

ORIGINAL

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Called Meeting - November 18, 1988 - 5:15 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

A called meeting of the Anderson County Council was held on November 18, 1988 at 5:15 p.m. in the Anderson County Council Chambers - Room 109. Chairman James M. "Jimmy" Cox, Jr. presided.

PRESENT

Chairman James M. Cox, Jr. - District #1
David L. Hooper - District #2
Robert L. Wiles - District #3
Ernie Garrison - District #4
Mike Holden - District #5
David Watson - County Administrator
Mike Mullinax - County Attorney
Jack Crowe - Purchasing Manager
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk

Chairman Cox called the meeting to order and Ernie Garrison gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

The chairman explained that the reason for the called meeting was to discuss action taken at the Tuesday, November 15, 1988 meeting concerning reassessment. He said that Council voted to re-open books for appeals on assessments. He said since that meeting, Council discovered that there may be a problem with re-opening the books. He asked the County Attorney to advise Council on the legality of the action. Mr. Mullinax explained that the General Assembly, in 1988, enacted a statute (#381) which provided in section 1243-300, that the governing body of a County may by ordinance, extend the time for filing an objection to the evaluation of assessment of real property, however, the last section relating to the re-opening of time the period for filing of the assessment, would not take effect until taxable year beginning after 1988. Mr. Garrison said the notice needs to be reviewed or studied to let the people know some way to figure their taxes so they will know if they need to appeal. Mr. Hooper moved to ask the Assessor, by resolution (#484), to work up a form to send to the South Carolina Tax Commission which is easy to understand and contains the property value for their adoption. Mr. Garrison seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Cox asked the County Attorney his opinion of the law. Mr. Mullinax stated it is clearly in violation of statutory procedures and could lead to possible litigation. Mr. Hooper moved to abide by State Law and rescind previous action to re-open the books. Mr. Garrison seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wiles said that he had one assessment that he believed errors were made and asked that it be checked.

Council recessed at 5:35 p.m.

Mr. Cox called the meeting back to order at 5:45 p.m.

There were no objections to amend the agenda to hear from Mr. Larry Thompson.

Mr. Larry Thompson with the Probation and Parole office, asked Council to consider a proposal for computer link up between the small towns. He explained the proposal to set up a computer network between the small towns that have lock ups (Williamston, Belton and Honea Path) the City police, Clerk of Court, Detention Center, Solicitor's Office and the Court system. The system could be centralized in the Probation Office. The estimated cost is \$24,000-\$25,000 with possible state funding available. Mr. Garrison moved that Council receive as information and ask that the County Administrator look into the method and cost. Mr. Holden and Mr. Wiles seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wiles moved to amend the agenda to take up one item concerning the Civic Center. There were no objections. Mr. Wiles stated that it was a conflict of interest for the publisher of the Independent Mail to serve on the Civic Center Authority and receive and publish advertisements for attractions which comes to the center, therefore, would move to remove Mr. John Ginn from the Authority. Mr. Garrison seconded the motion. Council discussed. Mr. Holden said he didn't know if it was a conflict or not since the authority had other business people that are in the same type situation. Mr. Hooper said he thought the Council had a good group of people on the authority and would hate to see Mr. Ginn leave. Mr. Garrison amended the motion that the Council instruct the Civic Center Authority not to enter into any further contracts until Council has a chance to study the whole situation. Mr. Wiles seconded the amendment. Mr. Mullinax informed Council that the Civic Center Authority had entered into certain contracts which are on-going with certain time constraints and any further discussion along these lines should be in executive session. Mr. Hooper moved to table the entire motion and the amendment. Mr. Holden seconded. Vote to table was two (2) in favor (Hooper, Holden) and three opposed (Cox, Wiles, Garrison). Mr. Wiles called for the question. Vote on the amendment was three in favor (Cox, Wiles, Garrison) and two (2) opposed (Hooper, Holden). Vote on the original motion as amended was three (3) in favor (Cox, Wiles, Garrison) and two (2) opposed (Hooper, Holden).

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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