

ORIGINAL

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - February 7, 1989 - 4:30 p.m.
Linda M. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

A regular meeting of the Anderson County Council was held on February 7, 1989 at 4:30 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
Harold E. Banister - District #3
Elise C. Cahaly - District #4
David Watson - County Administrator
David Standeffer - County Attorney
Jack Crowe - Purchasing Manager
Linda M. Gilstrap - Clerk

Chairman Cox called the meeting to order and Council David L. Hooper gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag. (Mr. Holden was sick and unable to attend.)

On the motion of Mr. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the January 17 and January 26, 1989 meetings as mailed.

Mr. Stephen Crawford, Director of the Recreation Commission, asked Council to approve the following appropriations: \$6,000 for construction of tennis courts at the Pendleton Community Club, \$2,800 toward light fixtures and resurfacing of two tennis courts in Honea Path, \$2,100 for repaving the Hanna track. These were previously approved by the Recreation Commission and the money is available in the budget. Mr. Banister moved to approve and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 4-0-1. (Four in favor, none opposed and one absent)

Mr. Rusty Burns asked Council to approve Resolution #489 naming roads for E-911. Ms. Cahaly moved to approve the list as presented and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Thomas Bates, representing the Airport Commission, asked Council to approve/ratify the renewal of the lease agreement for White's Aviation. Mr. Cox moved to approve and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Robert Gamble, Public Defender, appeared before Council asking that additional funds be appropriated to provide help in his office. He

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explained the increased workload and asked for a full time assistant public defender for \$26,000-\$26,000. There would be approximately \$3,000 available in his budget (Conflict of Interest account) that could be applied toward the salary. The estimated amount needed between now and July 1 would be around \$10,000 (minus \$3,000=\$7,000 needed). Chairman Cox explained that a request of this nature should come up at budget time. Mr. Watson will check on forfeiture money that could be applied toward the position. Mr. Cox moved to authorize the Public Defender to transfer the \$3,000 from the Conflict of Interest account, hire an attorney with the \$3,000 with no promises, to assist with the workload. Council will decide if it will become a permanent position later. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

Chairman Cox appointed Mr. Hooper to serve on the ANATS Committee with Mr. Holden. Ms. Cahaly was appointed to the Civic Center Authority. Mr. Hooper will also serve on the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee).

Mr. Cox talked about combining the Recreation Commission and the Special Populations Recreation Department. Mr. Stephen Crawford presented an organizational chart changing the Recreation Commission to a Department with the Commission being advisory and placing the Special Populations under the Recreation Department. The secretary is currently doing work for the department already. Mr. Cox moved to take the organizational chart as information and the Special Populations Recreation Department be changed and come under the direction of Stephen Crawford as director with an advisory committee. Mr. Hooper seconded. Council discussed. Mr. Cox withdrew his motion to allow the new Council members and Mr. Holden time to study the motion. Mr. Cox then moved to receive as information and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tony Cirelli asked Council to appoint Mr. J.R. McClure, Mr. Tom Garrison and Mr. Wayne Kram to the Anderson County Sediment Control and Stormwater Management Appeals Board. All have agreed to serve. Ms. Cahaly moved to appoint the men recommended and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. Roy Ferry talked to Council about the funding of EMS. He said he disagreed with Mr. Shore being paid the \$12,500. He also expressed opposition to Council's Special Projects Fund. Council received as information.

Council heard remarks from David Hamby of alleged cruel treatment at the Anderson County Detention Center by Harold Brown. Mr. Hamby became hostile and Mr. Cox had him removed from the Chambers.

Mr. David Standeffer presented Resolution (#490) authorizing the execution and delivery of an assistance agreement and Resolution (#492) to the State Budget and Control Board by and between Anderson County and Tag & Label Corporation to issue up to \$2,000,000 industrial

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development revenue bonds or notes. Mr. Hooper moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. Banister seconded and vote was 4-0.

Mr. Standeffer presented Ordinance #275 authorizing the execution and delivery of \$2,000,000 principal amount industrial development revenue bonds for Tag and Label Corporation. Mr. Hooper moved to approve on first reading and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. Standeffer opened a public hearing concerning the issuance of \$3,500,000 industrial development bonds for Kravet Fabrics, Inc. There were no comments therefore the public hearing was declared closed.

