

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL  
CALLED MEETING AND BUDGET WORKSHOP  
FEBRUARY 15, 2013  
2:00 PM**

**The Dillon County Council held a called meeting and budget workshop on February 15, 2013 at 2:00 pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S. 3rd Ave. Dillon SC. Present were: Randy Goings, T.F. Finklea, Harold Moody, Archie Scott, Joe Johnson, and Andrew Graves. Not present was Bobby Moody. Also present were: Clay Young (County Administrator), Ken DuBose (County Attorney), Betsy Finklea (The Dillon Herald), and Lisa Gray (Clerk to Council).**

The following were notified of the meeting and provided an agenda: By e-mail – Charles Curry, Randy Grimsley (Dillon County EMS), Harold Moody, The Dillon Herald, Susan Norton (Perdue), Tim Ammons (Attorney), Tonny McNeil (Dillon County Economic Development), Yolanda McCormick (Dillon County Librarian), Randy Rouse (Hometown TV), Gabriel Salmon (PDCAA), Larry Abraham (Chief Deputy), Ken Dubose (County Attorney), Joe Johnson, Les Jackson (County Deputy), Terry Morris, Alvin Nobles, Dillon County Planning/Code Enforcement Office, WMBF News, Sheriff Major Hulon, Jerry Rivers, Dan Gruszka, Bobby Holland (SCANA), Jamie Estes (Dillon County Treasurer), Dillon County Finance, Sonny McRae (Dillon County E911), Alan Lane, Steve Johnson (Hometown TV), Manufactured Housing Institute of SC, Ron Bartley (NETC), Jamie Rogers (Morning News), Karl McColleston (Agenda Repository), Archie Scott, Haywood Proctor, T.F. Finklea, Frank Brockington, Jackie Hayes, Vernon Grimsley (Dillon County Recreation), Mike Burns, Brandon Norris, Lisa Morris and Kathy Dawson (McNair Law Firm), and; By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman Archie Scott presided over the meeting.

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Randy Goings.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Harold Moody motioned to approve the agenda. Andrew Graves seconded and all were in favor.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**AN ORDINANCE OF DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY BY THE COUNTY AND THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TO HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS USA, INC. OR ITS DESIGNEE**

There was no public input. The public hearing was properly noticed in the January 31, 2103 edition of The Dillon Herald.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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Chairman Scott told that Mr. DuBose has informed him that agenda items 4B (Approval of Amendment of and Extension of Land Option Agreement Between Richard T.D. Bethea Et al and Dillon County), 4C (Approval of Transfer of Appropriated Funds Relating to an Economic Development Project Known as "Project Tool Shed"), and 5A (Third Reading – An Ordinance of Dillon County, South Carolina Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Real Property by the County and the Conveyance of Certain Property in Connection With an Economic Development Project Relating to a Corporation Known to the County as "Project Tool Shed"; Authorizing Execution and Delivery of an Agreement Concerning Road Improvements, Water Infrastructure and Billboards With Project Tool Shed; and Other Matters Relating to the Foregoing) need to be discussed in executive session.

**RECREATION REQUESTS**

**Andrew Graves motioned to approve the request from Dillon High School for \$1,000.00 for the ring ceremony and banquet for the 2AA State Champion Football Team. Joe Johnson seconded.** Harold Moody told that he remembered the last time Council directed Mr. Young to pay this from the regular budget. Council agreed to do the same. Mr. Young stated he would handle it and no action from Council was needed.

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT OF AND EXTENSION OF LAND OPTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN RICHARD T.D. BETHEA ET AL AND DILLON COUNTY**  
Chairman Scott told that this is to be discussed in executive session.

**APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS RELATING TO AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT KNOWN AS "PROJECT TOOL SHED"**  
Chairman Scott told that this is to be discussed in executive session.

