

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 13, 2012  
MINUTES**

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

**ABSENT:** Councilman Calhoun

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**INVOCATION:**

Chaplain Julius King of the American Legion Post #2 gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

American Legion Post #2 led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commander Roger Sanderson stated the American Legion serves God, Country and Community; was comprised of several organizations i.e. American Legion Riders, Sons of American Legion, etc. He then proceeded to read a poem.

**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:**

Vice Chairman Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2012, regular county council meeting. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

Councilman Thomas amended the minutes of October 18, 2012, to remove the wording Abbeville County from before the motto "Heritage with a Future" in the Personnel and Administration Committee section. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2012, special county council meeting with amendment. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-1 with Councilman Stone abstaining.

## **PRESENTATION:**

Chairman McClain presented the following state awards to employees of Abbeville County E-911:

- Director of the Year – Sharmel Miller
- Supervisor of the Year – Kim Wells
- Palmetto Award – Josie Parton

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### a) Resolutions:

- 1) Resolution (2012-22) to authorize the expenditure of accommodation tax monies as recommended by the Accommodation Tax Committee. Vice Chairman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 2) Resolution (2012-23) congratulating Ms. Cathy Parnell for winning the Motto Contest with her entry of “Heritage with a Future”. Councilman Klugh made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0. Chairman McClain read the resolution and Chairman McClain and Vice Chairman Campbell presented the award.

## **DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

County Director Bruce Cooley congratulated the E911 Department for their dedication to the citizens of this county. He also stated the county was blessed with good department heads.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a) Finance Committee—Bryan McClain, Claude Thomas and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- b) Personnel and Administration—Don Campbell, Charlie Stone and Claude Thomas. Committee Chairman Campbell stated all tasks assigned to his committee had been completed.
- 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 Mrs. Conway Shirley to be presented to the Legislative Delegation for referral to the Registration and Elections Commission. The recommendation carried 6-0-0.

- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, Don Campbell and Charlie Stone. Councilman Thomas informed all that the committee had met with an interested party in regards to the old library building. A report on the meeting was included in the packets. Meeting with Upper Savannah meeting would be coordinated by our representative Mr. Gerald Milford.
- 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:**

Councilman Thomas made the audience aware of a program available from GLEAMNS to help with utility bills, rent and mortgage. You would need to qualify and if interested to call 459-2100.

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

Mr. Carroll Moore of 1187 Vandiver Road, Iva, asked why the school taxes went up. Chairman McClain requested the County Director to forward the public speakers question to the school board and Dr. Randolph for an answer.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Public Works Director Buddy Agan informed all that this would be his final report. The Administrative Complex store fronts and signage on the suites was in progress. Touch up painting being done. We are still waiting on landscape from Piedmont Tech. The Economic Development Department is moving this week and the rescue squad next week. The mechanical paper work will be turned over to Randy Caldwell.

Chairman McClain announced the building dedication will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made by Councilman Norris to go into Executive Session for a contractual issue on sale of property and new complex; also personnel issues in regards to Treasurer, County Director and Fire Commission. Councilman Klugh seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

**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 Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Done this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012

**Abbeville County Council**

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

ATTEST:

By: Lynn Sopolosky  
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council