

**AMENDED
MINUTES**
ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – July 15, 2003 – 6:00 p.m.
Chairman William C. Dees, Presiding

Chairman Bill Dees called the meeting to order and Ms. M. Cindy Wilson gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. Chairman Dees read the Quote.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Ms. Wilson, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2003 meeting with corrections of several typographical errors.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

a. Agenda Matters:

Mr. Joseph Renna of 1115 Dunlap Road stated his opposition to Orian Rugs getting a tax break as not described in Agenda Item #6. The current rate for industrial zone is 10.5% and they are looking for a 6% tax rate, which is almost a 50% tax break, he said.

b. Other Matters:

Mr. Brooks Brown stated that he was surprised that the County didn't have a 3-year road improvement program. He said that with the new budget he hoped that Council would get rid of the "boss-treed" idea of the "slush fund". He said he had been made to understand that money in politicians' hands was like cocaine to an addict. It feels good, gives you a sense of power, but it is addictive. Sometimes "just say no" doesn't help so he offered the following solution. He said go slow at first and take baby steps. Mr. Ed Jean said that at the end of the last meeting he still came up with the question "why"? He asked his Councilperson for a cease-fire. He asked that the matriarch or patriarch of the Wilson family; take Ms. Wilson under their wings and perhaps an understanding would be reached and things would be handled differently in the future. Mr. Greg Sears said that he would like to see a County-run QRV system. He said that an EMS commissioner went before the Chief's Advisory Board to get their endorsement to take before the EMS Commission a plan for a county run QRV system. It passed to endorse a County QRV program with a 4-2 vote (2 abstentions). It then went to the EMS Commission and was recommended and passed. This took place back in March, he said. He said that he and his colleagues would like to see a County-wide QRV system run by the County. Ms. Peggy Taylor of Abbeville Hwy. Anderson said that according to the paper Elliott Davis was the county's new auditors and won the bid based on a point system. She asked what the point system was and who set it up. The bid was \$32,000 plus consulting fees. She asked how much was in the budget for consulting. Are the fees unlimited? How much will the county be paying in consulting fees? A firm could bid \$10,000 and get the bid so she asked what good was the bidding process if the County did not put a cap on consulting fees. Since December 2001 the County has paid between \$90,000 and \$100,000 to Elliott Davis. She said it didn't seem right to use Elliott Davis as the Auditing firm and it seemed to be a conflict of interest. Mr. Dan Harvell said that he was pleased to see Mr. Joe Renna here because he had been before Council earlier requesting a rezoning reclassification so that he could expand his private business, which is adjacent to Orian Rugs and just off Highway 81. He said if Council was going to consider the fee-in-lieu for Orian Rugs. Council should also consider the small businesses. He said that Mr. Jean referred to repetition and said there is a lot of repetition at the Council meetings – one of the repetitive things that everyone sees is Mr. Jean doing the best he can to make the Council member from District #7 look bad. In his opinion, Mr. Jean is politicking for the next election.

Chairman Dees welcomed Boy Scout Troop 280 from New Hope Methodist Church (Chase McIlwaia) and Boy Scout Troop #12 from the Assembly of God; Doris Wheeler (leader), members are: Wade King, Tyler Warhda, BJ Sanders, Wesley Wheeler, Chris McAbee, and Brett Thomas.

Chairman Dees reported that Agenda Items #2 and 9 (b) had been removed from the agenda.

1. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. #R2003-054 – resolution recognizing and honoring Anderson County Native William E. Williford upon his retirement from the South Carolina Highway Patrol; and other matters related thereto. – Chairman Bill Dees (requested 5 minutes/allotted 5 minutes)

Action: On the motion of Chairman Dees, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution #R2003-054. Chairman Dees invited Mr. Williford and his family to join him at the podium and a framed copy of the resolution was presented.

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- b. #R2003-055 – a resolution recognizing and honoring Anderson County Native Erika A. Williford “Miss Anderson U.S.A.”; and other matters related thereto. – Ms. Gracie S. Floyd (requested 5 minutes/allotted 5 minutes)

Action: Ms. Floyd moved to approve and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous. Ms. Floyd presented a framed copy of the resolution to Miss. Williford. Members of Council congratulated Miss Williford.