**CONCESSION STAND RENTAL BIDS**

Mr. Young asked Ms. Gray to open and read the bids. Three bids were received as follows: Brenda Clements \$1,500.00; Kenneth L. Smith 15% of total net profit; Henry Campbell \$2,000.00. It was determined that Mr. Smith's bid could not be considered as no dollar figure was given. Mr. Goings asked for clarification on the rental. Mr. Young and Chairman Scott explained. **T.F. Finklea motioned to go with the high bid (Henry Campbell \$2,000.00). Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.**

**ORDINANCE READINGS**

**THIRD READING – AN ORDINANCE OF DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY BY THE COUNTY AND THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IN CONNECTION WITH AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT RELATING TO A CORPORATION KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AS**

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**“PROJECT TOOL SHED”; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AGREEMENT CONCERNING ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND BILLBOARDS WITH PROJECT TOOL SHED; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE FOREGOING**

Chairman Scott told that this is to be discussed in executive session.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**DILLON WILDCATS 2012-2013 FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Chairman Scott asked Mr. DuBose to read the resolution. After the reading, **Joe Johnson motioned to approve the resolution. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS (PROJECT TOOL SHED)**

**Andrew Graves motioned to go into executive session. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.**

**Joe Johnson motioned to come out of executive session. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.**

**RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**NEW BUSINESS (Continued)**

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT OF AND EXTENSION OF LAND OPTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN RICHARD T.D. BETHEA ET AL AND DILLON COUNTY**  
**T. F. Finklea motioned to approve the agreement. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

**APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS RELATING TO AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT KNOWN AS “PROJECT TOOL SHED”**  
**Joe Johnson motioned to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$350,000.00 (\$250,000 for a grant to Harbor Freight to purchase property and \$100,000 for Richard T.D. Bethea et al property). Andrew Graves seconded and all were in favor.**

**ORDINANCE READINGS (Continued)**

**THIRD READING – AN ORDINANCE OF DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY BY THE COUNTY AND THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IN CONNECTION WITH AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT RELATING TO A CORPORATION KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AS “PROJECT TOOL SHED”; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AGREEMENT CONCERNING ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, WATER**

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**INFRASTRUCTURE AND BILLBOARDS WITH PROJECT TOOL SHED; AND  
OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE FOREGOING**

**Harold Moody motioned to approve the reading as set forth in the agenda, waive the actual reading and approve the ordinance. Andrew Graves seconded and all were in favor.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Joe Johnson motioned to adjourn. T.F. Finklea seconded and all were in favor.**

A Full Council Budget Workshop was held immediately after the called meeting at approximately 3:15 pm. Present were: T.F. Finklea, Harold Moody, Archie Scott, Joe Johnson, and Andrew Graves. Councilmen Randy Goings and Bobby Moody were not present for the budget workshop. Also present was Clay Young, Betsy Finklea, Ken DuBose and Lisa Gray (Attorney DuBose and Lisa Gray were not present for the first portion of the workshop due to the necessity of disseminating documents approved at the called meeting).

Chairman Scott told that he wants copies of the County's bank statements. Treasurer Jamie Estes explained that funds are in 37 different bank accounts. She also told that she had concerns about showing actual bank statements as it would show daily deposits which may be a security issue for her staff.

Ms. Estes explained the "Reconciled bank account balances" report given to Council each month and told what funds are in each account. She also explained how the allocations to other agencies were made each month. Chairman Scott asked if she could get a balance of the bank account just for Dillon County money. Ms. Estes stated she could not provide the amount just for the County's as they are commingled with other agencies' funds. She stated she could take all current taxes allocated to other taxing agencies out of the cash statement before reporting to Council each month.

Mr. Young explained the functions of the finance department. The LOST (local option sales tax) was explained.

Mr. Young was asked by Chairman Scott to tell of any departments over their budget. Mr. Young reviewed the report and told that on page 11 the Oak Grove Fire was over due to the land purchase; pages 14 and 15 reflects Roads and Bridges and Landfill equipment purchases which will be reimbursed by the GO bond; page 15 shows C-funds for local paving which is a pass through account from the State; page 16 reflects the Aladin Project; and page 18 shows Recreation a little over at this point due to the football program.

Workshop adjourned at 4:20 pm.

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**Robert Archie Scott, Chairman**

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**Lisa B. Gray, Clerk to Council**

**Date approved** \_\_\_\_\_