

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL  
CALLED MEETING  
OCTOBER 19, 2011  
2:00 PM**

**The Dillon County Council held a called meeting on October 19, 2011 at 2:00 pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Dillon SC. Present were: Aron Gandy, Harold Moody, Bobby Moody, Andrew Graves, Joe Johnson, Macio Williamson and Archie Scott. Also present were: Clay Young (County Administrator) and Lisa Gray (Clerk to Council), Ken Dubose (County Attorney) and Betsy Finklea (The Dillon Herald).**

The following were notified of the meeting and provided an agenda: By e-mail – Gerald Poss Consulting, Yolanda McCormick (Librarian), Susan Norton (Perdue), The Dillon Herald, Dillon County Development Board Office, Tonny McNeil (Econ Dev Director), Jamie Estes (Treasurer), Manufactured Housing Institute of SC, Dan Gruszka, Charles Curry, Terry Morris, Jerry Rivers, Alan Lane (all citizens' request), Tim Ammons (Attorney), Steve Johnson, Randy Rouse (Hometown TV), WMBF News, Dillon County Planning Office, Dillon County Code Enforcement Office, Bobby Holland (SCANNA), Larry Abraham (Chief Deputy), Harold Moody, Joe Johnson, Jamie Rogers (Morning News), Gabriel Salmon (PDCAA), Ken Dubose (County Attorney), Randy Grimsley (EMS Director), Ron Bartley (NETC), Danny Holder (IT Dept), and Frank Brockington; By fax – Dillon County E911, Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman Archie Scott presided over the meeting.

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Andrew Graves.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Andrew Graves motioned to approve the agenda. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**BUDGET UPDATE FY 2010-2011 AND FY 2011-2012**

Mr. Young gave reports to Council and explained that the final entries are being made to finalize the prior year's audit. Jamie Estes told that the audit should be presented to Council in December or January. Mr. Young emphasized to the auditor to have the report to Council early enough to review before the formal presentation. He stated it looks like we will have approximately \$830,000 surplus for FY ending 06/30/11.

He told that currently we are at \$2.6 million deficit (revenues less expenses) which is normal for this time of the year. Mr. Young stated this figure includes expenses to be covered by the bond not yet issued.

Chairman Scott asked what impact that the finance director leaving has on us. Mr. Young stated the auditor will put something in his notes and we will address the issues on internal control.

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Ms. Estes told Council that tax notices will be mailed out November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Young gave out fund balance information as of September 30, 2011. Mr. Johnson asked for the bank account figures to be detailed. Ms. Estes stated she would get that.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX**

Mr. Young gave Council the report reflecting final figures. He told that funds not completely spent were for the frontage roads, Hwy 38, and Lake View infrastructure, leaving \$2.5 million left over. He mentioned the funds received from Marlboro Electric to reimburse the County for the Latta Industrial Park purchase (Jeff Lee property). He told that Council needs to come up with a schedule to expend the remaining funds.

**GASOLINE CONTRACT**

Mr. Young told of contacting fuel providers. He told of Fuel Man having no up-front cost and may be a savings of three to five cents per gallon. He stated that seven stations in Dillon County participate in the program and that it is available nationwide. He stated our system is antiquated and told of issues concerning inaccuracies in fuel usage if correct information is not entered by the user. Also, sometimes fuel has to be obtained out of town so those figures are not in our current system. He told that Fuel Man will contact us immediately if something is not entered correctly. Another issue with our system is the liability involved with the storage tanks. He stated he will get more information and report back to Council. He also told that the manual logs would be used again, along with the vehicles being spot checked. He told that the department heads need to see reports and oversee accountability.

**IPADS**

Mr. Young told that a few Council members requested that he obtain information on I Pads for Council's use to save on making copies of the agenda packet, eliminating paperwork, etc. He obtained a cost from Verizon of \$600-700 each and asked if Council wants to go with them. Archie Scott told that he would like Mr. Young to pursue it.

**COUNTY LEASES – BUILDINGS**

Mr. Young gave Council information on cost of current building leases. He told that the SC Probation and Parole has requested to move to another location. He obtained information from Michael Stephens on leasing all or a portion of his building across from Carl's Food Center. Mr. Gandy suggested putting up a building where the recycling building is (if torn down).

**COUNTY POSITIONS**

Mr. Young stated he will send Council a memo concerning current positions available. He told that he wanted to do some switching around and will let Council know before doing anything. Mr. Scott asked if an additional person will be hired at the Voters Registration. Mr. Young told that he will address that. Mr. Graves spoke of some positions needing more supervision or possibly cutting out.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**LANDFILL CONTRACT (FIVE YEAR PLAN)**

Mr. Young told of Arcadis' proposal to develop a master plan for the existing solid waste campus and prepare an update to the closure/post-closure care plan for the C & D landfill. He told that the plan will be presented to DHEC. He told that a new C& D cell will need to be permitted, either vertically or horizontally, or both. He also told of transfer station repairs needed to allow for operations to continue several more years.

Harold Moody questioned the proposal's mention of the life expectancy of the transfer station and other issues. **Mr. Williamson motioned that Council table this until a meeting with Arcadis is held. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OUTLINE**

Mr. Young told of meeting with McNair Law Firm concerning the 501C3 status and hopes to have a report for Council in two or three weeks.

**G.O. BONDS**

Mr. Young gave Council a report and told that we need to either issue or not issue the bonds (not to exceed \$1.5 million) in the next couple of months, which Council has already passed by ordinance. He recommended that Council issue the bonds. He mentioned that the jail will be paid off next spring, which should decrease our debt service millage.

**RECYCLING CENTER BUILDING**

Mr. Young told that he received the report on asbestos and that none was found. Mr. Graves told that the Building Committee has discussed options, including selling the building. Discussion was held concerning whether to tear down, repair, renovate for use as offices/storage or sell the building. Mr. Scott asked if we will have a recycling program or not. Mr. Young told that we may use the convenience sites for that. Mr. Graves will set up a Building Committee meeting to discuss options for the building.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**APPROVING THE USE OF FUND BALANCE**

Mr. Young has a resolution prepared if Council is going to do something for the County employees around the holidays. He told that Council can decide on it closer to that time. The matter was tabled.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – CONTRACTUAL MATTER**

Mr. Dubose told the purpose of the executive session was for matters relating to real estate and industrial matters. Chairman Scott stated there was only one matter on the agenda and that we should follow the agenda. Mr. Dubose corrected his statement to discuss one matter relating to real estate.

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

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**Aron Gandy motioned to come out of executive session. Andrew Graves seconded and all were in favor.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Aron Gandy motioned to adjourn. Bobby Moody seconded and all were in favor.**

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**Archie Scott, Chairman**

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**Lisa B. Gray, Clerk to Council**

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