

# ORIGINAL

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - August 7, 1984 - 9:00 a.m.  
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

## M I N U T E S

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON AUGUST 7, 1984 AT 9:00 A.M. IN ROOM 109 OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING WITH MR. ROBERT L. WILES PRESIDING. The following were present:

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

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

On the motion of Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Gilreath, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 17, 1984 meeting as mailed provided that the clerk correct a misspelled word on the first page. She has made the correction.

Mr. O'Neal gave the Road Maintenance Activity Report for the period July 16 - August 2, 1984. The County received 331 work orders and completed 227. The increase was due to all the rain during that time. The chip spreader has been delivered and hopefully it will be in use tomorrow. Mr. O'Neal said that he had a Saturday morning clean-up crew to make the Stockade look a little better. Mr. O'Neal reported that the Old Dunham Bridge would be opened as soon as the signs were put up.

Mr. Watson discussed sealed bids for 2 dump trucks for road maintenance. Purchasing received six (6) bids. His recommendation would be the low bid from Jones Chevrolet out of Sumter, S.C. The basic bid is \$34,356.25, caterpillar engine option \$2,214.00 and 13 speed transmission option for \$287.00. He also requested that \$486.00 for increasing the front axle spring system and \$44.00 for tow-hooks be approved in the bid. Mr. Rhodes moved that the purchasing agent contact the low bidder in Anderson County and negotiate for a cheaper price. Mr. Lynch seconded. Vote was 4 in favor and one opposed. Mr. Alexander opposed the motion.

Mr. Watson discussed sealed bids for one  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton pick-up truck for road maintenance and recommended that the County go with the only bid from Guy Motors for \$8,055.00. Mr. Lynch moved that the County purchase the truck from Guy Motors, Mr. Gilreath seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Watson explained the bids for cleaning services for all 5 county buildings. The low bid from PBM Companies, Inc. was recommended. Council discussed the fact that prisoners would still be in the buildings doing certain renovations. Mr. Alexander moved that the recommendation of the purchasing agent be approved. Mr. Gilreath seconded. Mr. Gilreath amended the motion that the County continue to

use one crew of 5 prisoners and one supervisor for needed renovations for three (3) months. Mr. Rhodes seconded. Vote was unanimous on the amendment. The other supervisor will be transferred to road maintenance. Vote on the original motion as amended was unanimous.

Mr. Watson asked for Council's approval on bids for blinds for the DSS Building, the only bid from Anderson Mill Cloth shop for \$3,265 was recommended. On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Gilreath, Council voted 5-0.

Mr. Watson explained a request for 22 radios for the Sheriff's Department and one for the Litter Officer. He recommended that the County purchase off state contract from Motorola Communications and Electronics Inc. for \$2975 each for a total of \$68,722.50 for Sheriff and one for Litter Officer for \$2,975. On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted unanimously to go with the recommendation of Mr. Watson.

Mr. Watson asked that Council approve the purchase of three (3) JR75 infrared heaters for the County Stockade from Piedmont Natural Gas for \$1,800. On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted unanimously to purchase the heaters.

Mr. Watson asked for approval of the purchase of two (2) heaters for the Stockade for \$1,653.75 from Piedmont Natural Gas. These would be utilized in the dormitory and office area of the Stockade. On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted unanimously to approve the request.

Mr. Watson discussed the bids for asphalt resurfacing and told Council that the low bidder (Pickens Construction) could not meet the November 15 completion date. The other bid was higher than the County could do the resurfacing. Mr. Wiles moved that the road maintenance department start staffing up to do the work and hire all necessary parttime employees. Mr. Lynch seconded. Mr. Lynch amended the motion that the Purchasing agent get the best price available on asphalt picked up. Mr. Rhodes seconded the amendment. Vote on the amendment was unanimous. Vote on the motion as amended was unanimous. Mr. Gilreath amended the motion that bids be sent out on tar and gravel paving and contract out if it becomes necessary. Mr. Alexander seconded. Vote was four (4) in favor and one (1) abstaining. Mr. Rhodes abstained. A meeting will be called the day the bids are opened.

Council took a 5 minute break at 10:15 a.m.

Mr. J.D. Compton came before Council asking that the sewer referendum be placed back before the people in November without voting machines. He discussed the reasons he would like the people to have a chance to vote again on the issue. Council received as information and asked the County Attorney to look into the legalities of putting this back before the people.

Mr. Frank Floyd asked that the records reflect that noone on the present Election Commission was on the Commission in 1982.

