PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a) A resolution (72-05) providing for the expenditure of Title III Funds for FY 05-06. Mr. John LeRoy of 140 Savannah Street, Calhoun Falls spoke about the use for education of students and teachers. Mr. Carroll Culbertson of Clemson Extension stated they would use the money in their 4H Program. Chairman Gunnells read the distribution of the money from the resolution. Hearing no further comments, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2005
MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Gunnells, Councilman Simpson, Councilman Davis, Councilman Calhoun, and Councilman Norris.

ABSENT: Vice Chairman Forrester and Councilman Thomas

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gunnells called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Gunnells led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Mr. Steven McDade, Director of Emergency Services 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 Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2005 county council meeting. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

b) Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2005 special council meeting. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Councilman Davis abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Judy Brock of 8049 Highway 252, Honea Path, South Carolina spoke out against the rezoning request by Mr. Carl Putnam.

Mr. Dennis Brock of 8049 Highway 252, Honea Path, South Carolina spoke out against the rezoning request by Mr. Carl Putnam, stating that there were past instances of violence at the location.

PRESENTATIONS:

Chairman Gunnells presented a Letter of Commendation to Hannah Chasteen for her dedication to 9-1-1.

OLD BUSINESS:

a) Third reading of an ordinance (05-30) to amend the official zoning map for Abbeville County, South Carolina on a 2.237 acre tract of land located off Highway 252 as requested by Carl Putnam from FA,, Forest Agricultural to GC, General Commercial. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. Chairman Gunnells stated that this rezoning follows Abbeville County Land Use Plan. The motion carried 5-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

b) Resolutions:

1) A resolution (71-05) to authorize the transfer of $12,745.21 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

2) A resolution (72-05) providing for the expenditure of Title III Funds for FY 05-06. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

3) A resolution (73-05) to designate December 23rd and 26th as the official Christmas holidays for Abbeville County employees for 2005. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

4) A resolution (74-05) authorizing the Country Director to enter into a contract with Mr. Rusty Burns for grant writing assistance for no less than $1,000.00, but not to exceed $5,000.00. Councilman Davis made a

motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

5) A resolution (75-05) providing for the expenditure of accounts payable from the Infrastructure Development Fund. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

6) A resolution (76-05) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with the Auditing firm of Cline Brandt Kochenower and Company, P.A. for professional services in relationship to the Clerk of Court and not to exceed $45,000.00. Councilman Calhoun made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

7) A resolution (77-05) to authorize the Master in Equity to transfer checking account balance from The First Citizens Bank to The Palmetto Bank. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Interim County Director Larry Walker spoke about going out for bids on the Clerk of Court software needed. The audit by the Department of Agriculture had been completed and all was fine. Price of pipe for water line had increased, so Donalds-Due West Water Authority was placing the extension to Stoll Fireplace on hold till early next year in hopes that prices would go down.

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. Councilman Norris did call for a meeting to be held soon with the other members.

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. No report was given.

i) Ad Hoc Committee was formed by Chairman Gunnells to study the relocation of paid Paramedics in the North East part of the County. This committee would consist of Chairman Gunnells, Charles Goodwin, Steve McDade, Ricky Busby, Darrell Smith, Randy Ruble, Carroll Ellis and Dan Evatt.

A motion was made by Councilman Davis to go into Executive Session to discuss an Economic Development matter and a personnel matter in regards to merit pay raise. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

a) Chairman Gunnells recommended the issuance of the merit pay raise for 2005 to take place at one time and to be done in the next pay period. Councilman Davis made a motion we accept the recommendation. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion Councilman Norris made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Done this 12th day of December, 2005

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
Ray Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council