

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL  
CALLED MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2014  
10:00 AM**

**The Dillon County Council held a called meeting on September 29, 2014 at 10:00 am in the County Council Chambers, 109 S. 3rd Ave. Dillon SC. Present were: Bobby Moody, Harold Moody, Andrew Graves and T.F. Finklea. Not present were: Randy Goings, Joe Johnson and Archie Scott. Also present were: Clay Young (County Administrator), Ken DuBose (County Attorney), Richard Gaddy (Finance Director), Betsy Finklea (The Dillon Herald), Lisa Gray and Jamie Sue Stephens (Clerk to Council).**

The following were notified of the meeting and provided an agenda: By e-mail – Charles Curry, Randy Grimsley (Dillon County EMS), The Dillon Herald, Susan Norton (Perdue), Tim Ammons (Attorney), Tonny McNeil (Dillon County Economic Development), Yolanda McCormick (Dillon County Librarian), Gabriel Salmon (PDCAA), Larry Abraham (Chief Deputy), Les Jackson (County Deputy), Terry Morris, Alvin Nobles, Dillon County Planning/Code Enforcement Office, WMBF News, Sheriff Major Hulon, Jerry Rivers, Dan Gruszka, Bobby Holland (SCANA), Jamie Estes (Dillon County Treasurer), Dillon County Finance, Sonny McRae (Dillon County E911), Alan Lane, Steve Johnson and Randy Rouse (Hometown TV), Manufactured Housing Institute of SC, Ron Bartley and Cathy Pelfrey (NETC), Jamie Rogers (Morning News), Karl McCollester (Agenda Repository), Haywood Proctor, Bo McInnis, Heywood Proctor, Alexia McKoy (Nurse Practitioner Student), Helen & Carley Wiggins, Danny Holder (Dillon County IT), Matt Petrillo (WBTW TV13), Kathy Dawson, Brandon Norris and Mike Burns (McNair Law Firm), Kenneth L. Smith, William Flemming (Marlboro Electric Cooperative), Jamey Kempson (SC Aeronautics Commission) and Tonya Brown (WPDE TV15); By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman Andrew Graves presided over the meeting.

**INVOCATION**

Chairman Andrew Graves gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Bobby Moody motioned to approve the agenda, followed by a second from T.F. Finklea. All voted in favor.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**AN ORDINANCE OF DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AUTHORIZING, PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44, TITLE 4, CHAPTERS 1 AND 29 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE AGREEMENT BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY AND PROJECT WILMA; THE APPLICATION OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE CREDIT TO FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAX PAYMENTS UNDER THE FEE AGREEMENT; THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A GAS INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY AND PROJECT WILMA; THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO BE PAID BY DILLON COUNTY TO OR FOR THE BENEFIT OF PROJECT WILMA UNDER SUCH GAS INFRASTRUCTURE, FUNDING AGREEMENT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING**

Charles Scott spoke of public opinion being that everyone is glad to hear of the company but concerned about the amount of money the County is looking at spending. He also told that he contacted the gas company to get information.

Tonny McNeil spoke about Mr. Scott's concerns and told that the project is still in negotiations. He gave information on the project and the impact it will have on Dillon County.

(The public hearing was properly noticed in the September 11, 2014 edition of The Dillon Herald)

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**KENNETH L. SMITH - DILLON COUNTY BOYS & GIRLS YOUTH CENTER**

Mr. Smith explained the need for the center and told of their mission. He asked Council for their support, partnership and financial help. Chairman Graves told that Council will consider Mr. Smith's presentation.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**AIRPORT – APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL FUNDING (LIGHTING)**

Mr. Young told that the update given by Jamey Kempson of the S.C. Aeronautics Commission in August, included a recommendation (option four) to improve lighting which is estimated to cost \$77,142. He told that we do not have the grant application yet but asked Council to approve applying for funding for this project when the application period is known. The possible cost to Dillon County is either 25% or 40% of the project. **Bobby Moody motioned to approve applying for funds for option four (of the recommendations – estimated cost \$77,142.00). T.F. Finklea seconded and all voted in favor.**

