

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Called Meeting - August 28, 1984 4:00 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

A CALLED MEETING OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON AUGUST 28, 1984 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROOM 109, WITH MR. ROBERT L. WILES PRESIDING.

PRESENT:

Fred G. Alexander, District #1
Prue L. Gilreath, District #2
Robert L. Wiles, District #3 - Chairman
Daniel A. Rhodes, District #4 (Late)
A.M. "Al" Lynch, District #5
Billy D. O'Neal, Administrator
Joseph G. Wright, III, Attorney

Mr. Wiles called the meeting to order and then gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Mr. O'Neal informed the Council that Greenville County Council had voted to keep the Old Dunham Bridge on Old Highway 81, between Greenville and Anderson County, closed. This bridge was abandoned by the State Highway Department because they built a new bridge. Mr. O'Neal recommended that the bridge be closed by both Counties and that DHPT be contacted to accept the bridge back into the state system for maintenance and up-keep. He read a letter from Greenville County Administrator requesting Anderson County Council to execute a letter of agreement assuming all responsibility for maintenance of the bridge and any personal injuries or property damage. Mr. Alexander said that the Greenville & Anderson Delegations were working with the State Highway Department trying to get either the bridge back into the System or a safe ramp for the citizens to get on 81 highway and moved that the Council sign the letter of agreement so the bridge can remain open until something can be worked out. Mr. Gilreath seconded. Vote was three in favor (Wiles, Gilreath, and Alexander) with one opposed (Lynch).

Mr. Bill Higgins, Director of the Computer Commission, came before Council asking for \$62,133 which would be Anderson County's share of a \$150,000 deficit the Computer Commission had in fiscal year 83-84. He stated that if the users decided not to pick up their share of the deficit, the Commission would fold, under the contract signed each user would have to pick up their share of the deficit plus any other liability associated with the close-out. Mr. Higgins could not assure the Council that the county tax notices would be mailed by September 30 as mandated in a Council resolution. Mr. Lynch moved that the County pay the deficit and serve notice that the Council intends to take steps to purchase own computer. Mr. Alexander seconded. Mr. Lynch then said that the sudden pull-out might determine the commitment of other users and asked the news media not to print the motion. The reporters would not agree; therefore, Mr. Lynch restated his motion that the County pay their part of the deficit (\$62,133). Mr. Gilreath seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. Wright presented second reading of Ordinance #143 (Bingo). Mr. Gilreath moved that this be adopted. Mr. Alexander seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. Wiles recognized Mr. Bill Chapman and Mr. Bill Jolan with the Anderson VFW. Mr. Chapman presented the County with a flag which was flown over the United States Capitol at the request of the Honorable Butler Derrick.

Mr. Gilreath moved that the agenda be amended to hear a presentation by the Airport Commission. Mr. Alexander seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Rhodes arrived at this time. (late)

Chairman Gary Holcombe asked Council to cancel the lease of a site for outdoor advertising which would be located in a runway flight path and would pose a hazard to aircraft. Mr. Gilreath moved that council rescind the sign lease on the airport site to Mr. Bocook and Council will not interfere with the operations of the Airport Commission and Council will not lease any Airport property either for advertising or farming. Mr. Alexander seconded. Vote was three in favor (Wiles, Gilreath, Alexander) and one opposed (Rhodes) with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

Council heard from concerned citizens.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act the following news media were contacted concerning this meeting. Agendas were mailed on Friday, August 24, 1984, also.

The Journal - Bill Meade - 11:10 a.m. - 8-28-84
WANS RADIO - Tammy Smith - 11:15 a.m. - 8-28-84
WAIM RADIO - Gail Cockran - 11:16 a.m. - 8-28-84
Easley Progress - Sandy Dees - 11:16 a.m. - 8-28-84
Paul Brown - Channel 7 - 11:25 a.m. - 8-28-84
Randy Travis - WYFF-TV - 11:26 a.m. - 8-28-84
Belton News - Sarah Sharpe - 11:20 a.m. - 8-28-84
Anderson Independent Mail - Lynn Roach - 11:30 a.m. - 8-28-84
Greenville News - Bob Pasley - 11:35 a.m. - 8-28-84

On the motion of Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Gilreath, Council voted 5-0 to adjourn at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda

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