

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
CALLED MEETING
APRIL 11, 2012
2:00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a called meeting on April 11, 2012 at 2:00 pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3rd Ave, Dillon SC. Present were: Archie Scott, Macio Williamson (*arrived late), Aron Gandy, Andrew Graves, Joe Johnson, Bobby Moody and Harold Moody. 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), Gerald Poss Consulting, 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 (SCANNA), Jamie Estes (Dillon County Treasurer), Dillon County Finance, Alan Lane, Steve Johnson (Hometown TV), Manufactured Housing Institute of SC, Ron Bartley (NETC), Jamie Rogers (Morning News), Mike Burns & Kathy Dawson (McNair Law Firm), Nancy Brigman and Ernie Barrentine (Town of Latta), Joni Spivey (Council on Aging), Danny Holder (Dillon County IT), Heywood Proctor; By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Andrew Graves.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Joe Johnson motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of the Sheriff's Multi-Jurisdictional Agreement with Florence County as the first item of New Business. Andrew Graves seconded and all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

**SHERIFF'S MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL (CRIMINAL PATROL TRANSFER)
AGREEMENT WITH FLORENCE COUNTY**

Archie Scott motioned to approve the agreement. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.

CONVENIENCE CENTERS OPERATING HOURS & LANDFILL EQUIPMENT

Mr. Young told that some of the Council had mentioned this coming before Council for a decision to change the operating hours. ***(Macio Williamson arrived)** Charlie Brown told that he was okay either way and that Council hears more from the public than he does about it. Currently, the hours are 7:00 am until 7:00 pm during summer and then changes to 6:00 am until 6:00 pm during winter daylight savings time. **Archie Scott motioned to keep the hours year round of opening at 6:00 am and closing at 6:00 pm. Andrew Graves seconded and all were in favor.**

TOWN OF LATTA REQUEST – WILCO WASTEWATER REIMBURSEMENT (HWY 38 INFRASTRUCTURE)

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Mr. Young told of the request for \$87,695.53 for this project's expenses to be paid from the capital projects sales tax. Ernie Barrentine stated this is a complete upgrade of the system already located there to give more capacity behind Wilco. **Harold Moody motioned to approve reimbursement to the Town of Latta out of the Infrastructure project of the capital projects sales tax funds.** Harold Moody noted that it is common for the County to ask the Towns or City to assist in economic development projects. **Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH TOWN OF LATTA (CDBG PROJECT)

Mr. Young told that this is necessary in the Town's application for CDBG funds. Mr. Dubose and Mr. Young told that the Town has hired a grant administrator to assist with the grant. **Archie Scott motioned to approve the agreement. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

RECREATION REQUESTS

Bobby Moody motioned to approve the recreation requests as follows: \$17.68 payable to Carl's Food Center for Newtown Recreation Department from Macio Williamson's recreation; \$100.00 payable to Family Sports Center for uniforms for Deberry's Softball Team from Archie Scott's Recreation; and \$100.00 payable to Young Teen Miss South Carolina for sponsoring Elizabeth Page from Bobby Moody's recreation account. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.

COUNCIL ON AGING REQUEST

Mr. Young told of receiving a request through the City of Dillon to pay half of the cost to replace the flooring in the building owned by the City and used by the Council on Aging. The low bid was \$11,677.36, half being \$5,838.68. **Bobby Moody motioned to approve the funding request of \$5,838.68. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.**

HEYWOOD PROCTOR/DILLON COUNTY MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE – NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Mr. Proctor spoke concerning the DCMA request to use the Courthouse grounds for this year's National Day of Prayer event on May 3rd, which will last about 30 to 40 minutes. He stated that Ms. Hyatt, Clerk of Court, had informed him that it could not be used. Ms. Hyatt explained that she had turned down another group recently for various reasons, such as court sessions and mainly liability issues. She told that work is expected to begin soon on repairs to a column that has been affected by an earthquake that had occurred several months ago. She stated we need a set of rules to be fair to all requestors. Bobby Moody asked Mr. Young and Mr. Dubose to draw up a policy for Council's consideration. **Joe Johnson motioned to allow the National Day of Prayer event to be held on the Courthouse grounds and for Council to come up with rules and regulations concerning this.** Mr. Graves told that this puts Ms. Hyatt in a bad predicament and that until a policy is in place, we should say no to all. **Archie Scott seconded and all, except Andrew Graves, were in favor.**

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Mr. Dubose briefed Council on the grievance procedures, stating that it is required by state law.

