote on the original motion was three (3) in favor (Wiles, Cox, Beebe) and two (2) opposed (Rhodes, Hooper).

Mr. Wiles moved that the County honor the price of the voting machines that was submitted earlier by the Election Commission and they be purchased as soon as possible with the funds described earlier. Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was three (3) in favor (Wiles, Cox, Beebe) and two (2) opposed (Rhodes, Hooper).

Mr. Wiles moved that the Council adjourn at 12:00 noon, Mr. Cox seconded and vote was 5-0.

Council reconvened to hear from concerned citizens which was omitted. Council agreed to have a called meeting Thursday, March 6, 1986 at 5 p.m.
Council adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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