

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 12, 2012
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman McClain, Vice Chairman Campbell, Councilmen Klugh, Stone and Calhoun.

ABSENT: Councilmen Thomas and Norris

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman McClain called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Councilman Stone 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:

- a) Councilman Klugh made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2012, regular county council meeting. Vice Chairman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.
- b) Councilman Stone made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2012 budget workshop. Vice Chairman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Councilman Calhoun abstaining.

PRESENTATION:

Ms. Libby Meadows, USDA Outdoor Recreation Planner; attended the meeting soliciting comments on two (2) grants they had applied for in which attending a public meeting was a requirement.

Chairman McClain requested Emergency Management Director David Porter give Council an update on the train derailment that happened on Thursday (3/8/12). Mr. Porter informed all that

the train derailed which happened at 4:35 a.m. was handled with the cooperation of all agencies (list attached). The City of Abbeville is very appreciative of how all the agencies worked together. Fifty (50) residents were displaced until Saturday (3/10/12); lodging and meals paid for by the railroad. Clean up of the tanker which contained hazardous material was performed with great care. The last briefing was held today (3/12/12) and all has now returned to normal. CSX will remain to do clean up. Specifically thanked Fire Marshall Dan Evatt, Training Coordinator Will Blackwell, 911 Director Sharmel Miller and Sheriff Charles Goodwin for all of their assistance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Third reading of Ordinance (2012-01) to authorize the County Director to enter into the agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto, for the sale of the Milliken Honea Path Plant located in Abbeville County. Councilman Stone made a motion to approve second reading. Vice Chairman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

TABLED BUSINESS:

Resolution (2012-03) to adopt the updated Abbeville County Vehicle Use Policy and to rescind all prior resolutions that may be in conflict. Vice Chairman Campbell made a motion to remove this resolution from the table. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0. Councilman Klugh made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Campbell seconded the motion. County Director Bruce Cooley explained the changes. The motion carried 5-0-0.

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 (2012-02) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map on a 5.5 acre tract of land located at 5480 Highway 28, Abbeville and identified by tax map number 047-00-00-028 from a zoning district of General Commercial (GC) to Forest Agricultural (FA).
- a) Resolutions:
 - 1) Resolution (2012-04) recognizing the accomplishments Mr. Lanny McKay has given to the Planning and Zoning Department. Vice Chairman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0. Chairman McClain presented the resolution; while Vice Chairman Campbell read it.

- 2) Resolution (2012-05) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Walters Paving & Construction Co. of Liberty, South Carolina in the amount of \$150,719.00 for road improvements to McBride Street Extension in Abbeville County, South Carolina. Vice Chairman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director Bruce Cooley introduced Council to Joshua Phillips who has become our Building Codes and Zoning Director. He also introduced Benjamin Page the new Building Inspector for the County. Steve Bowles has invited the Council to attend a meeting of the Development Board on Thursday (3/15/12) at 5:30 p.m. in the Opera House. The next budget workshop will be held on Monday (3/26/12). Please contact the state to request they change their budget to include money for the counties. We have received another unfunded mandate to give the judges at 5% increase, but no help paying for it. Lastly preliminary work has begun on a request with Palmetto Pride for landscaping around the new Administration Building and Library.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Finance Committee—Bryan McClain, Claude Thomas and Billy Norris. Chairman McClain reminded all about 3/26/12 budget workshop.
- b) Personnel and Administration—Don Campbell, Charlie Stone and Claude Thomas. No report was given.
- c) Public Works—John Calhoun, Billy Norris and Oscar Klugh. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Charlie Stone, Oscar Klugh and Don Campbell. Committee Chairman Stone made a committee recommendation for Mr. Gerald Milford to be reappointed to the Upper Savannah Council of Governments Board of Directors. This was approved 5-0-0. Unanimously Council requested a letter be sent to the Legislative Delegation recommending Mr. John Bedenbaugh be considered for the Registration and Elections Board.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, Don Campbell and Charlie Stone. No report was given.
- f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—Oscar Klugh, Bryan McClain and John Calhoun. No report was given.
- g) Public Safety—Billy Norris, John Calhoun and Bryan McClain. No report was given.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT/COMMENTS:

District #1 – Councilman Stone read an announcement from Mt. Lebanon AME Church who is having a food giveaway on 3/31/12. He also requested information from the Treasurer’s office in regards to appropriate funding we would receive and how much money has the school board received so we can make an informed decision on their \$600,000.00 deficit? Treasurer Ray Peck was present and answered that the first part of his question would be answered, but in regards to the second that would need more clarification.

District #5 – Councilman Klugh congratulated all on a quick and safe recovery of a missing three year old who chased a dog into the woods.

PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only): None

CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Public Works Director Buddy Agan informed Council:

- ❖ Demolition of 1st Floor complete
- ❖ Demolition on 2nd Floor 50% complete
- ❖ Wall framing on 1st Floor 75% complete
- ❖ Plumbing cuts made 70% complete
- ❖ Heating and air duct work 40% complete
- ❖ Proposal for USDA due 3/31/12
- ❖ Piedmont Technical College is designing the landscape
- ❖ Choosing furniture is progressing
- ❖ West Carolina Telephone and Rocky Dunkman our IT person are coordinating placement of outlets.
- ❖ Library demolition will be started within the next two weeks.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Campbell to go into Executive Session for a contractual matter in regards to USDA, legal advice regarding school district budget and their recent audit, plus legal advice on a zoning issue for Winona Church Road. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman McClain reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced there was one issue that needed to be addressed.

Vice Chairman Campbell made a motion to authorize the County Director to sign a contract with the USDA to lease space in the new County Administration Building for the rate discussed in executive session. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion Vice Chairman Campbell made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Done this 9th day of April, 2012

Abbeville County Council

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

ATTEST:

By: Lynn Sopolosky
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council

ABBEVILLE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION



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Participant Roster CSX Train Derailment

ABBEVILLE, S.C. (Friday, March 8/9/10, 2012)

Agencies Represented:

State:

SLED
SCEMD
State Transport Police
SC DHEC
South Carolina Highway Patrol

Federal:

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4
DOT / Federal Railroad Administration
Federal Bureau of Investigations
SC DOT
US Congress 3rd Congressional District
US Senator Lindsay Graham's Office
National Weather Service (GSP Office)

County:

Abbeville County Fire
Abbeville City Fire
Abbeville County E-911 Dispatch
Abbeville County Council
Abbeville Area Medical Center
Abbeville City Police Department
Abbeville County Sheriff's Office
Abbeville County Tax Assessor
Abbeville City Administrator's Office
Abbeville County Administrator
Abbeville County Emergency Services
Abbeville County Emergency Medical Services
Oconee County Emergency Services
Greenwood County Emergency Management
Anderson County Emergency Management
Clemson University Fire / EMS

Non Profit / Private:

CSX Rail Company
HEPACO
American Red Cross