

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- a) Ordinance (09-07) to establish operating and capital budgets for the operation of the County Government of Abbeville County for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2009. Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville asked how much money from 911 was moved to the General Fund. County Director Moulder informed him none had been moved. Mr. Irwin asked what the increase in the Public Safety Fee would pay for. County Director Moulder said ambulance, payments on vehicles, 800 radio user fees, medical care at Detention Center, Sheriffs vehicles and seven (7) new Sheriffs cars. Mr. Irwin said millage has been increased since 2005 and the County keeps spending. Soon we will need a new landfill, where will the money come from? People cannot afford to pay taxes. County Council is jeopardizing county residents when EMS units are being used to make money for the County. How can you make money doing non-emergency transports in McCormick? Don't jeopardize residents of this County. Hearing no further comments, Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 8, 2009  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Chairman McClain, Vice Chairman Gunnells, Councilman Campbell, Councilman Klugh, Councilman Thomas and Councilman Calhoun.

**ABSENT:** Councilman Norris

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman McClain called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m.

**INVOCATION:**

County Planner Lanny McKay gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Chairman McClain led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:**

Chairman McClain stated for the record that the agenda has been posted and notice has been provided to the local news media as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chairman McClain made the following amendments to the minutes; (1) Resolution 09-12 given to Starr Fencing with a bid amount of \$77,395.65, (2) Chairman requests Intergovernmental Committee hold a meeting and have a report for Council at the June 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting and (3) the appointment to Piedmont Technical College vote should have been 6-1-0 with Chairman McClain opposed. Vice Chairman Gunnells made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2009, regular county council meeting with amendments. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) Third reading of Ordinance (09-06) to amend the County Road System, Ordinance 2000-5, Index of Roads Maintained by Abbeville County, South Carolina by adding Little River Cemetery Road. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Klugh seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
  
- b) Second reading of Ordinance (09-07) to establish operating and capital budgets for the operation of the County Government of Abbeville County for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2009. Vice Chairman Gunnells made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0. Councilman Thomas made a motion to amend the ordinance allowing for an allocation to GLEAMNS in the amount of \$5,000.00, by raising the Public Safety fee an additional .41. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion failed 3-3-0 tie with Chairman McClain, Vice Chairman Gunnells and Councilman Campbell opposed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) First Readings: New Policy – All first readings are read into the record by the Chairman, and a vote is not necessary per Ordinance 05-11.
  - 1) Ordinance (09-08) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map on a one (1) acre tract of land located at 112 Oaklawn Drive, Abbeville, and identified by tax map number 108-00-00-163; and also to amend a two (2) acre tract of land on undeveloped Rollinson Street, Abbeville, and identified by tax map number 108-00-00-157; to rezone both tracts from R-8 Restricted Residential (R-8) to General Residential (GR).
  
  - 2) Ordinance (09-09) amending Ordinance #08-27 (authorizing the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$750,000 principal amount Abbeville County, South Carolina Special Source Revenue Bonds in one or more series; the application of the proceeds of said bonds to defray the costs of the construction of certain infrastructure improvements in the County; and other matters relating thereto) to provide for a fixed interest rate and other matters relating thereto. Chairman McClain asked the County Attorney Lee

Roper to elaborate on this Ordinance. County Attorney Roper stated the interest rate on this Ordinance is 3.69% which is lower than the original commitment on Ordinance 08-27. The bank's commitment letter stated the rate incorrectly, which made Ordinance 08-27 incorrect. The bank has recomputed the rate and this ordinance will make it possible for us to accept this lower rate.

b) Resolutions:

- 1) Resolution (09-32) to approve and authorize the execution of the mortgage of 1.125 acres located on Firehouse Road tax map number 134-00-00-032 for the purpose of securing the promissory note of Sharon Volunteer Fire Department. Chairman McClain asked the County Attorney Lee Roper to elaborate on this Resolution. The property was deeded to the County by Milliken and Milliken has relinquished its rights. The property can be used to secure the loan, but the County is not responsible to pay off the loan should the Fire Department default on the loan. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Klugh seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 2) Resolution (09-33) proclaiming that Abbeville County Council is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to help ensure a full and accurate count for 2010. Vice Chairman Gunnells made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 3) Resolution (09-34) to authorize the transfer of \$19,407.37 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Gunnells seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

Councilman Campbell made a motion to add item #4; Resolution 09-35. Vice Chairman Gunnells seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

- 4) Resolution (09-35) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract modification with Martin & Son Contracting, Inc. of Spartanburg, South Carolina in the amount of \$15,130.00 for the Lakelands Commerce Park site grading. Chairman McClain asked the Economic Development Director Steve Bowles to elaborate on this Resolution. Mr. Bowles informed Council that DHEC said the retention ponds needed to be enlarged; the money for this would come from grant funds. Council voted unanimously 6-0-0 to pass this Resolution.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a) Finance Committee—Don Campbell, Bryan McClain and Claude Thomas. No report was given.

- b) Personnel and Administration—Bryan McClain, Billy Norris and Oscar Klugh. No report was given.
- c) Public Works—Oscar Klugh, Ray Gunnells and John Calhoun. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Billy Norris, John Calhoun and Ray Gunnells. Chairman McClain stated nomination to Accommodations Tax Committee, Ms. Edith Collins representing District #5. Councilman Klugh made a motion to accept this nomination. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-0. Chairman McClain stated nomination to Board of Assessment Appeals, Mr. James Finley representing District #5. Councilman Campbell made a motion to accept this nomination. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0. Chairman McClain stated nomination to GLEAMNS, Ms. Martha Frasier. Vice Chairman Gunnells made a motion to accept this nomination. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0. Chairman McClain stated nomination to GLEAMNS, Mr. Joseph Reynolds. Council asked for further research in regards to being on the school board and GLEAMNS at the same time. Chairman McClain stated nomination to Planning Commission, Mr. John Parkman. Vice Chairman Gunnells made a motion to accept the nomination. Councilman Klugh seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, Oscar Klugh and Don Campbell. No report was given.
- f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun, Don Campbell and Bryan McClain. No report was given.
- g) Public Safety—Ray Gunnells, John Calhoun and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- h) Training & Travel—Don Campbell, Claude Thomas and Ray Gunnells. No report was given.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Gunnells to go into Executive Session for an Economic Development issue and an issue from Councilman Thomas. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Chairman McClain reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that one item needed to be addressed:

Vice Chairman Gunnells made a motion to authorize the County Director to sign the grant agreement with the Department of Commerce in the amount of \$500,000.00 through the Rural Infrastructure Fund for the construction of a speculative building in the Lakelands Commerce Center. Councilman Klugh seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only):** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further items of discussion Vice Chairman Gunnells made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Done this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

**Abbeville County Council**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert B. McClain, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council