

ORIGINAL

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - January 23, 1990 - 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 January 23, 1990 at 7:00 p.m. in the Anderson County Council Chambers - Room 109. Chairman James M. "Jimmy" Cox, Jr. presided.

PRESENT

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
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk

Chairman Jimmy Cox called the meeting to order and Ms. Elise Cahaly gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Jimmy Cox presented a check for \$10,000 to Mayor Jerry Sloan, Sr. and Mr. Robert Thompson for the Town of Pendleton to be used for the Centennial Celebration.

Chairman Cox asked for a motion for approval of the January 9, 1990 minutes as mailed. Ms. Cahaly asked that the nominations be changed to reflect what happened. Mr. Holden moved to approve as amended and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. David Standeffer presented Resolution #526 concerning the annexation of properties of Kravet-Anderson into Homeland Park Water District. A public hearing was held and no comments were made. Mr. Holden moved to approve Resolution #526 and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Standeffer presented Resolution #527 concerning the annexation of properties of Charles Kevin Morris, Sr. into Homeland Park Water District. A public hearing was held and no response was heard. Mr. Holden moved to approve as presented and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Standeffer presented third reading of Ordinance #296 amending the Anderson County Subdivision Ordinance. Council discussed the wording of the ordinance. A public hearing was opened for comments concerning the ordinance. One person spoke. The public hearing was declared closed. Council agreed to reschedule third reading to allow the County Attorney to prepare a definition of "economic purposes".

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Mr. Standeffer opened a public hearing for comments concerning Ordinance #297 prohibiting the sale, use, consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages on all County owned property and placing the question on the ballot for the people of Anderson County to decide. Mr. Roy Perry spoke. The County Attorney said that the question for the ballot needed further work. Mr. Cox suggested the following sentence: "Should Anderson County allow the use of alcohol at private functions at the Civic Center?" Yes or No. The public hearing was declared closed. Mr. Cox moved to approve the ordinance on third reading with the change and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Standeffer opened a public hearing for comments concerning Ordinance # 298 creating a Solid Waste Department. One person spoke. The public hearing was declared closed. Mr. Hooper moved to approve on third reading and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Standeffer explained the abandonment of an old bridge and roadway on Hayes Road (S-4-152) near Broadway Lake. A public hearing was conducted. Mr. Jack McIntosh explained that he was the contiguous land owner and would ask that the bridge and road be abandoned because of many instances involving vagrancy. The public hearing was declared closed. Mr. Hooper moved to abandonment the bridge and road and turn over to the contiguous landowner and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Cox recognized several Boy Scout groups from Anderson attending the meeting. They were all presented Anderson County pins. Scouts from Troop #3, Troop #215 and Troop #96 were present.

Mr. Holden explained a water and sewer rate problem in Pine Forest Subdivision located off Dobbins Bridge Road. They are on City water and sewer. Mr. Burns explained the problem. The outside City rate is \$3.15 per 1,000 gals. and the inside City rate is \$2.35 per 1,000. The County rate is \$1.25 per 1,000. Mr. Burns requested that the County Attorney confer with the City Attorney to see if the rates could be reduced by maybe giving them the inside City rates and report back at the next meeting.

Mr. David Hamby read a memo to Council and the County Administrator asking for dismissal of "Stick" Brown and any and all jailers or police officers who beat or abuse prisoners in custody at the Jail. Mr. Hamby also asked for a public hearing to be held before the Grand Jury and Judge. Mr. Cox questioned Mr. Hamby and his accusations. Council received as information.

Council recessed for 10 minutes at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Cox called the meeting back to order after the recess.

Sheriff Gene Taylor explained that in 1988 the Anderson County Sheriff's Department did not order any new patrol vehicles. This resulted in highly increased mileage among the existing cars. In cars with high mileage the cost to maintain the vehicle climbs with each passing year. A local government which seeks value for the taxpayer's money should regard repair costs as important as new vehicle cost.

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Both expenditures contribute to the total cost of the fleet. The Sheriff also said that the Department was making a very large 90-91 budget request in the amount of approximately \$1.3 Million Dollars. He presented a 9 minute video slide presentation for Council to explain his request which included 87 new cars. Council received as information.

Mr. Martin Durham, Civic Center Director, updated Council on the Civic Center and activities already booked. He presented each member of Council a report of projected revenues and expenses and asked Council for \$73,976 which is needed now to get ready for the opening of the Civic Center. Council discussed where the money would come from. Mr. Cox explained that when you reduce the fund balance that is a tax increase and explained that Ordinance #271 would have to be rescinded before Council could appropriate money for the center. Mr. Hooper moved to repeal Ordinance #271 and fund the \$73,976 needed by the Civic Center. Ms. Cahaly seconded. Mr. Cox explained that he supported the ordinance (#271) a year ago and hoped that the Civic Center Authority would have gotten the message that the interest money could be used to run the Civic Center and stay within budget. Mr. Cox amended the motion to divert the money to the Sheriff's Department and increase the amount from \$74,000 to \$80,000 so that five (5) new vehicles could be purchased. Amendment died from lack of second. Ms. Cahaly suggested that the special projects money be used for the request. Mr. Banister said that he didn't like the idea of adding on budgets in the middle of fiscal years. Vote on the motion to fund from the fund balance was three in favor (Hooper, Holden and Cahaly) and two opposed (Cox, Banister). Motion carried. Motion included first reading approval of Ordinance #300 repealing Ordinance #271.

