

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL  
CALLED MEETING  
MARCH 31, 2017  
9:00 AM**

**The Dillon County Council held a called meeting on March 31, 2017 at 9:00 am in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Dillon SC. Present were T.F. Finklea, Archie Scott, Robbie Coward, Harold Moody, Jack Scott and James Campbell. Also present were: Rodney Berry (County Administrator), Richard Gaddy (Finance Director), Alan Berry (County Attorney), and Jamie Sue Stephens (Clerk to Council). Not present was Stevie Grice 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), 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, Tonya Brown, S. Suber, Claire Hall, Charles Taylor, A. Humes, Bill Patel; Richard Schafer By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman Archie Scott presided over the meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The County Administrator led the pledge of allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Archie Scott.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Robbie Coward motioned to approve the agenda. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**DESIGNATING INVESTMENT AUTHORITY OF COUNTY FUNDS**

**James Campbell motioned to have discussion on designating investment authority of County funds. Robbie Coward seconded.** Then there was discussion. Attorney Berry told Council that he had been asked about this a few times. He explained that the last advice he gave was to take time to understand the process and what is required by statute. If you do change the person with investment authority that still does not change who holds the money, the treasurer. By statute, still requires holding the money will just be any extra funds available for investment that decision will be made by another person. Attorney Berry also said that if the intent of Council is to change investment authority from the treasurer that he would urge them to wait so that they all have time to make sure it is done right. Robbie Coward asked if they could go ahead and appoint someone and they do not make any action until Attorney Berry says it is ok. Archie Scott said that Attorney Berry feels strongly about this and we do not want to go against what is legal and right. Attorney Berry told Council that he should have something for them by next meeting. **James Campbell withdrew his motion and Robbie Coward withdrew his second.**

**APPROVAL OF STATION #5 AS AN AUTHORIZED RED CROSS EMERGENCY CENTER**

Mr. Berry told Council that Richard Schafer had contacted him and in lieu of Matthew found that there are weaknesses in place. Richard has gone through the necessary steps for Red Cross and feels that Station #5 would be the best place to have evacuation. This would be pending on Council's decision for the use of Station #5. In any event Red Cross's insurance takes care of the evacuation time at Station #5 and there will be no liability to the County. Rodney told Council that this would help us be better prepared to take care of any emergency situation. **Robbie Coward motioned to approve Station #5 as an authorized Red Cross emergency center. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.**

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## APPOINTMENTS

### ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jamie Sue Stephens read the list of appointments as follows: Lodging- Harold Moody appointed Richard Schafer; Jack Scott appointed Mike Griffey; Hospitality- James Campbell appointed Terry McRae; Stevie Grice appointed Bryan Berry; Cultural – TF Finklea appointed O.C. “Corky” Lane; Members at Large – Archie Scott appointed Jessica Davis; Robbie Coward appointed Charles Taylor. Charles Taylor was appointed Chairman of the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee. **James Campbell motioned to appoint the names that were read by the Clerk to Council. Robbie Coward seconded and all voted in favor.**

## ADJOURNMENT

**James Campbell motioned to adjourn. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.**

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Archie Scott, Chairman

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Jamie Sue Stephens, Clerk to Council

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Date Approved