

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA  
Regular Meeting – August 6, 2002 - 6:00 p.m.  
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk to Council

**AMENDED  
MINUTES**

All area newspapers, radio stations and television stations were informed of this meeting in compliance with guidelines set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

**PRESENT**

Chairman Larry E. Greer – District #3, Presiding  
G. Fred Tolly – District #1  
Vice Chairperson Gracie S. Floyd - District #2  
Clint Wright – District #4  
Mike Holden – District #5 (left early/sick)  
William C. Dees – District #6  
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7  
Joey Preston – Administrator  
Tom Martin – County Attorney  
Linda N. Gilstrap – Clerk to Council  
Tammie Shealy, Deputy Clerk to Council (left early/sick)

*(During times of discussion and presentations the minutes are condensed and paraphrased.)*

The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, August 6, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

Vice-Chairperson Gracie Floyd gave the invocation and everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Council recognized Jonathan Draisen and Nick Ruben from Boy Scout Troop 215.

Chairman Greer announced that all the awards that the County won at the Association of Counties meeting were on display in the front of the Council Chambers. He explained that the County won the J. Mitchell Graham Award for the second consecutive year, which had never been done in the history of the Association. Also the County won the Regional Cooperation Award.

Mr. Clint Wright moved to approve the June 18 and July 2, 2002 minutes as mailed. Ms. Wilson seconded. Mr. Bill Dees stated that he had discussed several typographical errors with the clerk. Motion was unanimous to approve the minutes with the changes.

**Citizens Comments:**

**Agenda Matters:** Ms. Lib Peace conveyed to Mr. Joey Preston the Cherokee County Council and the citizens of Cherokee County their pride and congratulations for being selected as *County Leader of the Year*. She expressed her pride to County Council for the awards that the County won during the Association of Counties Annual Conference held last week. Mr. Dan Harvell talked about the proposed rail line from Anderson to Clemson, on behalf of the Anderson County Taxpayers Association, he urged Council to keep their feet on the ground while looking at this. With over 7 million dollars coming from Washington, he wondered why the County was not focusing on the high-speed aspect such as between Greenville and Columbia or Columbia and Charleston. He also said that the County taxpayers may be burdened with "keeping this alive" on down the road.

**Other Matters:** Mr. Stephen Winger, presenting the Lake Secession Rocky River Property Owners Association, said that the Lake had moved from a rural recreational

area to a densely populated residential community with over 2000 homes on the lake. In 1988, the Association set aside the lower part of the Lake, from 184 bridge on down, as a Wildlife Refuge. A letter was written to Council and the Administrator. He said that the wildlife refuge was a very safety issue on the Lake and they are very concerned about that. He left information regarding the correspondence and for being on the agenda for discussion later. He also said that there had been a recent 401 Water Quality hearing for a permit on Beaverdam Creek in Columbia. He said that there was a comment made by the County's attorney (Ms. Crum) that adding 150,000 gallons more to Beaverdam Creek would create an outrage among citizens of Anderson County because that is where their drinking water comes from. The Association wanted Council to be aware that their area has 2,000 residents living on the lake and 18,000 people living in Abbeville County receiving their water from Lake Russell, which is fed by Lake Secession. All of those citizens are outraged by that comment and they want Council to know that they object to more sewerage being put in their lake. Council received as information.

Mr. Clint Wright offered Resolution R2002-062 for addition to the Agenda. The resolution includes the ability to vote on the passage of District #6, and #4 paving list, a request from the Chairman for a request for SERVE, and a request from Mr. Holden for Homeland Park lighting. Mr. Wright moved that the resolution be added to the agenda and Mr. Dees seconded. Ms. Wilson asked that she be allowed to add a request for District #7 for SERVE. Mr. Wright amended his motion to include Ms. Wilson appropriation. Mr. Dees seconded the amended motion. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Greer read Resolution #R2002-054 – a resolution recognizing and honoring Joey R. Preston, Anderson County Administrator upon the occasion of his selection as the 2002 County Leader of the Year by *American City and County Magazine*, and other matters related thereto. Mr. Dees moved to approve and Mr. Wright seconded. Vote was six in favor and one abstention (Ms. Wilson). Motion carried. Chairman Greer and Members of Council (excluding Ms. Cindy Wilson) asked Mr. Preston to come down to the front for a special presentation. Chairman Greer, at this time, read the entire resolution. Council commended Mr. Preston on his outstanding award achievement.