Mr. David Watson presented Council a check in the amount of \$2,307.11 given to the County by Roosevelt Thompson and his committee. The committee raised the money for Squad 1 which is now no longer in business. Mr. Watson recommended that the money be placed in an account to be divided equally among all Rescue Squads. Mr. Hooper moved to approve Mr. Watson's recommendation and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson presented the rental of a building owned by Mr. John Pracht for the Registration and Elections Office. The building is the old Beauty School on East Whitner Street for \$375.00 per month for one year. He then asked Council for permission to rent the building for one year if the building is satisfactory to Ms. Manney Thomas. Mr. Cox moved to approve the expenditure with the approval of Ms. Thomas and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Banister asked Mr. Watson to be sure the building meets City Codes before rental.

Mr. Watson reminded Council of the \$3,000 monthly request from the Airport to meet the bond payment on the hangar and asked that Council authorize the Airport Commission to spend the needed amount from the Capital Projects account/grant accounts up to \$15,000 for the remainder of the fiscal year. He also explained that bids came in low on the hangar and no additional funds will be needed. Mr. Watson also explained that money was used from the Building Maintenance account for the Fleishman Building demolition and for rental of property for the

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Probation and Parole Board. He asked that approximately \$20,000 be transferred from the remaining salary of the EMS Trainer-Supervisor. Mr. Banister moved to approve and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was four in favor and one opposed (Ms. Cahaly).

Mr. Rusty Burns presented Resolution #529 naming certain roads for the implementation of E911. Mr. Hooper asked about two roads in the County named Gilreath Road. Mr. Hooper moved to approve Resolution #529 and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Burns presented Resolution #528 resolving to support the grant application for Community Development Block Grant funds for site acquisition and authorizing Mr. Watson to execute all documents needed to prepare the grant application. Mr. Burns stated that the grant was for \$450,000 with NO matching funds from the County. Mr. Cox moved to approve the resolution and Ms. Cahaly and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Burns presented a right-of-way easement for Duke Power Company to allow them to run water lines to the Civic Center and asked all members of Council to sign. No vote was needed.

Mr. Burns presented the following purchases for Council's approval: For the Anderson County Computer Services Department - (1) each EPSON DFX-500 printer, (1) each Printer stand and (1) each push tractor in the amount of \$1,639.05 from INA Comp. For Computer Services - (1) each IBM Printer in the amount of \$5,193.30 from IBM Corporation. For Computer Services - (1) each - IBM Disk Drive from IBM Corporation for \$16,383.15. No additional funding will be required. For Computer Services - (1) PS/2 Mod, (1) Color monitor, (1) PS/2 Display stand, (1) disk drive adapter, and (1) workstation emulation kit for \$4,119.41 from Computer Land. For Anderson County Road Maintenance - (1) each Trailer. BX30 small motorgrader with ramps, large pentileye for \$2,250.00 from R & R Equipment. No additional funding will be required. For Road Department - (1) each 1990 Cherokee Jeep 4X4 for \$15,000. The vendor is Minyard Anderson or State Contract Vendor. No additional funding will be required. For Anderson County Detention Center - remove existing carrier package heat pump and furnish and install a 11 ton gas electric package unit to be connected to existing duct system and includes gas piping, high and low voltage wiring and complete start up. The cost is \$6,450.00 from Wood Incorporated. No additional funding will be required. Mr. moved to approve all the purchases as presented and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Burns presented an addendum to the existing agreement with the City of Anderson which will allow the County to purchase an additional million gallons in the waste water treatment plant. It is for the Clemson Quadrant Project, Santens Project, and other assorted projects on the northwest-northern side of Anderson County. The funds needed will come from the Sewer Authority and the bond issue which is before Council. Mr. Banister asked if the money would come out of the three mill tax and Mr. Burns replied yes. Mr. Watson explained that a technical question had come up whether or not the money can be expended from the three mill tax. Mr. Standeffer stated that the money could

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be used. Ms. Cahaly moved to enter into an agreement with the City to purchase an additional one million gallons once the ordinance has third reading approval. Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was four in favor and one opposed (Banister).

Mr. David Hooper explained that he received a reply from the State Ethics Commission concerning a ruling on his participation in deliberations and votes on a contract concerning construction of a new Department of Social Services building. He explained that he has removed himself from any participation on the building to avoid even the appearance of impropriety.

Mr. Tony Cirelli presented copies of the most recent ordinances concerning Sediment Control, Road Standards, Subdivision Regulations and Land Use Standards to Council for their information.

Mr. David Standeffer asked for an executive session to receive legal advise regarding a claim against the County. Mr. Hooper moved to go into executive session for the reason stated and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was unanimous. (time: 9:30 p.m.)

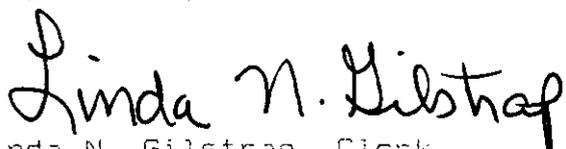
Mr. Cox moved to come out of executive session and back into regular session at 9:50 p.m. Mr. Hooper seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Standeffer explained that Council discussed a claim by Mr. Charles Franks of an over-assessment on his property (6 mills instead of 4 mills). Mr. Standeffer said that he researched the possibility of extending the time according to his request and found that Council had such authority to extend the filing time. Mr. Holden moved to extend the time for filing because of the circumstances involved in this particular case. Ms. Cahaly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Council heard from concerned citizens at this time. Mr. Roy Perry, Mr. Carl Johnson, Ms. Annie Ruth Morse, Mr. Jerry Nunn and Mr. John Skipper spoke.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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