Mr. Standeffer presented Resolution #491 and petition making application to the State Budget and Control Board of South Carolina for approval of the issuance by Anderson County of its industrial development revenue bonds for Kravet Fabrics, Inc. not to exceed \$3,500,000. Mr. Cox moved to approve the Resolution as presented and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Standeffer presented Resolution #493 approving the sale of \$100,000 General Obligation Bonds of Anderson County and ratifying certain actions taken by the County Administrator and fixing the rate of interest. This is for the purchase of the Poudersville Ball Park. Mr. Cox moved to approve the sale and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. Standeffer presented the Civic Center Contract by and between Anderson County and Trianglo Construction Company. The architect involved in the project is Overt & Associates. Mr. John Ginn and Mr. Jerry Meehan were present representing the Civic Center Authority. Mr. Standeffer said the commencement date needed to be changed from January 30 and will run for 400 days and calls for a \$1,500 per day penalty. The total contract price is \$9,148,000. Mr. Cox moved to receive as information so members of Council could review. Mr. Banister seconded. Mr. Banister withdrew his second. Mr. Hooper moved to approve the contract and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Mr. Cox explained that the contract doesn't provide for any contingency for operations and voting on the contract would violate an ordinance previously passed by Council which says the Civic Center will not dip into the County budget for operations. Mr. Standeffer explained that he had asked for an opinion from Bond Counsel concerning using the proceeds from the interest of the bonds once it is constructed for operations. Mr. Cox said that if Council votes on the contract, they would be committing the County to fund the operations of the Civic Center for five years at the tune of \$100,000. Vote to approve the contract was three in favor (Cahaly, Hooper, Banister) and one opposed (Cox).

Mr. Watson explained that he met with employees of the Sheriff's Department about salary increases and determined that they would be generally in line with salary ranges for each position and seemed to be fair and reasonable. The total does not exceed the 100-001 (salary) total for the Department. He also explained that the Sheriff's

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Department would like to transfer \$50,000 from the salary account to other accounts within the budget which is a result of vacant positions not being filled in the first half of the fiscal year. Mr. Watson recommended the following transfers: from Account #501-100-001 (Salaries) to #501-100-002 (overtime) -- \$17,000, from Account #501-100-001 (Salaries) to #501-110-021 (printing) -- \$2,000, account #501-100-001 (salaries) to #501-125-036 (fuel & oil) -- \$5,000, account #501-100-001 (Salaries) to #501-125-051 (repairs to vehicles) -- \$26,000. Mr. Cox moved to allow the transfers and Ms. Cahaly and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson presented a request from Powdersville EMS asking that six pagers and 2 walkie talkies be transfers from the old Squad 1 inventory to the new Powdersville squad. There were no objections.

Mr. Watson said that Mr. McClure and Mr. Cirelli had determined that rolled curbing should be replaced with form curbing and asked that the Road Ordinance be amended with the change. There were no objections.

Mr. Watson asked that the title of a 1984 ambulance be transferred to the Pelzer Rescue Squad so that it could be repaired. Mr. Cox moved to transfer the title and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson informed Council that budget packets were distributed.

Mr. Hunter presented the following budget transfers: Solid Waste: Account #708-135-052 (asphalt) to #708-140-057 (gravel) \$6,300.00. Mr. Cox moved to approve the transfer and Mr. Banister and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. Hunter asked for approval to transfer approximately \$3,000 from the Airport's checking account to the general fund. Mr. Hooper moved to approve and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Gross discussed a bid for work to correct a drainage problem at the County Airport. Bids were let by the Airport Commission and the amount is \$19,822.66. Mr. Watson asked that action be delayed until the next meeting. Council received as information.

Mr. Crowe presented the purchase of approximately 900 tons of gravel for Solid waste at \$6,300.00. Mr. Hooper moved to approve and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. Crowe asked for approval of a contract with Motorola in the amount of \$19,278 for the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Hooper moved to approve and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was 4-0. The money is available in the 1988-1989 budget.

Mr. Crowe presented a request to purchase 5-1989 Chev. Caprice Pursuit Patrol vehicles. The amount is \$12,146.94 each for a total of \$61,234.70 from Newsome Central Chevrolet in Columbia (State Contract).

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Mr. Hooper moved to allow the purchase and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crowe asked for tentative approval of \$4,465 for the purchase of surveillance equipment for the Sheriff's Department. The purchase is a state grant (75%-25%) and the County's share (25%) is \$1,116.25. The County is waiting for the State's share of the grant. Mr. Hooper moved to approve and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was unanimous. Monies are available in the budget.

