ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2000

PRESENT: Chairman Milford, V. C. Calhoun, Councilmen Dove, Burnett, Forrester, Agan, Gunnells

Chairman Milford called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this meeting was to interview candidates for Director's position and review applications. Councilman Burnett made a motion to go into executive session which was seconded by Councilman Dove and passed unanimously. Chairman Milford stated that no action was taken in executive session.

Councilman Burnett made a motion to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. which was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2000

PRESENT: Chairman Milford, V. C. Calhoun, Councilmen Dove, Burnett, Forrester, Agan, Gunnells.

Chairman Milford called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.. The purpose of the meeting was to interview candidates for County Director's position. Councilman Burnett made a motion to go into executive session which was seconded by Councilman Dove and passed unanimously. Chairman Milford stated that no action was taken in executive session. Councilman Dove made a motion to adjourn at 8:40pm which was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2000

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

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

First item on the agenda was appointment of Chairman for year 2000. Councilman Forrester nominated Gerald Milford and Councilman Gunnells nominated Budy Agan. Councilman Calhoun made a motion that nominations come to a close which was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously. Ballots were passed out accordingly. Gerald Milford received 4 votes and Buddy Agan received 3 votes. Mr. Milford was elected Chairman for year 2000. Mr. Milford announced that he does not plan to run for reelection to Council. He mentioned some of the concerns he had for Abbeville County's future and that the county must continue to pursue the Law Enforcement Center to replace the jail. A county wide water system was another goal which he wanted brought to fruition. He would also like the Russell Project to get back on track and the Bibb Plant on the outskirts of Calhoun Falls to be active again.

Next item was nominations for Vice Chairman for year 2000. Councilman Agan nominated Jimmy Dove. Councilman Calhoun made a motion that nominations come to a close and that Councilman Dove be elected by acclimation. Motion was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

Next item was approval of December 13 and 27 County Council meeting minutes. Councilman Burnett said that his name was omitted on the December 13th minutes as not being present although he was. V. C. Dove made a motion to approve the minutes with the addition of Mr. Burnett's name to the roster. Councilman Agan seconded this motion which was passed unanimously.

Old Business:

a. Report from Councilman Gunnells as to replacement of Lewis Bagwell on the Accommodations Tax Committee. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to appoint Jeff Knight of Ware Shoals to replace Lewis Bagwell. V. C. Dove seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

b. Discussion of County Museum. Councilman Agan asked that this be put back on since there were some people at the last meeting who spoke on it. Since then, the existing museum commission has been working with the Chamber who have found some grant money to do some work on the building. He said the Museum Commission is to meet this week and see if we can set up a joint meeting

with the Chamber. He suggested that Gene Klugh work with the two groups, if he has time within the two days he is here.

c. Appointment of area representative for Abbeville area to replace Dewey Thomas on EMS. Councilman Agan made a motion to appoint Alan Hughes as area representative for Abbeville to replace Dewey Thomas on EMS. V. C. Dove seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

d. Steve McDade to brief Council on status of Western Carolina circuit bill. Finance Director, Judy Howard addressed council on Mr. Mcdade's behalf who could not be here due to a training session. She stated that this was an issue related to circuit charges which, apparently, West Carolina was under the impression that GTE had been billing us for and they would reimburse West Carolina but GTE had not been billing us and he could not understand why West Carolina had waited until now to bring it up. She brought council's attention to a portion of the bill that we got from West Carolina in the amount of $22,399. Mr. McDade negotiated with them by expressing his concern in a letter he wrote that they had just discovered this problem and that some of the charges related to prior years and were not budgeted in this year that it would be a hardship for us to pay this amount of money. He felt they should give us a credit which they did. They sent us an amended bill in the amount of $15,000 which was a 1/3 discount. This will pay any charges up through October of 99. She referred to monthly bills of November, December and January and the amount per month will be $1,289.78, which is the flat rate for the circuits at 911. In essence, they want us to pay $15,000 and the amount of $1,289.78 for the above months. After further discussion, councilman Dove made a motion that we pay the $15,000 from the special accounts listed and three payments of $1,289.78 to come from the E-911 Subscriber Fund. Motion was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

New Business:

a. Approval of bills for payment. Ms. Howard addressed council by saying that the largest part of the list consisted of lump sum appropriations. Chairman Milford asked about the $112,000 for infrastructure which Ms. Howard stated was the 72 Industrial Park and the money we have paid out so far has been from the Coordinating Council Grant. She put an invoice together for Ruth La Forge for the CDBG Grant for money we paid from the coordinating council which can be reimbursed back to us out of CDBG which is about $14,000 and also an invoice for Sam Leaman for the EDA Grant.

