

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2011
4:00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a regular meeting on September 28, 2011 at 4:00 pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3rd Ave, Dillon SC. Present were: Macio Williamson (*arrived late), Aron Gandy, Andrew Graves, Joe Johnson, Bobby Moody and Archie Scott. Not present was Harold Moody. Also present were: Clay Young (County Administrator), Ken Dubose (County Attorney), Lisa Gray (Clerk to Council) and Betsy Finklea (The Dillon Herald).

The following were notified of the meeting and provided an agenda: By e-mail – Gerald Poss, Consulting, Yolanda McCormick (Librarian), Susan Norton (Perdue), The Dillon Herald, Tonny McNeil (Dillon County Economic Development), Jamie Estes (Treasurer), Manufactured Housing Institute of SC, Dan Gruszka, Charles Curry, Terry Morris, Jerry Rivers, Alan Lane (all citizens' request), Tim Ammons (Attorney), Steve Johnson, Randy Rouse (Hometown TV), WMBF News, Dillon County Planning/ Code Enforcement Office, Bobby Holland (SCANA), Larry Abraham (Chief Deputy), Ken Dubose (County Attorney), Harold Moody, Joe Johnson, Jamie Rogers (Morning News), Gabriel Salmon (PDCAA), Randy Grimsley (Dillon County EMS), Ron Bartley (NETC), Wanda Selph (Pee Dee Regional Council of Gov), Sheriff Major Hulon, Mike Burns and Lisa Morris (McNair Law Firm), Earl Dutton (Forestland Services), Crystal Burr (Finance Director) and Salley McIntyre (Family Judge); By fax – Dillon County E911, Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman Archie Scott presided over the meeting. He told that Councilman Williamson was in route to the meeting and Harold Moody was not able to attend due to having surgery recently and that he was recovering and doing fine.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Andrew Graves.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Bobby Moody motioned to approve the agenda. Andrew Graves seconded and all were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 08/24/11 & 09/08/11 (Called)

Andrew Graves motioned to approve the minutes. Bobby Moody seconded and all were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY AND EXECUTION OF THE DEED TO CONVEY REAL PROPERTY TO THE SC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

There was no public input.

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**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MULTI-COUNTY PARK AGREEMENT BETWEEN
DILLON AND MARION COUNTIES TO CREATE AND GOVERN A MULTI-COUNTY
BUSINESS PARK TO BE LOCATED IN DILLON COUNTY**

There was no public input.

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING INCENTIVE AGREEMENTS WITH “PROJECT
HANDLE” TO PROVIDE FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES AND PROJECT
INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT; PROVIDE FOR INCLUSION OF THE PROJECT
IN A MULTI-COUNTY BUSINESS PARK; PROVIDE FOR SPECIAL SOURCE
REVENUE CREDITS; AND ENTER INTO ANY OTHER NECESSARY
AGREEMENT TO EFFECT THE INTENT OF THIS ORDINANCE**

There was no public input.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND DILLON COUNTY PROCUREMENT CODE

There was no public input therefore the public hearing was closed.

(The public hearings were properly noticed in The Dillon Herald on September 6, 2011)

NEW BUSINESS

AMERICAN LEGION POST #32 REQUEST (ROAD)

Mr. Young asked Council to table until he has more time to discuss this with the Post.

**PROPOSAL FROM DON JACKSON (COASTAL BERMUDA) – COUNTY PROPERTY
IN FLOYDALE**

Mr. Young told that Mr. Jackson approached Bennett Bethea to state his interest in planting and harvesting coastal bermuda on the County’s property in Floydale (old Strickland/Goodwin property). After discussion, Mr. Young stated that he will draft an agreement and get back with Council.

AIRPORT RESURFACING – FAA GRANT

Mr. Young told that the airport is now on the FAA’s approved list and qualifies for funding. He gave the recommendation to apply for state and federal funding and prepare a five year plan, by the end of October, to include updating the airport layout plan, overlay the runway, and construct T-hangers. He also explained the \$10,000 proposal submitted by Wilbur Smith Assoc. to assist with procurement of FAA AIP Entitlement funds and prepare the five year plan. **Joe Johnson motioned to approve the \$10,000 proposal from Wilbur Smith Associates. Bobby Moody seconded and all were in favor.**

AIRPORT RESURFACING – SC AERONAUTICS COMMISSION GRANT

Mr. Young told of obtaining a \$123,582 proposal for maintenance and repairs to the airport runway. He recommended we apply for a competitive grant of 75% state funding, leaving the

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County's portion at around \$31,000. **Joe Johnson motioned to approve applying for the grant. Aron Gandy seconded and all were in favor.**

*(Macio Williamson arrived)

RECREATION REQUESTS

Andrew Graves motioned to approve the following: \$50.00 payable to AKA Scholarship Fund for Debutant Scholarship Program for Imani Mobley from Archie Scott's recreation and \$225.00 payable to TZK Martial Arts for sponsoring a Karate Tournament on Oct 1, 2011 from Bobby Moody's (\$75.00) and Archie Scott's (\$150.00) recreation. Aron Gandy seconded and all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

