

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
August 5, 2002

The Abbeville County Council met in special session at the Council Meeting Room in the Courthouse at 7:00 P. M. on August 5, 2002. Present at the meeting were Chairman Larry Walker; Vice-Chairman Ray Gunnells; and Councilmen Scott Brown, John Calhoun, Tojo Forrester, Billy Norris and Claude Thomas. Also present was Interim Director, Gene Klugh.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Walker

Chairman Walker stated that on July 27, Council had interviewed four candidates for the position of County Director. For three of the candidates, this was a second interview and for one of the candidates, it was the initial interview. Chairman Walker stated that these candidates were Grant Duffield, Gregory Bethea, Gerald Milford, and Douglas Burns.

A motion was made by Councilman Gunnells and seconded by Councilman Brown to offer employment as the County Director to Douglas Burns at an annual salary of \$68,000, with the full terms of employment to be set forth in a letter to Mr. Burns which is to be executed by the Chairman of the County Council with the acceptance of the terms to be acknowledged by Mr. Burns.

Councilmen Brown, Calhoun, Gunnells, Norris and Walker voted for the motion. Councilman Forrester voted against the motion. Councilman Thomas abstained stating that Douglas Burns is his supervisor at his place of employment and that he was abstaining in the vote as he had abstained from the consideration of Mr. Burns to avoid any conflict of interest. The motion was approved by a vote of 5 for, 1 against, and 1 abstention.

Chairman Walker presented A RESOLUTION COMMITTING FUNDS TO THE DONALDS-DUE WEST WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY TO BE USED AS MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUND GRANT OF \$1,830,000. A motion was made by Councilman Gunnells and seconded by Councilman Brown to adopt the Resoultion. The Resolution was adopted by a vote of 7 to 0.

Chairman Walker presented a request from Judy Scott, the County Treasurer, to transfer to the General Fund \$260,541.43, as Local Option Sales Tax Credits. A motion was made by Councilman Forrester and seconded by Councilman Thomas to authorize the transfer. The motion was approved by a vote of 7 to 0.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Calhoun to adjourn. The motion was adopted by a vote of 7 to 0.