

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

ORIGINAL

Regular Meeting - June 5, 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 June 5, 1990 at 4:30 p.m. in the Anderson County Council Chambers - Room 109. Chairman James M. "Jimmy" Cox, Jr. presided.

PRESENT

James M. "Jimmy" Cox, Jr. - District #1
David L. Hooper - District #2
Harvie E. Banister - District #3
Elise C. Cahaly - District #4
Mike Holden - District #5
David Watson - County Administrator
Rusty Burns - Assistant Administrator
David Standeffer - County Attorney
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk

Chairman Jimmy Cox called the meeting to order and Rev. John Leheup gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Ms. Cahaly, Council voted unanimously to approve the May 15, 1990 minutes as mailed.

Mr. Hurley Badders appeared before Council to present an award received from the State Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department from the South Carolina Accommodations Tax Program for Anderson County's support of the Freshwater Coast with the effective use of Accommodations Tax money.

Council recognized Boy Scout Troop 280 from New Hope Methodist Church. Scout Master John Thrasher and Jimmy Creamer were also recognized. All were presented County pins.

Mr. Jim Wingo, representing the Chamber of Commerce, appeared before Council with a request for funding for "Vision 20-20". He explained that by the year 2000 Anderson County can expect an additional 50,000 people, along will come a lot of opportunities and potential problems. The Chamber would like the opportunity to address the problems through a program called Vision 20-20. Hopefully, it will be a road map to put in motion the plans to guide Anderson County into the future and help improve the quality of life for all its citizens he said. This program is designed to bring together the public and private sector and leverage the dollars that those have available. The private sector is very supportive so far and have they already received firm pledges of over \$300,000 and another \$300,000 waiting approval. They have already talked with the City about a financial investment on their part. The program will focus on retention and expansion of existing business and

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small business development. It will establish a visitor and convention bureau. Mr. Wingo asked Council to consider an investment of \$30,000 per year for the next five years for the program. Mr. Blair Rice also spoke in favor of the program. Council received as information.

Mr. David Watson presented second reading of Ordinance #305 - 1990-1991 fiscal year budget. He explained that it was a balanced budget at \$20,903,475. A public hearing was opened for comments concerning the budget. Council heard from the following: Mr. Don Martin, Mr. Dale Thompson-Anderson County MR Board, Mr. Carl Johnson, Ms. Gail King - asked that a Programmer's position be upgraded to a Programmer Analyst/Grade 18, add new position for an entry level Programmer (about \$15,000). Ms. King also explained that the Sys/38 may not have the capacity to allow for needed growth for next year. IBM will do a study to determine performance and report back by the next Council meeting. There were no others wishing to speak therefore the public hearing was declared closed.

Mr. Banister moved to direct the County Administrator to restore all agencies back to last years budget level with out a tax increase. David Hooper seconded the motion. Mr. Hooper also asked Mr. Watson to check/study a request for funds for the treatment for Alcohol and Drug Abuse prior to third reading without a tax increase. Vote was four in favor (Cox, Holden, Hooper, Baninster) and one opposed (Cahaly).

Mr. Hooper moved to approve the 1990-1991 fiscal year budget on second reading and Mr. Cox seconded. Mr. Banister said he was not happy with the budget and voting on something knowing that it will be changed prior to third reading. Council discussed the loss of Federal Revenue Sharing money. Vote was four in favor (Cox, Holden, Hooper, Banister) and one opposed (Cahaly).

Mr. Stephen Crawford asked for approval of the following recreational appropriations:

1. The amount of \$3,000 to the Wren Youth Association. This money will be used in conjunction with FY 1990-1991 appropriations and a Parks & Recreation Development Fund grant for Phase I development of our Hurricane Spring Park by Wren High School.
2. The amount of \$5,000 to the Town of Pendleton for the lighting of softball field at Veterans Park. These funds are ear-marked for recreation in Council District Four.
3. The amount of \$2,000 to the Town of Williamston toward the purchase and delivery of a Fitness Cluster to be located by the track at Palmetto Middle School. A fund raiser is being conducted to raise the balance for this \$7,500 project.
4. The amount of \$2,200 to the Greater Anderson Track Club for registrations, travel expenses, etc. to state and regional meets.
5. The amount of \$4,500 to Anderson School District Five toward the approximately \$9,000 cost of resurfacing the asphalt pad for a tennis court at Nevitt Forest Elementary

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School. These funds are ear-marked for Recreation in County District #2. The City may match this amount.

6. The amount of \$2,000 to the Morningside Community Development Association for basketball goals at our Morningside Park.

7. The amount \$2,100 remaining in Council District #5 approved projects fund for recreation to be provided in School District Five toward the installation of a Fitness Cluster at our Westside High Jogging Track.

