ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 10, 2000

PRESENT: Chairman Milford, V. C. Dove, Councilmen Agan, Gunnells, Forrester, Calhoun, Burnett, Director Allen, Attorney Pruitt

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM with prayer.

First item on the agenda was a public hearing to amend ordinance 93-2, Section 1, Fee for handling and processing checks for insufficient funds. This will be an increase to $30 for checks over $100 and $25 for checks under $100. There were no comments.

Next item on the agenda was approval of March 27th County Council Meeting Minutes. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve minutes with one change concerning the investment of county funds and that the Treasurer can invest it at the recommended period of time and where she can invest it be stricken from the minutes since we are not telling her where to invest it only the amount and timeframe Councilman Burnett seconded the motion with this change that was passed unanimously.

Old Business:

a. 3rd Reading of an ordinance to amend ordinance 93-2, Section 1, Fee for handling and processing checks for insufficient funds. Councilman Calhoun made a motion to have 3rd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

b. Attorney Pruitt to report back on request from Toni Ward that the County take up maintenance of a section of county road between 182 and Deer Hollow. Attorney Pruitt stated that he reviewed documents presented to council by Toni Ward which is a document by the late supervisor stating that the road was taken into the county system in 1976 and was an agreement to maintain the road which was essentially the same document that later Patti Nickles brought to Council and asked that maintenance be resumed on the road. The way that he saw it was that what Ms. Ward was presenting tonight is the same request that Ms. Nickles presented some time ago. He suggested that Ms. Nickles get a deed from the property owners giving the county a 50ft right of way so someday it could be considered for improvement, which she did. All people on Deer Hollow signed a 50ft easement . At the time the deed was given to the county it didn't include the section we were talking about and he had no idea there was any desire by the property owners to open up that road and maintain it. He felt that Ms. Ward was asking us to do the same thing that Ms. Nickles asked us to do and we told her to give us a 50ft right of way, which she did and he felt that Ms. Ward has asked us to do the same thing. Chairman Milford said that apparently it is a county road and felt that no action needed to be taken other than the Public Works Director maintain the road.

c. Patti Nickles, residents and property owners of Deer Run Sub-division to voice objections to the proposed opening of a second entrance to Deer Run. She addressed council by presenting a petition signed by all the property owners/residents except for one family who planned to move. She told council that a second entrance will cause a number of problems and indicated that the road had not been used for years. After further discussion, council agreed to keep this road in county maintenance.

d. Consideration of recommendation from the Public Works Director to resume county maintenance on Deer Run between Deer Hollow and the currently maintained section of Deer Run. After a brief discussion, Councilman Gunnells made a motion to resume county maintenance that was seconded by V. C. Dove and passed unanimously.

e. Gil Nickles owner of land on Dundas Road to request that this road be reinstated in the county maintenance program. After a lengthy discussion on whether the road was in the county system and whether it wasn't, County Attorney Pruitt suggested that the county place a moratorium on requests like this until it could establish a firm policy on the subject. V. C. Dove made a motion that this road be reinstated into the county system to be maintained which was seconded by Councilman Agan Councilman Burnett agreed with the motion. Councilman Gunnells abstained from voting and Councilmen Forrester, Calhoun and Chairman Milford opposed. Motion did not pass.

f. 2nd Reading on request from W. C. Nance to rezone approximately 1.03 acres located on the west side of Brownlee Road, at the intersection of Brownlee Road and Flatrock Road from Forest Agriculture to Light Industrial to allow the operation of a garage. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 2nd Reading, which was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.

g. 2nd Reading on request from Nancy Hoffman to rezone approximately 5.58 acres located on Third Avenue on Lake Secession from Forest Agriculture to General Residential to allow for smaller lots. V C. Dove made a motion to have 2nd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

New Business:

a. Approval of bills for payment. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve bills that was seconded by V. C. Dove and passed unanimously.

b. Consideration of request to purchase a computer and printer for the new building inspector for the amount of $2,776.99 from the lump sum monies. Councilman Burnett made a motion to approve this request that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

c. Consideration of request to purchase a desk and computer credenza in the amount of $525 to come from the County Council line 80030 Contingency. Councilman Burnett made a motion to approve this request that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

d. Consideration of request from Carol Speer for an additional $667.65 for the purchase of a new Fire King fireproof 4-drawer legal file cabinet. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve this request to come from the contingency fund, which was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

e. Consideration of request from Container Corp. of Carolina for renewal of the existing solid waste collection contract with a 5% increase effective July 1,00 Since Container Corp of Carolina could not be here, council table this until the next meeting.