- c. #R2003-056 – a resolution recognizing and honoring Anderson County Resident Claudia Burriss Williford on her upcoming 100th Birthday; and other matters related thereto. – Ms. Gracie S. Floyd (requested 5 minutes/allotted 5 minutes)

Action: Ms. Gracie Floyd moved to approve and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous. Ms. Floyd presented a framed copy of the Resolution to Ms. Claudia Burriss Williford and read aloud the Resolution.

2. AWARD PRESENTATION TO ANDERSON COUNTY FROM THE US EPA – Mr. Joey Preston (requested 5 minutes/allotted 5)

Action: This agenda item was removed from the agenda.

Council recessed for 10 minutes at this time. Chairman Dees called the meeting back to order at 6:45 p.m.

3. AWARD PRESENTATION TO ANDERSON COUNTY FROM THE S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL AND CAROLINA RECYCLING ASSOCIATION – Mr. Joey Preston (requested 5 minutes/allotted 5)

Action: Mr. Tommy Roberts with DHEC presented 4 Recycling Awards to the Anderson County Sewer Department and the Recycling Department for their recycling programs. One was for the awards was for the outstanding local government for waste reduction and recycling and another award was for the Anderson County Recycling Team, which was named the “Jack Hurst Recycling Coordinator of the Year”. Projects that the County worked on were announced. He said that the State appreciated the efforts of Anderson County and staff on their recycling programs. Mr. Vic Carpenter announced that Anderson County was the first county to be recognized as having a “team” of people working together on recycling.

4. AWARD PRESENTATION TO ANDERSON COUNTY FROM (U.S. ARMY) EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF GUARD/RESERVE - Mr. Joey Preston (requested 5 minutes/allotted 5)

Action: Mr. James McAdams, an employee of Anderson County, presented two awards to Anderson County for the County’s understanding and support during the time employees of the County; reservist and national guardsmen have been called to active duty. Council thanked Mr. McAdams for his participation.

5. ANNOUNCEMENT – Mr. Joey Preston/Mr. Tommy Thompson (requested 5 minutes/allotted 5)

Action: Mr. Thompson announced that on the first of August the S.C. Highway Patrol would be moving and relocating their regional dispatch for Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens Counties to the newly renovated and updated Central Communications Center. He said this move would yield a substantial savings to the taxpayers of Anderson County and will cost Anderson County nothing. Council received as information.

6. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCEMENT – Mr. John Lummus (requested 3 minutes/allotted 3)

Action: Mr. John Lummus, Director of the Anderson County Economic Development, announced that Orian Rugs would be expanding their business on S. C. Hwy. 81. He said that Orian Rugs paid over \$600,000 in taxes last year and they have operated for the first 19 years in Anderson County without any type incentive or tax break. He said that Council would be asked to consider the following Inducement Resolution - #R2003-059 – a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of an inducement agreement by and between Anderson County, South Carolina, and Orian rugs, Inc. whereby, under certain conditions, Orian rugs, Inc. will acquire, by construction and purchase, certain manufacturing facilities in Anderson County and Anderson County will execute fee-in-lieu of tax or lease agreement(s) and provide certain economic development inducements to Orian Rugs, Inc. and execute certain documents and enact certain further legislation for Orian Rugs, Inc.’s project involving not less than eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) in investment. Mr. Lummus said that the company plans to invest over \$8,000,000 over the next 7 years and add an additional 20 jobs during the 7-year time frame. The inducement agreement includes a request for a fee-in-lieu agreement to reduce the tax rate from 10.5% to 6% for a 20-year period at a fixed millage and a special source revenue bond or credit in the amount of 20% over a 10-year period. Mr. Tolly moved to amend the agenda to add the resolution for Council’s consideration and Mr. Greer seconded. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Tolly moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

7. ORDINANCES – THIRD READING:

- a. #2003-023 – an ordinance amending Section 70-5:21.10, of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances pertaining to setback lines and buffers for buildings within I-2 Zoning Districts in Anderson County; and other matters relating thereto. Mr. Joey Preston/ Mr. Jeff Ricketson (requested 5 minutes/allotted 5)

Action: Mr. Wright moved to approve the ordinance on third and final reading and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

- b. #2003-025 – an ordinance amending, in limited particulars only, the Master Road list of all County Roads located in and maintained by the County of Anderson, South Carolina, created by Ordinance #2003-007; and other matters related thereto. Mr. Joey Preston/Mr. Holt Hopkins (requested 5 minutes/allotted 5)

Action: Mr. Wright moved to approve the ordinance on third and final reading and Mr. Greer seconded. Ms. Wilson called the Attorney's attention to a typographical error in the 4th "Whereas" clause. Vote was unanimous.