Mr. Cox moved to approve the appropriations as recommended by Mr. Crawford and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Robert Beasley, Executive Director of GLEAMS Human Resources, appeared before Council wanting clarification concerning a bill introduced by Senator Mullinax for Anderson County to form its own CAP agency. He explained that Senator Mullinax has been pushing for Anderson County to form its own Community Action Agency (CAP). GLEAMS is a non-profit agency serving Greenwood, Laurens, Abbeville, Anderson, McCormick, and Saluda Counties. The program coordinates assistance programs such as providing money for home weatherization, emergency heat and cooling, and transportation to low income individuals in the seven counties. He said that he did not think that the County would be eligible to receive Federal grant monies presently being channeled through the state. He wanted Council to be aware of the situation. Council received Mr. Beasley's comments as information.

Mr. Bob Lusk appeared before Council requesting that Bent Creek One Road be accepted into the County system as a Class/Type II road. He represents the people who were told by the developer (who is now deceased) that it was a County road. All legal requirements have been met and asked that the road be accepted into the County system. Mr. McClure agrees with all Mr. Lusk reported. Mr. Cox moved to take into the County system as a Class II road and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Council recessed from 5:55 until 6:10 p.m.

Mr. Cox called the meeting back to order at 6:10 p.m.

Mr. David Standeffer presented Resolution #540 resolving that the Anderson County Council does hereby grant unto School District #5 of Anderson County the approval to change the route of Vandiver Road to enhance the appearance of the property for the new school. The school district will be required to secure all necessary easements. Ms. Cahaly moved to allow the relocation of the road and approve the Resolution as presented and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Bowen Wakefield appeared before Council concerning suitable quarters for the Registration and Elections Commission. He explained the leaking roof with all the expensive equipment stored in the building and the dire need for additional working space until the new Courthouse is completed. Council discussed the First National Bank and

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other possible locations. Mr. David Watson, County Administrator, explained that there is just not any suitable space downtown for the department. He said that he would continue to look. Mr. Banister moved to give Mr. Watson two more weeks to come up with a solution for a move to a more suitable location for the Registration and Elections Commission. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was 5-0.

(Mr. Harvie Banister had to leave during Sheriff Taylor's presentation to attend a funeral.)

Sheriff Gene Taylor appeared before Council asking that Council consider additional funding in his Fuel & Oil account and Repairs to Vehicles account to carry him through June 30. He also discussed some areas of his 1990-1991 requested budget that he thinks is insufficient. He showed Council what deputies come up against by demonstrating seized weapons. He also presented a taped recording of the Powdersville robbery and the need for new walkie talkies and a bullet-proof vest to demonstrate the need for new ones. He asked in his budget for \$41,000 in the weapons account, \$87,000 in vehicles, additional employees, employee raises to meet Archer recommendations and bullet-proof vests of which all were cut. Mr. Cox moved to direct the Administrator to locate the needed money for the Sheriff's present budget in the Fuel & Oil account and Repairs to Vehicles account to carry him through June 30. Ms. Cahaly has \$8,000 toward the request from a special project she will not use. The department needs approximately \$40,000. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was 4-0. (Mr. Banister absent)

Mr. David Standeffer presented a request from the Clerk of Court for expenditures in Union County for approximately \$3,000.00. Other areas of the budget will be short and Ms. Deshields explained the need for approximately \$11,000 total for shortages. Mr. Cox moved to direct the County Administrator to find the money necessary. (411-100-002 - salaries needs: \$3,775.00, #411-115-019 - Fees for Jurors needs: \$3,000, #411-120-023 - postage needs: \$5,000.00 - total \$11,775.00). Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was 4-0.

Mr. David Standeffer presented Resolution #541 and Assistance Agreement authorizing the issuance of \$6,500,000 (Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars) Industrial Development Revenue Bonds for Federal Paper Board Company, Inc. Mr. Cox moved to approve the resolution and assistance agreement and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 4-0 (Banister-absent)

Mr. Standeffer presented first reading of Ordinance #306 approving the issuance of \$5,000,000 industrial revenue bonds for Electric City Printing Company. Ms. Cahaly moved to approve the ordinance on first reading and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. Standeffer presented a request by the S.C. Jobs Economic Authority for satisfaction of a mortgage by having the Administrator to sign. Mr. Standeffer recommended that the Administrator be allowed to sign. Mr. Cox moved to approve and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 4-0.

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Mr. Standeffer presented Ordinance #307 amending Ordinance #70 dealing with the Mentally Retarded Board for first reading. Mr. Cox moved to allow time to study and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. David Hooper asked Mr. Marvin Mattison to explain the problem with Anderson Cable TV. He recommended to Council that an amendment be added to any further cable television ordinances concerning the transferring of franchise fees to other companies by companies already in operation. He said that other counties include in their ordinances an up-front fee (\$3,000-\$4,000). He also recommended that the public hearing required by the FCC be advertised according to their specifications for renewal of Anderson Cable Television's franchise. Council agreed to advertise for the public hearing as soon as possible.