f. Consideration of bids for construction of convenience centers to be located on Mt. Olive Church Road and Huggins Garment Road. Phil Gates addressed council by saying that the projects had been advertised and bids were opened on April 4th and came in at far more than originally budgeted and totaled roughly $300,000 and that much of the extra expense was due to the subcontracting involved. These projects were expected to come in at $250,000. After a brief discussion, council delayed action on the bids.

g. Public Works Director to discuss proposed locations for convenience center construction and FY01 Used Oil and Waste Tire Grants. Mr. Gates and Recycling Coordinator Sue McCarter held up a map showing the general locations of where future convenience centers could be located which were the areas of Levelland, Lowndesville, and Calhoun Falls and south of Abbeville. He went on by saying that these are general locations and specific sites have not been selected.

h. Consideration of sales contract with Georgia Pacific Corp. for the possible purchase of approximately 74 acres of land for construction of an Industrial Solid Waste Landfill. Phil Gates addressed council by saying that there was discussion concerning the use of the Subtitle D landfill space and when it was first built it was anticipated to last about 22 years which was based on a waste stream that has gone up to 30%. He went on by saying that they spent a good bit of effort to develop a system to use the remaining space in the northern portion of the old landfill for C&D or Industrial solid waste which required a lot of engineering initiative. The engineers came up with a plan which took DHEC several months to look at and approve but the bumper zones required for C&D and industrial solid waste changed since we built the original landfill and it now requires a bigger buffer zone. Due to the property limitations it wouldn't have been feasible to develop it. After further discussion, Mr. Gates stated that they negotiated a price with Georgia Pacific for 74 acres at a price of $1,700 an acre and that we

needed to put up $1000 in earnest money. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve a 120 day option to purchase this property and that we put up $1,000 in earnest money. Councilman Burnett seconded this motion. Councilman Agan added that we include in this motion that the Chairman sign the option. Mr. Milford added that this is an approximate price since we do not know the exact amount until the property is surveyed. Motion passed unanimously.

i. Rev. A. R. Kollak to discuss water for AME Church. Rev. Kollak discussed the extension of sewer service for the Long Cane AME Church that would consist of three tenths of a mile of sewer line to accommodate the construction of a new facility for the church. The location is on Secession Avenue on the outskirts of Abbeville outside the city limits. V. C. Dove made a motion that Architect, Phillip Jones be permitted to speak which was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously. He said that he talked with City officials and he understood there was a good chance the City would assist. Chairman Milford suggested that the pastor confer with Development Board Director, Ron Bunch on the possibility of securing a grant to fund the project.

j. Habitat for Humanity to request a trash can be put at the house being remodeled at Taylor Town. Council took no action on this matter until they could talk with the city concerning whether they would do this and how much.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

a. Discussion of contract with Cline Brandt Kochenower

b. George Guy, Vice Chairman EMSC to discuss a personnel matter related to the Emergency Management Director.

c. Personnel Matter concerning the County Prison.

d. Contractual Matter concerning Jail.

Councilman Calhoun made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the above items that was seconded by Councilman Agan. Councilman Dove made a motion to add to executive session Development Board to discuss Economic Development. Motion was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously. No action was taken in executive session. Councilman Dove made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 24, 2000

PRESENT: Chairman Milford, V.C. Dove, Councilmen Forrester, Burnett, Calhoun, Gunnells, and Director Allen.

ABSENT: Councilman Agan (attended EMS meeting) and Attorney Pruitt

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM

First item on the agenda was approval of April 10, 2000 County Council Meeting Minutes. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve minutes, which was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

a. Consideration of request from Container Corp. of Carolina for renewal of the existing one year solid waste collection contract effective July 1, 00. Phil Gates addressed council by saying that they have done an excellent job and have developed a team relationship and if extra services and pickups are needed, they have always been very cooperative and professional. After further discussion, Councilman Forrester made a motion to extend the contract that was seconded by Councilman Burnett. Chairman Milford stated that the price should be noted for next year and is $113,997.00. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Public Works Director to report back on request for trash container to be placed at house being remodeled at Taylor Town by Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Gates stated that Container Corporation has volunteered to help us out by placing an open top container at the location at no cost

c. Consideration of bids for construction of proposed convenience centers to be located at Mt. Olive Church Road and Huggins Garment Road. Mr. Gates stated that this was a carryover from the last meeting. Mr. Gates felt that we could not award the bid since we do not have the funds but felt that we could proceed with the county being its own general contractor and to divide the construction into four phases and that it be bid out. He felt that county personnel could install all the electrical that it required. Chairman Milford felt that we should bid it out in this manner and felt we would get more local participation in the bids. Council was in agreement to this.

