

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
CALLED MEETING
MAY 12, 2017
9:00 AM**

The Dillon County Council held a called meeting on May 12, 2017 at 9:00 am in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3rd Ave, Dillon SC. Present were T.F. Finklea, Archie Scott, Robbie Coward, Harold Moody, Jack Scott, Stevie Grice, and James Campbell. Also present were: Rodney Berry (County Administrator), Richard Gaddy (Finance Director), and Jamie Sue Stephens (Clerk to Council). Not present was Stevie Grice and Betsy Finklea (The Dillon Herald). Not present Alan Berry (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 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

BIDS FOR A/C FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUILDING

Richard Gaddy told Council that he had received two bids for the units and they were as follow: Miller's Plumbing and Electric - \$11,762.00 and Medlin's Heating and Cooling - \$11, 600.00. He also told Council that Arctic Breeze did not submit a bid. James Campbell said that since there was only \$162.00 difference in the two bids that he thought we should go with Miller's since they are right here in Dillon. TF Finklea commented that Medlin's was just in Latta. **James Campbell motioned to go with Miller's Plumbing and Electric in the amount of \$11,762.00. Stevie Grice seconded. Voting for the motion were Archie Scott, Robbie Coward, Harold Moody, Jack Scott, Stevie Grice, and James Campbell. Voting opposed was TF Finklea.**

PRESENTATION – DHEC

Rodney Berry told Council that the DHEC building has serious issues and that they are looking at partnering with Care South who has some fund. We have looked at several properties and nothing has worked out. We are looking at land we own beside the Animal Shelter across from the Detention Center. We fund DHEC about \$16,000.00 per year which is state mandated. A possibility is donating land, about \$15,000.00 according to last appraisal and this would give us a new facility and free up this facility that we have now but that would be Council discretion as to what they want to do. Linda Johnson from DHEC told Council that their Federal partners in WIC have \$274,000.00 which is for upgrades done to the facility and they are partnering with Care South who has \$500,000.00 to help them. She explained that the Health Department would just be a tenant of the facility and hope that when the building could be constructed that Dillon County would take on the responsibilities of tenant fees for Health Department which would only take up a small section of the building.

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Rodney Berry told Council that the desire would be that the County owned property be deeded over that the purpose of building a one stop medical facility and having a long term relationship with Care South. Rodney also said that the property is about eight acres and that he would suggest that the County would deed the property to them for \$1.00 and asks them to forfeit our funds for this year which is about the equivalent, the land cost \$15,000.00 and that is about what we usually pay them. Discussion was held. Archie Scott asked if the Animal Shelter may want to expand and Rodney Berry said he would need to talk to Douglas Pernell. Also, if the building is owned by Care South and DHEC will be tenants, can we give land to a private entity. Can we maintain maintenance on a private building. Archie explained that Care South is a private entity and would be making a profit. He said that this issue needs to be looked into more.

OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION OF KNUCKLE BOOM TRUCK

Robbie Coward said to hold off until we get more bids. Archie Scott told Council that they will strike the knuckle boom truck.

ORDINANCES

SECOND 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 VANILLA 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 CREDITS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Rodney Berry explained to Council that this ordinance involves a \$19 million investment and 120 jobs. Also, he explained that the Ordinance Fee in lieu is 6% for 30 years and that the special source credit will be 35% for 20 years.

Robbie Coward motioned to have second reading. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INDUCEMENT AGREEMENT AND MILLAGE RATE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PROJECT VANILLA, WHEREBY, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, DILLON COUNTY WILL EXECUTE A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AND SPECIAL SOURCE CREDIT AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO A PROJECT IN THE COUNTY WHEREBY THE PROJECT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO PAYMENT OF CERTAIN FEES IN LIEU OF TAXES, AND DILLON COUNTY WILL MAKE AVAILABLE CERTAIN CREDITS AGAINST FEE PAYMENTS IN REIMBURSEMENT OF INVESTMENT IN RELATED QUALIFIED INFRASTRUCTURE; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.

Rodney Berry told that this pertains to the same as the ordinance. **Robbie Coward motioned to approve the resolution. Stevie Grice seconded and all voted in favor.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – UPDATE ON PROJECTS

Robbie Coward motioned to go into Executive Session. Stevie Grice seconded and all voted in favor.

Robbie Coward motioned to come out of Executive Session. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.

RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Stevie Grice motioned to adjourn. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.

Archie Scott, Chairman

Jamie Sue Stephens, Clerk to Council

Date Approved