Councilman Agan questioned the payment to Upper Savannah Council of Governments for the second and third quarter. Ms. Howard stated that the amended list she was given for this year had them as quarterly payments instead of half and half. After further discussion, V. C. Dove made a motion to pay the bills with the exception of third quarter payment to Upper Savannah Council of Governments and one from Consolidated Tires in the amount of $179,345 which Ms. Howard felt was a keying error and that Mr. Gates said was $179.00. Councilman Dove seconded this motion which was passed unanimously.

b. Presentation of Financial Report. Ms. Howard gave council a report from the beginning of the current fiscal year through 11/30. She presented an expense report through December 30th. She also said that the revenue figures for a given month are not by law due from the treasurer until the fifteenth of the following month. Council received this as information.

c. Request for additional computer for Clerk of Court Office at a cost of up to $1,900 to come from the contingency fund. Chairman Milford said that he talked with Ms. King about this and that this computer was really a part of the changeover that was done with the AS400 and should be budgeted in the amount of the changeover. After a brief discussion, Councilman Dove made a motion to authorize Ms. King to purchase this computer provided the money was in the budget. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gunnells and passed unanimously.

d. Magistrate Tommy Ferguson to request permission to hire one part-time hourly employee for at least 20 hours per week. He addressed council in reference to the Staffing Study done by MGT and it was determined that this office could use a part-time person and he was wanting to hire a person for 20 hours a week. He said that this would be for about 22 weeks, which would amount to about $3,543.10. He also said that in looking at his budget, he felt that he could transfer about $1,200 leaving about $2,300 that was needed. After further discussion, Councilman Dove made a motion to approve this request and what we take the $2,300 out of the contingency fund. Motion was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

e. Discuss County Council Meeting Schedule for 2000. Chairman Milford stated that he noticed a meeting or two ago that someone mentioned the possibility of having two meetings a month. Councilman Agan stated that when this was originally brought up, it was in conjunction with our financial report like now, we don't have our revenues and the 15th is the date, the treasurer tries to get

these numbers to us. He suggested the second and fourth Mondays would be good and that we could concentrate more on financial matters at the 2nd meeting as well as other matters. He went on by saying that 29 out of the 46 counties meet twice. Councilman Dove made a motion that we meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month. Councilman Agan seconded the motion and said that the reason for this is to be able to concentrate on the finances. Motion passed unanimously. Councilman Agan stated that two years ago, we met in Calhoun Falls once and Donalds once. He suggested that we schedule one in Calhoun Falls the first meeting in September, another at Diamond Hill School the second meeting in September and another at Donalds the first meeting in October. He put this in the form of a motion which was seconded by V. C. Dove and passed unanimously

f. Consideration of Council to approve the nomination of Bryan Louis to replace Rick Busby on the Local Emergency Management Planning Committee representing Law Enforcement for Due West. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve this nomination, which was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

g. Consideration of request from the Public Works Director for 1st Reading on an ordinance authorizing the County Director to amend the FY99/2000 budget to reflect additional revenue and expenditure of $70,500 required for repair of the Landfill solid waste baler to be funded from the landfill account Councilman Agan made a motion to have 1st Reading, which was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

a. Personnel Matter concerning County Director's Office. V. C. Dove made a motion to go into executive session, which was seconded by Councilman Agan and passed unanimously. Chairman Milford stated that no action was taken in executive session. V. C. Dove made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2000, POSTPONED TO JANUARY 27, 2000

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

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

First item on the agenda was approval of January 8, 10 and 12 County Council Meeting minutes. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Councilman Burnett. Chairman Milford stated that there were two things on page three in reference to item B wherein it was stated that Judy Howard "received" a financial report which should read " presented" a financial report and in item C wherein we allowed Nancy King to purchase a computer "provided" the money was in the budget and not "since" the money was in the budget. Minutes were approved unanimously with the changes.