New Business:

a. Financial Report. Ms. Howard stated that 75% of the year has elapsed and expenditures are below straight line spending. Revenue is still running a bit short and by the beginning of April we hope to have a better picture

b. Consideration of appointment of Cathy Ferguson to fill the unexpired term of Ricky Ferguson who resigned from the Fire Commission. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to this effect that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

c. Award bid contract for 72 Industrial Park Road. After a brief discussion, V. C. Dove made a motion that we award this bid to Satterfield Construction in the amount of $186,611.75. Motion was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

d. Consideration of exemption of Morton Metal Craft. Director Allen stated that this was an item that the Treasurer asked to be put on the agenda and she was not here.

e. Develop a policy to establish a county road system. Phil Gats addressed Council by presenting a list of roads that they have worked over the past three years. When he took over as Public Works Director in 1996, there wasn't a list of roads on paper that the county maintained. With the development of the 911 system and the mapping, and discussions with the previous Director, Bill Nance, who maintained the roads for 16 years, we kept some maintenance records but the format was not so that a list could be printed out. The list presented are the roads that have been maintained for the past 6 years which presents every road that has been worked on for the last 6-7 years. He would like council to accept the list of 216 roads that Abbeville County maintains. Chairman Milford stated that he would like the county to attempt to establish an ordinance to establish what the county roads in the county are. He talked with the County Attorney and he said that the court considers a road a public road as long as it is being used by the public. If a road is abandoned by the public, it is no longer considered a road by the courts which is the main reason for closing a road. He felt if there were any roads in the county that are still being used by the public that was a county road which we haven't done any work on in seven years, it would indicate that it would probably not be a public road any longer. He suggested that we have 1st Reading on an ordinance to establish this list of inventory of roads as the county road system in the county and that we publish this list of roads in the paper so there would be a public record in the paper of the road system in the county. After further discussion, Councilman Burnett made a motion to have 1st Reading, which was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

f. Consideration of 1st Reading on FY2000/01 budget for Abbeville County. Chairman Milford stated that the total projected general fund expenditures

were $5,172,477.00 and stated that the budget was still in its preliminary stages because they are still trying to get a grasp of anticipated revenues. V. C. Dove made a motion to have 1st Reading, which was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.

g. Consideration of request from Davis & Floyd for renewal of the existing two (2) year contract to perform sampling and analysis services at the County Landfill. Phil Gates stated that the current contract price is $31,370.50 and they have offered to renew this contract at no increase. Councilman Forrester made a motion to renew the existing contract at no increase, which was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

h. Consideration of request from Green Pond Transport for renewal of the existing one (1) year contract for hauling stone products. Phil Gates recommended that we renew this contract with a 5% CPI increase at a cost of $2.40 per ton. Councilman Burnett made a motion to this effect that was seconded by V.C. Dove and passed unanimously.

i. Consideration of request from Public Works Director concerning renewal of the existing one year Leachate Hauling Contract with Patterson Contracting Inc. Phil Gates stated that this was the second year that we have contracted with Patterson Contracting and as Container Corp., Patterson is also a team player and he recommended that we renew the contract forever. But what we talked about last year was that we could by our own truck and our own tanker and could haul leachate at the same price or cheaper than we are contracting and have the services of a truck which we need right now. After further discussion, Mr. Patterson stated that he would like to continue to do our hauling and renew the contract for two years at the same price he is hauling it now. He would also like to give his services to the landfill and rent his truck and equipment needed and he would like to request that his contract be renewed. After some discussion, Chairman Milford stated that we needed to do a study on this to determine what our cost would be to haul it and what Mr. Patterson would charge. We should then come to a conclusion based on what would be the best benefit for the taxpayer. Councilman Burnett made a motion that we do a study on this, which was seconded by Councilman Calhoun. Chairman Milford asked if this could be done by the next meeting to which it was agreed. Councilmen Forrester, Gunnells, and Milford agreed with the motion. V. C. Dove opposed. Motion passed

j. Next item which was an addendum was Public Works Director to discuss widening of Scoby Road. He addressed council by saying that this was put on the agenda at the request of Teresa and Gary Ashley. He said about six months ago we discussed the widening of Scoby Road. The existing right-of-

