

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
CALLED MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2017
4:00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a called meeting on January 13, 2017 at 4:00pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3rd Ave, Dillon SC. Present were T.F. Finklea (*arrived late), Stevie Grice, Archie Scott, Robbie Coward, Jack Scott and James Campbell. Also present were: Rodney Berry (Interim County Administrator), Richard Gaddy (Finance Director), Alan Berry (County Attorney), Betsy Finklea (The Dillon Herald) and Jamie Sue Stephens (Clerk to Council). Absent was Harold Moody.

The following were notified of the meeting and provided an agenda: By e-mail – Charles Curry, Randy Grimsley (Dillon County EMS), The Dillon Herald, Susan Norton (Perdue), Tim Ammons (Attorney), Tonny McNeil (Dillon County Economic Development), Yolanda McCormick (Dillon County Librarian), Gabriel Salmon (PDCAA), Larry Abraham (Chief Deputy), 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 and Randy Rouse (Hometown TV), Manufactured Housing Institute of SC, Ron Bartley and Cathy Pelfrey (NETC), Karl McColleston (Agenda Repository), Haywood Proctor, Bo McInnis, Helen & Carley Wiggins, Danny Holder (Dillon County IT), Florence Morning News Room, Kenneth Smith, Calvin Matthews, Charlie Bailey, Rhonda Leonard, Gerry Flemming, Tonie Martin, Rosco Oxendine, Delores Smith, Terry Brown, Winna Miller, Jacorie M., Melissa Thompson, Deborah Vann, Jennifer Ward, Corey Jackson, Bill Patel; By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman Archie Scott presided over the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The County Council led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Archie Scott.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

James Campbell motioned to approve agenda. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor.

(*TF Finklea arrived)

NEW BUSINESS

ACCEPTING GENERATOR BIDS

Moses Heyward told Council that in 2014 we had a severe winter storm and that gave us the opportunity for generator applications. The application was made in 2014 and was approved in July 2016, to install two generators at Station #4 and #9 with amount up to \$89,090.00. The County will pay 25 percent of the 75/25 cross match. The County will be paying \$13,253.00. Mr. Heyward told Council that he received three sealed bids – Generator Power Specialists - \$53,014.00; Miller Plumbing and Electric -\$75,646.76 and Continental Engines -\$78,482.00 and that we will go with Generator Power Specialists in the amount of \$53,014.00. There was discussion on the generators and Mr. Heyward explained that these are commercial generators that run off of propane gas. Richard Gaddy said that \$22,000.00 was allocated for these generators. **Robbie Coward motioned to accept bid from Generator Power Specialist in the amount of \$53,014.00 for the generators for Station #4 and Station #9. Stevie Grice seconded and all were in favor.**

BOND ATTORNEY SELECTION

Rodney Berry told Council that they had asked him to explore prices for attorney for the GO Bond. He explained that currently we are using McNair Law Firm and that he has looked at Haynesworth, Sinkler and Boyd. He told Council that we are in the third reading currently with McNair Law Firm for the GO Bond and that McNair will cost \$25,000.00 and Haynesworth, Sinkler and Boyd will be \$20,000.00. Rodney Berry explained that we have already had conversations with our current attorney and that we will have to pay for work that has been done. Mr. Berry told Council that he did not know how much it would be but should not exceed \$5,000.00. **Robbie Coward motioned to hire Haynesworth, Sinkler and Boyd as attorney for the GO Bond. TF Finklea seconded and all were in favor.**

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CLOSING APPLICATIONS FOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

James Campbell motioned to close the applications at this time for the County Administrator. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION OF FUND 45

TF Finklea told Council that Clay Young had a conflict and could not come to the meeting. He said that he would like to table this until next meeting so that Clay could attend; if he cannot attend then TF Finklea will present the information on Fund 45. **TF Finklea motioned to defer discussion of fund 45 to next meeting. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTER – INTERVIEWS FOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR;
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER – CSX CLOSING RESPONSE**

**James Campbell motioned to go into executive session. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor.
TF Finklea motioned to come out of executive session. James Campbell seconded and all were in favor.**

RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

James Campbell motioned to adjourn. Robbie Coward seconded and all voted in favor.

Archie Scott, Chairman

Jamie Sue Stephens, Clerk to Council

Date Approved