

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- 1) Ordinance (2011-04) to establish operating and capital budgets for the operation of the County Government of Abbeville County for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2011. Hearing no comment, Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 23, 2011  
MINUTES**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman McClain called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

**INVOCATION:**

Reverend David Garrick of Beulah Baptist Church gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Ms. Miriam Alice Klugh 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.

Councilman Thomas made a motion to add Resolution (2011-21) and the May 18, Special Meeting Minutes. Vice Chairman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- a) Councilman Klugh made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2011, regular county council meeting. Vice Chairman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Councilman Thomas abstaining.
- b) Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2011, special meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a) Third reading of Ordinance (2011-03) flood damage prevention. Councilman Calhoun made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Klugh seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- b) Second reading of Ordinance (2011-04) to establish operating and capital budgets for the operation of the County Government of Abbeville County for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2011. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading. Vice Chairman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-1-0 with Councilman Stone opposed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Resolutions:
  - 1) Resolution (2011-18) Emergency Medical Services Week in honor of the men and women who serve Abbeville County. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
  - 2) Resolution (2011-19) to authorize the transfer of \$37,281.44 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. Councilman Stone made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
  - 3) Resolution (2011-20) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with the Norment Security Group for the purchase of a closed circuit camera system installed in the Detention Center in the amount not to exceed \$16,966.00. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
  - 4) Resolution (2011-21) to congratulate and recognize the achievements of the Abbeville High School Varsity Softball Team. Vice Chairman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** None

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a) Finance Committee—Bryan McClain, Claude Thomas and Don Campbell. No report was given
- b) Personnel and Administration—Don Campbell, Charlie Stone and Claude Thomas. No report was given.

- c) Public Works—Oscar Klugh, Billy Norris and John Calhoun. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Billy Norris, Oscar Klugh and Charlie Stone. Committee Chairman Norris made a committee nomination to the GLEAMNS Board, Ms. Martha Frasier and a recommendation to the Legislative Delegation for Dr. Janet Miller to the Registration and Elections Board. All committee recommendations carried 7-0-0.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Charlie Stone, Don Campbell and John Calhoun. Committee Chairman Stone informed Council that the issues on blinking lights and cell towers would be before Council at the next meeting.
- f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun, Bryan McClain and Oscar Klugh. No report was given.
- g) Public Safety—Claude Thomas, Billy Norris and Bryan McClain. No report was given.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT/COMMENTS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only):**

Mr. Chris Cowan of 442 Marion Street, Calhoun Falls read a statement from the Calhoun Falls Mayor Lee Garrett. The statement focused on the movement of EMS stations from Calhoun Falls and Due West. Relocation of units out of these high call volume areas could cause exodus challenges (i.e. school zones and 25 mph limits). Hopefully our citizens will never lose their confidence in our EMS system.

Ms. Sara Snell of 508 Suttles Landing, Iva expressed her approval of moving the EMS station to the Antreville area.

Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville spoke on the safety fee being projected over revenue which would actually be collected. According to the Treasurer you only collect 91%. The millage for the Building Complex and the Jail has not been included.

Mayor Harry Stille of 9 Dogwood Trail, Due West stated having the EMS station in Due West has cost the County zero. The Town of Due West has not received a thank you yet from the County. I do not see any cost savings in moving this station.

Mr. Julius King of 559 Nance Road, Abbeville objects to moving the Diamond Hill EMS Station. This station is in a convenient location to Diamond Hill School and several churches. Before this is done you need to find out where people live and what the community does.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Public Works Director Buddy Agan informed all that the architectural firm will be meeting with the executive committee on May 25 to see a rough layout. Also, the asbestos and lead paint study should be completed by next week.

A motion was made by Councilman Norris to go into Executive Session for personnel issues in regards to the County Director position and the Probate Judge. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Chairman McClain reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that no items needed to be addressed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Done this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011

**Abbeville County Council**

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

ATTEST:

By: Lynn Sopolosky  
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council