Mr. Jimmy King next on the agenda was unable to attend. Ms. Thelma Trammell presented his request for County Council to take immediate action on the proposal submitted at the July 17, 1984 meeting to purchase 25 vote tabulators. This would give them the extra assistance from Airmac during the General Election. This would be a lease/purchase deal. The County Attorney told the Council that in his opinion, the County of Anderson was not authorized to enter into a lease/purchase whereby interest is paid.

Mr. Lynch made a motion that the proposal be accepted to lease/purchase the 25 vote tabulators and that Mr. O'Neal check with other Counties to see how they (legality) lease/purchase equipment, etc. Mr. Rhodes seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0. The amount of \$21,708 for the current year is in the Election Commission's budget. Mr. Trammell asked Council for the reimbursement of \$1,667.22 for the Loblolly Pines Sewer Election which was not planned for in the budget. On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Gilreath, Council voted unanimously to take the amount from the contingency fund.

Mr. Frank Floyd gave Council the results from the survey of animal control/problems in Anderson County. They contacted 197; 169 in favor of owner responsible for their actions; 63 were in favor of strict confinement; and 28 were against an animal control ordinance. Council received as information.

Council heard from Ms. Brenda Gailey, of Clearview Subdivision, asked Council to seriously consider the problems of unleashed dogs and told of her cat killed by dogs. She was accompanied by Ms. Sheila Brown and Ms. Angela White. Council received as information.

Mr. Lynch presented second reading of Ordinance #140 (Animal Control) for approval. He amended the Ordinance that the owners be responsible for the actions of their pets and moved that this be approved. Mr. Rhodes seconded the amendment. Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance as amended. Council voted unanimously on the original motion as amended.

Mr. Trey Senn told Council of the proposed Ordinance for minimum standards for roads and streets for Anderson County mailed for Council's information. If the proposal was satisfactory it could be approved by three readings by the Council. Council received as information and placed on the August 21, 1984 agenda.

Mr. Rusty Burns asked Council for an appropriation of \$15,000 for the expenses incurred from the Road Inventory Study. On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted unanimously to transfer the \$15,000 requested from the Contingency Fund.

Mr. Mac Walters, County Engineer, asked for several roads to be accepted into the County System. On the motion of Mr. Gilreath, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted unanimously to accept two roads in Honeycreek Subdivision into the system.

On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted unanimously to accept Duke Power Road into the system.

On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted 5-0 to approve Bridle Wood Subdivision.

On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted 5-0 to approve Whitney Acres.

On the motion of Mr. Gilreath, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted unanimously to approve Kingman Hills. At this time, the Engineer would not recommend Fox Trail.

Mr. David Crone purchased property from J.P. Stevens and requested that the County extend McElrath which has been deeded to the County. Mr. Alexander moved that the County extend road down to the end of the right-of-way.. Mr. Lynch seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Alexander moved that Barry Knobel be appointed to the Planning & Development Board to replace Charles Johnson. Mr. Lynch seconded. Voted was unanimous.

Mr. Alexander moved that Ralph Rogers - Route 1, Williamston be appointed to the Farmers Market for a two year term from District #1. This would be a two year term.

Mr. Alexander requested that the Planning & Development Board do a Land Use Study for the County of Anderson. Mr. Lynch seconded the motion. The Planning & Development Board will come back to Council for discussion when complete. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Alexander moved that the Old Dunham Bridge be opened back up this week. Mr. Rhodes seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Gilreath said he would like Council to go on record by Resolution (#241) taking the position that the tax notices be mailed out at the earliest prescribed date as set by law and then read the Resolution (#241). He then moved the adoption of the Resolution. Mr. Alexander seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Gilreath told Council that the Hospital Board needed to be up-dated. He then nominated Dr. Jerry Neal to replace Mr. Lee Dobbins, who is sick, and all the others will serve until Feb. 5, 1987. Mr. Gilreath changed his motion for the members to serve until Feb. 5, 1986. Mr. Alexander seconded. Mr. Lynch made a motion that this be tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Rhodes seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Gilreath presented a policy statement for the agenda category: "citizens wishing to be heard" and moved that this be adopted. Mr. Alexander seconded for discussion. Council discussed the policy statement. Mr. Rhodes made an amendment to the motion that under section C the following be deleted from the policy: "there be no discussion of personalities, (2) that each speaker abide by time allocations suggested by the chairman" and that the agenda include the category "Citizens Wishing to be Heard" at the beginning and end. Mr. Lynch seconded. Vote was two in favor (Rhodes, Lynch) and three opposed. (Wiles, Alexander & Gilreath). Mr. Alexander offered an amendment that "there be no discussion of personalities" in section C be deleted and change "may" to "shall" in section B. Mr. Gilreath seconded. Vote was three in favor (Wiles, Alexander, & Gilreath) with two opposed (Rhodes, Lynch). Vote on the original motion as amended was three in favor (Wiles, Alexander & Gilreath) and two opposed (Rhodes, Lynch).

