

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 11, 2008  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Norris, Vice Chairman McClain, Councilman Simpson, Councilman Davis, Councilman Calhoun and Councilman Gunnells.

**ABSENT:** Councilman Thomas

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Norris called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Chairman Norris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION:**

Planning Director Lanny McKay gave the invocation.

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:**

Chairman Norris stated for the record that the agenda has been posted and notice has been provided to the local news media as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2008, regular county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items):**

Ms. Terri Stone, President of the Upper Abbeville County Recreation Association requested that Council use the grant money for their recreation project. They did not want to offend anyone, but believe that a lack of communication has caused this problem and they are standing up for what is theirs. She apologized if any of their members seemed ungrateful.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Ms. Libby Meadows an outdoor Recreation Planner for the USDA Forest Service, Long Cane Ranger District of the Sumter National Forest informed Council that she was there seeking public comment on an OHB trails grant. This grant would be used for 23 miles of trails for non-

highway vehicles. Chairman Norris asked if the trails would be closed while work was being done. Ms. Meadows stated they would not know until work was started.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) Third reading of ordinance (07-22) to amend and restate the Zoning Ordinance of Abbeville County, South Carolina. Vice Chairman McClain made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Approval to reallocate Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism PARD Grant Funds in the amount of \$30,000 to another County Recreation Project. Chairman Norris moved this issue to after Executive Session.

- a) Resolutions:
  - 1) A resolution (08-04) authorizing the County Director to replace the roof on the County Farm inmate housing at a cost not to exceed \$16,000. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. Councilman Simpson asked the County Director where the money would be coming from and was informed that the Sheriff had about \$8,000.00 and Building Maintenance had the remainder in their budget. The motion carried 6-0-0.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a) Finance Committee—Ray Gunnells, Claude Thomas and Billy Norris. No report was given, but Councilman Gunnells informed Council that there was a freeze on all budget spending.
- b) Personnel and Administration— Jeff Simpson, Bryan McClain and Claude Thomas. No report was given.
- c) Public Works—Mike Davis, Billy Norris and Bryan McClain. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Bryan McClain, Mike Davis and John Calhoun. Vice Chairman McClain nominated Ms. Jenny O'Quinn to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission. Councilman Simpson seconded the nomination. The nomination carried 6-0-0. Vice Chairman McClain nominated Mr. Tracy Carter to the Development Board for District #7. Councilman Davis seconded the nomination. The nomination carried 6-0-0.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, Ray Gunnells and John Calhoun. No report was given.

f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun, Ray Gunnells and Jeff Simpson. No report was given.

g) Public Safety—Billy Norris, Jeff Simpson and Mike Davis. No report was given.

A motion was made by Councilman Davis to go into Executive Session to discuss Economic Development, legal and financial issues, also a land sale. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Chairman Norris reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that two issues needed to be addressed. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to table the item on the pard grant. Vice Chairman McClain seconded the motion. County Director Moulder requested that Ms. Terry Stone, President of the Upper Abbeville County Recreation Association get him a list of the items they would like to purchase and he would call the grant association and Paul Agnew to see if this would be acceptable to them. The motion carried 6-0-0. Vice Chairman McClain made a committee nomination for County Director Moulder to serve on the Upper Savannah Council of Government. Chairman Norris, Vice Chairman McClain and Councilman Calhoun voted for the nomination. Councilmen Simpson, Davis and Gunnells voted against the nomination. Motion dies due to tie.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Agenda Items):** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further items of discussion Vice Chairman McClain made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Gunnells seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Done this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008

**Abbeville County Council**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
William C. Norris, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council