Ms. Gracie Floyd presented Resolution #2002-057 – a resolution recognizing and honoring Anderson County Master Deputy T.E. Hampton for his tireless commitment and dedication to the annual Anderson-Oconee Easter Seals "Buck-A-Cup, Brace-A-Child" Fund raising campaign. Ms. Floyd moved to approve and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous. The framed resolution was presented to Master Deputy Hampton. He has been the top fundraiser for the last six years in Anderson County. Ms. Page, Director of Easter Seals Anderson-Oconee, stated that Deputy Hampton was the top fundraiser in South Carolina for the second year in a row. Council praised Master Deputy Hampton for his outstanding job.

Chairman Greer read Resolution #R2002-058 – a resolution honoring and recognizing the Town of Honea Path, South Carolina, its citizens, Mayor and Council Members, AnMed, Partners for a Healthy community, and the Dogwood Garden Club for their commitment and contributions to public service public beautification in the Town of Honea Path and further congratulating the Town of Honea Path for receiving the 2002 South Carolina Municipal Achievement Award for Public Service; and other matters related thereto. Ms. Wilson moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous. Ms. Wilson asked all the individuals involved with the resolution come forward to the front of the Chambers. Ms. Wilson then presented framed resolutions to everyone. Council and Ms. Wilson praised the citizens for their outstanding commitment and contributions to public service. She said that DHEC was inadvertently left off of the Resolution.

Chairman Greer read Resolution #R2002-061 – a resolution recognizing Mr. Charles M. Joye for his selection as the 2002 Engineer of the Year by the South Carolina Society of Professional Engineers. Ms. Floyd moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous. Ms. Floyd presented Mr. Joye with a framed copy of the resolution. Council praised Mr. Joye for his outstanding achievement.

Council recessed at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Greer called the meeting back to order at 7:10 p.m.

The next item on the agenda (#2. PRESENTATION – (TBA) Ms. Gracie Floyd) was withdrawn from the agenda by Ms. Gracie Floyd.

Mr. Robert Carroll introduced Mr. Roy H. Tryon the State Archivist and Records Administrator. Mr. Tryon presented a plaque to the County Council for Anderson County being selected for the South Carolina Department of Archives and History's 2002 Award of Achievement. He said Anderson County was serving as a model for other South Carolina Local governments. Chairman Greer read the award and then presented it to Mr. Chuck Watkins. Mr. Watkins was commended for all the hard work he and his department has done.

Mr. Jeff Ricketson gave a presentation on the street name changes and readdressing project. He gave Council an overview from the beginning of the program to where the County is at present. He said that the readdressing was going fairly smoothly. Council heard from others concerning this program. The following addressed Council – Bill Moorhead a volunteer fire fighter and Assistant Chief at the Broadway Fire Department, said that it was hard for citizens to accept road name changes, however it was dangerous to responders and victims with roads without names and duplicate road names. He asked Council to stand firm and make the needed road name changes. (Ms. Shealy had a family problem and left at this time.) Anderson County Fire Chief Glen Gable also came before Council talking about the information coming up on the screens is not correct and they have been working toward getting this corrected for 15 years because the duplicate streets in the County. The Fire Commission voted unanimously to support Anderson County Council's move to update the 9-1-1 addressing system. Hopewell Fire Department's Chief Ike Brissey spoke also in favor of the changes and implementation of the 9-1-1 addressing program. Coroner Greg Shore also agreed that duplicate road names are dangerous and supports Council's plans to rename these duplicate streets. Chairman of the Anderson County EMS Commission – Mr. Kent Berg stated that the commission has researched and listened to suggestions for the improvements of the Emergency Medical Services in the County. They strongly support the implementation of the street changes. Mr. Mike Freeman said that he has seen the problem that duplicate road names cause for EMS providers responding to calls in the Pelzer area. He asked Council to address the issue and take action to correct the problem as soon as possible. Capt. John Skipper from the Sheriff's Office stated that he was in support of changing all duplicate road names. He said that the officers at the Sheriff's office run into the same situations as the fire and EMS providers' experience. Mr. Lee Barnette said that since 1998, the taxpayers of Anderson County has spent \$792,000 on the project. He also encouraged Council to make the needed changes and implement the program. Council received all remarks as information.