way is from ditch to ditch so we have no property outside the ditch line. We widened it but it is only a lane and one half wide so we cannot make it wider without obtaining additional right-of-way. We, therefore, started preliminary investigations of property owners and looking into obtaining a right-of-way and was informed by property owners on both sides of the road they would not grant any additional right-of-way. Gary and Teresa Ashley own all of one side of the road and we think we can get the right of way on the other side but it would create a bottleneck affect, which could create a hazardous condition. Councilman Gunnells made a motion that we accept the right of way from Mr. Ashley and to widen the road down to the property line of Mr. Phil Ashely. Chairman Milford suggested that a sign be erected saying that it's a narrow road -15 miles per hour. V. C. Dove seconded this motion. Randy Day stated that this would create a liability situation if an accident should occur and the county could be liable if an accident should occur. Chairman Milford suggested that we table the motion until the next meeting and do two things. Someone needs to talk with the other Mr. Ashley and see if there is any way he would grant us enough right of way to make it into a two-lane dirt road and table the motion until next meeting when the attorney will be here. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to table this until the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

Executive Session:

a. Ron Bunch to update council on Development Board matters. Councilman Dove made a motion to go into executive session, which was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously. No Action was taken in executive session. V. C. Dove made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 8, 2000

PRESENT: Chairman Milford, V.C. Dove, Councilmen Calhoun, Agan, Forrester, Burnett, Gunnells, Director Allen, and Attorney Pruitt

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm with prayer.

First item on the agenda were public hearings on the following:

a. Request from W.C. Nance to rezone approximately 1.03 acres located on the west side of Brownlee Road, at the intersection of Brownlee Road and Flatrock Road from Forest Agriculture to Light Industrial to allow the operation of a garage.

b. Request from Nancy Hoffman to rezone approximately 5.58 acres located on Third Avenue on Lake Secession from Forest Agriculture to General Residential to allow for smaller lots.

Next item on the agenda was approval of April 24,2000 County Council Meeting Minutes. Councilman Burnett made a motion to approve minutes that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

a. 3rd Reading on request from W. C. Nance to rezone approximately 1.03 acres located on the west side of Brownlee Road at the intersection of Brownlee and Flatrock Road from Forest Agriculture to Light Industrial to allow the operation of a garage. V. C. Dove made a motion to have 3rd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Agan and passed unanimously.

b. 3rd Reading on a request from Nancy Hoffman to rezone approx. 5.58 acres located on Third Avenue on Lake Secession from Forest Agriculture to General Residential to allow for smaller lots. V. C. Dove made a motion to have 3rd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

c. 2nd Reading of an ordinance to establish a list of inventory of roads as the county road system in the county and publish a list of roads in the paper so there would be a public record of the road system in the county. V. C. Dove made a motion to have 2nd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Burnett. It was suggested that the list of roads be published in the county newspapers one time (Press & Banner, Calhoun News, Ware Shoals Observer, Honea Path Chronicle) Motion passed unanimously.

d. 2nd Reading of FY2000/01 Budget for Abbeville County. Director Allen read out a list of projected expenditures for FY2000/2001 as follows: General Fund $5,134,662; Rural Fire $291,987; Road Maintenance $874,685; Accommodations $62,000; Victim Witness Services $33,169;Solid Waste Collection $429,131; E911 Subscriber Fund $146,809; Landfill $1,094,771; Economic Development Board $194,454; Landfill Closure Fund $130,000. V.C. Dove made a motion to have 2nd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

e. Report back on study to determine what our cost would be to haul leachate and what the cost would be if Patterson Contracting continued hauling. Phil Gates addressed Council by recommending that the county conduct the process itself even though Patterson had done a good job but it would be cheaper if the County hauled the leachate. After a lengthy discussion as to how the project would be funded, Mr. Gates stated that the landfill account had $871,000. After further discussion, in which council suggested that Mr. Gates get three bids, council delayed this until the next meeting until Mr. Gates could report back on how he would like to proceed.

f. Public Works Director to report back on proposed widening of Scoby Road. Mr. Gates addressed council by saying that he talked with Mr. Phil Ashley about getting the right of way widened but he was very adamant and wasn't interested in doing this beyond the existing right of way. Mr. Gates felt we could widen the road to the limits of the existing right of way to which council agreed.

