

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 28, 2012  
4:00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a regular meeting on November 28, 2012 at 4:00 pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Dillon SC. Present were: Andrew Graves, Aron Gandy, Joe Johnson, Bobby Moody and Harold Moody. Archie Scott was not present. Also present were: Clay Young (County Administrator), Ken DuBose (County Attorney), Lisa Gray (Clerk to Council) and Betsy Finklea (The Dillon Herald).

The following were notified of the meeting and provided an agenda: By e-mail – Charles Curry, Randy Grimsley (Dillon County EMS), Harold Moody, The Dillon Herald, Susan Norton (Perdue), Tim Ammons (Attorney), Tonny McNeil (Dillon County Economic Development), Yolanda McCormick (Dillon County Librarian), Randy Rouse (Hometown TV), Gabriel Salmon (PDCAA), Larry Abraham (Chief Deputy), Ken Dubose (County Attorney), Joe Johnson, 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 (SCANANA), Jamie Estes (Dillon County Treasurer), Dillon County Finance, Sonny McRae (Dillon County E911), Alan Lane, Steve Johnson (Hometown TV), Manufactured Housing Institute of SC, Ron Bartley (NETC), Jamie Rogers (Morning News), Karl McCollester (Agenda Repository), Archie Scott, Frank Brockington, Haywood Proctor, Mike Burns, Dan McLeod, Brandon Norris, Lisa Morris and Kathy Dawson (McNair Law Firm) Danny Holder (Dillon County IT) and Bob Newton, and; By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Andrew Graves.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 09/26, 10/24 & 11/14/12 (CALLED)**

**Andrew Graves motioned to approve the minutes. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor. (Note: The 09/26/12 regular meeting was not held due to lack of quorum)**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

(The public hearing was properly noticed for all ordinances in the November 13, 2012 edition of The Dillon Herald.)

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT AND PROVISION OF CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE CREDITS FOR THE BENEFIT OF A CORPORATION KNOW AS “PROJECT TOOL SHED”, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE FOREGOING (POSTPONE)**

The public hearing on this ordinance was postponed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PHONE SYSTEM PROPOSAL**

Mr. Young told that Danny Holder, Dillon County Information Technology Specialist, had obtained proposals (VOIP vendors Spirit, AT&T, and CSI). He told that the Council building committee had met and reviewed them and recommended going with AT&T. The one-time

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charge is \$2,205.50 (\$34,557.50 less credit of \$32,352.00) with monthly recurring charges of approximately \$4,464.11 which includes long distance and other features. Harold Moody stated this is a three year contract and will cost around \$200.00 more per month than we are currently paying and will equip the offices with a modern system. **Harold Moody motioned to approve the AT&T proposal/contract. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

**ROADS & BRIDGES - TRACTOR/MOWER/DITCHER PURCHASE**

Mr. Young told that the Council public works committee had met and discussed the state contract purchase of the tractor with two attachments for ditching and rotary cutting heads. He told that the \$123,380.00 may be funded from the GO bond which has been issued but funds not received yet. Bennett Bethea and Steve Moody were in attendance and told of constant problems with the current equipment. Andrew Graves told of concerns about the court order stating we cannot work on private property. Mr. Gandy stated this is for ditching and cutting county roads. Mr. DuBose explained that ditches which drain a public road may be worked on once permission/signatures are obtained from property owners. He told that the court was furnished with the document which the county uses for this purpose. **Bobby Moody motioned to approve the equipment (from Blanchard – state contract #4400002455). Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

**RIF GRANT APPROVAL – PROJECT TOOL SHED LAND PURCHASE AND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

Mr. Young explained that SC Department of Commerce had initially decided to give us a RIF grant of one million dollars to be used for project Tool Shed. He told that it was later determined that the funds would be obtained through a CDBG grant. No action is required at this time.

