

**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2010
9:00 A.M.**

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the news media was notified and notice was posted on the bulletin board 24 hours prior to the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman
Janie Cooper
Clyde B. Livingston
Heyward H. Livingston
Willie B. Owens
Johnny Ravenell
Harry F. Wimberly**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Heyward H. Livingston

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Bill Clark, County Administrator
Jacqueline P. Turner, Clerk to Council**

OTHERS ABSENT

D'Anne Haydel, County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

1. RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE INCURRENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A PORTION OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, ENLARGING, IMPROVING, AND/OR EXTENDING WATER SERVICES (VANCE AREA)

Bill Clark explained the USDA will be awarding a total of \$1,532,500 to the Vance water project for the construction of water lines to connect from the town of Santee being supplied by the lake Marion Regional Water Agency, down Highway 6 to the town of Vance, and also serve some of the surrounding area around the town of Vance. This opens up the entire lake front area along Highway 6 from Santee and Vance for water services in the future.

The grant portion amounts to \$820,000, and a low interest loan in the amount of \$632,400 over 40 years, with an interest rate of 2.375%.

Motion by Councilman Clyde Livingston, seconded by Councilwoman Cooper to adopt resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

2. AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT LOAN/GRANT FROM THE USDA RURAL UTILITIES UNDER THE BROADBAND INITIATIVES PROGRAM

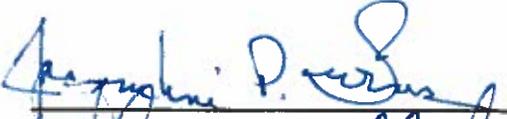
Bill Clark explained this grant was made by the USDA Rural Utilities Program, and official notification of the grant award was received Monday, September 13, 2010 and requires acceptance approval within 7 calendar days of notice.

The grant will be used to install and construct a network of fiber optic communication lines throughout the project area; they will be high speed lines representing state of the art technology that will deliver a variety of services through the initial project area. The grant is to be able to make the internet voice video services available to rural areas of the country where there is presently little or no service available. The total award amount is \$18,650,000; only two counties in South Carolina, Orangeburg and Oconee were awarded grants. \$13,987,499, 75% of the total is coming in the form of grants. The balance of \$4,662,501, is provided as a 25 year low interest loan. The project area is 278 square mile surface area includes rural area surrounding municipalities of Branchville, Bowman and Rowesville.

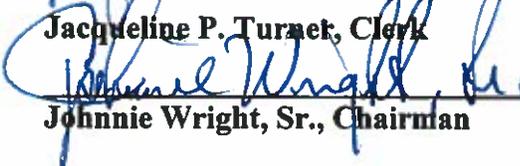
Motion by Councilwoman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Owens to authorize acceptance of loan/grant from the USDA Rural Utilities Services under the Broadband Initiatives Program. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Councilman Wimberly, seconded by Councilman Owens to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.



Jacqueline P. Turnet, Clerk



Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman