

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
CALLED MEETING
JULY 17, 2017
12:00 NOON**

The Dillon County Council held a called meeting on July 17, 2017 at 12:00 noon 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 – (*arrived late), and James Campbell. Also present were: Rodney Berry (County Administrator), Richard Gaddy (Finance Director) Betsy Finklea (The Dillon Herald) and Jamie Sue Stephens (Clerk to Council). Not Present Alan Berry.

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.
(*Stevie Grice arrived)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Rodney Berry asked Council to amend the agenda to add Executive Session before New Business. **Robbie Coward motioned to approve the agenda as amended to add Executive Session before New Business. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.**

***ADDED EXECUTIVE SESSION- LEGAL MATTER**

James Campbell motioned to go into Executive Session. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor. James Campbell motioned to come out of Executive Session. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.

RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

NEW BUSINESS

DIRECTION OF WRIT MANDAMUS

Rodney Berry explained to Council that he had received a letter from Curry and Byrd Law Firm and were given several options to resolve this matter. 1) Dillon County can immediately pass a Continuing Resolution authorizing funds to be expended. 2) Dillon County can immediately have First Reading on a new budget and can properly pass a budget within thirty (30) days. The Continuing Resolution will protect the Treasurer until the new budget is passed. 3) Dillon County can immediately file a Petition for Mandamus against the Dillon County Treasurer. **Robbie Coward motion to file a Petition for a Writ of Mandamus. Harold Moody seconded. Voting for motion were Robbie Coward, Harold Moody, Archie Scott, James Campbell, Jack Scott. Voting opposed were TF Finklea and Stevie Grice.**

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RESOLUTION

CONTINUING OF 2016 – 2017 BUDGET

TF Finklea motioned to do a continuing resolution of the 2016 – 2017 budget. Stevie Grice seconded. Voting for motion were TF Finklea, Stevie Grice and Harold Moody. Voting opposed were Robbie Coward, Archie Scott, James Campbell and Jack Scott.

ADJOURNMENT

Robbie Coward motioned to adjourn. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.

Archie Scott, Chairman

Jamie Sue Stephens, Clerk to Council

Date Approved