Mr. Ronald C. Hendricks addressed problems that he sees with Charter Communications Cable TV service. He asked Council to direct all of their energy, attention and influence toward correcting a failure that has existed over the last 30 years. He said that Charter Communications, its' predecessors, and the County have failed to provide cable service to a large number of residents in the rural sections of the county. This was established by contract many years ago, he said. The Cable companies have faulted in their operations and the County Administration and Council have defaulted in their

responsibility because they have not enforced the contract. He said that he was interested in the cable service especially the high-speed Internet access. He said that the cable companies are under the impression that they have assigned territories, which is not true according to the terms of the contract. He asked Council to take a good hard look at the contract when it comes it. Council received as information.

Ms. Cindy Wilson read a prepared statement concerning the County's water crisis. In her presentation she recommended that the County either set aside one mill to be used for water grants in Anderson in this year's budget or add one mill in next year's budget. Council heard from Mr. Gary Mansfield of 513 Clement Road Belton regarding his community's desperate need of water. He said there were about 25 households that desperately need water. Ms. Debbie Williams of 207 Wesley Ellison Road, Williamston stated that she was in attendance representing the Cedar Grove area's concerned citizens group or Cheddar. (She read out a list of those she was representing.) She said that her community needs water also and she wanted to ask Council for help. She said that Big Creek has agreed to run a waterline, however citizens are not able to pay the tap on fee required for hook up which is \$1,200 per family. Mr. Mansfield and Ms. Williams both addressed the 3-mill sewer tax that County residents have been paying since 1986. They asked why some of that money could not be used to help provide waterlines to areas of the County that are in dire need of water. Ms. Wilson asked Council to take the information that she had given as information and at the next meeting; Council set a date for a water symposium in the County. Mr. Greer said that he would like to hear from a couple representatives from water providers that operate filter plants in Anderson. Council heard from Mr. David Davis, Manager of BHP Filter plant. Mr. Davis gave an update on their system. He said that they had received several applications for water assistance and he believes that something will be done to help with the problem. He asked that everyone conserve energy while the state is in this drought. He said that the Saluda River was still quit adequate to provide water to Anderson. The shallowest intake at this time has 8' of water over it. The power company is very cooperative with them when they see that the power company has been very excessive in withdrawal then they begin to talk and they slow down. Mr. Henry Payne, Operations Manager for the Anderson Regional Water System, said that from a supply perspective, they provide wholesale water to most of Anderson County (City of Anderson, West Anderson, Homeland Park, Broadway, Starr-Iva, Big Creek, Hammond, Town of Williamston, Sandy Springs, City of Clemson, Clemson University, and Pendleton) and the plant that they own and operate is the facility that was owned by Duke Energy (Duke Power). He said that they were in pretty good shape from the supply perspective. He said that the plant is rated at 32 million gallons per day, this year's peak has been 25 million gallons per day and the yearly average is 18 mg/day. The biggest peak was two years ago when it reached 28. The investment per customer is the issue in Anderson. Long term issues are the County has a great asset - Lake Hartwell, but the County needs to be aware of anything goes on i.e. City of Atlanta, Georgia - any movement to move water from the Savannah River Basin outside and there are on-going studies to review, formulate legislation to make sure that we protect what we have in Anderson County for our children and their children. Mr. Wright said that the County has been working with the water companies on where the inventories are at and determine where we need to go. There is no question that we need to develop a procedure to help the water companies and most importantly the citizens and taxpayers of the County, he said. He said that he asked Mr. Preston for a review of those particular options that the County might have. Once the Council can evaluate the possibilities and the ways we can help the citizens and water companies provide the distribution, then Council needs to have a meeting of the water companies in order to discuss those particular possibilities and how the County can work them out. Ms. Floyd said that she learned at the Annual Conference that there was an entity that secured over 25 million dollars for this same type thing. They worked with a law firm as well as with their congressman to get the

needed money. Mr. Dees asked Ms. Wilson if Council set aside the one mill (either this year or next year) would this mean a tax increase. She said that she would recommend that it be found within the county budget. Mr. Greer agreed that the water situation in Anderson was critical and the time has come to sit down and come up with some type of plan to meet the needs of the people of Anderson County.