Next item on the agenda was an Executive Session for the following:

a. Personnel matter concerning the Treasurer and Finance Director
b. Personnel matter concerning County Director's Office
c. Contractual matter concerning the Landfill.

Councilman Burnett made a motion to go into executive session, which was seconded by V. C. Dove and passed unanimously. Chairman Milford stated that we advertised for a County Director and received several applications wherein three applicants were interviewed and they have offered the position to Mr. Paul Allen who was the Deputy Secretary of State in Columbia for 5 years. All reports we received from Columbia said he did an excellent job and that we feel very fortunate to have him. He was offered a salary of $50,000 and the county will pay up to $3,000 for his moving expenses to relocate in Abbeville. It also has been made clear to him that he must live in Abbeville County. Councilman Agan made a motion that we hire Mr. Allen. Councilman Burnett seconded this motion, which was passed unanimously.

Presentation by Independent Auditor, Steve Blake. Mr. Blake addressed council by saying that this was not a complete management letter and where they are in the scheme of things is getting together with personnel and when it is completed it will be published and we will have the responses of each and every department. As yet, they have not gotten with the Delinquent Tax Collector, Magistrate's Office, Clerk of Court's Office and a few other offices to follow up on some findings and get their written responses but it will be all a part of the public record when it is published which will be the document that is looked at when the auditor begins his audit for next year in order to find out if everything that was supposed to be done was done and if not where we are in the scheme

of things of fixing them. It is very important when these responses are developed that it is something we can accomplish and know when we can get it accomplished and when the follow-up is done, we are in the timeframe of getting it accomplished.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Consideration of 2nd Reading on an ordinance authorizing the County Director to amend the FY99/2000 budget to reflect additional revenue and expenditure of $70,500 required for repair of the Landfill solid waste baler to be funded from the Landfill Account. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to have 2nd Reading, which was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

b. 3rd Reading of an Ordinance granting a Franchise to Charter Communications Cable T.V. Company to operate and maintain a cable system in the County of Abbeville, SC and setting forth conditions accompanying the Grant of Franchise. Councilman Agan stated that we developed the 2nd reading ordinance and Charter Communications developed the 3rd Reading ordinance and there were a good many changes in it, which he didn't know whether they were right or wrong. Attorney Pruitt said that he talked with the man from Charter Communications about what they wanted and he pulled out the City Franchise.
The difference with this is that it is a 10-year period and in the last ordinance we were talking about a different period of time. The other thing that was changed was that they went from 3% to 5% fee. Councilman Agan stated that one thing we were looking at in a new ordinance was that we always paid 3% on basic service which generates $8,000 to $10,000 and what they asked for was 3% on all of the service and not just the basic service but also the extended service which he felt was more than the $9-10 per month. He further said that he did not know, without looking at their numbers, the difference of 5% on basic and the 3% on everything. He said that he would like to postpone this to whatever it takes and since we have hired Paul and with Gene Klugh's help, maybe they can investigate this further. Councilman Agan made a motion to table this for a full month from now (second meeting of the month) which was seconded by V. C. Dove and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Mayor Johnny Waller to request payment of DHEC fines from Abbeville County. Chairman Milford stated that he was requesting payment from the county for the DEHEC fines for the Town of Calhoun Falls. He said this was brought up another time and what he understood is if a municipality pays a fine for a violation that a portion of the money comes back to the county and in this case, a check was received in the amount of $5,600 in September and he is requesting the

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county to refund this amount back to the town. V. C. Dove made a motion to table this until Mr. Waller could come back which was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

b. Proposed FY2000 Budget Process Schedule. Councilman Agan made a motion that we adopt this and amend it if necessary. Councilman Calhoun seconded this motion, which was passed unanimously.

c. Presentation of Financial Report. Finance Director, Judy Howard addressed Council by saying that this was to update the last report given and to update the additional revenues through December. However, she is waiting for the end of January to see how we look and that taxes are coming in slower than the previous years.

d. County Council Committee Assignments for 2000. Councilman Agan made a motion that we go with the same list as last year, which was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.

e. Calvin Wharton to address Council concerning property tax notifications. He addressed Council by saying that there had been some confusion concerning the Assessor's Office in reference to his address. Chairman Milford said that when we went through the 911 process, we had to change the addresses of everybody in the county, 18,000 to 20,000 tax notices. He said this was not normally a problem even though he did what he was supposed to do and that the Auditor is the only person who can take a penalty off and that he will send him a new tax bill to the right address.

