PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a) An ordinance (05-05) to amend the official zoning map for Abbeville County, South Carolina on an 8.66 acre tract of land at the corner of Sharon Church Road and Highway 72 West as shown on a portion of tax map parcel 145-00-00-046 from FA, Forest Agricultural to R8, One Family Residential. Mr. Charles Williams of 2074 Highway 72 West, Abbeville spoke in favor of ordinance. Hearing no further comment, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.

b) An ordinance (05-11) to amend section 6.003, Paragraph C of the Code of Ordinances of Abbeville County concerning the adoption of ordinances and resolutions. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville spoke and asked questions concerning ordinance. Director Burns explained procedures. Hearing no further comment, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 11, 2005
MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Councilman Simpson

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gunnells called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The audience led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Mr. Steven McDade, Emergency Management Director, 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:

Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2005 county council meeting. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Andrew Harris of 868 Jackson Road, Abbeville stated he is a student observing the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Rick Green, Director of Government Services for Upper Savannah Council of Governments, spoke about the Natural Hazards Risk Assessment & Mitigation Plan. This plan is designed to help Counties when natural disasters occur.

OLD BUSINESS:

a) Third reading of an ordinance (05-10) to amend the FY 04-05 budget for Abbeville County by incorporating unexpected revenues and the expenditure thereof. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

b) Third reading of an ordinance (05-05) to amend the official zoning map for Abbeville County, South Carolina on an 8.66 acre tract of land at the corner of Sharon Church Road and Highway 72 West as shown on a portion of tax map parcel 145-00-00-046 from FA, Forest Agricultural to R8, One Family Residential. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-2-0 with Councilmen Thomas and Calhoun in opposition.

c) Second reading of an ordinance (05-11) to amend section 6.003; Paragraph C of the Code of Ordinances of Abbeville County concerning the adoption of ordinances and resolutions. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) First reading of an ordinance (05-12) to amend the FY 04-05 budget for Abbeville County by incorporating the unexpected revenues and the expenditure thereof for the employee Christmas bonus and the increase in

insurance costs. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve first reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

b) First reading of an ordinance (05-13) providing for the establishment of a vested right to develop property in Abbeville County by amending Article 4 of the Abbeville County Land Development Regulations so as to add Article 4.5. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve first reading. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

c) A resolution (23-05) adopting the Abbeville County Hazard Mitigation Plan as an official plan. Vice Chairman Forrester made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director Burns reported that the budget was in full swing. Revenues would be few due to lack of economic growth.

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. Councilman Norris asked Mr. McDade to speak on behalf of National Telecommunicaters Week. This is recognition of the 911 team.

e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, Ray Gunnells and John Calhoun. No report was given. Councilman Thomas stated that the Secession Waterline Extension was denied due to lack of interest.

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.

A motion was made by Councilman Thomas to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel, Contractual or legal matters. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Gunnells reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that no action was needed following executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion Vice Chairman Forrester made a motion to Adjourn. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Done this 25th day of April, 2005

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
Ray Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council