

**ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Regular Meeting - April 15, 1997 - 6:00 PM
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk**

M I N U T E S

**ALL AREA NEWSPAPERS, RADIO STATIONS AND TELEVISION STATIONS
HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THIS MEETING IN COMPLIANCE WITH
GUIDELINES OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.**

PRESENT

**Chairman William A. Floyd - District #2
G. Fred Tolly, Jr. - District #1
Harvie E. Banister - District #3
Clint Wright - District #4
Mike Holden - District #5
Joey Preston - Administrator
Jack McIntosh - County Attorney
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk to Council**

The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, April 15, 1997 at 6:00 PM.

Mr. Fred Tolly gave the invocation and everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Holden, Council voted unanimously to approve the April 1, 1997 minutes as mailed.

Chairman Floyd recognized and welcomed Mr. Richard Ashmore associated with the Council of Governments.

Mr. Floyd introduced Mr. Doug Bell with Michelin. Mr. Bell presented a check in the amount of \$40,000 to Mr. Clint Wright for athletic fields in District #4. Mr. Wright explained that the money will be used to expand the Hurricane Spring Park in the Powdersville Area. Council thanked Michelin for their donation which will be very beneficial to the community.

Mr. Clint Wright recognized the Pendleton High School Basketball team for winning the Upper State Basketball 2A Championship Title. A certificate of recognition was presented to each player and praised for the outstanding achievement.

Mr. Joey Preston presented the Administrator's 1997-1998 Proposed budget. He said the budget was balanced (\$28,960,964). The format was completely different; all changes were explained by the Administrator, Ms. Gina Smith and Mr. Jacky Hunter. The proposed budget contains a 3% cost of living and 1% merit increase for all county employees, Mr. Preston stated. Council received as information.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve first reading of Ordinance #97-010 - an ordinance granting a ten (10) year extension of a non-exclusive franchise to HPI Acquisition Co. LLC, A Delaware Limited Liability Company ("Helicon") as the successor through an asset purchase agreement with Booth Communications Carolinas, Inc. (Booth").

Mr. Dale McCarley, with the Sheriff's Office, presented a request to Council for approval to apply for a traffic grant and then to receive it once it has been granted. This grant would allow the Sheriff's Office to develop and implement a well organized comprehensive traffic division in Anderson County. The first year of funding would be 90%grantor/10% county, second 75%grantor/25% county, and third year 50% grantor/50%county. Fourth year and on would be 100% total county responsibility. The county's match each year is estimated at \$35,060, \$79,000, \$200,000, and \$415,000 respectively. Figures were presented that would justify the grant because after the first year there would be a surplus in revenue which would fund the matching funds. Mr. McCarley gave Council the last five years of data of traffic collisions, deaths and etc. Mr. Holden moved to approve the grant and Mr. Wright. Vote was unanimous.

Ms. Liz Fisher, Recycling coordinator, explained that Council was granted the approval to house a glass recycling center in Anderson County. DHEC has offered to give the County a grant to build the facility. She said Laurens, Greenville, Abbeville, Newberry, Union and Greenwood have all shown an interest in being able to bring glass to Anderson. It is possible to make enough money to cover all of our expenses with a possible profit, she said. Mr. Tolly moved to approve the DHEC funding of the grant and Mr. Wright seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Ms. Fisher asked that she be allowed to ask DHEC for a used oil grant for the County of Anderson. This would be a match of \$48,777.95. The current budget has \$3,493 which is the required county match for the grant. Mr. Wright moved to accept the proposal and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. J.R. McClure presented a request to apply for a Highway Traffic Safety Grant. The estimated cost would be \$5,000 to the County the first year and is in the present budget. The grant is a three year program with the second year county's match is 25% and third year is 50%. The County must apply and qualify each year for the grant, Mr. McClure said. Mr. Tolly moved to match the grant and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Dewey Pearson presented a grant request for Big Creek Water and Sewer Company for a water line extension. Anderson County will serve as the grant recipient and would be responsible to administer, audit, and be responsible for it. Big Creek will be obligated for the \$2,800 and has signed a letter of commitment. Mr. Wright moved to approve and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Robert Daly, Detention Center Director, explained a grant application in the amount of \$180,000 from the S.C. Department of Corrections. The County match is \$20,000 or 10% county money. With the total of \$200,000 the County would construct a Butler Building to hold approximately 50 minimum security inmates and this would free up 50 beds in the two jails, Mr. Daly said. Mr. Holden moved to approve and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Preston presented a Proclamation proclaiming April 22, 1997 as South Carolina Family and Community Leaders Day. On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve the proclamation.