f. Discuss County Council Workshop. Chairman Milford stated that normally around this time we have a workshop at the Upper Savannah Council of Governments and he wanted to know if Council would like to do this again and when. Councilman Agan felt it was worthwhile to go over what we plan to do over the past year and what worked and didn't work and figure out what we want to do next year. Council agreed to this and decided that they would meet on Saturday, March 4th at the COG. Chairman Milford said that he would call them and set it up.

g. Consideration of reappointments of Donald Hershberger – District 5, Ernest Kitchen, District 6 and Hobart Erickson – District 7 as Commissioners to the Rural Fire Commission. Councilman Agan made a motion to this effect, which was seconded by V. C. Dove and passed unanimously.

h. Council to approve Condemnation Resolution for the purpose of acquiring an easement across the property of Joyce P. Clark for the public purpose of widening

a road. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

i. Discuss Bond Issue concerning Jail. Chairman Milford stated that they met with Carter-Goble and decided to go ahead and bid out the Jail and that we needed to go through the process of having 1st Reading. Attorney Pruitt suggested that we wait until the Bond Attorney can be here before beginning the process which would also include the $100,000 for a new Agricultural Bldg.

j. Consideration of request from the Public Works Director for $2,100 for the purchase and installation of an electromagnetic locking system to be installed at the main gate at the County Prison to be funded from the contingency fund. Phil Gates addressed council by saying that this would give us a great deal more security and would enable the person on duty to do his job. He said there was nothing in the budget to do this and he is requesting that it come from the contingency fund. After a brief discussion, Councilman Agan made a motion to approve this request and that we go with the low bid from Grayco in the amount of $2,100. Motion was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

k. Consideration of request from Sheriff's Dept. for Council to approve BJA Grant Match in the amount of $1,528.00 to come from the Drug Funds. Councilman Burnett made a motion to approve this, which was seconded by V. C. Dove and passed unanimously. Council also congratulated Sheriff Goodwin for being nominated as Sheriff of the Year by the SC Sheriff's Association.

Councilman Calhoun made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2000

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

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

First item on the agenda was a public hearing to adopt an ordinance authorizing the County Director to amend the FY99/2000 budget to reflect additional revenue and expenditure of $70,500 required for repair of the Landfill solid waste baler to be funded from the Landfill Account.

Next item on the agenda was approval of January 27,2000 County Council Meeting Minutes. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve these minutes which was seconded by V. C. Dove and passed unanimously.

Next item on the agenda was a presentation by Tom Turner with DSS to present Annual Report and provide a short narrative of their program activities and impact within the County. He noted that there had been a 70% increase in the number of residents receiving Medicaid assistance over the last two years. Also the number of children receiving special services such as foster care had increased and that food stamp recipients had a slight drop as well as individuals receiving welfare stipends. Council received this as information.

Next item on the agenda was discussion of Adolescent Pregnancy Cooperative Agreement. Mr. Turner discussed the adolescent pregnancy cooperative agreement and Mr. Allen stated that he would be willing to work with a group at no charge to the county and help create the RFP to get $113,877 to establish the program.but the group will not be in the selection process. The group is based in Columbia and is set up to help the county initiate the program.

Old Business:

a. 3rd Reading to adopt an ordinance authorizing the County Director to amend the FY99/2000 budget to reflect additional revenue and expenditure of $70,500 required for repair of the Landfill Solid Waster Baler to be funded from the Landfill Account. V. C. Dove made a motion to have 3rd Reading which was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

b. 3rd Reading of an ordinance granting a Franchise to Charter Communications Cable T.V. Company to operate and maintain a cable system in the County of Abbeville, SC and setting forth conditions accompanying the Grant of Franchise. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 3rd Reading on an

ordinance granting a Franchise to Charter Communications as presented to Council which includes 5% on all services that will be rendered by the Cable Company and will also include any new or additional services they may provide. Motion was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

