PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a) An ordinance (05-12) to amend the FY 04-05 budget for Abbeville County by incorporating unexpected revenues and the expenditure thereof for the employee Christmas bonus and the increase in insurance costs. Mr. David King of 395 McGill Circle spoke against county employee's Christmas bonus and tax payers having to pay for insurance. Hearing no further comment, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.

b) An ordinance (05-13) providing for the establishment of a vested right to develop property in Abbeville County by amending Article 4 of the Abbeville County Land Development Regulations so as to add Article 4.5. There were no comments so Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 25, 2005
MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Gunnells, Vice-Chairman Forrester, Councilman Davis, Councilman Thomas, Councilman Calhoun and Councilman Norris.

ABSENT: Councilman Simpson

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gunnells called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The audience led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Councilman Thomas gave the invocation.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:

Chairman Gunnells stated for the record that both the Press and Banner and the Index Journal were notified of the meeting and that the meeting agenda was posted on County Buildings as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a) Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2005 county council meeting. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

b) Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2005 Savannah Lakes retreat. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-2 with Councilman Davis and Vice Chairman Forrester abstaining.

c) Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2005 Savannah Lakes retreat. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-2 with Councilman Davis and Vice Chairman Forrester abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

a) Third reading of an ordinance (05-11) to amend section 6.003; Paragraph C of the Code of Ordinances of Abbeville County concerning the adoption of ordinances and resolutions. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

b) Second reading of an ordinance (05-12) to amend the FY 04-05 budget for Abbeville County by incorporating the unexpected revenues and the expenditure thereof for the employee Christmas bonus and the increase in insurance costs. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

c) Second reading of an ordinance (05-13) providing for the establishment of a vested right to develop property in Abbeville County by amending Article 4 of the Abbeville County Land Development Regulations so as to add Article 4.5. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading. Vice Chairman Forrester seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) A resolution (24-05) to authorize the transfer of $95,000 from the local options sales tax account to the general fund. Councilman Thomas made a

motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

b) A resolution (25-05) authorizing the County Director to transfer $14,000 from account number 236-557-46520-7000 to account number 236-557-46520-72040 for the purchase of additional computers pursuant to the ordinance regulating the infrastructure development millage special revenue fund. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

c) A resolution (26-05) authorizing the Abbeville County Director to enter into a contract with DSP Architects, Inc., for the preparation of architectural plans for the Abbeville County Multi-Purpose Building. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

d) A resolution (27-05) recognizing the accomplishment Ms. Patricia Gordon has given to the Planning and Zoning Department. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director Burns gave an update on the budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a) Finance Committee—Ray Gunnells, Claude Thomas and Billy Norris. No report was given. Chairman Gunnells did however state that the retreat gave some fresh information on the counties needs.

b) Personnel and Administration—Mike Davis, Jeff Simpson and Claude Thomas. No report was given.

c) Public Works—Jeff Simpson, Billy Norris and David Forrester. No report was given.

d) Intergovernmental Relations—Billy Norris, Mike Davis and John Calhoun. Councilman Norris asked Mr. McDade to speak on behalf of National Telecommunicaters Week. This is recognition of the 911 team.

e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, Ray Gunnells and John Calhoun. No report was given. Councilman Thomas requested that resolution (27-05) be added to the agenda under new business. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun, Jeff Simpson and David Forrester. No report was given. Councilman Calhoun did state that the Upper Savannah Job Fair would be held April 27, 2005, at the Greenwood Mall between the hours of 10 and 4.

g) Public Safety—David Forrester, John Calhoun and Billy Norris. No report was given.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Forrester to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, contractual or legal matters. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0**.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Gunnells reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that no action was needed following executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion Vice Chairman Forrester made a motion to Adjourn. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Done this _____ day of_____, 2005

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
Ray Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council