

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 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. Dr. Chris Oxendine of 901 W. Greenwood St., Abbeville spoke about the need for additional space being vital to the future success of Abbeville County and a good location for easy access by patients. Dr. Chris Ceraldi of 486 Highway 72 East, Abbeville stated the need for space to accommodate the new patients moving into the area. Hearing no further comments, Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.

- 2) Ordinance (2015-05) authorizing the execution and delivery of not exceeding \$6,000,000 aggregate principal amount hospital facilities revenue bonds (Abbeville Area Medical Center Project) of Abbeville County, South Carolina, from time to time, in one or more series, to assist the Board of Trustees of Abbeville Area Medical Center (The "Board") in designing, engineering, constructing, furnishing and equipping 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 one or more loan agreements between Abbeville County and the Board 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 construction in advance of the issuance of the County's Hospital Facilities Revenue Bonds; and other matters relating thereto. Hearing no comments, Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 13, 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 7:40 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Mr. Daniel Shaw the Abbeville County Public Works Director gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilman McCord 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 Thomas requested the Clerk check on the spelling of Charles Francis' name. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2015, regular county council meeting with the amendment. Councilman McCord seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- b) Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2015, special meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- c) Councilman McCord made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2015, budget workshop. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- d) Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2015, special meeting. Councilman McCord seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 5-0-2 with Councilmen Calhoun and Norris abstaining.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Third 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. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve third reading of this ordinance. Vice Chairman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 2) Second reading of 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. Mr. Rick Niedzwiecki, explained the changes to the position of the medical building. County Attorney Lee Roper explained the changes to the ordinance in regards to height, signage and property. Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to approve the amendments to the ordinance. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading of this ordinance. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 3) Second reading of Ordinance (2015-05) authorizing the execution and delivery of not exceeding \$6,000,000 aggregate principal amount hospital facilities revenue bonds (Abbeville Area Medical Center Project) of Abbeville County, South Carolina, from time to time, in one or more series, to assist the Board of Trustees of Abbeville Area Medical Center (The "Board") in designing, engineering, constructing, furnishing and equipping 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 one or more loan agreements between Abbeville County and the Board 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 construction in advance of the issuance of the County's Hospital Facilities Revenue Bonds; and other matters relating thereto. Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to approve second reading of this ordinance. Councilman Campbell 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 (2015-06) to make appropriations for Abbeville County operating and capital budgets for the operation of the County Government of Abbeville County for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015; to provide for the levy of taxes for Abbeville County for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015; to provide for the expenditure of tax revenues and other county funds; to provide for other County purposes; to authorize the County to borrow money in anticipation of taxes; to provide for the repayment of sums borrowed by the County governing body; and to provide for certain fiscal and other matters relating to County Government.
- b) Resolutions:
 - 1) Resolution (2015-08) proclaiming Abbeville County as a Purple Heart County. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
 - 2) Resolution (2015-09) supporting State efforts to find solutions to the funding needs for State maintained and operated roads and bridges without transferring the burden to local Governments and opposing any actions taken by the General Assembly that through lack of State funding will lead to increased taxes on the citizens of Abbeville County. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
 - 3) Resolution (2015-10) authorizing the Abbeville County Council Chairman to sign the paperwork designating Abbeville County as a member of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
 - 4) Resolution (2015-11) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Piedmont Pulp Inc., for the sale of approximately sixty (60) acres of timber located at the Lakelands Commerce Industrial Park for the sum of \$57,160. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
 - 5) Resolution (2015-12) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Dunn & Associates Engineering of Anderson, South Carolina to perform an Environmental Assessment of the Lakelands Commerce Industrial Park not to exceed \$14,900.00. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- 6) Resolution (2015-13) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Satterfield Construction Company of Greenwood, South Carolina in the amount of \$492,277.51 for road improvements to Oakmont Circle, Alex Way, Palmer Place, Horizon Way, Par Place, Lewis Trace, Dustin Way, Oakwood Farm Court and the intersection of Austin Road and Westwood Road in Abbeville County, South Carolina. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: None

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.
- 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 committee nominations for James Hall; a reappointment to the Planning Commission and Phyllis Small; a reappointment to the Library Board. Both nominations passed unanimously.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, James McCord and Charlie Stone. No report was given. Chairman McClain requested the committee look into county projects to submit to the 1% Sales Tax Committee.
- 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:

Chairman McClain informed all on the United Abbeville County meeting; discussed was pursuing a Strategic Plan for the County at a cost of \$50,000 with a grant paying half and the other half being raised within the County. Council expressed interest in going forward with this plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only): None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Thomas made a statement on the incidents of violence within the County and requested people lend themselves to any type of organized county efforts designed to curtail this senseless violence and waste of human lives.

A motion was made by Councilman McCord to go into executive session to discuss an economic development update, contractual matters regarding the Lowndesville Water Project with Starr-Iva Water District and the USDA lease; personnel issues in regards to the County Director, E911 and Sheriff; and legal matters regarding county property and dirt roads. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.



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April 14, 2015

Starr-Iva Water District
Post Office Box 39
Starr, South Carolina 29684

Dear Sir,

Abbeville County is excited by the news that Starr-Iva Water District has approved the water line expansion into Lowndesville, South Carolina. To show its commitment to this project Abbeville County Council voted to allocate \$80,000 to the Lowndesville water line project to be used as set forth below.

It is Abbeville County's understanding that for the first 100 customers applying for taps onto the Lowndesville water line, a total fee of \$800.00 consisting of a tap fee of \$625.00, a security deposit of \$125.00 and a user fee of \$50.00 has been set. Abbeville County Council is asking the Starr-Iva Water District to waive all such fees and security deposits and allow the first 100 customers to tap onto the Lowndesville water line at no cost. It is also understood that if the minimum water line taps of one hundred (100) are not met, the Starr-Iva Water District will return 100% of the funds allocated (\$80,000) to Abbeville County. *1 Tap per 911 Address*

If the Starr-Iva Water District accepts the conditions set forth above, please sign the enclosed copy of the letter and return.

Sincerely,

Bryan McClain, Chairman of Abbeville County Council.

Acceptance of Starr-Iva Water District

The Starr-Iva Water District hereby agrees to the terms and conditions set forth above.

Starr-Iva Water District

By:

Its:

Chairman

Councilman Calhoun left the meeting.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

Chairman McClain reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that one issue needed to be addressed by Council:

Councilman Campbell made a motion to provide \$80,000 from the County's Infrastructure Fund to Starr-Iva Water District to help fund the waterline for the Lowndesville Water Project; provided that Starr-Iva allow the first one hundred (100) customers to tap into such line without any tap fee. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

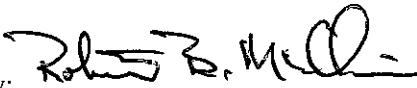
ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion Councilman McCord made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

Done this 11th day of May, 2015

Abbeville County Council

By: 
Robert B. McClain, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: 
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council