- c. #2003-022 – an ordinance to amend Ordinance #98-019, as previously amended by Ordinances #99-029, #2000-063, #2001-014, #2001-046, #2002-017, and #2002-036 relating to the Industrial/Business Park of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park. Mr. Joey Preston/Mr. Tom Martin (requested 5 minutes/allotted 5)

Action: Mr. Tolly moved to approve the ordinance on third and final reading and Mr. Wright seconded. Vote was unanimous.

- d. #2003-028 – an ordinance authorizing the leasing of a corporate hangar, office space within said corporate hangar and certain adjoining land at the Anderson Regional Airport to the Anderson County Sheriff's Office; and other matters related thereto. Mr. Joey Preston (requested 5 minutes/allotted 5)

Action: Chairman Dees read the title of ordinance for third and final reading consideration. Mr. Wright moved to approve and Ms. Wilson seconded. Vote was unanimous.

8. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING: - #2003-029 – an ordinance authorizing the transfer of certain Anderson County Real Property known as Michelin Boulevard, and more specifically identified as Anderson County Road C-09-0383, to the South Carolina Department of Transportation; authorizing the transfer of other property related to the Michelin Boulevard Project; authorizing the execution and delivery of a real property deed related to the same; and other matters related thereto. **PUBLIC HEARING (no time limit on public hearing)** - Mr. Joey Preston/Mr. Holt Hopkins (requested 5 minutes/allotted 5)

Action: Chairman Dees presented the ordinance for second reading consideration. A public hearing was held; no comments were received. Ms. Wilson moved to approve on third and final reading and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

9. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. #R2003-057 – a resolution expressing intent to cease County maintenance and to authorize County consent to judicial abandonment and closure of a certain Anderson County Road upon the occurrence of certain defined events and the meeting of certain defined conditions; granting encroachment permits as to such portions of said Anderson County Road and other matters related thereto. Mr. Joey Preston/Mr. Holt Hopkins (requested 5 minutes/allotted 5)

Action: Chairman Dees read title of the resolution. Mr. Wright moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

- b. #R2003-058 – Mr. Larry Greer (requested 20 minutes/allotted 20)

Action: The resolution was withdrawn from the agenda.

10. DISCUSSION CONCERNING PAULAN ROAD, LITTLE CREEK DRIVE AND ANY OTHER COUNTY ROAD COMING UNDER THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES AS OUTLINED IN THE PAULAN ROAD TRAFFIC STUDY AND MEMORANDUM Ms. M. Cindy Wilson (requested 10 minutes/allotted 10) Ms. Wilson asked to put flashing meter reader sign on Paulan Road.

Discussion: Ms. Wilson asked Mr. Hopkins to discuss sections of the study. She reminded everyone that council voted to reduce the speed on Paulan Road from 35 to 25 mph due to excessive speed of through traffic on the road. She said that after passage of the resolution, the County attorney pointed out that the resolution could be illegal and now there is this report, which says that it is illegal. Mr. Hopkins said that after investigating the problem they found that state statute limited their ability to lower speed limits below 35 mph in a rural type setting. Ms. Wilson asked Mr. Hopkins what could be done. He said that physically nothing short of closing one end of it. Mr. Hopkins recommended that the County solicit help from the law enforcement office, and a mobile speed radar trailer be set up at the site to raise awareness and encourage lawful driving habits. Ms. Wilson asked what it would take to get the radar machine out there immediately and asked for assistance from the Sheriff's office. He said the County would have to purchase the machine and it would take 6-8 weeks. The chairman asked Capt. Skipper if the Sheriff's office had a machine and he replied yes and he would check on the county using the machine tomorrow. She asked what the status of Highview Road was and she was told that they would check and let her know.

Action: Received as information.

11. DISCUSSION OF COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE MAPPING AND PLANNING MEETINGS (TO INCLUDE POSSIBLE DATES, LOCATIONS, MEANS OF CITIZEN NOTIFICATIONS, ETC.) Ms.