c. Mayor Johnny Waller to request payment of DHEC fines from Abbeville County. He addressed council by saying that Calhoun Falls had been under a DHEC consent order from 1987 to this day to fix the sewer system and that the Town had been fined $25,000. The Town had been awarded roughly $2.66 million in federal money to fix the sewer facility and that a portion of the fine would be refunded to the county and money to be given back to Calhoun Falls. Councilman Agan commented by saying that if we start giving money back every time somebody gets fined where is the penalty. Mr. Waller continued by saying that Calhoun Falls is a struggling municipality and he was asking for help. They had new computer systems to come in and they needed to upgrade their maps. They have contracted with an engineering firm who has agreed to put it all on paper and place it on a computer so that they, with the development coming, can tie it all in together. He, therefore, requested council to refund this money which was approximately $6,000-7,000 and that the engineering costs will be in this range. Chairman Milford stated that the total they had was $5,600 which was noted by the Treasurer. After further discussion, Councilman Agan made a motion that we fund the $5600 for them to use for the mapping of the existing sewer system and us to pay the $5,600 once they have the grant for their sewer system in place. After additional discussion, Councilman Agan made a motion to have 1st reading to amend the budget to pay Calhoun Falls $5600 to help with mapping in connection with the process of upgrading the sewer system and it will be taken from the general fund. Councilman Burnett seconded this motion which was passed unanimously.

New Business:

a. Approval of bills for payment. Councilman Burnett made a motion to pay bills which was seconded by V. C. Dove and passed unanimously.

b. Consideration of reappointment of Earl Williamson to the Planning Commission. This item was delayed until they could get in touch with him.

c. Consideration of request from Edward Andrews to rezone approximately one acre located on the south side of Union Church Road, beginning approximately 250 feet east of the intersection of Hwy. 28 and Union Church Road from General Residential to General Commercial to allow for an auto repair shop. V. C. Dove made a motion to have 1st Reading which was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

d. Consideration of request from the Planning Commission that Abbeville County Council adopt an ordinance that would not allow manufactured homes, manufactured prior to 1976 to be brought into Abbeville County. Councilman Agan stated that this was brought up at the last Planning Commission Meeting and he felt that we needed to do this in that Anderson County has just finished putting this ordinance into effect. With us having no ordinance whatsoever it means that Anderson or anywhere else could start dumping these older mobile homes into our county. Since we are in the process of rewriting our zoning ordinance this may be refined as it is written and this will protect us in the meantime. After further discussion, Councilman Agan made a motion that we have 1st Reading to adopt an ordinance that would not allow manufactured homes manufactured prior to 1976 to be brought into Abbeville County. V. C. Dove seconded this motion which was passed unanimously.

d. Phil Ray with Pardon and Parole to address council concerning Probation Office. Mr. Ray noted that the location of the probation office, which was off the courtroom, caused problems. One major problem was access and the only way you could get to it was through the courtroom and when court is in session which was 25 weeks, access to the office could be difficult Space was also a problem and as a result the creation of another position had to be turned down due to the lack of space. Director Allen noted that he had looked around downtown Abbeville for space, which could be leased for the office, but a number of people were reluctant because of the clientele who visit the office. Councilman Agan suggested the current jail, which Mr. Ray stated, would need much upgrading work especially with wiring computer lines. As for the courthouse, it would be complicated since the building is on the national register of historic places and the county is restricted as to what it may or may not do. Chairman Milford stated that the problem is that the county is limited as to how much money we can borrow and our obligation at the present time is to get the jail built which will take about all of the county's borrowing capacity to do so which presents a problem. He felt the only thing to do was to keep searching and it was agreed that both Mr. Ray and Allen work together on this.

e. Council to consider Mutual Aid Assistance Agreement with Anderson County. Director Allen stated that we had an agreement with all the surrounding counties in SC that link to Abbeville County. The county would be reimbursed for equipment or staff sent to Anderson County in various types of emergencies. In doing this, we are not liable for anything and are reimbursed for our equipment, time and staff that we send out. Councilman Forrester made a motion to approve this which was seconded by Councilman Gunnells and passed unanimously.