Mr. Standeffer presented a request in Mr. Banister's district. He said that Bill Shirley owns property in district #3 and has been approached by the Soil Conservation District and Water Resources Management concerning the construction of a pond on a portion of his property that adjoins Big Springs Road. In order for this to occur, Big Springs Road would have to be returned to the possession of Mr. Shirley who owns property on both sides of the road. Mr. Cox moved to close both sides of the road and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 4-0 (Banister absent)

Mr. Rusty Burns presented a request to purchase (1) Case Backhoe/Loader and a truck mounted cherry picker for a total of \$13,000 from State Surplus Property. This request is made for approval to purchase immediately. Funding would be from the pending 1990-1991 budget. Mr. Cox moved to approve the purchase and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. Burns presented a grant from the S.C. Board for Economic Development for Nepon Demsue up to \$400,000 to be used for road development in that area. Mr. Cox moved to approve and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. Burns presented another grant from the State Board for Economic Development for up to \$71,000 for road work on the Santens Project. All work will be advertised by the Purchasing Department. He also presented a Community Block Grant for \$458,000 for land acquisition for Nepon Demsue and a Community Block Grant for the Santens Sewer Project for \$500,000. Mr. Cox moved to allow the projects and execute the documents. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was 4-0.

Mr. Hunter presented the following budget transfers:

- (1)#422-120-026 (telephone) to 9999-190-206 (operating transfer P & D) for \$27,410 (for the completion payment for waterline for Nepon Demsue) Mr. Cox moved to approve and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 4-0.
- Treasurer's Office - Postage #406-120-021 to #406-120-023 - \$10,000.00, Airport Commission - 424-100-001 (Salaries) to #424-135-050 (Repairs to Buildings) - \$1,900.00, Airport - #424-100-001 (Salaries) to #424-135-051 (Repairs to Vehicles)

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- \$100.00 and Airport #424-100-001 (Salaries) to #424-145-073 (Insurance) - \$13.00, Detention Center #502-100-001 (Salaries) to #502-120-027 (Electricity & Gas) - \$6,500, Detention Center #502-100-001 (Salaries) to #502-160-091 (Machines and Equipment) - \$4,095.00 and Detention center #502-100-001 (Salaries) to #502-125-036 (Fuel & Oil) - \$1,200.00. Mr. Hooper moved to approve the transfers as presented and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. David Watson presented a request to transfer monies needed to repair three pieces of equipment for Solid Waste to get the equipment in working order. He recommended the transfer of approximately \$10,000 come from the "in house" account. Mr. Cox moved to allow the Administrator to transfer at his discretion and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. Watson presented a request from the Courthouse Commission for authorization to relocate the fountain in front of the building and re-open the street. He asked for permission to draft a letter to the City. Mr. Cox moved to approve and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. Burns presented a grant for \$140,000 for road work which will require a \$50,000 matching funds. The work is to be made to Highway 81 & 85. He suggested that the County accept the grant and try to obtain "C" funds or other avenues to fund the match. If the county cannot raise the \$50,000 the grant can be rejected by the County. Mr. Cox moved to approve and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. Burns informed Council that Anderson County set a record for the last five months for residential buildings (new) in Anderson. The total for this month was over \$5,000,000.

Mr. Burns said that Wilbur Smith would be handling the truck traffic problem at the Michelin project. The low bid is for \$262,185. Mr. Cox moved to allow the Planning and Development to proceed with the project and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. Watson explained that the County has two requests to fill wells and suggested that some type policy be formed by the County as soon as possible. Council discussed. Mr. Cox moved to fill these two wells and direct the Administrator to form a policy and report back within three months. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was 4-0.

Mr. Watson showed an award won by Nadine Brock as area Director of the Year. Council recognized and congratulated Ms. Brock in her absence for this award. Ms. Brock had to leave early to attend an EMS meeting.

Mr. Holden moved to appoint Mr. Bill Underwood to the Library Board. Mr. Hooper also nominated Ms. Kleo Stathakis for reappointment to the Library Board. No vote was needed.

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Mr. Hooper explained that the Boys Club was in bad need of some money. Mr. Darrell Clark of the Boys Club explained their Pallet Project which involves repairing pallets for Fiberglas. Mr. Hooper moved to fund in the 1990-1991 budget the needed \$7,000 (Recreation Budget) for this project. Mr. Holden seconded. and vote was 4-0.

Council observed a moment of silence in memory of Jake Compton.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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