Mr. Floyd appointed Ms. Lilly Underwood to the EMS Commission and Mr. Derrick Singleton to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission.

Mr. Wright reported from the Public Safety/Health & Human Services Committee. He said that the first Sports Complex Committee meeting was held last week and the committee was completed with the appointment of Mr. Butch Green. The attitude was positive and the next meeting is April 22.

Mr. Wright moved to approve a bid from S & S Construction Company in the amount of \$38,082.50, a 100% Coordinating Council Grant, to construct an entrance drive for Mitchell Manufacturing. Mr. Banister seconded and vote was unanimous.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve the purchase of 1 each - T-90 Series II Hydroseeder Diesel Kubota D1703 34.5 H.P. Trailer for \$22,895.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve audit proposals from Cline Brandt Kochenower & Company in the amount of \$21,500, the low bidder. This is for audit year ending June 30, 1997.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to award the 1997 asphalt paving program to Ashmore Brothers for \$27.15 per ton or \$1,621,099.35 and ("C" funds) \$1,481,874.15 for a total amount of \$3,102,973.50 with the alternate bid. The alternate bid will include aprons, sweeping, cutting back and backfilling as required.

On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve a transfer of funds to allow the purchase of a 70' X 24' modular unit for additional office space for the Sheriff's office for approximately \$20,000. Ordinance #398 allows use of revenues from the Video Poker License Fee (the first \$150,000) by the Sheriff for certain things. He would like to use money in his present budget to purchase the mobile unit and be allowed to work with the Administrator to use the Poker Money to purchase the radio equipment, lights needed for the patrol cars.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve a transfer of \$20,000 from Road Maintenance account #5221-000-268 to heavy equipment, \$48,000 from 5221-000-366 to heavy equipment, and \$22,000 from 5221-000-452 to heavy equipment. This will provide the funds needed to purchase a vibratory roller.

On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve the expenditure of \$12,127.50 (from District #5 -Asphalt funds) for phase one paving of the old parking area at the old West Franklin Street School for the Family Center.

Mr. Holden reported that he met with members of the Homeland Park Water & Sewer commission and they requested the County look at donating a sewer line in an industrial park on White Street to the Commission. Mr. Pearson explained the sewer line was installed by the County years ago in conjunction with a request from Homeland Park Water to serve an area in Homeland Park Water and Sewer District and the County has maintained the line for the last 8-10 years. They would like the County to deed the line to the Commission to operate and maintain with the option that the County may use the line if needed for any areas in the County would need it. This will allow the Homeland Park Water & Sewer capability to serve an additional 50 homes in the area. Mr. Holden moved to have the County Attorney begin drafting the ordinance to make this happen. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Banister moved to allow the abandonment of approximately 300' of Burts Garage Road. Right-of-ways have been agreed upon to allow the County to install a cul-de-sac. Mr. Wright seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. McClure discussed an easement problem which has created a bad water drainage situation in Greenhill Subdivision (Glenn Smith and Jack Ross) off Brown Road. He recommended that certain steps be taken (as outlined in diagram) to correct the drainage problem. Mr. Tolly moved to proceed to eliminate the problem as discussed. Mr. Wright seconded and vote was unanimous.

Ms. Liz Fisher presented a Commitment Statement for all employees in Solid Waste and Recycling. On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council

voted unanimously to approve the Commitment Statement.

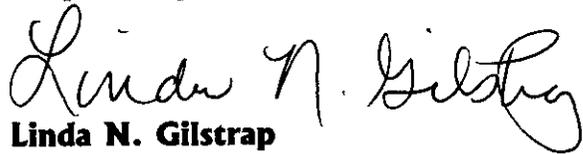
Ms. Fisher presented a Pledge Card for all County Employees of Solid Waste to sign. Mr. Wright moved to approve and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

1. Humanitarian Policy Update
2. Internet Access
3. Parks & Recreation Monthly Report
4. Adult Uses News Articles
5. Schedules for Building Projects
6. Opening of the renovated Carswell Convenience Center.
7. Anderson County Safety Manual
8. Review of SCAC's Constitution & By-Laws
9. Army Corps Courtesy Docks Status Report

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Gilstrap
Clerk to Council