

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2009 AT 5:35 P.M.  
GRAND JURY ROOM AT THE UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh, Vice Chairperson Dora Martin, Councilwoman Joan Little, Councilman Tommy Ford, Councilman Joey English, Councilman Randall Hanvey, Councilwoman Kacie Petrie, County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros and Clerk to Council Linda G. Jolly

Absent: None

Notice of the meeting and a copy of the agenda giving the date, time and place of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the hall of the Union County Courthouse and a copy was mailed to the members of the Union County Council, the County Attorney, WBCU Radio Station, the Union Daily Times, Spartanburg Herald Journal, the Union County Development Board, Mr. Darrell Wade, Ms. Ann Canada, Mrs. Anne Brock with Clemson Extension, and Mr. James Kollock.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh called the meeting to order. Chaplain Dora Martin gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk to Council gave the Roll Call with the following results:

Joan Little, District 1 – Present

Dora T. Martin, District 2 – Present

Tommy E. Ford, District 3 – Present

Joey D. English, District 4 – Present

Randall Hanvey, District 5 – Present

Kacie Petrie, District 6 – Present

Joey English: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on June 9, 2009, the minutes of the special meeting of County Council held on June 15, 2009 and to adopt the minutes as written.

Tommy Ford: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented service award certificates and gift cards to Robert Colson for 5 years of dedicated service and to Sherry Johnson for 15 years of dedicated service to Union County.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated there was still one vacancy on the Union County Tourism Commission due to term expirations which had been advertised numerous times. Councilman Randall Hanvey suggested the Council Members try to find someone to fill this position and come back with any recommendations at the next Council meeting.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated there were five (5) vacancies on the Library Board due to term expirations and one resignation. The positions had been advertised. There

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were five applicants who were Jennifer Alexander, Stephanie Kitchens, Thad Strom, Chrissy Mobley and Ann B. White.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to appoint Jennifer Alexander, Stephanie Kitchens, Thad Strom, Chrissy Mobley and Ann B. White to serve on the Carnegie Library Board.

Tommy Ford: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Andrena Powell-Baker as Director for the Union County Development Board presented applicants for the seven positions on the Development Board which had been advertised. The applications were handled through their office and screened to see who met the qualifications. They received twelve applicants and there were seven who met the criteria established in the ordinance. Councilwoman Kacie Petrie asked her to present each of the seven applicants to Council based on the criteria which they met. Mrs. Powell-Baker stated that one of the sectors they were looking at was private utilities and they had Doug Wilson who is the manager of operations with Broad River Electric. From public utilities is Joe Nichols who is the director of utilities for the City of Union. Council asked if they were the only two applicants that qualified for private utilities and public utilities and she stated they were.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to appoint Mr. Doug Wilson and Mr. Joe Nichols to serve on the Union County Development Board as they met the required criteria.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Andrena Powell-Baker said they had slots in the ordinance for two members from existing industries with over fifty employees and they only had two applicants who met the required criteria. The two applicants were Martin O'Connor who is the Vice-President of Finance with LSP and David Rogers who is the HR Manager at Milliken.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to appoint Mr. Martin O'Connor and Mr. David Rogers to serve on the Union County Development Board as they were the only applicants that met the required criteria.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Andrena Powell-Baker stated they needed two applicants from Higher Education and received two who were Dave Just who is the Vice President of Continuing Education at Spartanburg Community College and Hugh Rowland who is the Vice Chancellor at USC-Union.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to appoint Mr. Dave Just and Mr. Hugh Rowland to serve on the Union County Development Board as they were the only applicants that met the required criteria.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Andrena Powell-Baker stated there was one at-large position that would be selected by her. She selected Auvis Cole who is the Director for the Tourism Commission and recommended he be appointed to that position.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to appoint Mr. Auvis Cole as the at-large member to serve on the Union County Development Board as recommended.

Kacie Petrie: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented a letter from the Upstate Workforce Investment Board stating the term for Ms. Amanda Prince ends on June 30, 2009 and asked that she be

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reappointed as she had previously been appointed to complete the term of Mr. James Foster.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to appoint Ms. Amanda Prince to serve another term on the Upstate Workforce Investment Board.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented a letter from Mr. Bruce Inman asking that Ned Garner, R. E. Gallman, Jr., and Richard Adams be allowed to serve on the Board for Kelly-Kelton Fire Department for a two year term that expires on June 30, 2011.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Ned Garner, Mr. R. E. Gallman, Jr., and Mr. Richard Adams to serve two year terms on the Kelly-Kelton Fire Department Board.

Tommy Ford: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated there was a request on some property that had been assessed that it be sent to the Appeals Board. The last time the Appeals Board was appointed was in 2005. He asked Council if they wanted to leave the current members on the Board or advertise the positions.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to advertise the positions on the Appeals Board and notify the current members in case they wanted to apply.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated the Outreach Deliverance Church in Carlisle had donated land for the Carlisle Fire Department to build a new fire station which was contingent on that fire station being built. Carlisle Fire Department has decided on another parcel of land and the Outreach Deliverance Church would like to have that property deeded back to them

Dora Martin: Made a motion that the land be returned to Outreach Deliverance Church if Carlisle Fire Department is not going to use it for the purpose for which it was deeded.

Tommy Ford: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh called for any committee reports but there were none.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented audits and financial statements from the Public Defender, Clemson Extension, Agriculture Fair Association, Development Board, Veterans Memorial Park, Kelly-Kelton Fire Department and Southside Fire Department for Council to review and approve.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to accept all the audits and financial statements as presented.

Joan Little: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh called for any other business but there was none.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Joan Little: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

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Donnie R. Betenbaugh, Chairman  
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council