Mr. Crowe explained that it was necessary to salvage the existing Road Maintenance Shop building and move it to the present Road Maintenance location to make preparations for the Civic Center site. Bids and proposals were solicited and the total cost is \$8,045 to pour a slab and pay a house mover. No funding would be necessary. Mr. Hooper moved to approve and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crowe asked for permission to spend \$16,642 for concrete and block work to move the portable landfill behind Carswell Baptist Church to a new location. Mr. Hunter said that \$13,000 was appropriated in the contingency fund for the project and approximately \$3,000 would need to be transferred. Mr. Hooper moved to approve and Mr. Banister seconded. Mr. Hooper withdrew his motion and offered another motion to include the transfer of the correct amount of monies (\$4,317) to complete the project and Mr. Cox seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crowe asked for Council's approval to spend up to \$15,500 for the installation of 2-10,000 gallon gas and diesel tanks at the new Road Maintenance shop area. Mr. Hooper moved to approve and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crowe asked Council to ratify action from a telephone poll to Council for the expenditure of an additional \$10,000 for excavation at the Courthouse site. Mr. Cox moved to ratify prior consent to spend the extra \$10,000. Mr. Banister seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson discussed a management study which involves several areas of management. Mr. Crowe said that several months ago, at Mr. Watson's request, proposals were sent out looking for qualifications on management consulting firms. Several responses were received. After examination by the Administrator, Archer Consulting Inc. was selected. Dr. Archer would like to address Council on the proposed study. Mr. Cox called for a recess before hearing from Dr. Archer (time: 6:05).

Mr. Cox called the meeting back to order at 6:30. Mr. Crowe introduced Dr. and Mrs. Archer. An overview of the proposal was presented to Council by Dr. Archer. The cost of the study which would include: 1. Wage and Salary compensation system, 2. Manpower analysis of County's personnel policies, 3. Review and analysis of County's fringe benefits, and 5. Review and analysis of County's affirmative action plan, will be \$41,115. Mr. Cox moved to approve and Ms. Cahaly

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seconded. The study will be completed in 90-120 days. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Watson explained that there was a position in his budget that was never filled and that money (\$30,000) would be transferred along with money (\$11,115) from Emergency Preparedness to pay for the study. He also said that the study was badly needed and asked Council for action. Mr. Cox moved to approve the study and allow the transfers as recommended by the Administrator to cover the cost. Ms. Cahaly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson presented a revised purchasing ordinance for Council's review.

Mr. Cox proposed having Council meetings out in each Council District. Council discussed. Mr. Cox moved to set aside one meeting a month for a road meeting over the next five months. Ms. Cahaly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Rusty Burns asked for consent for a citizens forum for input concerning a Transportation Plan for Anderson. Mr. Hooper moved to give consent and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Burns asked that Council consider charging the building contractor a \$1.00 courtesy building permit fee for the construction of the Civic Center. The savings would be \$2,499. Mr. Hooper moved to allow the \$1.00 building permit fee and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was three in favor (Hooper, Cahaly, Banister) and one opposed (Cox).

Mr. Cox announced that the County received a \$42,000 grant on an Alcohol Awareness Project.

Mr. Cox read a letter from Mayor Darwin Wright recommending the appointment of Robert B. Baker to the Planning & Development Board. Mr. Hooper moved to appoint Mr. Baker and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous. Ms. Cahaly stated for the record that she had resigned from the Planning & Development Board in December.

Mr. Hooper moved to reappoint Mr. Tommy Tucker to the Sewer Authority. No vote was needed.

Mr. Watson informed Council of a request from the South Carolina Highway Department to sign a right-of-way easement at the Airport property. There were no objections from Council.

Mr. Hooper reported that Mr. Frank Clark, Courthouse Architect, would present a slide presentation in each district on the proposed Courthouse.

Mr. Banister asked that Council approve \$50,000 in the 1989-1990 budget for Starr-Iva Water Company to help with relocating the water line on B1 South because of the widening of the road. Mr. Banister

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moved that the money be set aside in the budget and Mr. Cox seconded.
Vote was unanimous.

Ms. Cahaly discussed a drainage problem off Evergreen Street. She asked that a pipe be installed to help with the problem. Mr. McClure said the money (approximately \$2,000) would come from the routine maintenance account-Road Maintenance. Ms. Cahaly moved that the work be done and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Council heard from Carl Johnson. No other citizens spoke.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda N. Gilstrap
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