g. Consideration of bids received on May 5,2000 for construction of proposed convenience centers to be located on Mt. Olive Road and Huggins Garment Road. Public Works Director Gates addressed council by saying that he advertised for bids and accepted it on May 5 for the work on the two centers. The work was divided into 5 phases as follows: Division One – clearing, drainage pipes, installation of stone base to Overholt Grading $65,268.50; Division Two – asphalt paving to Abbeville Construction $37,975 Division Three – Concrete Pads to Martin Construction $26,558.68, Division Four – well water and septic tank systems. Due to the difficulty in getting bids for installing wells, he deleted Division Four and no bids were taken. Division Five – Chain Link Fencing to Superior Fence $24,600.85. The total cost of this work would be $153,700, which was considerably less than the first bid but does not include division four which would be about $30,000 more. Councilman Agan made a motion that we accept these bids, which were seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

h. Consideration of Council's approval of Accommodations Tax recommendations. Director Allen addressed Council by saying that the Committee met on April 6th and $36,700 was allotted as follows: Abbeville County Museum $3,500, Historic Preservation Commission $4000, Greater

Abbeville Chamber $8000, Abbeville County Visitors Council $10,000, Due West Chamber $1000, Calhoun Falls Chamber $3000, Spring Fest $2500, ATAX $1500, Abbeville County Historical Society $3200. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve the recommendations as presented that was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.

New Business:

a. Approval of bills for payment. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve bills that was seconded by V. C. Dove and passed unanimously.

b. Attorney Pruitt to request removing one road from the State Highway System. Director Allen stated that this item be withdrawn from the agenda.

c. Consideration of appointment of Mr. Joseph Reynolds to the GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission to replace Rose-Marie Williams to represent the "poor sector". Councilman Forrester made a motion to this effect, which was seconded by Councilman Agan and passed unanimously.

d. Consideration of reappointment or replacement of Horace Burnett to the GLEAMNS Human Resource Commission to represent the "public sector". Councilman Agan made a motion to reappoint Mr. Burnett to this Commission. Motion was seconded by V.C. Dove. Councilman Burnett abstained. Motion passed.

e. Director Allen to request permission to transfer $30,077.61 for March from the LOST Fund into the General Fund. Councilman Forrester made a motion to approve this request that was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

f. Consideration of request to allot $2,200 for one months salary for the second inspector and $1500 for training and travel that was not budgeted for this year to come from the lump sum monies. Director Allen stated that there was enough money in the Assessor's office to do this through June and that we would be reimbursed for the training by the state. Councilman Agan made a motion that we take these funds from the Assessor's Office that was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously

g. Consideration of request to purchase 6 shelving units in the amount of $503.94 to correct the situation on the fourth floor of the courthouse to come from the lump sum monies. Director Allen requested that this be withdrawn.

h. Approval of contract to purchase land for 72 Industrial Park. Development Board Director, Ron Bunch addressed council by saying that he would like to pursue the option on purchasing approximately 100 acres of land to add to the Seventy Two Industrial Park.. He said that it was a marketable location for

the county and would give us more flexibility in meeting the anticipated growth as well take better advantage of the more than $2.6 million infrastructure improvements which were constructed to serve the original park. After further discussion, Councilman Agan made a motion to proceed with the option and that Chairman Milford execute the documents. Motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

i. Request from Fire Marshall concerning the upgrade of phone system for Emergency Management in the amount of $1267.50. Director Allen requested that this be withdrawn.

Next item was an addendum to the agenda and was approval of a resolution designating the month of May 2000 as Fair Housing Month. V. C. Dove made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

a. Attorney Pruitt and Ron Bunch to discuss Morton Metal Craft
b. Contractual Matter concerning the Landfill.
c. Director Allen and Finance Director Howard to discuss Personnel matters.

V. C. Dove made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the above items. Motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously. No action was taken in executive session. V. C. Dove made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 22, 2000

PRESENT: Chairman Milford, V. C. Dove, Councilmen Forrester, Burnett, Agan, Dove, Calhoun, Attorney Pruitt, Director Allen - R. Hunnell

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm with prayer.

First item on the agenda was a presentation by Independent Auditor, Steve Blake concerning the FY99 Audit. He addressed council by saying that in an initial presentation of the audit several months ago that the initial numbers presented at that time remained the same. He further said that Abbeville County needed an investment strategy and a capitalization policy. One of the things he noticed in doing the audit was that we had no long-range investment policy and he felt that we were missing out on investment income opportunities without having a policy in place. If we don't have one, state law says that it falls by defacto on the Treasurer to come up with one and invest the money. He strongly recommended that council come up with such a policy for investments. There are many kinds of banking agreements as well as putting it in the state treasurer's fund. Chairman Milford stated it was his understanding that most of the money is in checking accounts to which Mr. Blake replied that we had about 44 checking accounts which was a considerable amount but not that unusual and that a lot of treasurers still depend on not only the segregation of the activity in the ledger where it is put into separate cubby holes in the books but they still rely on separate segregation of the monies physically. We don't have to have this and it can be kept in one bank account if we keep track of it with some legal exceptions such as debt service Chairman Milford stated that it was his understanding that council could delegate the authority to the Treasurer and has the authority to say how much money is to be invested, where and how long it is to be invested as long as they are legal investments to which Mr. Blake replied affirmatively.

