

PUBLIC HEARING:

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. Hearing no comment; Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.

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

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

ABSENT: Councilman Norris

CALL TO ORDER:

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

INVOCATION:

Mr. Charles Francis with Abbeville County Veterans Affairs office gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Charles Francis 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:

- a) Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2015, regular county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- b) Councilman McCord made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2015, cap modification workshop. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- c) Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2015, special county council meeting. Councilman McCord seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 6-0-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Third 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 McCord made a motion to approve third reading of this ordinance. Vice Chairman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 2) Third 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 Campbell made a motion to approve third reading of this ordinance. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 3) Second reading of 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. Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

TABLED BUSINESS:

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. Chairman McClain asked for a motion to remove this resolution from the table and place on the agenda. Councilman McCord made the motion to remove this resolution from the table and place back on the agenda. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

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 (2015-04) authorizing and approving a conditional exchange of real property with Abbeville Area Medical Center; the execution and delivery of a deed for the exchanged property; and other matters relating thereto.
 - 2) Ordinance (2015-05) authorizing the execution and delivery of not exceeding \$6,000,000 aggregate principal amount hospital facilities improvement revenue bonds (Abbeville Area Medical Center Project) of Abbeville County, South Carolina, from time to time, in one or more series, pursuant to Article 11, Chapter 7, Title 44, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended; the proceeds of said bonds to be made available to the Board of Trustees of Abbeville Area Medical Center to design, engineer, construct, furnish and equip a medical office building; the entering into of certain covenants and agreements and the execution and delivery of certain instruments relating to the issuance of the aforesaid bonds, including a loan agreement between Abbeville County and the Board of Trustees of Abbeville Area Medical Center, and an assignment thereof to the purchaser of the bonds; consenting to the delivery of a mortgage; authorizing the execution and delivery of bond

anticipation notes for purposes of paying for the project in advance of the issuance of bonds; and other matters relating thereto.

b) Resolutions:

- 1) Resolution (2015-03) honoring and congratulating Casey Ashley of Donalds, South Carolina for winning the 2015 Bassmaster Classic. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 2) Resolution (2015-04) authorizing the County Director to enter into lease agreements with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 3) Resolution (2015-05) honoring David Porter for his unwavering dedication to Abbeville County and receiving the prestigious 2015 EMS Director of the year award. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 4) Resolution (2015-06) authorizing the transfer of two scrap vehicles to the Abbeville County Career Center. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

Chairman McClain presented the resolutions to Casey Ashley and David Porter. The Chairman also presented a plaque to Councilman Thomas for his service as Council Chairman in 2014.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Acting County Director Buddy Agan said he enjoyed being back; his first few days were filled with the ice storm. He wished to thank EMS, E911, Sheriff's Dept. and Volunteer Fire Dept. for their assistance during this time.

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. Committee Chairman Stone stated the committee met and discussed the travel policy for county employees. He requested Mr. Agan consult with the County Attorney and SCAC on this subject and report back to the committee. The committee reviewed the questions for the County Director and would like to discuss dates to begin the interview process.
- c) Public Works—James McCord, Rick Campbell and Charlie Stone. No report was given; but Committee Chairman McCord thanked the Public Works Dept., E911, Sheriff's Dept., EMS and the Volunteer Firemen for all their assistance during the inclement weather.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Rick Campbell, John Calhoun and Bryan McClain. No report was given.
- 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.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT/COMMENTS:

Councilman Campbell informed all on the public meeting in the Town of Lowndesville on March 10th at 6:00 p.m. for the Starr-Iva water system.

Chairman McClain informed all on the United Abbeville County meeting on March 31st at 6:00 p.m. at the Abbeville County Ag Building.

PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only): None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilman Thomas to go into executive session to discuss an economic development matter regarding the Lakelands Industrial Park; personnel issue in regards to the hiring of the County Director; legal matters regarding 1% sales tax and a road closure. Vice Chairman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

Councilman Campbell left the meeting.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

Chairman McClain reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that no issue discussed in Executive Session required action to be taken by Council. He stated a Special Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 14th, at 9:00 a.m. for interviewing County Director candidates.

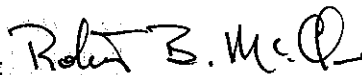
ADJOURNMENT:

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

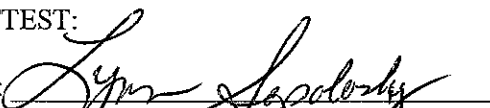
The meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Done this 13th day of April, 2015

Abbeville County Council

By: 
Robert B. McClain, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: 
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council