

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - January 18, 2000 - 6:00 p.m.

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk to Council

MINUTES

All area newspapers, radio stations and television stations were informed of this meeting in compliance with guidelines set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

PRESENT

G. Fred Tolly - District #1
Gracie S. Floyd - District #2
Larry E. Greer - District #3
Vice Chairman Clint Wright - District #4
Chairman J. Mike Holden - District #5
Joey Preston - Administrator
Tom Martin - County Attorney
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk to Council

The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, January 18, 2000 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Clint Wright gave the invocation and everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag. Before the invocation, a moment of silence was held in remembrance of two commission members; Mr. Hoyt McAbee - Airport Commission and Ms. Jane Milam - Museum Commission who recently passed away.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the December 21, 1999 and January 7, 2000 meetings as mailed.

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Public Comments: Mayor Richard Shirley from Belton spoke on the redistricting map. He said that he was perfectly satisfied with the way the map is drawn up. He thanked Council for the job that they did on the map. Mr. Allan Ashley from Honea Path said that he did not like the way the map has split Belton from Honea Path. He asked Council to table the ordinance and start all over. Dr. Tommy Martin - he said that he was not satisfied with the way the lines are drawn. He asked Council to look at the needs of the community and what the people of Anderson County want. He asked Council to work for the people - not against them. Mr. David Hamby - spoke to Council regarding a Sheriff's Office complaint. He told Council of an episode that occurred with a man breaking in one of his building and that the Sheriff's Department arrested him and would not give him his money back. Council explained that they have no control over the Sheriff and suggested that he talk with him regarding his problem. Council received all remarks as information.

Chairman Holden presented Mr. Clint Wright a plaque for his leadership as chairman during 1999.

Mr. Wright explained that during the past school year the Pendleton High School Marching Band received several special accomplishments during 1999. He read the following: First Place at the Harris Elliott competition, best color guard, best horn line, best drum line, same thing in the Wagner Tournament, they were the Upper State Champions in District 2A with a rating of 94.55, the first time ever that the Pendleton High School has won Upper State Championship. They went on to the State Marching Band Contest and they came in Third Place, which had the highest finish in their history. Mr. Wright expressed pride for their hard work. He said at the next meeting a resolution will be placed on the agenda for special recognition.

Mr. Jerry Howard announced that during a press Conference on Friday in Greenville, the Governor announced that Anderson County was number one in the State of South Carolina for capital investment with a total of 953 million dollars in new announced investments. He said that this figure did not include the Santee Cooper investment which would put the County over one billion dollars with 20% total state investment. Mr. Howard announced that there would be a formal opening of the Industrial Park in

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February. He said the park would not be possible without the generous financial contributions from the utilities. In 1998 several contributors were recognized: Blue Ridge Coop., Duke Power, and Piedmont Natural Gas. In 1999 the following also contributed to the industrial park: Blue Ridge Cooperative, Inc. - Mr. Alan Blackman and Mr. Jim Lovingood, in addition to their \$100,000 we have received \$164,000 in December, 1999. Council thanked Blue Ridge Coop. Duke Power (Mr. Steve West and Allan Cartee) with their initial contribution of \$40,000 and in December 1999 the County received an additional \$100,000 for the project. Mr. Ray Thomas with Piedmont Natural Gas contributed \$50,000 in 1998 and has contributed another \$50,000 in 1999. All contributors were thanked for their generous contributions.

Council recognized Lt. Arlette Daring, for Officer of the Month of October for the Detention Center, Sgt. Laura Geer, for Officer of the Month of November and Officer Robert Chastain for December. Mr. Bob Daly explained that all three successfully completed a 40-hour course in "hostage negotiations". Council commended these officers for their outstanding accomplishments.

Council recognized Mr. Bill Lloyd as Anderson County Employee of the month (December). Mr. Lloyd was recently chosen for his outstanding job performance. Mr. Lloyd was presented all the special goodies that the Employee of the Month receives. Council thanked Mr. Lloyd for his special job performance.

Council recognized Mr. Bob Daly as Employee of the Year award for 1999. Mr. Daly received a plaque, gift certificate to local restaurant, and other items. Council commended Mr. Daly for an outstanding job. Mr. Daly said that without his fine employees he would not be able to do his job; therefore, he shares the award with all of his employees who made it possible.

