

**ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Regular Meeting - April 18, 1995 - 7:00 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

PURSUANT TO SECTION 30-4-80 OF THE STATE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS/ORGANIZATIONS WERE NOTIFIED BY MAIL AND/OR FAX OF THIS MEETING:

G. Fred Tolly, Jr., William Floyd, Harvie Banister, Ernie Garrison, Bruce Gerrard, Jack McIntosh, INDEPENDENT MAIL, GREENVILLE NEWS, WYFF - CHANNEL 4 TELEVISION, WSPA - CHANNEL 7 TELEVISION, WLOS - CHANNEL 13 TELEVISION, CATV (AND. CABLE), CENCOM CABLE TV, EASLEY PROGRESS, Matt Phillips- WRIX RADIO, Bill Meade-THE JOURNAL, Roy Ethridge - AND. MONITOR, WAIM RADIO, WCCP RADIO, Joe Newton-COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, Rosemary Garrick-SENIOR REFLECTIONS, Brantley Jordan.

A regular meeting of the Anderson County Council was held on April 18, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers - Old Courthouse - Second Floor.

PRESENT

Chairman Ernie Garrison, District #4
G. Fred Tolly, Jr. - District #1
William A. Floyd - District #2
Harvie E. Banister - District #3
Bruce Gerrard - District #5
Gary A. Smoak, Administrator
Jack McIntosh, County Attorney
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

Chairman Garrison called the meeting to order and Mr. Tolly gave the invocation. Council held a moment of silent prayer in memory of Mr. Orien Parris who passed away this week. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag. Chairman Garrison welcomed everyone.

Chairman Garrison asked for a motion to approve the April 4, 1995 minutes. Mr. Banister referred Council to page 2, paragraph #2 of the April 4, 1995 minutes. He said that at the last meeting the minutes (March 21, 1995) were amended to change the amount of money (\$1,200) allocated for the paving of Maple Manor. Mr. Banister asked that the dollar amount be deleted from the record because the County will not do the paving of Maple Manor as anticipated. Mr. Banister moved that this be done and the minutes be approved with that change and Mr. Gerrard seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Council heard from the following concerned citizens: Debbie Jenkins talked about the proposed landfill site. Elizabeth Peace, Tom Clark, Rosemary Garrick, Carl Johnson, David Wakefield, Bill Albergotti, Nancy Webb, and Lila Albergotti all talked about the Administrator's contract.

Mr. Smoak presented the nomination of Alice Collier for Employee of the Quarter. Mrs. Collier has given long-standing and continuing devotion to her job and completing her payroll assignments each payroll period and she ensures that all employees receive their correct compensation. Even during a time of sickness in her family, she has striven and succeeded in balancing and fulfilling her family's needs and her Anderson County duties in a very outstanding and professional manner. Council congratulated Mrs. Collier.

Mr. Smoak presented the Detention Center as the nomination for the Department of Quarter. Despite perilous working conditions, under which the staff must work, the under staffing problems that they encounter and with job stress the members are continuing striving to improve the professionalism in dealing with the public and other county agencies. Mr. Smoak said that the Detention Center is the only department that has been 100% in their participation in the United Way program as a County Department for the last two years. Council presented the Department of the Quarter Plaque to Mr. "Stick" Brown to hang in the Detention Center for this Quarter.

Mrs. Collier and the employees of the Detention Center will each receive one day of annual leave for this achievement.