**JUDICIAL CENTER – COURT SYSTEM FURNITURE BIDS**

Winna Miller presented samples of materials to Council and told that bids were opened this morning at the Building Committee meeting. She told that the Committee agreed that wood is the best option and that Carolina Furniture and Design was the low bidder at \$142,404.20. She stated \$55,000 was budgeted originally and that \$87,404 additional funds are needed. Chairman Graves told that the Committee recommends approving the lowest bid, Carolina Furniture and Design, since it takes 12 to 14 weeks from the order date to ship and install the furniture (including pews/benches for the courtroom). **Bobby Moody motioned to approve the Carolina Furniture and Design bid (\$142,404.20) and approve the additional funds of \$87,404.20. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.**

**ORDINANCE READINGS**

Mr. DuBose told that Council can have executive session to discuss both ordinances and the resolution on the agenda prior to consideration.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS**

**Harold Moody motioned to go into executive session. Bobby Moody seconded and all were in favor.**

**Harold Moody motioned to come out of executive session. Bobby Moody seconded and all were in favor.**

**RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ORDINANCE READINGS**

**THIRD READING - AN ORDINANCE OF DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AUTHORIZING, PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44, TITLE 4, CHAPTERS 1 AND 29 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE AGREEMENT BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY AND PROJECT WILMA; THE APPLICATION OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE CREDIT TO FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAX PAYMENTS UNDER THE FEE AGREEMENT; THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A GAS INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY AND PROJECT WILMA; THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO BE PAID BY DILLON COUNTY TO OR FOR THE BENEFIT OF PROJECT WILMA UNDER SUCH GAS INFRASTRUCTURE, FUNDING AGREEMENT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING**  
**Harold Moody motioned to table the reading. T.F. Finklea seconded and all were in favor.**

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**THIRD READING - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF APPROXIMATELY 45 ACRES ADJACENT TO PROPERTY DEEDED TO DILLON COUNTY BY MARLBORO DEVELOPMENT TEAM, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE BY DILLON COUNTY TO PROJECT WILMA OF APPROXIMATELY 60 ACRES IN THE NORTHEAST INDUSTRIAL PARK CONSISTING OF THE 15 ACRES PURCHASED BY DILLON COUNTY FROM MARLBORO DEVELOPMENT TEAM, INC. AND APPROXIMATELY 45 ACRES ADJACENT THERETO AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY AND PROJECT WILMA TO CONVEY APPROXIMATELY 60 ACRES AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AS AN INDUCEMENT FOR PROJECT WILMA TO LOCATE AND CONSTRUCT AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITY IN DILLON COUNTY ALL AS MORE FULLY SET FORTH IN THE CONTRACT AND TO APPROPRIATE A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$900,000.00 TO PURCHASE THE APPROXIMATE 45 ACRES TO BE CONVEYED UNDER THE CONTRACT**  
T.F. Finklea motioned to table the reading. Bobby Moody seconded and all were in favor.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH MARLBORO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. UNDER THE SC RURAL DEVELOPMENT ACT**  
Harold Moody motioned to table the resolution. Bobby Moody seconded and all were in favor.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**PEE DEE REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE BOARD – CLARENCE “CLIFF” ARNETTE, JR. TO REPLACE ROBERT “TEMP” SMITH**

Mr. DuBose confirmed that this is an advisory committee and that it is appropriate for Mr. Arnette to serve. T.F. Finklea motioned to appoint Clarence “Cliff” Arnette, Jr. Bobby Moody seconded and all were in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Bobby Moody motioned to adjourn. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.

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Andrew Graves, Chairman

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Jamie Sue Stephens, Clerk to Council

Date approved \_\_\_\_\_