Mr. Michael Cunningham announced that on November 13, 1999, 26 Anderson County employees participated in the American Heart Walk, which was dedicated to memory of William A. Floyd. Over \$1,800 was raised for the event. A plaque was presented to Council for their participation.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to

approve third and final reading of Ordinance #99-036 - an ordinance to redraft, redraw, and redesignate Anderson County Council Districts in accordance with and so as to effectuate the results of an Anderson County referendum authorizing and directing the creation of seven (7) County Council districts in Anderson County, effective with and for the year 2000 General Election; approving the official countywide map of such seven (7) County Council Districts; authorizing the application to the United States Department of Justice for preclearance for the use of such seven (7) County Council Districts; and other matters relating thereto. Mr. Greer addressed the following: He said at the public hearing last week comments were made as to the way the districts were divided based on precincts which were won or lost by candidates or council members. He pointed out the following additional facts, which were omitted during the public hearing. In the last District #3 Council election there were 18 precincts, which reported voting results, he won 9 of the precincts and lost 9 that is a 50/50 split of, won and lost precincts. Of the lost precincts in that election, 5 of those precincts will be in the new district #7 and four will be in the new district #3. If you divide 9 in half; five is about as close as you can get without a fraction, he said. So he has a problem with the citizens concern over drawing district lines for political advantage. The voting results from that precinct was almost a 50/50 split, the margin of victory was very narrow. His opponent carried 49.1% and he carried 50.9% so the election was very close and disagrees with charges that the district lines were gerrymandered to gain a political advantage. He also gave the following school district lines for the public's information.

The old map:

- School District #1 contains parts of three Council Districts.
- School District #2 contains parts of two Council Districts.
- School District #3 contains parts of two Council Districts.
- School District #4 contains parts of two Council Districts.
- School District #5 contains parts of four Council Districts.

The new map:

- School District #1 contains parts of 4, 6, 7 Council Districts.
- School District #2 contains parts of 2, 3, 7 Council Districts.
- School District #3 contains parts of 3, 5 Council Districts.
- School District #4 contains all of District #4.
- School District #5 contains 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 Council Districts.

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Mr. Greer presented copies of letters in support of the new map. The Clerk was asked to get copies to all Council members.

Mr. Holden presented third reading of Ordinance #99-035 - an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds, series 2000, of Anderson County, South Carolina, in the principal amount of not exceeding \$2,000,000; fixing the form and details of the bonds; authorizing the chairman of County Council and the County Administrator to determine certain matters relating to the bonds; providing for the payment of the bonds and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto. (AIRPORT PROJECT) A public hearing was held; however, no comments were received and the public hearing was declared closed. On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve third and final reading of Ordinance #99-035 as presented.

Chairman Holden presented second reading of Ordinance #2000-002 - an ordinance to amend section 50-36 of the Anderson County Code regarding the definition of a mobile home and section 50-61(j) regarding prohibited conduct and mobile homes. A public hearing was held; no comments were received. On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve second reading of Ordinance #2000-002.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Greer, Council voted unanimously to approve second reading of Ordinance #2000-003 - a general bond ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of Anderson County, South Carolina, Special Source Revenue Bonds (Michelin [Highway 29] Project); prescribing the form of bonds; limiting the payment of the bonds solely from certain revenues derived from the payment of fees in lieu of tax from the Michelin Highway 29 properties located in the Anderson County joint County industrial and business park and pledging certain revenues to such payment; creating certain funds and providing for payments into such funds; and making other covenants and agreements in connection with the foregoing.

On the motion of Mr. Greer, seconded by Ms. Floyd, Council voted unanimously to approve second reading of Ordinance #2000-004 - an ordinance authorizing the issuance

and sale of a not exceeding \$5,750,000 Anderson County, South Carolina, special Source Revenue Bonds (Michelin [Highway 29] Project), series 2000; limiting the payment of the bonds solely from certain revenues derived from the payment of fees in lieu of taxes from the Michelin Highway 29 properties located in the Anderson County Joint County Industrial and business Park and pledging certain revenues to such payment; creating certain funds and providing for payments into such funds; authorizing the entering into of certain covenants and agreements and the execution and delivery of certain instruments relating to the issuance of the aforesaid bond, including (1) a purchase contract between Anderson County and the special source revenue bond purchaser; and (2) certain other matters relating thereto.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Greer, Council voted unanimously to approve first reading of Ordinance #2000-005 - an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a lease agreement by and among Anderson County, South Carolina, as lessor, and Hexcel CS Corporation as lessee; and other matters relating thereto including, without limitation, payment of a fee in lieu of taxes.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Greer, Council voted unanimously to approve first reading of Ordinance #2000-006 - an ordinance amending the Ordinance #99-003, the Anderson County Comprehensive Plan - 1999, as adopted April 20, 1999, by amending Land Use Figure 1, Projected Future Land Use, to include Hammond School Voting Precinct, Future Land Use.