M. Cindy Wilson (requested 10 minutes/allotted 10) Ms. Wilson made several suggestions. Council received as information.

Action: Ms. Wilson requested that the Council enlist the media to help with the education of the public of the importance of the County's community-based planning program five-year update to the Comprehensive Plan. She requested that the County go by the Municipal Association Guide to Planning, which was based on the 1976 Enabling Act. This is a state set of laws which is to do a full compliment of community input meetings where all citizens are notified and made aware of the importance and the necessity of their participation and then set up dates and meeting places which are convenient for the majority of participation. She said there were three dates that were not real good dates for District 7 because summer time dates makes it difficult for participation and two days before Thanksgiving would also ensure low participation. So she requested that she get with Mr. Ricketson and set some dates to receive community input from District #7.

Ms. Floyd asked if Council passed on the report submitted by the Firearm Discharge Advisory Committee for a possible ordinance at the last meeting. She asked Mr. Martin what Council needed to do to get this addressed. Mr. Martin said he needed to know if Council desired this to be a "stand alone" ordinance or part of the land use ordinance. Ms. Floyd requested that Mr. Tolly and Mr. Wright and she get together to come up with a recommendation to Council as to what they would like to know. Ms. Floyd said that she was disappointed when she read the news article on July 2 concerning the work the committee did on the gun range committee. The article stated that two-committee members; Mr. Brooks Brown and Mr. R.T. Moore said that they were disappointed that committee chairwoman decided to "shut down" the body after only two meetings without discussions on special land use regulations for shooting ranges. Mr. Tolly was at the meeting and he stated that the committee voted 15 to 1 to consider the meeting they were in to be the last meeting of the committee. Ms. Floyd asked that the record show that she was disturbed regarding the statements in the paper by Mr. Moore and Mr. Brown. She said 15 members voted to "shut" down the meeting – not Gracie Floyd.

12. REQUESTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- a. Student Work Program – Mr. Fred Tolly (requested 2 minutes/allotted 2)

Action: Mr. Tolly moved to appropriate \$1,000 from District #1's Recreation Account for the summer student work program. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

- b. Whitehall Elementary – Walking track – Mr. Fred Tolly (requested 2 minutes/allotted 2)

Action: Mr. Tolly moved to appropriate \$3,000 from District #1's Recreation Account for the Whitehall Elementary School. Mr. Wright seconded and vote was unanimous.

- c. Requests – Mr. Mike Holden (requested 2 minutes/allotted 2)

Action: Mr. Holden moved to appropriate \$1,000 for the Little League Anderson All-stars for playoffs. Funds to come from District #5's Recreation account. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

- d. Requests – Ms. Gracie S. Floyd (requested 2 minutes/allotted 2)

Action: Ms. Floyd moved to appropriate \$1,000 from District #2's Recreation Account for the Shalom House Ministries who work with young women. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Action: Ms. Floyd moved to appropriate \$1,000 from District #2's Recreation Account for Crisis Ministries in order to help keep the crisis line open. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

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Action: Ms. Floyd moved to appropriate \$8,500 from District #2's Recreation account for the JEBCO (Johnson Estates Broadview Community Center) to help with water damage caused by a damaged roof. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

e. Requests – Mr. Larry Greer (requested 2 minutes/allotted 2)

Action: Mr. Greer moved to appropriate \$15,750 from District #3's Paving for grading and crush run at the J.C. Park in Belton to help with the parking problem. Ms. Wilson seconded and vote was unanimous.

f. Requests – Mr. Clint Wright (requested 2 minutes/allotted 2)

Action: Withdrawn from the agenda.

g. Request – Ms. M. Cindy Wilson (requested 2 minutes/allotted 2)

Action: Withdrawn from the agenda.

h. Requests – Chairman Bill Dees (requested 2 minutes/allotted 2)

Action: Withdrawn from the agenda.

13. ACCEPTANCE OF NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL PARK, POINSETTIA FOREST, TOWNVILLE COMMONS, BIRCH RIVER, PINE LAKE ESTATES, SILVER MILL FARMS SUBDIVISIONS/ROADS INTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM - Mr. Joey Preston/Mr. Jeff Ricketson (requested 5 minutes/allotted 5)

Action: Mr. Wright moved to accept the above roads into the County road system and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

14. INTERACT SOFTWARE PRESENTATION – Administrative Staff of the Anderson County Sheriff's Department and BellSouth Representative (requested 15 minutes/allotted 15).

