

ORIGINAL

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - May 16, 1989 - 7:00 p.m.

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

A regular meeting of the Anderson County Council was held on May 16, 1989 at 7:00 p.m. in the Anderson County Council Chambers - Room 109. Chairman James M. "Jimmy" Cox, Jr. presided.

P R E S E N T

James M. "Jimmy" Cox, Jr. - District #1
David L. Hooper - District #2
Harvie E. Banister - District #3
Elise C. Cahaly - District #4
Mike Holden - District #5
David Watson - County Administrator
David Standeffer - County Attorney
Jack Crowe - Purchasing Manager
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk

Chairman Cox called the meeting to order and Councilman David L. Hooper gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimous to approve the minutes of the May 2, 1989 meeting as mailed.

Mr. Clinton King came before Council requesting an increase in tipping fees for Solid Waste requiring special handling. On permits and decals there would be no change. The charge on asbestos would go from \$45 a cubic yard to \$90 a cubic yard. Council discussed the handling of asbestos. Mr. Watson said that the increase was already calculated in the proposed 1989-1990 budget calculations. Mr. Cox moved to increase the charge to \$90 a cubic yard and a minimum of \$180 per load. Ms. Cahaly seconded. The increase to be effective July 1. Vote was 5-0.

Ms. Elise Cahaly asked Mr. J.B. Ouzts to stand up and be recognized. She presented Resolution #503 extending sincere gratitude to Mr. Ouzts for the significant impact that his years of leadership in the field of education in many different capacities. The framed resolution was presented to Mr. Ouzts. Ms. Cahaly moved to adopt the resolution as presented and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was 5-0. Mr. Ouzts thanked Council for the plaque.

Captain John Skipper from the Sheriff's Department came before Council asking for Council's pledge of \$17,586 which is the County's share (10%) to be applied to a Highway Traffic Safety Grant from the

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Governor's Office. The grant would include one sergeant position and four deputies, equipment and mileage. The second year of the grant the County would be responsible for 25% of the total amount and the third 50%. After the third year the County would be expected to continue the program and provide 100% funding. Council discussed the establishment of a Traffic Department in Anderson County. Mr. Watson said that the \$17,586 was presently placed in the 1989-1990 Sheriff's Budget for Council's approval. Council received as information and will act on the request with the proposed budget.

Mr. Mike Holden moved to appropriate \$500 to West Market Elementary School-PTA and \$5,000 to Road Maintenance to prepare a parking area at the Westside High School jogging track. Mr. Hooper seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cox explained that Greg Shore will turn a 1987 modular type ambulance back into the County and explained that Northern Anderson County EMS needed it for a back-up. Mr. Cox moved to transfer the ambulance to the Northern Anderson County EMS and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cox also asked that Northern Anderson County EMS receive their monthly appropriation of \$416 already budgeted. Mr. Hooper seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cox explained that he had a \$5,000 check to return to his District #1 Special Projects which was allocated to help with the purchase of land in Poudersville and never used. He asked that \$4,000 of the money be transferred to the Town of Pelzer to help with the leasing of an additional facility to hold monthly meetings. Mr. Cox also moved to appropriate \$750.00 to the Williamston Action Community Club to help with refinishing oak floors in the school. Mr. Banister seconded the motion and vote was 5-0.

