

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2018
4:00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a called meeting on February 28, 2018 at 4:00pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3rd Ave, Dillon SC. Present were T.F. Finklea, Stevie Grice, Archie Scott (*arrived late), Jack Scott, Harold Moody and James Campbell. Also present were: Rodney Berry (County Administrator), Richard Gaddy (Finance Director), Alan Berry (County Attorney), Betsy Finklea (The Dillon Herald), Robbie Coward (Deputy Administrator) and Jamie Sue Stephens (Clerk to Council).

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 Stevie Grice presided over the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rodney Berry, County Administrator led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by TF Finklea.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

James Campbell motioned to approve agenda. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 01/12/18 called; 01/24/18 regular; 01/30/18 called

James Campbell motioned to approve the minutes. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND A COMPANY OR COMPANIES KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AT THIS TIME AS PROJECT UNIQUE WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY, WHEREBY SUCH PROPERTY WILL BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE CREDITS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

There was no public comment. (The public hearing was properly noticed in The Dillon Herald's February 6, 2018 edition.)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK (2016 Park) OF DILLON AND MARLBORO COUNTIES SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK. (PROJECT UNIQUE)

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT TO SELL AND CONVEY APPROXIMATELY 12.78 ACRES OF LAND WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AS SHOWN ON A PLAT

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RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT FOR DILLON COUNTY IN PLAT BOOK 28 AT PAGE 143 (TMS:040-00-00-032) FOR THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$452,000.00) AND AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF SAID 12.78 ACRES PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF SAID CONTRACT

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(*Archie Scott arrived)

NEW BUSINESS

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Rodney Berry told that the Department Head of the Month was Susie Edwards from Voter's Registration. Rodney stated that Susie has been very busy with the elections and that she has done a great job. Rodney stated that there were two employees of the month and the first is Winna Miller, she is the Risk Manager for Dillon County. Rodney explained that Winna worked really hard to get the FEMA money and we received half million in reimbursements. Second employee was Lisa Miller with Economic Development. Rodney explained that he was thankful for the many years that Lisa has been with the County and her knowledge of Economic Development. Susie, Winna and Lisa had their picture made with Chairman Stevie Grice and they each received a Visa gift card.

DILLON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL –SCISA 1A CHAMPIONS

Chairman Stevie Grice congratulated the Dillon Christian School Warriors for being the SCISA 1A Champions and for the great job they have done. He then presented Coach Christian Wolfe and players with a plaque.

DILLON HIGH SCHOOL – STATE 3A CHAMPIONS

Chairman Stevie Grice congratulated the Dillon High School Wildcats for their accomplishment of State 3A Champions. He then presented Coach Jackie Hayes, other coaches and players with a plaque. Coach Hayes told Chairman Grice and Council that he would like to commend them for supporting the recreation football in Dillon. All these guys started at the County Recreation League and plays an interval part in growing them up to play with the big boys.

RECREATION REQUESTS

Archie Scott motioned to approve the following requests:\$300.00 payable to Fork Chapel Baptist Church for the building fund, \$200.00 from Jack Scott, \$50.00 each from James Campbell and Archie Scott's recreation; \$150.00 payable to A & R Photography for a pageant they are hosting on March 10, 2018, \$100.00 from Archie Scott and \$25.00 each from James Campbell and TF Finklea's recreation; \$275.00 payable to Antonio Vaught for AAU summer basketball traveling team, \$100.00 each from Archie Scott and James Campbell, \$25.00 each from TF Finklea, Stevie Grice, and Harold Moody's recreation; \$250.00 payable to Bicyclist Building Bridges for children of incarcerated parents, \$100.00 each from Stevie Grice and Harold Moody, \$50.00 from Archie Scott's recreation; \$300.00 payable to Family Sports Center for softball equipment at Riverdale, \$100.00 from Archie Scott, \$50.00 each from Jack Scott, James Campbell and Harold Moody, \$25.00 each from Stevie Grice and TF Finklea's recreation; \$300.00 payable to the Humane Society of Dillon to help with heartworms, \$100.00 from Archie Scott, \$50.00 each from Stevie Grice, TF Finklea, James Campbell and Harold Moody's recreation; \$300.00 payable to Cancer Society for Relay for Life, \$100.00 Harold Moody, \$50.00 each from TF Finklea, Archie Scott, Stevie Grice and James Campbell's recreation. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.

ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, INC. – QUOTE

Richard Gaddy told Council that this was a quote for pipe for Roads and Bridges to put under roads for drainage. Mr. Gaddy explained that they usually buy a truck load. This quote is a sole source in the amount of \$14,926.95.

Harold Moody motioned to approve the quote to Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$14,926.95. TF Finklea seconded and all voted in favor.

JOB RETENTION SERVICE – ANDREA M. FAISON-CURRY

Andrea M. Faison-Curry gave a presentation on job retention. She explained to Council that job retention is a program

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that helps employers retain the employees that they have and helps employees to retain their job. The Job Retention office in Dillon is at 309 North 1st Avenue.

CHECK PRESENTATION TO LAKE VIEW RECREATION

Rodney Berry stated that Lake View had requested \$10,000 for their recreation and Rodney told them that he would get the check to them.