Next item on the agenda was approval of May 8, 2000 County Council Meeting Minutes. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve minutes as presented, which was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Consideration of proposals for the purchase of a used tandem axle road tractor and tank trailer and funding for it. Phil Gates addressed council by saying that bids were advertised in the Press and Banner on May 10th for a used tandem axle road tractor and four proposals were received for trucks. He recommended that we purchase a 1994 Ford at a purchase price of $21,371 including tax from Ryder and a 1968 trailer at $5,775. He said that he would like to transfer $27,850 from

existing landfill closure line item to make this purchase to which council agreed.

Councilman Agan made a motion to accept the recommended proposals by Public Works Director. Councilman Forrester seconded the motion that was passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Financial Report Chairman Milford addressed council by saying that through April, we have spent $3,694, 706. Revenues received were $3,862,296 (General Fund) and we have two more months to go. Revenue received from the landfill was $933,000 and spent $408,000. In Special Revenue funds we received $2,066,000 and spent $1,450,000.

b. Development Board to present Director Nominations. It was requested that Gary Tilley, GlennTeachey and Jay West replace Wallace Scott, Roland White and Jane Stone on the Development Board terms to begin on July 1,2000 for a three year term. V. C. Dove made a motion to accept the recommendations that was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

c. Abbeville County Library Board of Trustees to request replacement of Dora File on the Library Board. Councilman Agan stated that Ms. File was moving to Florida. He recommended that we appoint Joseph Brownlee, Jr., 140 Joseph Lane, Abbeville,SC. Councilman Burnett made a motion to appoint Mr. Brownlee that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

d. Consideration of 1st Reading of a budget amendment for the FY2000 Rural Fire Budget to appropriate prior year funds of $7,500 and to increase machine and equipment repair by $7,500 to repair the pump on Engine 05. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 1st Reading, which was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

e. Consideration of 1st Reading of a budget amendment for the FY2000 Development Board Budget to recognize revenue of $16,126.13 and increase appropriation for professional services by $16,126.13. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 1st Reading, which was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

f. Approval of bid for Jail. Director Allen referred to a breakdown in council's packet as to what the jail is going to cost and where the money is going to come from. He stated that we will receive from the bond the amount of $3.665 million, from Grant Money $330,000, from Law Enforcement Center investments $32,868.60, from law enforcement investments $587,621.48, from the Sheriff's Department

$39,393.00, from the lease-purchase arrangement $114,331.00, from the City $44.000, from the C-Funds $195,000 and the county will be obligated for $34,000 which totals $5,042,214.08. He also mentioned the items that were deleted from the bid. The lowest bid came in at $4.8million&$40,000. From the bid they deleted storm drainage $45,000, building permit $10,000, site water $44,000,signage $10,681, roof insulation $43,000, Flagpoles $2,000, Paint $62,000, carpet $11,400, dumpsters $8,000, labor from cleanup $15,000, Food Service $114,331.00 which means we would award the bid at $4,474,491.00 and it will be awarded to H.G. Reynolds of Aiken. After some additional discussion, V. C. Dove made a motion that we award the bid of $4,474,491.00 to H. G. Reynolds for construction of the law enforcement center. Councilman Calhoun seconded motion. Attorney Pruitt suggested that we add to the motion that we authorize the Chairman to sign the contracts when the Bond Attorney informs us that the funds are available. Motion passed unanimously.

g. Recommendation from Public Works Director for disposition of overdue landfill bills. Phil Gates addressed council by saying that this was an informal recommendation by the Auditors. They currently have on their books about 55 accounts anywhere from 4 years overdue to 120 days. He would like to inform each one by registered mail of our intent to collect within 30 days and at that point to turn them over to the Magistrate for collection. He said that it was about $9,800 and felt that we could collect about 60%. V. C. Dove made a motion that we proceed with Mr. Gates recommendation for the disposition of overdue landfill bills. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gunnells and passed unanimously.