f. Council to establish a policy concerning pay for people that are absent during ice and snow. Chairman Milford stated that this came up during the first snow and ice we had and he felt that if it gets so bad that people need to go home that somebody needs to be authorized to make that decision. The question came up as to whether we pay personnel who went home or not. After a brief discussion, Councilman Agan made a motion to have 1st Reading to amend the personnel policy to reflect the compensation for snow days and to make decisions concerning whether the county offices will operate or not. Motion was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

g. Consideration of 1st Reading of an Ordinance to provide for the Issuance and Sale of not exceeding Three Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars ($3,800,000) General Obligation Bonds Series 2000 of Abbeville County, South Carolina to Prescribe the Purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended to provide for the payment thereof and other matters related thereto. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 1st Reading which was seconded by V. C. Dove and passed unanimously.

h. Consideration of recommendation from Public Works Director for negotiation of an engineering agreement with B.P. Barber and associates to serve as consulting engineers for Abbeville County in the preparation of engineering plans and other services as related to development of two Solid Waste Convenience Centers to be located on Gilgal Church Road and Old Calhoun Falls Road. Phil Gates addressed council by saying that they were in the process of constructing two convenience centers this year one being Huggins Garment Road in Donalds and Mt. Olive Church Road at the Industrial Site. 50% of the cost will come from DHEC Grants. We need to develop some cost estimates as to what it will cost to construct the centers etc. so we will be able to turn the grant requests into DHEC to know how much money they can plug into their budget this year to get these programmed for development. He said that they would cost somewhere between $75,000-$95,000 each. After further discussion, Councilman Gunnells made a motion that Phil be permitted to ask B.P. Barber to prepare an agreement which he will bring back to council for approval.. Councilman Burnett seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

i. Consideration to authorize Public Works Director to purchase a used smooth drum roller from Asphalt Paving Equipment Co. to be used in the road maintenance division. Mr. Gates addressed council by saying that in this year's budget Council allocated $7,000 to purchase a used asphalt roller. He checked in various places such as Greenwood, Greenville, Anderson and answered some ads. He found two which he felt would be good for what they needed. He said that the County's purchasing policy states that single purchase orders that are expected to exceed $5000 shall be publicly advertised

for bids at least once in a local newspaper. He had two proposals, one from JMW Equipment Co. and one from Asphalt Paving Equipment Co.

The one from Asphalt Paving was $5,950 plus $450 shipping and handling. He asked council to allow him to purchase this Roller from Asphalt Paving Equipment Co. for $6,400 in consideration of the provisions in the Personnel Policy. After further discussion, Chairman Milford asked Mr. Gates to advertise it in the paper on Wednesday for seven days and that it be brought back to council at it's next meeting on Feb. 28th

j. Discussion of Travel Claim Form. Mr. Allen stated that he was trying to update and follow the recommendations of the Auditor on several things. Recently we had some travel expenditures to come back to us and by the time we were able to decipher it, they owed us money. He listened to what the Auditor had suggested and came up with a simpler form that is more audit friendly and more finance friendly so we can see exactly where the money was spent and how it was spent, etc. V. C. Dove made a motion to approve the new travel form, which was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

a. Discuss contractual matter regarding Independent Auditor

Phil Gates asked if he could add an item to the executive session which was a Contractual matter concerning the Landfill. Councilman Agan made a motion that we add this executive session item to the agenda which was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously. Councilman Forrester made a motion that we go into executive session to discuss a contractual matter regarding the Independent Auditor and a Contractual Matter concerning the Landfill. Motion was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously. Chairman Milford said there was nothing discussed in executive session that needed to be acted upon. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2000

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

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

First item on the agenda was approval of February 14th County Council Meeting Minutes.Councilman Agan made a motion t o approve minutes, which was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

a. Consideration of 2nd Reading of request from Edward Andrews to rezone approximately one acre located on the south side of Union Church Road beginning approximately 250 feet east of the intersection of Hwy. 28 and Union Church Road from General Residential to General Commercial to allow for an auto repair shop. V. C. Dove made a motion to have 2nd Reading, which was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

b. Consideration of 2nd Reading of request to adopt an ordinance to amend the budget to pay Calhoun Falls $5600 to help with mapping in connection with the process of upgrading the sewer system to be taken from the General Fund. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 2nd Reading, which was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

c. Consideration of 2nd Reading to adopt an ordinance that would not allow manufactured homes manufactured prior to 1976 to be brought into Abbeville County. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 2nd Reading on this ordinance, which was seconded by V. C. Dove and passed unanimously.