Mr. Mike Holden became ill and had to leave at this time.

Council recessed at 8:35 p.m. The Chairman called the meeting back to order at 8:50 p.m.

Chairman Greer presented third and final reading of Ordinance #2002-021 – an ordinance adopting, as permanent regulations, those policies recommended by the EMS Commission, as amended, requiring EMS providers in Anderson County, South Carolina, to conduct criminal background investigations on EMS response personnel; and other matters related thereto. A public hearing was held and the following individuals spoke. Mr. Charles Crowe asked why the County was singling out the EMS employees. Mr. Dan Durham spoke in opposition to the ordinance. He said he didn't know of a single squad in any type negative situations or that doesn't want to do the background checks. He asked Council to consider loosening the ordinance by getting ride of some of the extemporaneous things and more closing follow the layout submitted by the National Register of Emergency Medical Technicians, give the local boards the opportunity to make the background checks and to make the determination and to forward a list to the County Council. By going with the Ordinance, the only thing they can do is the SLED check, so Council is putting a higher qualifier on residents of Anderson County, South Carolina, than what is put on a medic from Georgia or North Carolina. Nothing will show up on that person with a South Carolina background check. He also stressed that they were concerned with the handling of this sensitive information. Mr. Bill Brock said that as a career law enforcement officer, he supports background checks. However, the National Registry of Standards of felonies and what they allow for medics and EMTs is a more explicit, precise easy to understand criteria. Mr. Deon Jones, Chairman of Belton EMS squad, pointed out that their board did support the background checks. He said that in his opinion, the release of any of private-employee information to anyone for any reason constitutes a breach of confidentiality. He asked that the board be allowed to do the background checks and to certify to the County and to the Medical Control Physician that those employees do meet fitness requirements to meet their job requirements. No further citizens wished to speak; the Chairman declared the public hearing closed. Mr. Bill Dees moved to approve Ordinance #2002-021 on third reading and Mr. Clint Wright seconded. Mr. Greer passed out an amended version of the Ordinance to all council members with changes that have come up during the day. Mr. Dees pointed out that there were some serious misdemeanors in our state and other states that the Council needed to be concerned about. Mr. Wright pointed out a change in Section 3, which would add a 6 months grace period for existing employees. He moved to amend the original ordinance to include this language. Mr. Tolly seconded. Mr. Wright moved to modify his motion to add the word "existing" before EMS Responders in section 3 also. This is on line two and four in section 3. Vote was six in favor and one absent (Mike Holden). Motion carried. Ms. Floyd said that she had concerns with this from the onset and she has questions. She asked Mr. Durham if the EMS providers had any input into the guidelines and standards and he responded no and Mr. Brock also said no that they had no input whatsoever. Mr. Greer said that he was worried about the invasion of privacy issue so he spoke with the County Attorney and came up with a new section that would protect the information. Mr. Greer moved to amend the ordinance by adding a new section (Section 4): "Information obtained and utilized by EMS Providers and the ESD in accordance with the Regulations shall be confidential in character, is for public safety purposes only, and shall, to the maximum extent allowed

