

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 25, 2016  
4:00 PM**

**The Dillon County Council held a regular meeting on May 25, 2016 at 4:00 pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Dillon SC. Present were T.F. Finklea, Harold Moody, Archie Scott, Randy Goings, Robbie Coward, and Stevie Grice. Also present were: Clay Young (County Administrator), Richard Gaddy (Finance Director), Alan Berry (County Attorney), Betsy Finklea (The Dillon Herald), and Jamie Sue Stephens (Clerk to Council). Not present was Bobby Moody.**

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., HL PROCTOR @ATT.NET By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman T.F. Finklea presided over the meeting.

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Randy Goings.

**Robbie Coward motioned to add Russ Edwards to agenda to discuss solar farms and no action will be taken. Archie Scott seconded. Voting for the motion was Harold Moody, Archie Scott, Randy Goings, Robbie Coward, and Stevie Grice. Voting against the motion was TF Finklea.**

**Robbie Coward motioned to add Project Pineapple to Executive Session to discuss fee and lieu agreement. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 4/28/16**

**Archie Scott motioned to approve the minutes. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.**

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

Stevie Grice explained that he thought that if a Councilman wanted to put something on the agenda that he should be able to as long as it was before the meeting. Chairman Finklea agreed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**HAYWOOD PROCTOR – DILLON COUNTY PUBLIC-PRIVATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD – UPDATE**

Mr. Proctor told the members of the Workforce Development Focus Group, Richard Schafer, Dr. Ron Bartley, Dr. John Kirby, Ray Rogers, and Jerry Strickland. Mr. Proctor enlightened the Council on the accomplishments that they have made. They requested \$300,000.00 from Representative Hayes to acquire equipment to Train our Dillon County Workforce in Mechatronics and Pre-Engineering. Representative Hayes requested these monies from the State General Fund. The request was approved to purchase this equipment and is now at Dillon County A-Tech Center. Also, Representative Hayes was able to fund another request and they were able to purchase two tractors, two trailers, a Fork Lift, and a Truck Driver's Simulator which will be located on the Campus of NETC. They are presently preparing a Grant application to Duke Energy and an Airport Study Committee to look into the possibility of upgrading the Dillon County

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Airport. A few of their future goals are to continue working with the Workforce Training Focus Team as they focus on a better trained and higher skilled workforce for Dillon County. They plan to continue to pursue Airport upgrades and to apply for Grants to promote Economic Development in Dillon County. Encourage and promote Economic Development in the Lake View and Latta communities of Dillon County in order to bring jobs to the rural areas of Dillon County. Chairman Finklea thanked Mr. Proctor for coming and for all the work that they have done.

## **RECREATION REQUESTS**

**Robbie Coward motioned to approve the following requests: \$550.00 payable to Oak Grove Neighbor Watch for Fun Day at Oak Grove in June, \$500.00 from TF Finklea's recreation and \$50.00 from Randy Goings recreation; \$150.00 payable to Tabernacle A.M.E.C. for recreational activities, \$100 from Archie Scott's recreation, \$25.00 each from Randy Goings and TF Finklea's recreation; \$150.00 payable to Miss South Carolina Pageant for Mikeya Murphy, \$50.00 each from Archie Scott, TF Finklea, and Randy Goings recreation; \$250.00 payable to Dillon Kiwanis Club for equipment for Dixie Youth Baseball Program, \$200.00 from Randy Goings recreation and \$50.00 from Archie Scott's recreation; \$50.00 payable to Palmetto State Copperhead Baseball 14U Tournament Team from Archie Scott's recreation; \$150.00 payable to The American Legion Post 0032 for delegates to attend Palmetto Boys State at Anderson University from June 5 – 11, 2016, \$100.00 from TF Finklea's recreation and \$50.00 from Randy Goings recreation; \$100.00 payable to Annual Paul Chapman Memorial Golf Tournament, all proceeds benefit the Dillon Athletic Department, from Stevie Grice's recreation; \$150.00 payable to the Miss South Carolina Scholarship Organization for Aubrey Goodwin, \$100.00 from Stevie Grice's recreation and \$50.00 from Archie Scott's recreation; \$900.00 payable to High School Sports Report for an ad, \$150.00 each from Archie Scott, Bobby Moody, Randy Goings, TF Finklea, Stevie Grice and Harold Moody's recreation. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.**

## **RUSS EDWARDS**

Mr. Edwards explained that he is with Coronal Panasonic, which is a national solar energy services provider and project development firm. Coronal Development Services has executed over 400MWs of Power Purchase Agreements to date. Mr. Edwards explained that the property they are looking at is the Richard Bethea/Brown property off of Highway 34, at the Industrial Park at Farley Road. This solar farm would support domestic, clean energy which leads to a safer, sustainable environment, energy independence, and stronger economies. There was discussion as to why this property was chosen for a solar farm. Mr. Edwards told Council that they mostly look for areas that are near substations or heavy industrial, not close to people's homes. Harold Moody said he is all for solar energy but concerned about who will locate around this site in the future. He feels that there is a better location than this one and it could cause an industry to shy away from Dillon.

## **FINANCE REPORT**

Mr. Gaddy reported that currently we have \$463,934.00 more revenue than expenses as of the end of April. Mr. Young told Council that Fund 45 for all grant funding projects, EDA, CDBG, RIF have been completed. All state grants with Wyman Gordon and Harbor Freight have all been closed this year. Harbor Freight did notify back in April and has moved out of the Mohawk Building, so it is open now. Mr. Young said that if we do get any grant money before June 30<sup>th</sup> that it will be put in Fund 45. Mr. Young explained to Council that a request was received from the Town of Lake View and that he and Mr. Berry had responded and provided all information to their attorney. Mr. Young said that Ken DuBose can answer any additional legal questions because Mr. Berry was not here at that time, 2013. He also explained that they consulted with the Association of Counties and the law said to do a budget, 3 readings and a public hearing. Mr. Young said that it is up to the whole Council to decide how to spend the money. Robbie Coward said that he understood that some things needed to be repaired at the Mohawk Building. Tonny McNeil responded that there are leaks in the roof and that the keys are in the front office, so you can go tour it. Chairman Finklea said that the Building Committee will go look at it. Robbie Coward asked Mr. Gaddy if he can view the credit card on line. Mr. Gaddy's reply was that he does not have online access but can access the information by telephone. Mr. Gaddy said that he would check on this. Chairman Finklea asked Mr. Young if he had given Mr. Gaddy the information that he needed to get on line with the credit card. Mr. Young replied whatever I need to sign to make it work.

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**APPOINTMENTS**

**DILLON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**District One** – No appointment at this time. **District Six** – No appointment at this time.

Mr. Young told Council, the Economic Development that will be discussed in Executive Session is Project Badger and Project Pineapple and the Contractual Matter is the lease of the Mohawk Building.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CONTRACTUAL MATTER**

**Harold Moody** motioned to go into executive session. **Randy Goings** seconded and all were in favor.

**Bobby Moody** motioned to come out of executive session. **Harold Moody** seconded and all were in favor.

**RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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**T.F. Finklea, Chairman**

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**Jamie Sue Stephens, Clerk to Council**

**Date Approved** \_\_\_\_\_