d. Consideration of 2nd Reading to adopt an ordinance to provide for the Issuance and Sale of not exceeding Three Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars ($3,800,000) General Obligation Bonds Series 2000 of Abbeville County, South Carolina to Prescribe the Purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended to provide for the payment thereof and other matters related thereto. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 2nd Reading, which was seconded by V. C. Dove and passed unanimously.

e. Consideration of 2nd Reading to amend the Personnel Policy to reflect the compensation for snow days and to make decisions concerning whether the county offices will operate or not. V. C. Dove made a motion to have 2nd Reading, which was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

f. Consideration of reappointment of Earl Williamson to the Planning Commission. Councilman Agan made a motion to reappoint Earl Williamson, which was seconded by Councilman Gunnells and passed unanimously.

g. Phil Gates to report back to council concerning purchase of used smooth drum roller from Asphalt Equipment for the low bid of $6,400. After a brief discussion, council agreed to this purchase from Asphalt Equipment in the amount of $6,400.

New Business:

a. Presentation of Financial Report. This was received as information.

b. Carroll Culbertson with Clemson Extension to request support for the Leadership Abbeville Program. Mr. Culbertson and Rhonda Matthews told Council that a similar program had been coordinated last year and included 30 participants. After a brief discussion, Council agreed to fund them the sum of $1000, which was half the program's cost and that it come from the contingency fund.

c. Discussion of putting out an ad to hire a Building Inspector. County Director, Paul Allen addressed Council by saying that state law requires a building inspector to be in place by June 13th and that the county will be advertising statewide for a building inspector. He said that the inspector would be doing on sight inspection of new building construction to see if they meet state codes.

d. Judy Scott to request computer equipment. After a brief discussion, Council approved the amount of $3,714.85 for computer equipment to come from the contingency fund.

e. Discuss actions to be taken on incorrect DOR Vehicle Assessments. The State sent incorrect information on tax figures and a number of Abbeville County residents were taxed at a higher rate than they should have been. As a result, county personnel have to do the work manually. Both the Treasurer and Auditor noted in a memo that they would begin that day to correct each notice and that all notices paid from Dec. 15 to Feb. 15 ill be reviewed for refunds. Council, therefore, approved $3942 for supplies and overtime for the Treasurer's Office and $1192 for the Auditor to come from the contingency fund.. The state will reimburse the county one-dollar for every correction.

f. Consideration of recommendation for wood grinding services for the Landfill. Phil Gates addressed council by presenting three proposals, one from Southern Recovery in the amount of $9,500 another from Bob Hammond Construction in the amount of $12,000 and one from Carter Trucking in the amount of $4,500. After a brief discussion, council approved the low bid from Carter Trucking in the amount of $4,500.

g. Consideration of recommendation from the Public Works Director to install a protective canopy cover over the fuel island at the County Prison. After a brief discussion, council asked Mr. Gates to get bids on this and bring it back to council.

h. Council approved the transfer of $10,724.32 from the general fund to the victim service account

i. Council approved the transfer of $235,008.22 from the Local Option Sales Tax money to the general fund.

Executive Session:

a. Discuss External Auditors
b. Contractual matter concerning the Landfill
c. Personnel matter concerning the County Prison

Council made a motion to go into executive session to discuss these items. As a result, no action was taken in executive session. Meeting was, therefore, adjourned.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 13, 2000

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

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

First item on the agenda was approval of February 28th County Council Meeting Minutes. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve minutes that was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

Next item on the agenda was a presentation by Rep. Harry Stille to recognize Sheriff Goodwin. Since he could not attend the meeting the presentation was given by Ms. Reba Stille who presented Sheriff Goodwin with a framed Certificate honoring him as Sheriff of the year by the SC Sheriff's Association

Public Hearing:

a. Request from Edward Andrews to rezone approximately one acre located on the south side of Union Church Road from General Residential to General Commercial to allow for an auto repair shop. Wayne Brown who lives on Union Church Road was in opposition to this. Edward Andrews stated that the repair shop would be big enough to work inside and there would be no junk cars outside.

b. Adopt an ordinance to amend the budget to pay Calhoun Falls $5,600 to help with mapping in connection with the process of upgrading the sewer system to be taken from the General Fund.

c. Adopt an ordinance that would not allow manufactured homes manufactured prior to 1976 to be brought into Abbeville County.

d. Amend the Personnel Policy to reflect the compensation for snow days and to make decisions concerning whether the county offices will operate or not.

e. Adopt an Ordinance to provide for the Issuance and Sale of not exceeding Three Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars ($3,800,000) General Obligation Bonds Series 2000 of Abbeville County South Carolina to Prescribe the Purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended to provide for the payment thereof and other matters related thereto in order to build a Jail and Agricultural Building for the County.

