

ORIGINAL

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - March 21, 1989 - 7:00 p.m.

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

A regular meeting of the Anderson County Council was held on March 21, 1989 at 7:00 p.m. in the Audio Visual Room at Westside High School on Pearman Dairy Road. Chairman James M. "Jimmy" Cox, Jr. presided.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

David L. Hooper - District #2  
Jack Crowe - Purchasing Manager

Chairman Cox called the meeting to order and Mr. David Watson gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Mike Holden asked that \$300 from District #5 - Special Projects account be approved for Homeland Park Elementary School "Just Say No" Program and \$300 to Lakeside Middle School's "Quest Project". Mr. Banister seconded the motion. Vote was four in favor, none opposed and one absent (Hooper).

Mr. Holden presented a Proclamation celebrating the 200 anniversary of Roberts Presbyterian Church. He moved that the proclamation be approved and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous. (4-0)

Mr. Holden explained that he had met with Mr. Henry Adair to discuss adding a parking area in front of the jogging track at Westside High School. Preliminary plans should be completed within a month. Mr. McClure explained that he was working with the State getting a permit and topo. Action will be taken after the plans are complete.

Mr. Holden talked about getting the road behind Westside School cafeteria (Jackson Street) to the football stadium paved. The project is expected to cost around \$19,000 and should be completed this summer before school starts.

Mr. Holden said that next on the agenda was a county wide Master Plan and implementation of Metro Zoning. He said he intended to discuss the

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item but would ask that any discussion be postponed to allow Mr. Hooper to present for the discussion. Mr. Holden asked Mr. Rusty Burns to explain where the county was on the project. He said the proposal was for a master plan for all of Anderson County which would include transportation, water, and sewer incorporating the motion from the last meeting for a 20 year strategic plan for sewer. Out of this, would come zoning, a zoning implementation plan for the urban area. Mr. Holden said that public hearings would be held to hear from all citizens of Anderson County. The study will take from 12 to 18 months to complete.

Mr. Cox recognized several members of the Land Use Committee concerning the proposed plan.

Mr. Stephen Crawford asked Council to approve the donation of a playstructure to the Salvation Army Boys Club on Green Street. They will be responsible for moving the structure. He asked that it be a donation to relieve the County from any possible liability. Ms. Cahaly moved to allow the donation as recommended and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crawford asked for Council's approval for \$5,900 to develop the entire Master Plan for the Powdersville Park. The contract would be with Vander Mey Associates. Eighty percent of the \$5,900 would be reimbursed to the County by a State grant. The money is available in the Recreation Commission's Budget. Mr. Cox moved to approve the master plan and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crawford presented second reading of Ordinance #279 establishing the Anderson County Parks and Recreation Department and providing the powers and responsibilities. Mr. Cox moved to approve on second reading and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cox said that money was appropriated from his District #1 - Special Projects Fund to be used for payments toward the Powdersville Park purchase. A portion of the money was used for the closing fees, \$1,000 in escrow and a check to Wren Youth Association which is still in his possession. He moved that the unused portion of all three checks be returned to his special projects account. (The actual amount expended for closing: \$2,945 leaving a balance of \$2,055.) Ms. Cahaly seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson presented a proclamation for Mr. Hooper recognizing the month of April, 1989 as Crisis Ministries Month in Anderson County. Mr. Cox moved to adopt the proclamation and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson presented the following requests for Mr. Hooper: \$200 be designated to the Red Cross for a special program for identifying children, \$500 for a special project at T.L. Hanna High School. Mr.

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Cox moved to allow the Special Projects allocation from District #2 and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Ms. Elise Cahaly presented Resolution #497 stating that Anderson County Council is opposed to the proposal that would split the Appalachian region and recommends that the South Carolina Commission on Aging leave the Appalachian region intact. Ms. Cahaly moved that the Resolution be adopted by Council and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Ms. Cahaly asked if each member of Council could donate \$500 to the Crime Stoppers Program out of each district's Special Projects Fund. Mr. Banister and Mr. Hooper does not have the funds available. Mr. Cox and Mr. Holden agreed to donate \$500. Ms. Cahaly moved that Districts #1 (Cox), #4 (Cahaly) and #5 (Holden) donate \$500 each to the program. Mr. Cox seconded and Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Roy Perry spoke to Council regarding the EMS contract with Greg Shore. Council received as information.

