

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL  
CALLED MEETING  
MAY 5, 2015  
11:00 AM**

**The Dillon County Council held a called meeting on May 5, 2015 at 11:00 am in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Dillon SC. Present were: Randy Goings, T.F. Finklea, Harold Moody, Bobby Moody, Robbie Coward, Archie Scott and Stevie Grice. Also present were: Clay Young (County Administrator), Richard Gaddy (Finance Director), Betsy Finklea (The Dillon Herald) and Jamie Sue Stephens (Clerk to Council). Not present Ken DuBose (County Attorney).**

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 McCollester (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, William Fleming and Kelly Jordan (Marlboro Cooperative), Shannon Munoz (PDCOG); By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman T.F. Finklea presided over the meeting.

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Randy Goings.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Archie Scott motioned to approve the agenda. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**JUDICIAL CENTER SECURITY GATE**

Mr. Young told Council that he did not want them to approve this but that he will give an update. He told that we have a proposal for the security gate but are looking at other alternatives. Mr. Young explained that he hoped to extend parking to the other road and eventually a parking gate may be needed

**NEW AGREEMENT WITH MARLBORO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. RURAL DEVELOPMENT ACT FUNDS**

Mr. Young told Council that Marlboro Electric Cooperative, in the past has given us RDA money for Economic Development projects and that they have sent an agreement. Mr. Ken DuBose along with Clay Young and the budget committee have looked over the agreement. Mr. Young explained that item #5 of the proposed agreement states that the Cooperative agrees to provide Dillon County with \$100,000 and that \$39,000 and \$11,000 for Northeastern Commerce Center signage and site certification completed by McCallum Sweeney. The remaining \$50,000 would go to reimburse Dillon County for cost we have already incurred with the project Wyman Gordon. Other requirements is proposal #7, Mr. Young explained that we have already spent money so this one would not apply to Dillon County. Archie Scott told that he had problems with the wording of the agreement. Mr. Scott told that if we are sure that the money has been spent then why would the language be put in the agreement? Robbie Coward told that it might be better to wait until Mr. DuBose could be here. **Robbie Coward motioned to wait on Ken DuBose to give Council clear reading before decision is made. Archie Scott seconded the motion. Randy Goings, Robbie Coward and Archie Scott were in favor. Harold Moody, Stevie Grice, TF Finklea, and Bobby Moody, opposed. Motion failed.** Chairman Finklea called for another

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vote. **Bobby Moody motion to accept new agreement with Marlboro Electric Cooperative, Inc. Harold Moody seconded. Stevie Grice, TF Finklea, Bobby Moody, and Harold Moody were in favor. Archie Scott, Robbie Coward, and Randy Goings, opposed. Motion carried.** Councilman Harold Moody told Council that Mr. DuBose explained at the Budget Committee that this is free money and we should take it. Archie Scott said he agreed with Harold Moody, but this money is hinged on certain criteria such as interest and penalties, that is why he would be against it.

### **DILLON COUNTY PHASE 1 ROADWAY (EDA HARBOR FREIGHT) – BIDS**

Mr. Young told that they had bid out the project for the EDA Grant. This is the road beside Harbor Freight that will open up the back end and give another entrance into the Tri-County Park. This will give Tri-County a three lane road. Mr. Young explained that we have obtained permits from SCDOT and DHEC and are basically ready to go. The low bid was R.H. Moore Company, Inc. in the amount of \$1,291,443.68. **Robbie Coward motioned to accept lowest bid. Stevie Grice seconded and all were in favor.**

### **LANDFILL EMPLOYEE BOOTS**

Stevie Grice asked if the County could buy boots, like Firemen Boots, for the drivers at the Landfill that go to Lee County Landfill? He explained that these men need these boots due to what they have to walk through. Mr. Young told Council that he would take care of this.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Robbie Coward motioned to adjourn. Stevie Grice seconded and all voted in favor.**

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**T.F. Finklea, Chairman**

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**Jamie Sue Stephens, Clerk to Council**

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