by law, not be subject to public inspection and shall be used exclusively by EMS Providers and the ESD. County Council specifically finds and determines that the release of such information for any reason other than legitimate public safety purposes shall constitute an unreasonable invasion of privacy." Mr. Tolly seconded the amendment. Ms. Wilson moved to table the ordinance to allow Council members more time to study the new information. Ms. Floyd seconded and vote was two in favor (Floyd, Wilson) and four opposed (Dees, Tolly, Greer, Wright). Motion failed. Vote on the amendment was four in favor (Dees, Tolly, Greer, Wright) and one opposed (Floyd) and one abstention (Wilson). Motion carried. Mr. Greer proposed that the Rescue Squads retain the background checks in their own building subject to an audit by the County on a 24-hour notice. Their permission slip from their employees provide permission for them to allow the County Personnel designee to audit those records on a 24-hour notice. He asked Mr. Martin if he could put in some type wording. He said no – not tonight to be completely honest. He said that the ordinance approves regulations and he believes that the regulations and that is what would need to be changed. He said that it could be done. Mr. Deon Jones asked that some type time period be included and could they be given a list of offenses, which would prevent employment. Ms. Floyd stated for the record that she was not clear in her voting and would have voted in favor of the amendment dealing with confidentiality. Ms. Floyd moved to table the ordinance and Mr. Wright seconded. Vote to table was five in favor and one opposed (Mr. Dees). Mr. Holden was absent. Motion carried. Mr. Dees stated for the record that he would not vote for a "watered down" version or less stringent. Mr. Dees said that he certainly hoped that we, as a Council, do not regret any time we put forth a motion to table (yea or nay). All of the misdemeanors offenses must be there and the ordinance is probably one of the best ordinances in the state and we are one of about 7-8 counties that don't do it.

Chairman Greer presented second reading of Ordinance #2002-022 – an ordinance authorizing the execution, delivery, and implementation of the statewide mutual aid agreement for catastrophic disaster response and recovery; and other matters related thereto. A public hearing was held and no comments were received. Ms. Wilson moved to approve and Mr. Wright seconded. Mr. Greer offered an amendment to change the language on page 2 – Section 2 after Anderson County Council add: "for their approval or disapproval of the appropriation of additional funds" or such further action as is appropriate, under the circumstances. New section shall read: "To the extent that funds already appropriated within the Anderson County budget for any given year are insufficient to meet the County's obligations under the MAA in such year, the Anderson County Administrator is directed to submit such matter to the Anderson County Council for their approval or disapproval of the appropriation of additional funds or such further action as is appropriate, under the circumstances." Mr. Wright seconded the amendment. Council discussed. Mr. Tolly called for the question and Mr. Dees seconded. Vote was six in favor and Mr. Holden absent. Vote on the original ordinance as amended was unanimous.

Chairman Greer presented second reading of Ordinance #2002-024 – an ordinance authorizing the leasing of available space at the Anderson County Airport; and other matters related thereto. A public hearing was held and no comments were received. Mr. Dees moved to approve and Ms. Wilson seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Greer presented first reading of Ordinance #2002-013 – an ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Carrie Davenport, Roxanne Ellison, and others, to rezone 42 parcels located on Brown Road and Wandering Road in the Bowling Green Zoning Precinct from R-20 (Single Family Residential) to R-A (Residential Agriculture). A public hearing was held and no comments were received. Ms. Wilson moved to approve and Mr. Wright seconded. Vote was zero in favor and six opposed passage of

the ordinance (Wright, Wilson, Floyd, Greer, Tolly, Dees, & Tolly) all voted in opposition and Mr. Holden was absent.

Chairman Greer presented first reading of Ordinance #2002-019 – an ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Ken Moorehead, R.D Garrett, and Jerry Meehan to rezone a combination of six parcels totaling 56.58 acres in the Five Forks precinct from C-2 (Highway Commercial) to S-1 (Services) the parcels are located on Liberty Highway between I-85 and Manse Jolly Road and are identified by TMS#093-00-06-004, 093-00-06-003, 093-00-06-022, 093-00-06-007, 093-00-06-008, 120-00-07-001 and 093-00-06-005. A public hearing was held no comments were received. Mr. Wright moved to approve and Ms. Wilson seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Holden/absent).