AIRPORT TRAILER REMOVAL BIDS

Mr. Young told that the trailers were turned over to the Forfeited Land Commission and are now in Dillon County's name. Ms. Gray opened and read the bids as follows: Ashley McKenzie bid \$0.00; Robbie Coward bid \$751.00 on the single wide (office); Ragtown Hunt Club bid \$1,603.17 on the double wide. **Andrew Graves motioned to award the bids of \$751.00 for the single wide to Robbie Coward and \$1,603.17 for the double wide to Ragtown Hunt club. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

TIMBER SALE BIDS (HWY 917 LATTA INDUSTRIAL PARK)

Mr. Young told that no bids were received. Earl Dutton (Forestland Services) spoke explaining how the bid was offered. He noted that the current stand was not very productive. He told that Council would be showing good stewardship over the long term to cut the current and establish new timber (regeneration). Mr. Young will get back to Council after obtaining more information.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Young introduced the finance director, Crystal Burr, who gave out her reports and the treasurer's balance to Council. Mr. Young told that fuel reports were also given to Council and stated he hoped to get the information onto our web page in the future, including finance and other reports. Council was informed of the statistical tables with Dillon County's data from the past ten years. Ms. Burr explained that this was a tool to help council make good decisions and furnishes the public with information. Ms. Burr told that the current report shows \$1.5 million deficit (expenses over revenues) which is typical for this time of the fiscal year since we have yet to receive property taxes. Mr. Young also stated this figure includes \$500,000 to be reimbursed by the SC Department of Commerce grant and another \$100,000-\$200,000 to be covered by the bond not yet issued.

Joe Johnson requested that the Council receive the report in their agenda packet prior to their meeting.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Young told that the Finance (Administration) Committee had met and went over the budget.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None

ORDINANCE READINGS

**THIRD READING – DILLON COUNTY ROAD ACCEPTANCE & MAINTENANCE
ORDINANCE**

Mr. Gandy told that he has his roads notated on his map. Bobby Moody asked Mr. Dubose to explain the ordinance for clarification. Mr. Young told that staff and Council will look at the roads closely before finalizing. **Council tabled the reading.**

**THIRD READING – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF
PROPERTY AND EXECUTION OF THE DEED TO CONVEY REAL PROPERTY TO
THE SC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Mr. Dubose told that language was omitted concerning the road name referenced on the layout of the area which Mr. Gandy questioned at the last meeting. **Joe Johnson motioned to approve the third reading as set forth in the agenda and approve the ordinance. Aron Gandy seconded and all were in favor.**

**THIRD READING - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MULTI-COUNTY PARK
AGREEMENT BETWEEN DILLON AND MARION COUNTIES TO CREATE AND
GOVERN A MULTI-COUNTY BUSINESS PARK TO BE LOCATED IN DILLON
COUNTY**

Mr. Dubose explained that this is a separate Multi-county park agreement in order to give more opportunities to market the Old Mohawk building. **Aron Gandy motioned to approve the third reading as set forth in the agenda and approve the ordinance. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

**THIRD READING - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING INCENTIVE
AGREEMENTS WITH “PROJECT HANDLE” TO PROVIDE FEE IN LIEU OF
TAXES AND PROJECT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT; PROVIDE FOR
INCLUSION OF THE PROJECT IN A MULTI-COUNTY BUSINESS PARK;
PROVIDE FOR SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS; AND ENTER INTO
ANY OTHER NECESSARY AGREEMENT TO EFFECT THE INTENT OF THIS
ORDINANCE**

Mr. Dubose explained that this concerns Dillon Furniture creating 80 jobs, investing \$2.5 million and them obtaining a \$150,000 grant from the County's economic development fund. **Joe Johnson motioned to approve the third reading as set forth in the agenda and approve the ordinance. Aron Gandy seconded and all were in favor.**

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**THIRD READING – ORDINANCE TO AMEND DILLON COUNTY
PROCUREMENT CODE**

Lisa Gray explained the needed changes. **Joe Johnson motioned to approve the third reading as set forth in the agenda and approve the ordinance. Bobby Moody seconded and all were in favor.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – CONTRACTUAL AND LEGAL MATTERS (SHERIFF &
SALLEY MCINTYRE FAMILY JUDGE)**

Aron Gandy motioned to go into executive session. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.

Joe Johnson motioned to come out of executive session, followed by a second from Aron Gandy. All voted in favor.

Mr. Graves asked about the Recycling Building status and was concerned about accountability of items removed from the building. Mr. Young told that a building committee meeting will be held to discuss this.

Mr. Young told of a request he received from Wal-Mart concerning Sunday sales.

ADJOURNMENT

Aron Gandy motioned to adjourn. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.

Archie Scott, Chairman

Lisa B. Gray, Clerk to Council

Date approved _____