On the motion of Mr. Greer, seconded by Ms. Floyd, Council voted unanimously to approve first reading of Ordinance #2000-007 - an ordinance to impose, and post notice of, a vehicle weight restriction on that portion of Opry House Road designated as County Road C-11-43, and on Generostee Church Road, more specifically designated as County Road C-11-41, both located in Southern Anderson County; and other matters related thereto.

On the motion of Ms. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Greer, Council voted unanimously to approve first reading of Ordinance #2000-008 - an ordinance to impose, and post notice of, a vehicle weight restriction on Cheddar Road, more specifically designated as County

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Road C-7-31, and to request the State of South Carolina to impose such restriction on Garren Road and Youth Center Road, more specifically designated as State roads S-4-211 and S-4-29, respectfully, all located in eastern Anderson County; and other matters related thereto.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Greer, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution #2000-002 - a resolution expressing intent to cease county maintenance and to authorize County consent to judicial abandonment and closure of certain Anderson County Roads; granting encroachment permits as to such Anderson County Roads; and other matters related thereto.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Greer, Council voted unanimously to approve the reappointment of Mr. Joe Davenport to the Council of Governments Boards.

On the motion of Ms. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Mr. Jerry Howard, Mr. Holden, Mr. Preston, Mr. LuJack Orr, and Mr. Wallace Shaw and appoint Mr. Al Tavera to the Anderson County Development Partnership Board.

Mr. Tolly moved that a grant of \$5,000 be given to the Anderson County Arts Council for the consulting and design of art and landscaping at the Sports and Entertainment Center. The funds will come from District #1 Recreation Funds. Mr. Greer seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tolly moved to appropriate \$5,670 from District #1 Recreation Funds for the paving of Whitehall Elementary School's basketball courts. Mr. Wright seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden moved to appropriate \$28,800 from District #5 paving account to help with the paving of the Centerville School sidewalk and 20-car parking lot. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wright moved to add Gin Road (C-01-73) to his District #4 paving list. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

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On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Greer, Council voted unanimously to approve change orders #2 & #3 for the Powdersville Government Offices. Ribbon cutting will be February 9, 2000.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

(a) Training:

1. Ms. Julia E. Nichols, Ms. Mandi McBride, Mr. Jerry E. Lane, Mr. Johnie E. Johnson, Ms. Tiffany Hammonds, Ms. Tamara M. Galloway, Ms. Beverly D. Oliver, Ms. Crystal Y. Nimmons, - Basic Telecommunicator Training International

(b) Letters of Appreciation:

1. For: Office of Economic Development - Mr. Jerry Howard, Ms. Holly Mathison, and Anderson County Partnership From: Honea Path Merchants Association
2. For: Ms. Paula Reel From: Golden Corner Rotary

(c) Minutes:

1. Anderson County Development Partnership Board Retreat Minutes
2. Public Works Safety Meeting - December 31, 1999

(d) Reports:

1. Litter Report for December 28-31, 1999
2. Litter Report for December 17-January 11, 2000

(e) Delegation meeting Notice

(f) Belton Recycling

(g) Pendleton to Start Recycling

(h) Intergovernmental Agreement between the Municipality of Honea Path and the County of Anderson

(i) County Weather Siren Installation

(j) MSAG Project and Road Re-naming

(k) Association appointments of County Assessor (elected to SC Association of Assessing Officials, and the County Assessors of South Carolina)

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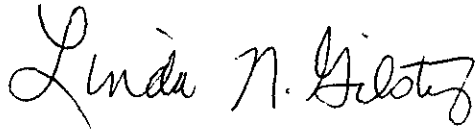
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- (l) Charter Communications
- (m) Sports & Entertainment Center List of Events (January)
- (n) Michelin Road Opening
- (o) Grand Opening - Anderson County Local Census Office

On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Larry Greer on the S.C. Appalachian Council of Governments Board. Mr. Greer will replace Mr. Clint Wright.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk
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