Chairman Greer presented first reading of Ordinance #2002-020 – an ordinance concerning approving a rezoning request by Jeff Saxton to rezone 2.37 acres in the Five Forks precinct from I-2 (Industrial Park) to R-A (Residential Agriculture). The parcel is located off of Whit Road adjacent to I-85 and is identified by TMS#119-00-018-001. A public hearing was held and no comments were received. Mr. Wright moved to approve on first reading and Ms. Wilson seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Greer presented first reading of Ordinance #2002-023 – an ordinance to transfer official military discharge records and the responsibility for the continued maintenance thereof to the Anderson County Veterans' Affairs Officer pursuant to Section 30-15-60 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended; and other matters related thereto. Mr. Wright moved to approve and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Greer presented first reading of Ordinance #2002-025 – an ordinance approving the financing of the construction of improvements to sanitary sewer infrastructure located in the County of Anderson, South Carolina, through the borrowing of not exceeding \$1,940,000.00 from the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund, by agreement with the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund authority, pursuant to Title 48, Chapter 5, Code of Laws of south Carolina, 1976, as amended; authorizing the issuance and sale of a not exceeding \$1,940,000 General Obligation Bond (Special Tax District for Sewer Services); providing for the agreement to make and to accept a loan, the execution and delivery of a loan agreement between the county of Anderson and the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority; the execution and delivery of a General Obligation bond in the form of a promissory note from the county of Anderson to the South Carolina Water quality Revolving Fund authority; to provide for the levy and collection of property taxes for the payment of the note; and other matters relating thereto. Ms. Wilson moved to approve and Mr. Wright seconded. Ms. Wilson stated for the record that the Highway 81 portion of what has been referred to the Beaverdam project has nothing to do with Beaverdam even though there was a forced main line on Long Road that should be left off. The forced main line is not a part of the State Revolving Fund loan and the bond issue. She asked Mr. Preston was that correct and he responded that she was correct. Vote was six in favor and one absent (Holden).

Chairman Greer presented first reading of Ordinance #2002-026 – authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002, of Anderson County, South Carolina in the principal amount of not exceeding \$8,000,000; fixing the form and details of the bonds; authorizing the Chairman of county Council and the County Administrator to determine certain matters relating to the bonds; providing for the payment of the bonds and the disposition of the proceeds thereof authorizing the refunding of the County's \$2,500,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note; 2002; and other matters relating thereto. Mr. Wright moved to approve and Mr. Dees seconded. Mr. Joey Preston recommended that the amount of the bonds be reduced



to \$7,700,000. Mr. Wright moved to change his motion to reflect the amount of \$7,700,000. Mr. Dees seconded. Ms. Wilson asked if the bond had anything to do with Beaverdam Sewer and Mr. Preston responded no. Vote was six in favor. (Mr. Holden was absent).

Chairman Greer presented Resolution #R2002-055 – a resolution in support of the issuance by the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority of its economic development revenue bonds pursuant to the provisions of Title 41, Chapter 43, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, in the aggregate principle amount of not exceeding \$11,500,000 (For Legacy at Anderson Project). A public hearing was held and no comments were received. Mr. Wright moved to approve and Mr. Dees seconded. Ms. Wilson asked the chairman how this would affect the tax base since the project was a non-profit. "This means that they do not pay ad valorem taxes does it?" she said. Mr. Martin responded that he would admit to a certain amount of uncertainty. He said not every piece of property owned by a non-profit is exempt from taxation, but certainly property owned by churches and certain property owned by other non-profits. He said he did not know the answer, but thinks that the answer will be that it is not taxable and therefore would not affect the tax base. He said he would have to take under advisement and get back with her. She asked if the County knew what type of jobs the 20 jobs would be and what the salary ranges would be. Mr. Wright said that this was part of the 81 project which involves the nursing home type-assisted living on the south portion of the Jim Broyles property on 81 and he didn't think there was an answer for a specific amount per hour per employee but that type staffing typically brings a fairly good hourly rate to the community. Anything in the medical field is quite high-demand, he said. Ms. Wilson asked who the officers were of this non-profit cooperation and were there any local residents who are officers. Mr. Martin admitted to a certain lack of knowledge regarding the project and said Mr. Galloway is the attorney reviewing this for the County. He has reviewed this and has attached his letter to Council that the documents are acceptable for consideration to Council; but the sum and substance of his knowledge comes from what was in everyone's packet. He said he thought he read that it was a Georgia non-profit corporation. Mr. Wright said that he thought they were Atlanta based. Ms. Wilson said wouldn't it wise of Council to know more details if they are not going to increase the tax base out there, the County needs to know that. And the County needs to know if the County has local officers and who they might be. Mr. Wright asked Mr. Martin if the project obligated the County to any expenditures and he said no. Mr. Dees called for the question. Mr. Wright seconded the call. Vote was 4-1-1 (four in favor Floyd, Tolly, Wright, Dees), one opposed (Greer) and one abstention (Wilson). Ms. Wilson said that she was abstaining because she believes that the public deserves to know if it doesn't increase the tax base and what expense the County would have in it, if any, and who the officers were. It is just a courtesy to the tax paying public, because this is a wonderful opportunity for this group to get low interest money for their project and certainly those officers are very well compensated, she said. Ms. Wilson said that there was a vote in 2000 to extend economic development incentives to the property and it was anticipated that the project would generate a tax base that would be very helpful to the other taxpayers. She said that she did not understand whether this will be a positive addition to the property and the neighborhood and she felt like she needed more answers. Mr. Greer said that in reference to her question regarding the tax incentive question it was his understanding that this project will not be built in the portion that the tax incentive was applied to which was the commercial portion of the project. Chairman Greer said that this was not built in the portion that the tax incentive was approved for and he opposed the tax incentive from the very beginning and still opposes. This is on the south end in the residential area instead of the commercial area.