Council took a 40 minute lunch break at 12:45.

Mr. Wiles called the meeting back to order at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Rhodes explained that 35 county employees here made less than what a new position for the Probate Judge was voted on and passed. This amount was \$10,129. He then moved that these 35 employees' salaries be adjusted to \$10,129. Mr. Lynch seconded. Vote was two in favor (Rhodes, Lynch) and three opposed (Alexander, Gilreath, Wiles). Mr. Gilreath moved that after the salary survey is completed by COG that the Council take into consideration any upgrading that may be needed at that time. Mr. Alexander seconded. Vote was two in favor (Wiles, Gilreath) and three opposed (Alexander, Lynch, Rhodes).

Mr. Rhodes read a Resolution (#242) that Anderson County Council goes on record as opposing the location of the proposed City of Easley Waste Water Treatment Facility. He then moved that the resolution (#242) be adopted. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Lynch seconded.

Next on the agenda was a public hearing for leasing county property. Mr. O'Neal recommended that the public hearing be moved to the next meeting and the purchasing agent send out bids for leasing the property so others interested can bid. Mr. Alexander moved that the recommendation of the administrator be accepted. Mr. Lynch seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Wiles nominated Tom E. Dudley to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee to represent District #3 and recommended that the terms be 4 years. Mr. Lynch seconded. Mr. Wiles changed the motion that the three previously appointed (Mr. Badders, Mr. Senn and Mr. Crawford) be appointed for three years and the 4 others appointed will be for two years. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Wiles asked the County Attorney to read the amended ordinance #136 (Airport Rules & Regulations) for Council adoption on third reading. Mr. Wiles made a motion that the Ordinance (#136) be adopted. Mr. Alexander seconded. Mr. Rhodes moved that this be tabled until all involved has received a copy of the ordinance. Mr. Lynch seconded. Vote was two (2) in favor (Rhodes, Lynch) and three (3) opposed (Alexander, Wiles & Gilreath) tabling the ordinance. Vote on the original motion was three (3) in favor (Wiles, Gilreath, & Alexander) and two (2) opposed (Lynch, Rhodes).

Mr. Wiles read a letter from Magistrate Jack Gerrard asking for payment of bills resulting from his suspension and monies reported missing in his office in December, 1983. The total of these bills: \$2,850. Mr. Wiles moved that these bills be paid from the contingency fund. Mr. Alexander seconded. Council discussed why the County Attorney could not represent Magistrate Gerrard. Vote on the reimbursement was three (3) in favor (Wiles, Gilreath, Alexander) and two (2) opposed (Rhodes, Lynch).

Mr. Wright conducted a public hearing for not exceeding \$2,750,000 Principal amount industrial revenue notes for Orian Rugs, Inc. Project. There were no comments.

Mr. Wright presented approval of third reading of Ordinance #139 (Orian Rugs). Mr. Lynch moved that the ordinance be approved. Mr. Alexander seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Wright presented Resolution #240 authorizing an amendment to the assistance agreement by and between Anderson County, South Carolina and Kent, Inc. Mr. Gilreath moved that this be adopted. Mr. Alexander seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Wright presented Resolution #239 making application to the State Budget and Control Board of South Carolina for the Approval of Industrial Revenue Notes for Kent, Inc. Mr. Lynch moved that this be approved. Mr. Gilreath seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Wright presented first reading of Ordinance #141 authorizing the execution and delivery of not exceeding \$500,000 principal amount industrial development revenue notes for Kent, Inc. On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted unanimously to approve the Ordinance #141 (Kent, Inc.) on first reading.

Mr. Wiles moved that the agenda be amended to hear a request from Bobbie Hanks and Mr. Lynch wishes to make an appointment to the Assessment & Appeals Board. Mr. Lynch seconded, vote was unanimous.

Mr. Bobbie Hanks asked that White Aviation be allowed to place hangers on Airport Property. This would be three portable hangers on his leased property; which meet all building codes. The two options were discussed. Mr. Lynch moved that White Aviation be permitted to erect these used hangers on the Airport Property provided that they meet all requirements/standards and the Airport Commission will decide on what the charge will be. Mr. Rhodes seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Lynch said Ernie Garrison, Jr. requested to be removed from the Assessment Appeals Board and nominated Jack E. Symons to fill his position. He also asked that Mr. James E. King be reappointed. Vote was unanimous.

Council heard from citizens wishing to be heard.

On the motion of Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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