

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL  
CALLED MEETING  
MARCH 18, 2014  
10:00 AM**

**The Dillon County Council held a called meeting on March 18, 2014 at 10:00 am in the County Council Chambers, 109 S. 3rd Ave. Dillon SC. Present were: Randy Goings, Archie Scott, Bobby Moody, Joe Johnson, Harold Moody, Andrew Graves, and T.F. Finklea. Also present were: Clay Young (County Administrator), Ken DuBose (County Attorney), Lisa Gray (Clerk to Council) and Betsy Finklea (The Dillon Herald).**

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), Jamie Rogers (Morning News), Karl McColleston (Agenda Repository), Haywood Proctor, Frank Brockington, Bo McInnis, Heywood Proctor, Alexia McKoy (Nurse Practitioner Student), Helen & Carley Wiggins, Dan McLeod and Lisa Morris (McNair Law Firm), Dianne Elliott (DuBose & Robinson) Chris Clark (Clark Eustace Wagner CPAs) and Walda Wildman (Independent Auditor); By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman Andrew Graves presided over the meeting.

**INVOCATION**

Councilman Goings gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Joe Johnson motioned to approve the agenda followed by a second by Randy Goings. All voted in favor.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CHRIS CLARK – FY 2012-2013 COUNTY AUDIT REPORT**

Mr. Clark (Clark Eustace Wagner PA CPAs) told that Council had received the audit report about a month ago. He told that the audit went smoothly and went over the hi-lights of the report. He stated that Walda Wildman does the advance prep for the audit and drafts the financial statements, and told of the importance of that process. He stated that her contract was up for renewal and that if she doesn't continue then the County needs to make sure someone does that work.

Mr. Clark also noted that the OPEB (concerns health premiums and post employment benefits) cost and obligation needs to be watched closely. He also informed Council that new GASB standards will require the County to report their portion of the SC Retirement liability on the County's audit in fiscal year 2015.

Mr. Clark stated that he issued a clean opinion and noted there were no findings. He told that the County has continued to work on internal control and weaknesses.

Discussion was held concerning how long to let the same firm conduct the independent audit. *(Archie Scott left the meeting and returned later – see note during Public Safety Committee)*

**OLD BUSINESS**

**LANDFILL C & D PROPERTY PURCHASE**

Mr. Young explained that negotiations were made with Lockamy Scrap Metal, Inc. to purchase two

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parcels (tax map 069-00-00-094 & 069-00-00-117), adjacent to our property, consisting of 6.0 total acres at \$3,500.00 per acre for a total cost of \$21,000.00. **Joe Johnson motioned to purchase the two parcels at a total of \$21,000.00. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.** (*Archie Scott was not present during this action*)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS  
BUILDING COMMITTEE  
RECYCLING BUILDING**

Committee Chairman Randy Goings told that the committee recommends putting the building up for bids. Mr. Young told that this requires three ordinance readings and a public hearing. The first ordinance reading is on today's agenda. Mr. Young stated this will be advertised in the newspaper and notification given to realtors.

**PROPOSED SHERIFF/CORONER BUILDING**

Committee Chairman Randy Goings told that the committee recommends gathering information on the larger version of the building to determine if a less expensive route may be taken (than the original bid). He told that we have a cost on a roughed in version and hope to have costs on the electrical, plumbing and heating/air for the next meeting.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE (STATION ONE)**

Committee Chairman T. F. Finklea told that the committee had met with Fire Chief Charlie Bailey about the need for replacing a fire truck (their lead truck – 1999 American LaFrance). Mr. Finklea gave out information obtained from E911 concerning the number of fire calls per station, from June 2013 through February 2014. He told that they are not for raising taxes to make the purchase but the committee recommends lease purchasing a new truck for eight to ten years. (*Note – Archie Scott returned to the meeting*) Mr. Young told that the lease purchase requires three ordinance readings and a public hearing and the first reading is on today's agenda. He told that information was received concerning a 2013 Pierce fire truck (cost \$232,896). He stated that this truck is in stock and that the lease payment could be covered in fire station one's budget with no tax increase. He noted that a new fire truck order could result in a nine months waiting period.

Discussion was held concerning the other fire stations' equipment needs. Mr. Young told that this was part of the budget process each year. Obtaining equipment from other fire stations to be used at the new Bingham Fire Station was also discussed.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**BOND SALE – MARCH 26, 2014 1:00 PM**

Mr. Young told that this will offset the cost of the Justice Center.

**NORTHEASTERN COMMERCE INDUSTRIAL PARK WATER & SEWER BIDS – MARCH 18, 2014 2:00 PM**

Mr. Young reminded Council of today's bid opening.

**COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS REQUEST – ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Council agreed for Mr. Young to give \$1,000, as was done in the past, for the fundraiser to be held on May 1, 2014 at Abingdon Manor in Latta.

**FY 2014–2015 BUDGET**

Mr. Young gave Council a schedule and outline of the proposed budget meetings and ordinance readings.

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**ORDINANCE READINGS**

**FIRST READING – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LAND (TAX MAP #59-14-4-2 RECYCLING FACILITY)**

Mr. Young told of the attempt to sell the building a couple of years ago with the only bid received being rejected by Council. **Archie Scott motioned to have first reading by title only (as set forth in the agenda and waive the actual reading). Randy Goings seconded and all voted in favor.**

**FIRST READING – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF EQUIPMENT LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT NOT EXCEEDING \$400,000**

Mr. Young told this deals with the purchase of three pieces of equipment: a fire truck (Station One), a backhoe and a fuel truck for Public Works (Roads and Bridges). He told that the Capital Purchases budget line item can be used for part of the lease payment for this equipment. **Bobby Moody motioned to have first reading by title only (as set for in the agenda and waive the actual reading). Archie Scott seconded and all voted in favor.** Mr. Scott requested copies of warranties on this equipment from Mr. Young.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Archie Scott motioned to adjourn. Bobby Moody seconded and all were in favor.**

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**Andrew Graves, Chairman**

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

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