Chairman Greer presented resolution #R2002-059 – a resolution awarding contracts for the construction of the Powdersville Phase I and Beaverdam Creek Phase IB sanitary sewer projects in Anderson County, South Carolina and other matters related thereto.



Mr. Dees moved to approve and Ms. Wilson seconded. Ms. Wilson asked if it was correct that the project (Phase IB) is 81 and did not include Long Road. Mr. Preston said that was correct. Vote was unanimous. (Mr. Holden absent.)

Chairman Greer presented Resolution R2002-060 – a resolution relating to the declaration of intent by the Anderson County Council, South Carolina, to reimburse certain expenditures prior to the issuance by the County of its General Obligation Bonds. Mr. Wright moved to approve and Mr. Dees seconded. Mr. Martin said that the resolution authorizes the County to go ahead and begin the projects, which are the basis of the general obligation bonds, which was approved earlier. The resolution would have immediate force and effect. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Greer read the following roads for his 2002-2003 paving list. He said he had a total available of \$372,637.43. His motion is to approve the paving of Bascomb Drive, Leona Drive, Ragsdale Road, Sullivan Drive, Vandale Place, Sullivan Road, Jasper Drive, Darracott Drive, Pisgah Drive, Mauldin Road, McMahan Lane, Shady Lane, Paddock Road, Crescent Cove Circle, and Camper's Way, Teardrop Drive for a total of \$299,043. This also includes requests from the Town of Belton to pave North Main Street, Haynie Street, Lincoln Street, Ramsdale Street, Glendale Street for a total \$47,685 and approval of \$24,000 for the Town of Iva paving to be placed on hold waiting completion of the 81 widening project. This will leave approximately \$19,000 in the District 3 paving account upon approval. Mr. Tolly seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Chairman Greer moved to appropriate \$1,000 for the Starr Fire Department for their fall festival from District #3 Recreation Account. Mr. Wright seconded and vote was unanimous.

Chairman Greer moved to approve a request for \$1950 from District #3's Recreation Account to the Belton Senior Activity Center for heating and cooling repairs. Mr. Wright seconded and vote was unanimous. (The total cost of the job is \$2250 of which \$400 will be used from an appropriation last year, which will be applied to the remainder of the job.)

Mr. Tolly moved to approve the road-paving list for District 1 as submitted. Mr. Dees seconded and vote was unanimous.

Ms. Floyd moved to approve the road-paving list for District 2 as submitted. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tolly was asked to present Mr. Holden's request since he became ill and had to leave. Mr. Tolly moved to approve an appropriation of \$1,500 for a Westside High School band project. The funds will come from District 5's Recreation Account. Mr. Dees seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tolly moved to approve a request in the amount of \$5,800 for installation of lights at the Homeland Park School walking track. The funds to come from District #5's Recreation Account. Mr. Dees seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tolly moved to approve the District 5's paving list approved as submitted and Mr. Dees seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wright moved to approve the Interstate Boulevard Improvement Project in the amount of \$40,000 and to add to his District #4's paving account. Mr. Dees seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wright moved to approve the District #4's paving list for a total of \$459,099 for County roads, and a total for Town of Pendleton in the amount \$29,475. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Dees moved to approve District #6's paving list as submitted for a total of \$269,662. Mr. Wright seconded and vote was unanimous.

