

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- 1) Ordinance (2015-01) to amend and restate the procedures in Abbeville County for acceptance of subdivision roads for county maintenance and to rescind all prior ordinances or resolutions that may be in conflict. Hearing no comments; Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.
- 2) Ordinance (2015-02) to amend and restate the procedures in Abbeville County for acceptance of roads other than subdivision roads for county maintenance and to rescind all prior ordinances or resolutions that may be in conflict. Hearing no comments; Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 9, 2015  
MINUTES**

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

**ABSENT:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman McClain called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

**INVOCATION:**

Deacon Horace Brownlee with Campfield Baptist Church gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Councilman Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**STATEMENT OF ADHERENCE TO FOIA:**

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:**

Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2015, regular county council meeting. Councilman McCord seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**PRESENTATION:**

Chairman McClain recognized Mr. John Lummus; CEO of the Upstate Alliance; who then spoke briefly with Council.

Mr. John Jervey and Mr. Robert Collins with the South Carolina Association of Counties Property Liability Department presented the Risk Management Lag Time Award to Abbeville County.

Mr. Rick Niedzwiecki gave a power point presentation on the proposed Abbeville Area Medical Center doctor's offices. The site which met all criteria would place the building adjacent to the Abbeville County Administrative Complex and would consolidate several doctors' offices into one building.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1) Councilman Thomas made a motion to add to the agenda a resolution for the Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church located in Hodges and celebrating their 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on March 1, 2015. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 2) Third reading of Ordinance (2014-21) to amend Ordinance No. 2013-11 regarding the allocation of revenue received by Abbeville County with respect to property located within joint county industrial and business parks located in Abbeville County and other matters related thereto. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve third reading of this ordinance. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 3) Second reading of Ordinance (2015-01) to amend and restate the procedures in Abbeville County for acceptance of subdivision roads for county maintenance and to rescind all prior ordinances or resolutions that may be in conflict. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve second reading of this ordinance. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 4) Second reading of Ordinance (2015-02) to amend and restate the procedures in Abbeville County for acceptance of roads other than subdivision roads for county maintenance and to rescind all prior ordinances or resolutions that may be in conflict. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading of this ordinance. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) First Readings: Policy – All first readings are read into the record by the Chairman, and a vote is not necessary per Ordinance 05-11.
  - 1) Ordinance (2015-03) to invoke the provisions of Section 12-43-217 (B) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended to provide that reassessment of all property in Abbeville County, South Carolina subject to an Ad Valorem Property Tax be postponed for one property tax year.
- b) Resolutions:
  - 1) Resolution (2015-01) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Infrastructure Consulting and Engineering for engineering services for roadway improvements to Oakmont Circle, Alex Way, Palmer Place, Horizon Way, Par Place, Lewis Trace, Dustin Way, Flatwood Farm Road, Timberland Trail, Oakwood Farm Court, Austin Road and Westwood Road in Abbeville County not to exceed \$35,500. Councilman Norris made a motion to table this resolution at the request of the Public Works Director Daniel Shaw. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
  - 2) Resolution (2015-02) Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church in Hodges celebrating their 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Acting County Director Barry Devore informed Council that the Finance Committee met with Martin & Smith (Abbeville County CPA Firm) last week and their findings have been distributed to Council.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a) Finance Committee—Bryan McClain, Claude Thomas and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- b) Personnel and Administration—Charlie Stone, Rick Campbell and Claude Thomas. No report was given. Chairman McClain requested the Committee examine the Vehicle Use Policy with the County Director in regards to liability on County vehicles.
- c) Public Works—James McCord, Rick Campbell and Charlie Stone. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Rick Campbell, John Calhoun and Bryan McClain. Committee Chairman Campbell made the following nominations: Gerald Milford reappointment to the Upper Savannah COG Board of Directors, Wayne Ashley appointment to the Title III Funds Committee, Sherrell Ashe recommendation to the Registration and Elections Board. The nomination passed unanimously. Chairman McClain instructed the Clerk to Council to send a letter to the Legislative Delegation for the recommendation of Ms. Ashe.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, James McCord and Charlie Stone. No report was given.
- f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun, Billy Norris and James McCord. No report was given.
- g) Public Safety—Billy Norris, Bryan McClain and John Calhoun. No report was given; but requested a meeting with the committee on Monday (2/16/15) at 7:30 p.m.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT/COMMENTS:**

Councilman Campbell informed all on the public meeting in the Town of Lowndesville on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for the Starr-Iva water system.

Councilman Thomas announced on the 21<sup>st</sup> of this month at 4:00 p.m. Operation Impact will be holding their Black History program at St. James AME Church.

Councilman Calhoun commended Mr. Henry Green (Press & Banner reporter) on his singing performance at the Campfield Baptist Church.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Stone to go into executive session to discuss a contractual matter regarding Abbeville Area Medical Center doctor's offices; legal matter regarding county roads and personnel issues pertaining to Registration/Elections and the hiring process for the County Director. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:**

Chairman McClain reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that one issue discussed in Executive Session did require action to be taken by Council.

Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to settle the lawsuit regarding Deacon Road as discussed in executive session; subject to the condition that the Landowner reopens Deacon Road; gravel and grades the damaged area and agrees to add cul-de-sacs at the two dead ends that will ultimately be created by any court ordered closing. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1-1 with Councilman Thomas opposed and Councilman Campbell abstaining.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Done this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015

**Abbeville County Council**

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

ATTEST:

By: Lynn Sopolosky  
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council