Action: Council heard from Capt. John Skipper of the Sheriff's Department. He said that about a year ago the Sheriff's Office separated their Sheriff's dispatch from Central Dispatch because the computer program's software language was not "robust" enough to handle the volume of calls and they experienced "shut downs" in the computer system. The system can handle the calls however there is no "avenue" to put mapping and things such as that. They are concerned that when the "freeze ups" occur they could possibly drop some calls. He said that months ago they started going away from the Visions CAD and looking at other software. They looked at Interact Software, which is sponsored by BellSouth. After going through the process, they agreed that was the route they wanted to go. With the software they will receive the mapping, which would be an additional benefit without additional cost. Capt. Skipper informed Council that with the use of grant funds the sheriff's office planned to purchase software that would give them full access to all advanced 911 capabilities. He said that the sheriff's office would start the process to purchase by doing a lease-purchase and submit \$25,000 from the block grant funds for the first years payment. Funding for the 2004-2005 budget would probably come from the 911 tariff and Council would not need to include in that fiscal year budget. Chairman Dees read a memo from Mr. Preston stating that he was recommending the purchase of the CAD system and funding to be as indicated in the memorandum. Mr. Tolly said that hopefully somewhere "down the line" the County could consolidate central dispatch. Mr. Holden asked if this would meet the Sheriff's office needs and Capt. Skipper responded that the CAD system would do that. Mr. Holden said that he was in favor of supporting the Sheriff office now or later. Mr. Wright asked Mr. Preston to provide the ways and guidelines for which the tariff money can be used. Mr. Greer read sections of a letter from the sheriff and then asked if the sheriff's office was pursuing central dispatch. Capt. Skipper said that he thought the letter was referring to the issue of information switched from all the unincorporated calls that go into the 911 Center. Capt. Skipper said that in a meeting the Sheriff was asked if he was interested in taking over the entire 911 center and he answered the question posed to him by Chairman Dees in that meeting. Mr. Greer also read portions of another letter (dated 6-25-03) from Sheriff Taylor stating "he would like to have an answer as soon as possible as the citizens of Anderson County are the victims". He asked why are the citizens of Anderson County victims and by who. Capt. Skipper explained that he thought he meant the "dropping of a call" and some citizens becoming a victim because the Sheriff's Office could not get there or they wouldn't know where they were. He also said that if the software was purchased the "dropping" of information would be solved. Ms. Wilson said that in January there was a balance of almost one million dollars in the tariff funds. Mr. Preston said that he had just stated that the balance was around a million dollars however the County will need several million dollars to implement a better radio system and that was the reason the county was saving the money. Council agreed that this was not a duplication of services. No action was necessary. Council received as information.

15. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: (time requested 5/allotted 5 minutes)

- a. Letters of Appreciation: - For: Ms. Monica Dickson (Assessor's Office) From: Mr. Larry Shaw
- b. Reports:
 - 1. Road Maintenance Litter Report (June)

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2. Detention Center Litter Reports June 23-27, 2003, June 30-July 3, 2003
 3. Anderson County Litter Report
 4. Building & Codes Monthly – June report
 5. Recreation Report
 6. District Paving Report
- d. Appalachian Council of Governments' Quarterly Report

16. REMARKS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ms. Floyd asked Mr. Preston if staff of the Museum could get in touch with Ms. Claudia Williford to document her knowledge of Anderson.

Ms. Wilson asked about an appropriation on her recreation account appropriated on 12/2000 for the Royal Youth center. She said the funds were under "committed" and asked Mr. Preston to check out and report back. She said that there was an item on the agenda regarding a county QRV system. She said that a meeting would be held in District #7 at 7 pm at the Pelzer Rescue Squad to discuss the issue. She said that this would be coming up on the August 15 meeting agenda. She asked for a copy of the contract with Elliot Davis. She asked for her weekly GLR110 financial report on a weekly basis. She said she recently asked for a copy of the GLR153. She reminded everyone that the Attorney General had upheld the opportunity and privilege for elected official to receive public information and documents concerning their jobs. Chairman Dees asked the County attorney to clarify the FOI and he did.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Action: There being no further business, Council adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk to Council
Anderson County Council