Ms. Cahaly moved to appropriate up to \$100 for a basketball goal in the Five Forks play area. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. David Standeffer, County Attorney, presented to Council a Quit Claim Deed on two small pieces of land presently owned by Margaret R. Ellison. Mr. Cox moved to allow the transfer and the land to come off the books in the Assessor's Office. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Standeffer explained that he had an agreement for sand on the property of William R. McCoy which is used to cover icy bridges. The County would furnish one to two truck loads to Mr. McCoy in compensation for the agreement and the County would hold him harmless for any accident while removing the soil. Mr. Hooper moved to approve the request and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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Mr. Standeffer presented second reading of Ordinance #280 creating the Anderson County Detention Department. Mr. Cox moved to adopt on second reading and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Standeffer presented a bond ordinance (#282) creating a special tax district in the Loblolly Pines area for the issuance of \$500,000 bonds to provide for the construction and operation of a collection system for sewer in the area. Mr. Holden moved to approve on first reading and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Standeffer said that J. Furman Gerrard purchased, from Anderson County, a small track of land for \$500 (Earl Heights Lot #113). A quit claim deed needed Council's approval to transfer the lot to Mr. Gerrard. Mr. Hooper moved to allow the quit claim deed. Motion died from lack of second. Mr. Cox asked that Council take up at the next meeting when Mr. Burns could explain the purchase.

Mr. Cox asked that the following dirt roads be accepted into the County system: One across from Concrete School, adjacent to SC 81. Type I or Class I which has been there for 100 years. All owners would have to deed a right of way to the County. (2) A dirt road (Type II) on the property of Nora Grant (deceased about 5 years ago) sold mobile home lots and families have no way to get in and out. Mr. Cox moved to accept into the County system the two above roads (one a Type I and one a Type II) all require a 50 ft. right of way. Mr. Banister seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cox called for a five minute recess at 8:15 prior to first reading of the 1989-1990 proposed budget.

Mr. Cox called the meeting back to order at 8:35 p.m.

Mr. David Watson asked for authorization to sign a 20X20 ft. right of way at Equinox Park for Southern Bell to locate junction boxes. Mr. Tony Cirelli and Mr. Stephen Crawford already checked out the request. Ms. Cahaly moved to allow the Administrator to sign the right of way and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson announced a dinner meeting with Dr. Don Garrison and members of the Tri-County Board on Thursday, May 25 at 6:45 p.m.

Mr. Burns asked Council for permission to execute a grant agreement for water and sewer for Kravet-Smead Company. The County's share of the \$66,000 is \$6,000. Mr. Cox moved to approve and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Watson informed everyone of the Courthouse Bid opening on Thursday, May 18 at 2:00 p.m. in the Main Courtroom.

Mr. Watson showed a plaque presented to Anderson County Council by the

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Beautification Committee for being recognized for participating in the Beautification Programs-Governor's Award.

Mr. Jacky Hunter presented the following budget transfers:

<u>Department</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>To Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Treasurer	#406-120-020 (Advertising)	#406-120-023 (Postage)	\$ 2,000.00
Treasurer	#406-160-092 (Auto Equip.)	#406-120-023 (Postage)	\$ 1,030.00
Treasurer	#406-125-040 (Training)	#406-120-023 (Postage)	\$ 350.00
Treasurer	#443-140-065 (Contingency)	#406-120-023 (Postage)	\$ 1,898.67
Road Maintenance	#604-155-085 (Paving)	#601-140-063 (Pipe)	\$28,671.14
Detention Center	#502-100-001 (Salaries)	#502-125-039 (Medical)	\$ 1,000.00
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Sheriff's Dept.	#501-100-003 (Overtime)	#501-125-035 (Travel)	\$ 3,000.00
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Sheriff's Dept.	#501-100-002 (Part time)	#501-125-035 (Travel)	\$ 300.00
Sheriff's Dept.	#501-160-093 (Equipment)	#501-135-051 (Repairs)	\$ 8,761.00
Sheriff's Dept.	#501-160-091 (Machinery)	#501-140-065 (Special Dept. Supplies)	\$ 2,335.00

Mr. Hooper moved to approve the above transfers as recommended and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Jack Crowe asked for permission to purchase a Motorola Radio for the Litter Officer at a cost of \$3,073. This is a state contract item and no additional funds are required. Mr. Banister moved to allow the purchase and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crowe said that the County cut off date for capital expenditures was May 15 and asked for approval to go ahead with roof replacement at the County Detention Center which will run between \$65,000-\$70,000 and a central smoke and heat alarm system estimated at \$7,500. Mr. Crowe will poll Council within a week with the exact figures. All items are budgeted and would not require additional funding. Council agreed.