h. Consideration of request to transfer LOST for the month of April 2000 in the amount of $42,785.15 to the General Fund. Councilman Agan made a motion that we transfer LOST in the amount of $42,785.15 to the General Fund, which was seconded by V. C. Dove and passed unanimously.

i. Consideration of 1st Reading on a budget amendment to the FY2000 E911 Subscriber Fund to appropriate $15,000 prior year funds and increase Special Contracts by $15,000. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 1st Reading, which was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

j. Consideration of 1st Reading on an ordinance to adopt Building Codes for Abbeville County. Director Allen stated that the ordinance he is proposing sets the standards for the Building Codes based on the Southern Building Code Congress. The way it is written is each year as the Southern Building Code Congress changes different aspects of

the Code, it is automatically adopted and the same works for the National Electrical Code which is what the southern building code refers to when it comes to inspections in the electrical field. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 1st Reading, which was seconded by V. C. Dove. Councilman Agan felt that we needed a budget workshop before having 3rd Reading since he would like for everyone to look over the building codes because it is detailed and he felt that everyone needed to know what it entailed. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

a. Ron Bunch to discuss Economic Development
b. Personnel matter concerning Public Works Director.

Councilman Burnett made a motion to go into executive session, which was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously. No action was taken in executive. V. C. Dove made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 12, 2000

PRESENT: Chairman Milford, V. C. Dove, Councilmen Calhoun, Forrester, Burnett, Agan, Gunnells, Director Allen, Attorney Pruitt

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm with prayer given by Attorney Pruitt.

First item on the agenda was approval of May 22, 2000 County Council Meeting Minutes. V. C. Dove made a motion to approve minutes that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

Next item on the agenda was a public hearing to adopt an ordinance to establish a list of inventory of roads as the county road system in the county and to publish this list in the paper so there would be a public record of the road system in the county. Chairman Milford stated in order for a road to be accepted into the Abbeville County road system it has to fall under an ordinance dealing with the acceptance of roads in subdivisions or the ordinance dealing with acceptance of roads other than subdivisions. Mr. Jim Hester addressed Council by saying that the Johnny Boyd Road and C. D. Allen Road needed to be added to the list. Public Works Director Gates recommended adding them to the list with names to be shortened to Boyd Road and Allen Road. Councilman Agan stated that there was a road on Noble Estates that may or may not be in he county road system.

Old Business:

a. Consideration of 3rd Reading to establish a list of inventory of roads as t he county road system in the county and to publish this list of roads in the paper so there would be a public record of the road system in the county. Mr. Milford stated that he would like to recommend to council that we add the two roads that Mr. Hester had asked to be added which was Boyd Road and Allen Road and he suggested that they be turned over to the Planning Commission to determine if there is a duplication in the names. Councilman Burnett made a motion to have 3rd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun. Councilman Agan asked for one exception to be made for a road in the Noble Estates area, which was the only road that he knew that was not settled in his mind, and for this road to be investigated with the possibility of adding it later to the list. Councilmen Dove Calhoun, Gunnells, Burnett, Forrester agreed with the motion. Chairman Milford opposed. Motion passed.

b. Consideration of 2nd Reading of a budget amendment for the FY2000 Rural Fire Budget to appropriate prior year funds of $7,500 and to increase machine and equipment repair by $7,500 to repair the pump on Engine 05. V. C Dove made a motion to have 2nd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

c. Consideration of 2nd Reading of a budget amendment for the FY2000 Development Board Budget to recognize revenue of $16,126.13 and increase appropriation for professional services by $16,126.13. After a brief discussion this item was withdrawn.

d. Consideration of 2nd Reading on a budget amendment to the FY2000 E911 Subscriber Fund to appropriate $15,000 prior year funds and increase Special Contracts by $15,000. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 2nd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

e. Consideration of 2nd Reading on an Ordinance to adopt Building Codes for Abbeville County. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 2nd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Gunnells. Mr. Agan felt that we should meet with the Planning Commission before approving this and he was curious about mobile homes and where they fit into this particular ordinance. He didn't see anything in it that addressed this. He said that by 3rd Reading we also needed to have mobile homes included in it, otherwise, we wouldn't be able to start inspections of mobile homes. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Milford suggested that a meeting be set up with Upper Savannah as well as the Planning Committee

