

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
CALLED MEETING
June 16, 2017
10:00 AM**

The Dillon County Council held a called meeting on June 16, 2017 at 10:00 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), Alan Berry (County Attorney), Betsy Finklea (The Dillon Herald) and Jamie Sue Stephens (Clerk to Council). Not present Richard Gaddy (Finance Director).

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, 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

NETC PRESENTATION

Dan Bozard, representing Northeastern Technical College spoke with Council about the \$114,000 that they received annually from Dillon County Council. He explained that it was his understanding that the money may not be available for the 2017 – 2018 budget and that because of this they may be forced to increase tuition by 1.9% or an additional \$3 per credit hour for all NETC students from Chesterfield, Marlboro and Dillon Counties. He also told Council that cutting education funding while Dillon County has a once in a lifetime opportunity with the Inland Port, sends the wrong message to both existing businesses' planning expansion and potential new business exploring locating here. He told Council that they have spent a lot of money encouraging companies to locate to Dillon County but, if we do not have a trained workforce already here or we can't meet their training requirements then we jointly have a serious problem. Mr. Bozard told Council that training requires money and he ask that the Council continue as they have in the past, sending NETC's annual financial support. Robbie Coward asked Mr. Bozard that if they could give half to NETC would that help and Mr. Bozard replied that would be great.

FORENSIC AUDIT

Robbie Coward asked if a hold could be put on the forensic audit until Richard Gaddy could be here.

ORDINANCES

SECOND READING - AN ORDINANCE TO TERMINATE AND RECONVEY EASEMENTS GRANTED TO DILLON COUNTY BY W.L. BETHEA FARMS, LTS. AND DILLON PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC. BY GRANT

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OF RIGHT-OF-WAY AND UTILITY EASEMENT RECORDED APRIL 2, 2013, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT FOR DILLON COUNTY IN DEED BOOK 527 AT PAGE 100

Alan Berry told Council that this ordinance is about easements that must be reconveyed back to property owners. **Robbie Coward motioned to have second reading. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.**

SECOND READING – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING, PURSUANT TO TITLE 4 CHAPTER 1 AND 20 AND TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAXES AND SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AGREEMENT BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS TEXAS, L.P. AND HF THREE LANDLORD (SC) LLC (COLLECTIVELY, “THE COMPANY”) IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXPANSION OF THE COMPANY’S OR ITS AFFILIATES’ DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES IN DILLON COUNTY (THE “PROJECT”) EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AMENDMENT TO FEE AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG DILLON COUNTY, HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS TEXAS, L.P. AND HF TWO LANDLORD (SC) LLC; THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ONE OR MORE GRANT AGREEMENTS RELATING TO THE PROJECT; THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY BY THE COUNTY AND THE CONVEYANCE OF SUCH PROPERTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT; THE PROVISION BY THE COUNTY OF CERTAIN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INFRASTRUCTURE IN SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT; AND MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

Alan Berry told Council that this ordinance deals with the fee agreement for Project Badger. **Stevie Grice motioned to have second reading. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.**

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO ASSIGN LAND OPTION AGREEMENT (TMS: 068-00-00-042, 35 + - ACRES) TO MEC FOR THE PURPOSE OF A NEW SUBSTATION.

Alan Berry told council that this resolution is that Marlboro Electric needs to build substation for Project Badger and Inland Port to serve as a backup. **TF Finklea motioned to approve resolution. Robbie Coward seconded and all voted in favor.**

ADJOURNMENT

Robbie Coward motioned to adjourn. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.

Archie Scott, Chairman

Jamie Sue Stephens, Clerk to Council

Date Approved