BIDS FOR COOLANT TOWER AT COURTHOUSE

Richard Gaddy told Council that the pipes have frozen at the coolant tower with all the cold weather we have had. He stated that he had received three bids to replace the coolant tower. The bids are as follows: Cayce Company - \$68,200.00; Hoffman Mechanical Solutions - \$60,345.00 and Industrial Air Inc. - \$78,000. Richard explained that the insurance would pay \$65,000. Stevie Grice asked what we will do until it is fixed. Rodney Berry replied that for the past few days we had had cool weather and that we hope the weather will continue to be cool. Harold Moody asked why the pipes froze and why did the people that worked on the coolant system not put antifreeze in. Richard Gaddy replied that these pipes were twenty to thirty years old and technology has improved now. Harold Moody asked Mr. Gaddy if he would check with the people in charge and find out why the pipes froze. Richard Gaddy told Harold Moody that he would look into that. **Archie Scott motioned to go with Hoffman Mechanical Solutions in the amount of \$60,345.00. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.**

CAPITAL SALES TAX MONEY IN GREATER LATTA AREA

TF Finklea stated those five years ago, there was money left over from the I-95 and Highway #38 project and Council voted to let Latta use it for infrastructure. He explained that they spent close to \$900,000.00. In the last few years Latta has had many problems with their water and sewer and they received a 2.6 million dollar grant and are getting ready to start working on their water and sewer this summer but they have engineer fees and are asking for the remainder of the money which is \$173,261.00. **TF Finklea motioned to give the remainder monies to Latta in the amount of \$173,261.00. Archie Scott seconded and all voted in favor.**

PURCHASE BACKHOE FOR LANDFILL

Richard Gaddy explained that this item, the backhoe, is in the budget on capital expenditures. The plan was to pay with GO Bond but the backhoe caught on fire and the insurance company will pay \$58,000.00 toward it. The budget line item had \$96,500.00; the one we are buying is \$95,000.00 and \$5,000.00 for the tires for a total of \$100,000.00.

Harold Moody motioned to purchase backhoe for the Landfill. Archie Scott seconded and all voted in favor.

STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY AND DISASTER RESPONSE/RECOVERY

Moses Heyward asked Council to sign a state wide mutual agreement before we have a disaster. He stated that the Town of Latta, the Town of Lake View and the City of Dillon had already signed the agreement. This agreement is for in the event we have a disaster we would get help from the whole state. **James Campbell motioned to approve the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement for Emergency and Disaster Response/Recovery. Archie Scott seconded and all voted in favor.**

OLD BUSINESS

FIRE INSURANCE BILLING – MOSES HEYWARD

Moses Heyward stated that he was asking for Dillon County Council to give permission to bill insurance company for automobiles and structured fires. From January 1, 2017 – January 1, 2018 there were 296 structured fires. Trying to receive reimbursement for fire cost. We will be using Covenant Solutions and Low Country Billing, meet with them and start process. Moses explained that they were just trying to help the tax payer.

Archie Scott motioned to approve fire insurance billing. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.

FINANCE REPORT

Richard Gaddy, Finance Director, gave the reconciled bank account balance as of February 26, 2018 with net available

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funds of \$2,465,431.87.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

EMPLOYEE PARTY – MARCH 27TH, 2018

Rodney Berry told Council that the second annual employee appreciation party will be March 27, 2018 at the Wellness Center. Chicken was given by Perdue and Derrick Graves will be cooking. This will begin at 6:30pm.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Rodney Berry told Council that there will be a budget workshop starting March 13th – March 15th at Buckhead Ranch. All department heads will pick a time to come talk about their budget and I have given them a SWOT analysis form to fill out which stands for strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. Then on Thursday March 15th I will have the Council come out and view what the department heads have said.

INLAND PORT UPDATE

Rodney Berry stated that the Port has gone above participated budget, roads have taken a lot of wear and tear but still on target for April 1st, 2018. SCDOT has stepped up to the plate in many ways.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rodney Berry stated that there was a special presentation today, that our on Jamie Sue Stephens completed the South Carolina Clerks to Council Association Certification Program. Jamie Sue worked diligently and has completed the required curriculum and met the standards established by the SCCCA for Certification. She now qualifies for participation in the Advanced Certification Program, which provides additional professional development opportunities for clerks who have attained Certification. Jamie Sue was presented a plaque.

NESA RECRUITING TIPS

Rodney Berry explained that he was going on a recruiting trip with NESA to Canada March 18 -22, 2018. NESA is paying for the meals and ground fare while in Canada. Public Private Partnership is paying for hotel and air fare so; this will be no expense to the County.

Rodney Berry told Council that on I-95 Conner Bracey has built a state of the art billboard shows 144 times a day. Dillon County sign Alive on 95 digitally broadcast, if you see Connor thank him because this is no cost to the County.

ORDINANCES

A. THIRD READING – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND A COMPANY OR COMPANIES KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AT THIS TIME AS PROJECT UNIQUE WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY, WHEREBY SUCH PROPERTY WILL BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO. TF Finklea motioned to have third reading. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.

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C. SECOND READING – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT TO ELL AND CONVEY APPROXIMATELY 12.78 ACRES OF LAND WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AS SHOWN ON A PLAT RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT FOR DILLON COUNTY IN PLAT BOOK 28 AT PAGE 143 (TMS; 040-00-00-032) FOR THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$452,000.00) AND AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF SAID 12.78 ACRES PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF SAID CONTRACT. TF Finklea motioned to have second reading. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.

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D. SECOND READING – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, OF DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; FIXING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNTY COUNCIL AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS; THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO. Archie Scott motioned to have second reading. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.

E. FIRST READING – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #12-07 PROVIDING FOR THE CLOSING OR DEMOLITION OF DWELLINGS UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION.

Rodney Berry told Council that the Public Works Committee met and Archie Scott suggested to raise the cost of the demolition by \$1000.00. Councilman Campbell said he had to look out for his people and that they could not pay \$1000.00. Archie Scott motioned to approve first reading by title only. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

James Campbell motioned to adjourn. Archie Scott second and all voted in favor.

Stevie Grice, Chairman

Jamie Sue Stephens, Clerk to Council

Date Approved