New Business:

a. Approval of bills for payment. V. C. Dove made a motion to approve bills for payment that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

b. Jim Sosebee to discuss the soliciting of information about false fire alarms in the county and request that an ordinance be adopted to assist with the problem. He addressed council by saying that the county firefighters are being plagued with automatic alarms and the number has increased since 1997 when 25% of the calls to Abbeville County fire departments were false alarms. To combat the problem, Mr. Sosebee presented the council with a proposed ordinance that would fine a business or homeowner when firefighters responded to a false alarm. He said that new systems would have a 30-day grace period in order to get the bugs worked out of the system. Council received it as information until they could study it further

c. Jim Sosebee to request funding for four fire trucks under an eight-year lease. He addressed council by saying that an eight year lease plan for these trucks would cost the county $830,417.40 and that the first truck would be delivered next May with the first payment of $95,770.44 due in May 2002. The trucks would be paid in full in May 2009. County Council agreed to this and received it as information until the attorney could look at the contract.

d. Mark Jones to discuss fence encroachment on southeast side of Landfill (between Gambrell and Landfill.) He addressed council by saying that he owns the land in Abbeville County and referred to the letter council received telling them that the fence on the southern border of the county landfill has encroached onto his property. He said that he had no problem with the fence staying where it is until a time he had a need to have it removed and he expected that no landfill operations would be conducted on his property that was approximately 3 acres. Phil Gates addressed council by saying that there is a discrepancy between available surveys, but that the fence was probably on his property. Mr. Jones stated that he did not know who erected the fence since it was already up when he purchased the land. County Attorney Puritt said that he would study the plat for the land and report back to council at its next meeting.

e. Discuss Management Letter from Auditor. Chairman Milford stated the reason he put this on the agenda was that it was public information and we spent a tremendous amount of money to get the financial matters of the county in order. He felt that county council should require action on the part of council to make sure that all the things that were pointed out are taken care of and don't happen again in the future. Councilman Agan stated that he thought this was what we had been talking about all along in setting procedures and policies for the different departments which was what the Auditors had promised back in February and to his knowledge we do not have as yet. Director Allen stated that he talked with Mr. Kochenower today and was not quite sure why we did not have this information. Councilman Agan felt that we should follow this up with procedures within the next two weeks to which council agreed.

f. Discuss investment of county funds. Director Allen addressed council by saying that both he and Mr. Milford met with the Bank of Abbeville and there were several types of bank accounts one of which was the basic interest rate and another that earns a 5.4% interest rate. It was suggested that we consolidate from 44 accounts and there are some guidelines in which some accounts have to be maintained separately, others to be put into one fund and written out of several different checking accounts. We would have to maintain a $20,000 balance and there is no limit on the number of checks to be written and they would be drawing interest daily on whatever is left in the account. He also tried to contact the Bank of America but they do not have an investment advisor for Abbeville. The gentleman is in Columbia but he will drive up next week to meet with him to go over what they can possibly do. He also contacted an Independent Investment Advisor to have him work up some numbers and give us a presentation to make sure that switching to this would gain us more interest. All of them have conceded that we are losing money by having 44 banks. Council agreed that we proceed with this and that all other banks in the county be included.

g. Consideration of recommendation from the Public Works Director to request proposals for and purchase a used rubber tire loader for use at the landfill; purchase price not to exceed $28,000. Mr. Gates addressed council by saying that there were a couple of good machines for sale right now from Pioneer and Blanchard Machinery which he felt wouldn't be around for very long. He requested council to allow him to advertise for the purchase of a used machine and buy the loader from this year's landfill budget since there are excess funds left over. After further discussion, Councilman Agan made a motion to approve the purchase of up to $28,000 and the money to come from the current landfill budget. Councilman Burnett seconded this motion that was passed unanimously.

*h.* Consideration of recommendation from Public Works Director to purchase an 863G Bobcat Loader for use at the landfill. State purchase price is $21,244. Phil Gates addressed council by saying that they operate two Bobcat stick steer loaders at the landfill and on busy days two are needed and they need to take one off line for maintenance. The one that needed to be replaced has been in operation since they opened the process facility and they only have one in operation at this time. He would like to transfer funds from the capital line item to purchase this. After a brief discussion, council denied this purchase.

*i.* Consideration of recommendation from the Public Works Director to purchase 3 metal personnel lockers for use at the County Prison. Director Gates asked that this be removed from the agenda.

Executive Session:

a. Director Paul Allen to discuss a contractual matter.
b. Theodore Dubose from Sinkler and Boyd to discuss the Jail Bond.

Councilman Burnett made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the above items, which was seconded by Councilman Gunnells and passed unanimously. No action was taken in executive session. V. C. Dove made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.