

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- a) An ordinance (05-26) to amend the FY 05-06 budget for Abbeville County by incorporating \$7,615.00 in additional revenues and appropriating the same. There were no comments, so Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.
  
- b) An ordinance (05-27) to lease 180 square feet of the Abbeville County Office Building located at Highway 28 By-Pass to the South Carolina Forestry Commission for a cost of \$1,620.00 per year for a three (3) year period. There were no comments, so Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.
  
- c) An ordinance (05-28) to create and establish the Abbeville Water District in Abbeville County, South Carolina; to establish the area, boundaries and method of government thereof; to authorize an annual levy and collection for the operation and maintenance thereof and other matters related thereto. Ms. Sandra Fleming of 800 Old Douglas Mill Road, spoke of the need for water at here residence. Mr. Jimmy Irwin of 625 Highway 20, asked for answers to serious questions. County Attorney Lee Roper stated that this was public hearing and Council was not obligated to answer. Mr. Irwin asked what district would be created. What the plan was and how many phases to complete? What the cost would be? Last he stated Council would have too much control and there would be a conflict of interest with the County Attorney. Mr. Mack Beaty of 38 Highway 28 South, spoke about need for plans. That it was time to consider what the people needed and that the Lord did not intend for water to be a profit maker. Mr. Robert Cann of 2030 Seneca Street Extension, spoke about past experiences with promises for water. Mr. Charles Magaha of 2930 Highway 20, stated that there would be an advantage for Firemen and a cost reduction on insurance. Mr. Glen Brooks of 5004 Old Calhoun Falls Highway stated he did not care either way, but that a plan needed to be implemented. No other comments were made, so Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2005  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Gunnells, Vice Chairman Forrester Councilman Davis, Councilman Thomas, Councilman Calhoun, Councilman Simpson and Councilman Norris.

**ABSENT:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Gunnells called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The audience led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION:**

Mr. Ralph Patterson of Upper Abbeville County Recreation Assoc., gave the invocation.

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:**

Chairman Gunnells stated for the record that both the Press and Banner and the Index Journal were notified of the meeting and that the meeting agenda was posted on County Buildings as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- a) Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2005 county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Ms. Melanie Reid and Mr. Ralph Patterson of Upper Abbeville County Recreation Assoc., spoke on the benefits and needs for a recreation complex in the upper part of the County.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) Third reading of an ordinance (05-25) to amend the official zoning maps for Abbeville County, South Carolina, by rezoning a six (6) acre tract of land located off Highway 72 West from FA, Forest Agricultural to BI, Basic Industrial. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- b) Second reading of an ordinance (05-26) to amend the FY 05-06 budget for Abbeville County by incorporating \$7,615.00 in additional revenues and appropriating the same. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve second

reading. Vice Chairman Forrester seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- c) Second reading of an ordinance (05-27) to lease 180 square feet of the Abbeville County Office Building located at Highway 28 By-Pass to the South Carolina Forestry Commission for a cost of \$1,620.00 per year for a three (3) year period. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- d) Second reading of an ordinance (05-28) to create and establish the Abbeville Water District in Abbeville County, South Carolina; to establish the area, boundaries and method of government thereof; to authorize an annual levy and collection for the operation and maintenance thereof and other matters related thereto. Councilman Thomas made a motion to table second reading for further revision. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) First Readings: New Policy – All first readings are read into the record by the Chairman, and a vote is not necessary.

- 1) An ordinance (05-29) to amend the County Road System, Ordinance 2000-5, Index of Roads maintained by Abbeville County, South Carolina by adding Powerline Road, Big Mouth Cove Road, and Hill Drive to the County Road System.

- b) Resolutions:

- 1) A resolution (61-05) recognizing and honoring Ms. Linda (Lynn) Hilley for her dedicated years of service to the residents of Abbeville County. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 2) A resolution (62-05) to authorize the transfer of \$78,869.86 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Norris seconded to motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 3) A resolution (63-05) recognizing and honoring the one hundred forty-five (145) year history and anniversary of the Campfield Baptist Church in Abbeville County, South Carolina. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- 4) A resolution (64-05) creating a driver's position within the Emergency Services Department and establishing the grade and salary level therefore. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 5) A resolution (65-05) authorizing the County Director to purchase a Court Indexing, Fines/Fee, Bench Warrants, Family Court, Clerk Bookkeeping, Clerk Inquiry and New Server for the Clerk of Court's office for Abbeville County from Smith Data and to convert existing records to the new system at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00. Councilman Davis made a motion to table this resolution for further research. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** None

Chairman Gunnells presented County Director Doug Burns with a plaque thanking him for his service to Abbeville County.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a) Finance Committee—Ray Gunnells, Claude Thomas and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- b) Personnel and Administration—Mike Davis, Jeff Simpson and Claude Thomas. No report was given.
- c) Public Works—Jeff Simpson, Billy Norris and David Forrester. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Billy Norris, Mike Davis and John Calhoun. No report was given.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, Ray Gunnells and John Calhoun. No report was given.
- f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun, Jeff Simpson and David Forrester. No report was given.
- g) Public Safety—David Forrester, John Calhoun and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- h) Ad Hoc Committee—Claude Thomas, Jeff Simpson and Billy Norris. Committee met and has reviewed two of the three new FA zones. The third will be reviewed on 10/28/05.

Councilman Thomas requested the County Attorney to further research the NACO Prescription Discount Card Program.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Forrester to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, contractual or legal matters. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Vice Chairman Forrester left during executive session.

Chairman Gunnells reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that several issues needed to be addressed.

- a) Chairman Gunnells added a resolution (66-05) authorizing the EMS Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Peach State Ambulance Inc., for the purchase of an ambulance in the amount not to exceed \$79,843.00. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. Councilman Thomas asked where the funding would come from and Chairman Gunnells stated that it would come from the Infrastructure Development Fund. Councilman Thomas requested that the resolution be amended to show that the funds were coming out of the Infrastructure Development Fund and that they would be returned. Councilman Davis amended his motion as to include Councilman Thomas' request. Councilman Thomas still seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- b) Chairman Gunnells added an amendment to resolution (26-05) to show the amount of \$9,600.00 being paid from the Infrastructure Development Fund. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the amendment. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- c) Chairman Gunnells requested that all bids in regards to the Farmers Market be rejected and that at a later date the renovations be done in house. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this request. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further items of discussion Councilman Simpson made a motion to Adjourn. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Done this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005

**Abbeville County Council**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ray Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council