

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 8, 2002

PRESENT: Chairman Walker, V. C. Gunnells, Councilmen Brown, Thomas, Calhoun, Forrester, Attorney Pruitt, Gene Klugh, Interim Director

Chairman Walker called the Public Hearing to order. The purpose of the public hearing was to consider an ordinance on guidelines for Boards and Commissions. There were no comments offered.

Chairman Walker called the regular meeting to order at 7:30pm with prayer that was given by Attorney Pruitt

4. First item on the agenda was approval of March 25th County Council Meeting Minutes. Councilman Forrester made a motion to approve minutes that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun. Chairman Walker noted a few minor errors. Councilman Thomas abstained. Motion passed to approve minutes with corrections.

**5. Presentations:**

Presentation by Alvin Hoover, Abbeville Hospital Administrator. Mr. Hoover recognized and presented Councilman Thomas with a plaque and resolution in recognition for his years of service on the ACMH Board.

**6. Committee Reports:**

Personnel & Administration; Councilman Brown, Chair had nothing to report.

Finance; Chairman Walker, Chair said they had a finance committee meeting dealing with a number of issues concerning the transfer of funds. He had an invoice for payment for the courthouse roof that was recently completed. Upon completion it was discovered that the roof over the Voter Registration Office and the boiler room had not been included in the contract. The Council had previously approved up to \$102,660.00 for the courthouse roof. The total of the roofing job for the main courthouse roof was \$99,181 which was nearly \$3,500 less than what was funded. The Finance Committee recommended that \$42,660 be transferred from the Economic Development Fund, and \$56,521 be taken from Bldgs. & Grounds Capital. This will leave about \$16,586.88 in the Bldgs. & Grounds Capital. A bid of \$5,900 was received from the same roofer to repair the area over Voter Registration and the boiler room. The committee recommended that this also come from Bldgs. & Grounds capital as well as an additional \$1,500 for the librarian office. This will leave a balance of \$9,186.88 in the Bldgs. & Grounds capital line item. Mr. Walker stated that this was the recommendation of the Finance Committee and that the committee also recommend that the contract with C.E. Bourne be extended for the re-roofing of the area over Voter Registration and the boiler room. All were in favor. (6-0).

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Another item dealt with was about \$7,000 in advertising, which has been incurred in advertising for a Planner, Public Works Director and County Director. The Finance Committee recommended that \$9,000 be transferred from the Planning Dept. salaries which was budgeted at \$18,000 for half a year and to the County Council advertising line. All were in favor (6-0).

The next item dealt with moving money out of the lump sum appropriation. The balance in this fund is \$47,894. At the last meeting, \$500 was approved for the advertising of a librarian which leaves \$47,394. Final invoices from the external auditor have been received. There is \$16,516.25 left in that line item. An additional \$9,158.25 is needed to pay the invoices. The committee recommended that this come from the lump sum appropriation. If it is approved, it will leave us \$38,235.35 in the lump sum appropriation. Arrangements also needed to be made for paying for harassment training that will cost approximately \$1,200. If this is taken from the lump sum appropriation, it will leave a balance of \$37,035.75. The next item addressed was to pay for the interim director. The finance director is paying that by moving money into the capital projects line under county administration to keep it separate from regular salaries. For another three months, it is estimated that about \$18,000 will be needed. If Mr. Klugh finishes prior to that time, it was recommended that any money left in that capital item be put back into salaries to pay a full-time director. The committee recommended that \$18,000 be taken from the lump sum appropriation for this purpose. This will leave \$19,035.75. The County will get a total of \$4,000 in reimbursement from the year 2000/01 audits for the Clerk of Court and Magistrate that will go back into lump sum appropriations, which will leave a balance of \$23,035.75. The Finance Committee recommended that these actions be taken. All were in favor (6-0).

Public Works Committee; Vice Chairman Gunnells, Chair had nothing to report.

Intergovernmental Relations; Councilman Forrester, Chair Councilman Forrester said that his committee recommended that we postpone 3rd reading of the ordinance on guidelines for County Boards and Commissions until the next meeting. All were in favor (6-0)

Planning & Industrial Development; Councilman Thomas, Chair. He said that the Planning Committee of council met and discussed the recent losses to our Planning Commission of the late Mr. Perrin Anderson and Mr. Marion Tucker. It was the recommendation of the committee that plaques be presented to the family of the late Perrin Anderson for his service to the Planning Commission as Chairman from the inception of the committee and to Mr. Marion Tucker who has resigned and has served since inception of the committee. All were in favor (6-0)

Education, Recreation, Health & Welfare; Councilman Calhoun, Chair had nothing to report.

Public Safety; Councilman Brown, Chair had nothing to report.

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Ad-Hoc Committee on Office Space; Councilman Gunnells, Chair had nothing to report.

Ad-Hoc Committee on Computerization of County Government. Chairman Walker, Chair had nothing to report.

## **7. Old Business:**

(a) 2nd Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of All Right, Title And Interest in, and all Rights and Obligations Under, an Inducement Agreement between Abbeville County, As Lessor, And Pirelli Communications Cable and Systems USA, LLCC (F/K/A Pirelli Cables and systems LLC) as Lessee, Authorizing Among Other Matters, The Payment of a Fee in Lieu of Taxes, to Pirelli Power Cables and Systems USA, LLC, Newly-Formed Affiliated Entity of the Lessee. Councilman Thomas made a motion to have 2nd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

## **8. New Business:**

(a) Approval of bills for payment. V. C. Gunnells made a motion to approve bills for payment that was seconded by Councilman Brown and passed unanimously.

(a) Approval of Proclamation declaring the week of April 14-20, 2002 as National Telecommunications Week in Abbeville County, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep or county an citizens safe. Councilman Brown made a motion to approve the Proclamation that was seconded by Councilman Thomas and passed unanimously.

(a) Selection of Auditor for 2001-02. Chairman Walker referred to the proposal from Cline Brandt Kochenower that was identical to the one for last year. The Finance Committee reviewed the proposal and recommended that it be accepted. The proposal is for \$25,000 including the federal audit. The proposal states that no extended service will be performed unless authorized, in writing, by the County Council. It was recommended that this be approved for the year 2002 audit. The vote was 6-0.

Next item was an addendum to the agenda and was consideration of a request from Sheriff Goodwin that an invoice in the amount of \$3,407.00 be paid from BJA Grant funds. After a brief discussion, Councilman Forrester made a motion that this invoice be paid. Motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and passed unanimously.

## **9. Executive Session:**

(i) Consideration of position of County Director.

Councilman Thomas made a motion that Council add to executive session a discussion of the Library Director position. Motion was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed

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unanimously. Councilman Brown made a motion that Council go into executive session that was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously. Following executive session, Chairman Walker stated that the Council was reopening the search for a County Director and that additional advertising for the position would be done.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.



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