Chairman Greer moved to appropriate \$1,000 for the SERVE Program from District #3's Recreation Account and Ms. Wilson seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Ms. Wilson moved to appropriate \$1,000 for the SERVE Program from District #7's Recreation Account and Mr. Dees seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wright moved to accept Moorehead Subdivision into the County Road system. All roads have been inspected and meet County specifications. Mr. Dees seconded and vote was unanimous.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

a. Certificates and Training:

**1. Anderson County Council – Special Olympics Athletes**

2. Mr. Gerald Shealy – Upstate S.C. Weapons of Mass Destruction Readiness Conference
3. Mr. Tommy Thompson – Emergency Management Training
4. Mr. Josh Briggs – Dive Rescue 1
5. Mr. Bill Lloyd - Asbestos Supervisor Refresher
6. Ms. Tina M. Rogers – Leadership Anderson

b. Letter of Appreciation:

**1. For: Mr. Joey Preston – From: Governor Jim Hodges**

**2. For: Mr. Joey Preston – From: Representative Ronald Townsend**

3. For: Anderson County Council/Administrator's Office – From: Mrs. Bo Gilreath (Yvonne)

**4. For: Anderson County Council/Administrator's Office – From: Farmers Market group**

**5. For: Mr. Larry Greer – From: Mr. Floyd W. Jones, U.S. American Legion**

6. For: Mr. Gerald Shealy/staff – From: Mr. Bob Daly

7. For: Ms. Tracy Bowman, Ms. Johnie Johnson, Ms. Sharon Chitwood, Ms. Shannon Wyatt- From: Sgt. Kim Cheslak

8. For: Ms. Michelle Strange - From: Mr. Daniel J. Hogan, VFW

9. For: Anderson County Road Department – From: Mr. John W. Crittendon, Jr.

10. For: Mr. Bob Daly, Mr. Michael Miller – From: Mr. Cliff C. Miller, U.S. Criminal Justice Academy

c. Minutes:

1. Anderson County Transportation Division Safety Meeting Minutes – June 14, 2002 and June 28, 2002

2. Anderson County Department of Social Services Advisory Board Minutes – May 21, 2002

d. Reports:

1. Recreation Fund Accounts

2. District Paving Report

3. Building & Codes monthly report – June 2002

4. Anderson County Public Safety Training monthly report – April, May and June 2002

5. Anderson County Public Safety Environmental Enforcement monthly report – June 2002

6. Anderson County Public Safety Animal Control monthly report – June 2002

7. Anderson County KAB Litter monthly report – May and June 2002
8. Detention Center monthly Litter report – June 10 to June 14, 2002, June 24 to June 28, 2002, July 1 to July 12, 2002
- e. Order of Chief Justice Jean H. Toal – Constables

Mr. Preston thanked Tom Martin for the work that he does for Anderson County. Mr. Preston introduced the Economic Development Director for Anderson County – Mr. John Lummus.

Ms. Wilson offered condolences for Mr. Fred Foster in the loss of his father and Mr. Tim Busha in the loss of his mother.

Ms. Wilson asked what it cost to apply for the America City and County Award (application fee) and also how many people went to New Orleans and the cost of that. Ms. Wilson also requested that Council move forward in an endeavor to look at in protecting and enhancing the County's water resources and also in continuing to find some way to provide water for the County's citizens.

Mr. Wright wished his daughter a Happy 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Mr. Tolly also commended Mr. Martin for his outstanding qualifications and knowledge of County business. Mr. Tolly announced that Ms. Floyd had been chosen to speak to the National School Board Association in Houston, Texas.

Chairman Greer stated that when the rail/bus system was approved that if any county funds are needed that it must come back to Council for approval. This project is totally funded through the state. He also said that Mr. Winger said that Council had not been responsive to him; however, he said that he had written him a letter(s) and had several conversations with him. There will be a report by Mr. Holden at the next meeting on the Home Builders committee regarding the Land Use Ordinance.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk to Council