

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Ordinance (2010-22) authorizing Abbeville County, South Carolina to enter into an installment purchase transaction in the principal amount of not exceeding four million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$4,250,000) to finance all or a portion of the costs relating to the renovation and equipping of existing buildings owned by the County, for use as a County Administration Facility, a Library Facility and for other authorized purposes, all as more fully described herein; authorizing the execution and delivery of various documents including, without limitation, the base lease agreement and the installment purchase and use agreement; delegating the authority to the Chairman of County Council and Interim County Director to determine certain matters; and other matters relating thereto. Mr. Ross Travis of Dennis Corp. presented a power point presentation explaining the cost for each project. Ms. Margaret Pope of the Pope Ziegler Law Firm explained it would be a 30 year payout with 3.19% interest of which 45% would be paid for by stimulus money received. This would not affect the county's debt service. Ms. Shirley Emden of 112 Woodland Way, Abbeville thanked the Council for including the Library. This would give them five (5) times more useable space and better handicapped accessibility. Ms. Mary Wolfe of 97 Pond Drive, Abbeville expressed her concerns that the meetings should have been opened to the public for questions and the county could not afford this project at this time with unemployment being so high. Mr. Russell Wolfe of 97 Pond Drive, Abbeville said he was opposed to the timing and requested Council wait until the economy had improved. Ms. Adrienne Padner of 924 Peach Orchard Road, Calhoun Falls hopes and prayers this will move forward for it would benefit all. Mr. Robert Vaughn of 265 Lake Shore Drive, Iva stated when the new hospital was built taxes would not be raised. Now with renovating the old hospital taxes will be raised. Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville asked what would happen if the County did not make the payments. Ms. Pope informed all that the bank would have the use of the building, but only for a limited number of years with no lien and no right of foreclosure. Mr. Robert Cann of 2030 Seneca Street, Calhoun Falls expressed a loss of treasures. Ms. Sara Snell of 508 Suttles Landing Road, Iva requested the ambulance be replaced and a curb on wasteful spending should take place. Ms. Penny King of 395 McGill Circle, Iva stated this would not benefit the whole County. Rev. James Kay of 389 Bethlehem Church Road, Due West stated this was a good thing, but not at this time. Ms. Bonnie Scroggs of Abbeville begged Council to reconsider borrowing the money and use common sense. Ms. Sandra Fleming of 800 Old Douglas Mill Road, Abbeville stated we do not need another building. Mr. Ed Evans of 27 Agan Road, Abbeville spoke in favor of the Library, Junior ROTC and an animal shelter, but not an office complex it would have no impact on the quality of life. Mr. Ray Peck of 122 Woodland Way, Abbeville said this would be a positive economic development project. Requested Council ask themselves if this would benefit the citizens long term as well as short term. Mr. Benji Sorrow of 4821 Highway 72 West, Calhoun Falls stated we cannot afford a tax increase; Council should support the Calhoun Falls Charter School not just Abbeville. Ms. Jane Greene of 182 Deer Run, Abbeville stated she is a business woman and was this good fiscal decision. We need a Library, ROTC and Animal shelter, but an office building? Ms. Bren Bowman of 246 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Iva requested taxes not be raised but if this did happen to use local labor. Mr. Mack Beaty of 38 Highway 28 South, Abbeville is

frustrated all taxes are going up not just housing. Need the project to be right and look right. Mr. Roger Burgess of 610 Church Street, Abbeville stated less than 1% of the County's population was present tonight counted 80 people. If this project went through it would cost him 1 biscuit a week to pay for his taxes being raised and this was a small price to pay. Mr. Rocky Dunkman of 344 Rogers Road, Abbeville said he believed this would enhance the attractiveness of the County. He performed the IT for the County and now was only able to patch problems, but a new office complex would be a good investment. Mr. Buddy Agan of 44 Agan Road, Abbeville informed all that the county needs the space, several of the buildings occupied now were no longer functional. Construction rates are at their lowest.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
DECEMBER 30, 2010  
MINUTES**

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

**ABSENT:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 10:38 p.m.

**INVOCATION:**

Councilman Klugh gave the invocation.

Chairman Thomas 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.

A motion was made by Councilman Norris to go into Executive Session for a legal and contractual matter in regards to Ordinance 2010-22. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-1-0 with Councilman Campbell opposed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Chairman Thomas reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that they were back into open session and would continue with the agenda.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a) Third reading of Ordinance (2010-20) Flood Damage Prevention. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-2-0 with Councilmen Gunnells and Campbell opposed.
  
- b) Third reading of Ordinance (2010-22) authorizing Abbeville County, South Carolina to enter into an installment purchase transaction in the principal amount of not exceeding four million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$4,250,000) to finance all or a portion of the costs relating to the renovation and equipping of existing buildings owned by the County, for use as a County Administration Facility, a Library Facility and for other authorized purposes, all as more fully described herein; authorizing the execution and delivery of various documents including, without limitation, the base lease agreement and the installment purchase and use agreement; delegating the authority to the Chairman of County Council and Interim County Director to determine certain matters; and other matters relating thereto. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to amend the Ordinance to include \$975,000.00 for the Library and other technical changes related too. Councilman Klugh seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-2-0 with Vice Chairman McClain and Councilman Campbell opposed. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve third reading as amended. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. Councilman Campbell stated he is opposed to this for the following reasons, we are rushing into this, this is not one of the priorities of this county and hardship on the taxpayers. Vice Chairman McClain stated he felt they were making a hasty decision on this, full Council has not looked at all the facts and politics has played a major role in this. The motion carried 4-3-0 with Vice Chairman McClain, Councilman Campbell and Councilman Norris opposed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Resolutions:
  - 1) Resolution (2010-46) approving additional costs of issuance incurred in connection with the installment purchase transaction between Abbeville Public Facilities Corporation and Abbeville County, South Carolina, undertaken pursuant to Ordinance number 2010-22; providing for the payment of the costs thereof; allocating Abbeville County's volume cap allocation for recovery zone economic development bonds to the Abbeville Public Facilities Corporation; and other matters relating thereto. Councilman Calhoun made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Gunnells seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-3-0 with Vice Chairman McClain, Councilman Campbell and Councilman Norris opposed.

2) Resolution (2010-47) of intent for Abbeville County to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further items of discussion Vice Chairman McClain made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 12:18 a.m.

Done this 13 day of January, 2011

**Abbeville County Council**

By: Robert B. McClain  
Chairman

ATTEST:

By: Lynn Sopolosky  
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council