Mr. Cox moved to approve the following appropriations from District #1 Special Projects Account- \$90 to purchase 3-POW-MIA Flags (up to \$105), \$552 to the Williamston Rescue Squad for a walkie talkie, \$1,130 for a copy machine for Family Court, \$4,000 for the Town of Pelzer (swimming pool). Mr. Banister seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. David Standeffer, County Attorney, presented Resolution #498 and Petition adding James A. Smith, Jr. to the agreement for Tag and Label industrial development revenue bonds. Mr. Cox moved to approve and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Standeffer called Council's attention to the EMS Contract draft with one amendment dealing with grants. Council agreed to delay action until the next meeting because of Mr. Hooper being absent.

Mr. Standeffer opened a public hearing comments concerning Ordinance #277 pertaining to the regulation and franchising of the playing of the game of Bingo in Anderson County. Council heard comments from Mr. Perry. The public hearing was declared closed. Ms. Cahaly moved to approve on third reading and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Standeffer presented second reading of Ordinance #278 providing for animal control in the unincorporated area of Anderson County and to provide for the operation of the animal shelter. Mr. Cox moved to approve Ordinance #278 on second reading and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was three in favor (Cox, Cahaly, Holden) and one opposed (Banister).

Mr. Jacky Hunter presented the following budget transfers: Judge Horton- \$900 into account #419-125-035 (Travel) from Contingency Fund Acct. #443-140-065. Mr. Cox moved to allow the transfer and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was unanimous. County Council Budget - \$100.00 - account #401-120-020 (advertising), \$1,000.00 - #401-12-022 (office

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supplies), \$300.00 #401-120-029 (postage), \$215.00 - #401-145-073 (insurance), and \$2,000.00 - #401-155-085 (consulting & Contractual) for a total of \$3,615.00 to come from the Contingency Fund account #443-140-065. Mr. Cox moved to allow the transfer and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous. Solicitor, George Ducworth - transfer \$2,209.20 to auto and equipment (#416-160-092) to pay for a previously leased automobile, \$945.00 to #416-125-040 (training), \$829.00 to #416-125-035 (travel & subsistence). Mr. Cox moved to allow the transfers and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Hunter asked that Council approve a contract with John Lynch & Company for maintenance of boat ramps on Hartwell Lake. The money (\$4,000) will be reimbursed from a grant and will be placed back into the Recreation Commission's consulting account. Mr. Banister moved to give prior approval and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson asked for Council's ratification of prior approval for work on Frontage Road (Hwy. 81 & 85) to be reimbursed with "C" for \$50,000 with Thrift Bros. Mr. Cox moved to allow the expenditure and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson presented the request to purchase night sticks, ticket book holders and ticket book covers for the Sheriff's Department. The total amount is \$3,468.68. Mr. Banister moved to approve and Mr. Holden seconded. Council discussed the purchase not being negotiated by the Purchasing Department which would be in violation of County policy. Mr. Banister withdrew his motion. Council tabled.

Mr. Watson asked for approval to purchase one IBM PC and related equipment for the EMS training group. The total from State Contract is not to exceed \$1,700 and asked for approval of a transfer of \$1,700 from the salary account to the equipment account. Mr. Cox moved to approve the purchase and transfer and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson presented a request from Southern Bell for a 20' X 20' right of way easement on McGee Road in front of the old Vocational Building. Ms. Cahaly moved to approve and Mr. Banister seconded. Mr. Cirelli explained that this may violate the Land Use Ordinance. Ms. Cahaly withdrew the motion. Council tabled.

Mr. Watson presented a request from the Chairman of EMS for an additional \$10,000 for an ambulance. EMS would like to have a modular unit which would cost \$10,000 more than budgeted. Council asked Mr. Watson to review and present to Council at the next meeting.

Mr. Watson presented Resolution #496 designating Anderson-Ocone Council on Aging as an entity in Anderson County to provide transportation to the elderly and handicapped. Mr. Cox moved to approve and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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Mr. Watson explained that the County requested from the M-R Board \$75,000 for the purchase of a warehouse. They agreed to the \$75,000 price with a stipulation of \$50,000 down and \$5,000 per year for five (5) years. Council discussed and received as information.

Mr. Rusty Burns presented Resolution #499 supporting efforts of Vytech, Inc. to maintain operations in Anderson County. Mr. Cox moved to approve and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. McClure presented a request to allow the railroad tracks on 81 South, to be removed and close the track for approximately 2 months. Mr. Banister moved to allow the work on the tracks and to work with Thrift on the project. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden moved to approve \$200 from District #5 - Special Projects for the Red Cross-"Identify a Child" Program. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was unanimous.

Ms. Cahaly asked that the purchase for the Sheriff's Office previously tabled, be approved and ask the Administrator to talk with the employees about County policy. Mr. Holden seconded the motion and vote was two (2) in favor (Holden, Cahaly) and two (2) opposed (Cox, Banister). Motion failed from lack of a majority.

Council heard from concerned citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

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