**ACCOMMODATION TAX COMMITTEE FY2012-2013 RECOMMENDATIONS**

Bob Newton explained that the committee had made the recommendations based on funds received by Dillon County this past fiscal year noting that the total amount was an increase from the prior year. The recommendations totaling \$39,787.00 are: Latta Springfest \$3,500; Lake View Christmas on the Boulevard \$3,500; Dillon County Celebrates Main Street \$7,000; Dillon County Theater \$5,000; Taste of Dillon County \$7,000; Dillon County Museum \$1,500; Edward's House Museum \$500; Latta Revitalization Project \$1,000; Antique Craft Show – Lake View \$1,200; Dillon County Concert Series \$600; Latta Community Singers \$700; Lake View Historic Signage Program \$1,000; Christmas @ The Dillon House \$500; Latta Revitalization \$500; Heritage Day - Lake View \$600; Summer Celebration – Latta \$600; Tourism Advertising - Dillon Chamber of Commerce \$5,087. **Harold Moody motioned to approve the recommendations. Andrew Graves seconded and all were in favor**

**FINANCE REPORT**

Mr. Young told that revenue information was provided by Jamie Estes and that Council had been provided various monthly reports. He noted page 18 of the Revenue and Expenditure Statement for October 2012 reflects \$1,103,960.25 balance of revenues over budgeted expenses. He stated tax bills just went out and the report is normal for this time of year. He told that the various reports are posted on the website also.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BUILDING COMMITTEE**

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER UPDATE**

Mr. Young told that he has direction from the committee and will get with the architect on finalizing drawings. Harold Moody told that the committee recommended reducing the size of the facility to 28,000 square feet.

**BINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Young told that the land purchase had been finalized. Mr. Gandy stated Mr. Young has asked Sammy Bracey to give a proposed drawing of the layout of the building.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Young told of the Council building committee reviewing the Mohawk Building Up-fit project along with Tonny McNeil, Winna Miller and Sammy Bracey. He stated additional funding of \$30,000 was obtained from the Tri-County Committee to assist the project. He told that we have spent approximately \$3,800 over the \$399,822 budget. He also noted that we may obtain additional funding of around \$25,000 from Marlboro Electric Coop (which would total \$225,000 to go toward the spec building in the Tri-County park and will, in turn, enable us to transfer this amount from the line item in the County budget for the Tri-County park and use toward the Mohawk building). He stated that when you're working on an older building you don't know what you're you'll run into.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mr. DuBose reported that work on Project Tool Shed is proceeding and documents should be concluded within the next couple of weeks.

**ORDINANCE READINGS**

**THIRD READING – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING FEE-IN-LIEU AND CERTAIN CREDITS FOR “PROJECT SQUEEZE”**

Tabled

**THIRD READING – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$1,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2012B**

Tabled

**THIRD READING - ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK BY AND AMONG DILLON, MARION, AND MARLBORO COUNTIES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING**

Tabled

**THIRD READING - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING FEE-IN-LIEU AND CERTAIN CREDITS FOR “PROJECT TOOL SHED”**

Tabled

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**RESOLUTIONS**

**ABANDONMENT OF PORTION OF INDUSTRIAL PARK BLVD  
(DRIVE)(FORMERLY FARLEY DR)**

**Harold Moody motioned to approve the resolution. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

**APPOINTMENTS**

**SC WORK READY COMMUNITIES – COUNTY DESIGNEE AND STEERING  
COMMITTEE**

Mr. Young told that Tonny McNeil has been attending the meetings. He stated this could continue unless Council designates another person.

**PEE DEE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD**

No action was taken.

**PEE DEE REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY – REPLACING ROBERT ABSON, JR.**

**Bobby Moody motioned to recommend and appoint Dickie Sherman. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.**

**TRINITY BEHAVIORAL CARE – REAPPOINTMENTS OF JAMES MCRAE &  
CARMEN BETHEA**

**Joe Johnson motioned to approve the reappointments. Bobby Moody seconded and all were in favor.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Bobby Moody motioned to adjourn. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

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**Aron Gandy, Chairman**

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

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