Mr. Garrison presented Resolution #R95-025 a resolution for the funding of sewer system construction to a new business (Rock-Tenn), Anderson County has made application to the Rural Economic and Community Development (RECD), formerly Farmers Home Administration/Rural Development Administration (FmHA/RDA), to administer an Appalachian Regional Commission grant under the Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program in the amount of \$194,000 for facilitating private business enterprises in rural areas of South Carolina. Mr. Roger Crouch, Loan Specialist with RECD, explained the Letters of Conditions and the requirements of the grant. Mr. Floyd moved to approve as presented and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Garrison read a Proclamation proclaiming April 23-29, 1995 as National Boys and Girls Week in Anderson County as requested by the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Tolly moved to approve and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Smoak presented a change order for the Plastic Omnium sewer line in the amount of \$1,426. This covers additional depth, extra stone and survey. These funds maybe recouped, Mr. Smoak said. Mr. Floyd moved to approve and Mr. Gerrard seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Smoak presented a bid for a recycling trailer for Solid Waste for \$10,380. This is a 100% funded State Energy Grant. Mr. Banister moved to approve and Mr. Floyd seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Smoak presented the following bids: 2 - fork lifts @ \$19,607 for a total of \$39,214, 2 - skid loaders @ \$15,592 for a total of \$39,184. Both are 100% funded State Energy Grants. Mr. Floyd moved to approve and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Smoak presented engineering design services for water facilities for the Belton/Reliance Plant which is fully funded by a CDBG grant. The low bid is from Farmer & Simpson for \$3,200.00. Mr. Tolly moved to approve the bid and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Smoak presented engineering design services for sewer facilities at SC 143/I85 Rock-Tenn Project. The low bid is from Farmer & Simpson at a cost of \$15,400.00. The cost will be shared by a grant and the Rock-Tenn Industry. Mr. Banister moved to approve and Mr. Gerrard seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Smoak presented engineering design services for Lone Oak, Broadview and Johnson Sewer facilities. The low bidder is Farmer & Simpson for \$23,400 and will be funded out of the special sewer assessment bond issue. Mr. Floyd moved to approve and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Smoak said that due certain circumstances since Council's action on April 4; it was requested that Council reconsider the award which was given for the contract for engineering services for sewer facilities - US 76 to a local firm. McElhannon & Amick, Inc. is now being recommended. Mr. Floyd moved to reconsider the bid and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Smoak explained that in the 1994-1995 budget there was a proviso which states that the \$583,838 set aside in for Tri-County Technical College will not be dispensed until brought back to Council for a vote. The County has received a request from Tri-County for these funds. This is for the Health Science Building. The State will sell the bonds, finance for 15 years at 15% interest which will not count against the County's bonded indebtedness. Anderson County's share is \$6,250,000; the other counties will share in proportionate amounts. Anderson County's share is 50%, Oconee's - 25% and Picken's - 25%. Council discussed. Mr. Tolly moved that the expenditure be approved and Mr. Floyd seconded. Mr. Banister offered an amendment that if any county fails to pay their share then the County will not be responsible for higher tuition for Anderson County's residents caused by that failure. Mr. Gerrard seconded the amendment. Vote on the amendment was unanimous. Vote on the original motion as amended was unanimous.

Mr. Smoak presented an amended budget calendar. April 20 & 24 - Hearings - elected officials and outside agencies. April 25 & 27 - budget workshops and May 4 & 8 budget workshops, if necessary, were added. Mr. Gerrard moved to approve the amended calendar and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was 5-0. Council agreed to hold the April 20 & 24th meetings at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Smoak presented, at the request of Mr. Wayne Gaskins, Airport Manager, a Memorandum of Understanding which is a negotiated result that honors both a property exchange agreement between Mr. Al Dobbins and the County dated November 17, 1993, and a property lease between FAA and the County dated February 7, 1994 for Council's approval. Council discussed. Mr. Floyd moved to approve and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was four in favor (Floyd, Garrison, Tolly, Banister) and one abstention (Gerrard). Motion carried.

Mr. Smoak presented an amendment to the architectural and engineering fees relating to the renovation of the Agriculture Building. Cost estimates received on the window replacements and HVAC replacements for the Agricultural Building total about \$168,000. A & E fees for architectural and engineering fees are as follows:

Windows arch	\$ 2,900
HVAC	2,400
Mechanical	4,000
Ceiling, Codes arch	<u>5,400</u>
	\$14,700

Mr. Gerrard moved to approve (not exceed) the amended amount as listed in the three phases. It was stated that this amount does not include any architectural fees for ADA for the Agriculture Building. Mr. Banister seconded and vote was unanimous.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Floyd, Council voted unanimously to approve placing gravel on Old Lagoon Road at Brookdale Park in the Town of Williamston. Cost estimate is \$1,640.00.

Mr. Smoak presented a request that the County abandon a short stretch of road at the end of Huntington Road. The lots are too small to support a septic tank. Mr. Floyd moved to approve and Mr. Gerrard seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Floyd moved to delete the paving of Broadway Fire Station from the paving contract and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Smoak presented a request from the Public Works Department that the restrooms be demolished at Muldrow and Allen Parks at Broadway Lake. The County continues to have problems with vandalism and destruction. Mr. Banister moved to approve the request and Mr. Floyd seconded. Vote was four in favor (Banister, Floyd, Garrison, Gerrard) and one abstention (Tolly). Motion carried.

Mr. Floyd thanked all who attended the meeting.

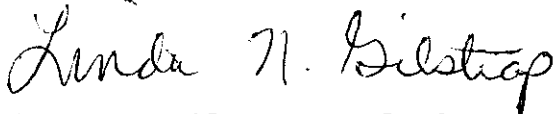
Mr. Gerrard explained that Fork Rescue Squad wrecked their ambulance in February and now they are having to borrow one. The insurance has come to an agreement on the settlement of \$8,500. Fork

Rescue Squad has \$4,000 that they wish to put with the \$8,500 to purchase another ambulance. They have requested that Council give permission to take money from the EMS repair budget to go ahead and purchase ambulance and reimburse the account when the insurance check arrives. The ambulance will be in the name of Fork Rescue Squad and Anderson County. Mr. Gerrard moved that this be allowed and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Garrison asked the attorney to review sections in the County Code (Purchasing Ordinance) dealing with the Purchasing Review Panel. Council does not need panels/committees that override County Council's decisions. He also asked Mr. McIntosh to review other ordinances that may have such committees and report back.

Mr. Floyd moved to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. and Mr. Gerrard seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk
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