Mr. Watson presented to Council the annual proposed budget for fiscal year 1989-1990. He said the proposed budget does not include a millage increase. The total general fund amount is \$9,315,000 (40.50 mills), Debt Service \$2,300,000 (10 mills), County Library - \$1,035,000 (4-1/2

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mills), Indigent Health Care - \$460,000 (2 mills), Capital Projects Fund - \$483,000 (2.10 mills). He said the budget is balanced and the total is \$19,776,118. Ms. Cahaly moved to approve Ordinance #281 (proposed budget for 1989-1990) on first reading and Mr. Cox seconded. Mr. Cox said that the budget included grant monies for a Traffic Division and moved to amend the motion to delete those funds from the budget and provide the Sheriff with 12 cars instead of 10. Mr. Hooper seconded the amendment. Council discussed. Vote on the amendment was three in favor (Cox, Hooper, Banister) and two opposed (Cahaly, Holden). Vote on the original motion as amended was three in favor (Cox, Hooper, Banister) and two opposed (Cahaly, Holden). Motion carried.

Mr. Standeffer asked Mr. Rusty Burns to explain the quit claim deed to J. Furman Gerrard on property on Booker Street. Mr. Burns said that the property was purchased with Community Development Funds and the house was demolished and the family relocated the lot was sold at public bid for \$500.00. Mr. Hooper moved to approve the Quit Claim Deed on the Lot and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Standeffer asked for an executive session to discuss one item of litigation. Mr. Hooper moved to go into executive session at 8:50 p.m. and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Ms. Cahaly moved to come out of executive session back into regular session at 9:00 p.m. Mr. Banister seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cox moved to allow the litigation to commence which was discussed in executive session and instruct the County Attorney to do so. Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cox asked Mr. Standeffer to brief Council on the progress of parking spaces to be provided by the City of Anderson. Mr. Standeffer said that he wrote the City asking that the \$16,000 building fees for the Courthouse construction be waived and he read a letter in response from Dr. Woodruff. The letter said that the fees could not be waived and the letter referenced the City's commitment to provide 180 parking spaces. Mr. Standeffer asked for clarification of the City's prior commitment to provide \$300,000 for parking spaces. He said that the City said there was no \$300,000. Mr. Cox moved to adopt a Resolution that the City cooperate with the County by either donating back the \$16,000 building permit fees and provide the \$300,000 for parking or else the County will consider moving the Courthouse to a site near the Civic Center. Mr. Cahaly seconded the motion. Ms. Cahaly amended the motion that Mr. Burns figure the cost to move the Courthouse to County property. Mr. Cox seconded. Mr. Hooper amended the motion also (second amendment) that the County Attorney write a letter to the City stating the Council's decision to discuss and consider the moving of the courthouse. Mr. Banister seconded. Vote on the second amendment was 5-0. Vote on the first amendment was four in favor (Cox, Cahaly,

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Holden, Hooper) and one opposed (Banister). Vote on the original motion as amended was unanimous.

Mr. Cox stated that Mr. Hooper was unable to serve on the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) and Mr. Hooper asked that Ms. Cahaly replace him on the committee. Ms. Cahaly agreed.

Concerned citizens spoke during this time.

Ms. Annie Ruth Morse spoke on behalf of the Black History and Culture Center and asked Council to continue funding as in the past. Mr. Cox directed the Administrator to look into the Accommodation Tax money as a source of funding for the Center.

Mr. Clifton Thomas asked Council to clean up the County park on the corner of Market Street and Susan Street. Mr. Cox said that he would get Mr. Crawford down there as soon as possible to clean it up.

Mr. Cox reappointed Mr. Keith Cole to the Planning & Development Board for another four year term.

Council asked Mr. Watson to check with Anderson Hospital about reducing the Board members.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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