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CALHOUN STREET PARK

Macio Williamson asked Mr. Young and Mr. Dubose to draw up a document to send to the property owner so that the County can do work on the park. Mr. Dubose said the agreement will state that the property is used as a public park. **Macio Williamson motioned for the County to send an agreement for the owner's consideration. Andrew Graves seconded and all were in favor.**

OLD BUSINESS

I-PAD PURCHASES

Mr. Young informed Council of price received on the I-pads of \$580 each plus accessory costs for a total of \$674 and monthly fee of \$37.99 plus extended warranty coverage for \$10.00 for a total of \$48.98 per month. **Archie Scott motioned to approve the purchases, followed by a second from Bobby Moody. All voted in favor.** Mr. Johnson asked if the will eliminate paper. Mr. Young responded that it would.

MARK WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT - STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP, INC. (NESA)

Mr. Young told that Mark Williams was hired by NESA to do the Strategic Plan for Dillon County. He stated that this will involve working with the Public Private Economic Development Board to obtain information needed to complete the project.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT ANALYSIS WORKSHOP

Mr. Young asked Steve Rogers, County Assessor, to speak concerning reassessment. Mr. Rogers explained the process and told that he thinks the modifiers will be close to the same as before. Mr. Young cleared up the fact that manufacturing is done by the State, not local county offices. He will ask Betsy Finklea to do a story to inform the public.

Mr. Young went over the Mohawk building expenses; gave out bank information from the last council meeting; gave out CPI information for current year; gave landfill tonnage amounts to Council and told he is still doing an analysis on solid waste. Harold Moody asked for the detail analysis on landfill expenses and revenues be put on the front burner. Mr. Young told that we may net \$200,000 this year in landfill profits. He went over highlights of the current revenue and expense reports. He told that he was getting in final information on the budget and will have the Budget (Administrative) Committee to review the information and get back with Council.

ORDINANCE READINGS

THIRD READING – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING FEE-IN-LIEU AND CERTAIN CREDITS FOR DIVERSIFIED PLASTICS (PROJECT PURPLE PETAL)

Bobby Moody motioned to have the third reading by title only as set forth in the agenda and approve the ordinance. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.

Mr. Dubose explained that this is a \$2,595,000 investment with 15 new jobs and gives a 6 % assessment ratio. Mr. Young told that it also includes a 25% Special Source Revenue Credit meaning they will receive 25% off of the new tax portion only.

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RESOLUTIONS

JOINT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF I-73

Bobby Moody motioned to approve the resolution. Macio Williamson seconded. Voting in favor were: Bobby Moody, Aron Gandy, Joe Johnson and Macio Williamson. Voting in opposition were: Harold Moody and Andrew Graves. Archie Scott stated he was taking no action.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL & CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

Joe Johnson motioned to go into executive session. Bobby Moody seconded and all were in favor.

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RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADMINISTRATOR'S CONTRACT

Archie Scott made the motion to have a document prepared by the Clerk to Council stating that the Council chooses not to roll over the administrator's contract on April 24, 2012.

Andrew Graves seconded. Voting in favor were: Macio Williamson, Andrew Graves and Archie Scott. Voting in opposition were: Bobby Moody, Aron Gandy, and Joe Johnson. Harold Moody did not vote. The motion failed.

ADJOURNMENT

Bobby Moody motioned to adjourn. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.

Aron Gandy, Chairman

Lisa B. Gray, Clerk to Council

Date approved _____

NOTE: The full Council Budget Workshop was not held following the meeting.