Old Business:

a. 3rd Reading on a request from Edward Andrews to rezone approximately one acre located on the south side of Union Church Road from General Residential to General Commercial to allow for an auto repair shop. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to have 3rd Reading that was seconded by V. C. Dove and passed unanimously.

b. 3rd Reading on a request to adopt an ordinance to amend the budget to pay Calhoun Falls $5600 to help with mapping in connection with the process of upgrading the sewer system to be taken from the General Fund. Councilman Burnett made a motion to have 3rd Reading, which was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

c. 3rd Reading to adopt an ordinance that would not allow manufactured homes manufactured prior to 1976 to be brought into Abbeville County. V. C. Dove made a motion to have 3rd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

d. 3rd Reading to amend the Personnel Policy to reflect the compensation for snow days and to make decisions concerning whether the county offices will operate or not. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 3rd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously

e. 3rd Reading to adopt an ordinance to provide for the Issuance and Sale not exceeding Three Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars GOB Series 2000 of Abbeville County, SC to Prescribe the Purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended to provide for the payment thereof and other matters related thereto. V. C. Dove made a motion to have 3rd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

f. Discussion of Museum. Director Allen stated that a deal had been worked out this afternoon and it did not need to be on the agenda.

New Business:

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

b. Sheriff Goodwin to request $500 to be transferred from Victim Witness Advocacy funds into the training and travel account for this department so the victim advocate can attend the Victim Rights Week Conference in Columbia. Councilman Burnett made a motion to approve this request, which was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

c. Consideration of 1st Reading of an ordinance to amend ordinance 93-2, Section 1, Fee for handling and processing checks for insufficient funds. V. C. Dove made a motion to have 1st Reading that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

d. Rick Greene of Upper Savannah Council of Governments to update Council on progress of zoning plan and transportation. He addressed council by saying that he had compiled a proposed list of improvements in the service area. County Council selected three proposed major transportation improvements to be considered as part of a statewide transportation upgrade. They are Highway 28 By Pass, Highway 178 and a northern bypass around Abbeville The projects would be to widen Hwy. 28 By Pass around the City of Abbeville, construct a northern by-pass around the City and widen Hwy. 178 from Honea Path through Donalds and on to Hodges

e. Paul Allen to request the hiring of a temporary person for the Finance Dept. Mr. Allen addressed Council by saying that this person would work with the finance department for roughly six weeks during its busy time. This person would work by conducting a study of the fixed assets as well as entering it into the computer. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve this request and that this person work for a six-week period and be paid up to $1600 to come from the contingency fund. Councilman Burnett seconded this motion, which was passed unanimously.

f. Approval of Resolution to the SC Department of Mass Transit from Emerald Center for assistance in purchasing a bus to be used to transport individuals with disabilities and special needs. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve the Resolution that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

g. Ashley's Medical Transport to discuss relationship with County EMS. They asked that this be rescheduled.

h. Clerk of Court, Nancy King to request $900 for computer upgrade. Mr. Allen addressed this by saying that computer rewiring was needed in her office in the amount of $200 and $700 for a new printer. Councilman Burnett made a motion to approve this and that it come from the contingency fund. Motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

Executive Session:

a. Ron Bunch to discuss an Economic Development Project.

b. Phil Gates to discuss a contractual matter concerning the Landfill
c. Contractual matter concerning Building Inspector Agreement.

Councilman Burnett 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. Councilman Calhoun made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL CORRECTED MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 27, 2000

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

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

First item on the agenda was approval of March 13th County Council Meeting Minutes. Councilman Agan noted on page 2, item c, 3rd Reading of an ordinance concerning mobile homes that we needed to add June 16, 1976 which was in the ordinance and he felt that it should be noted in the minutes as well. Councilman Burnett made a motion to approve the minutes that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

Next item on the agenda was a presentation by Susan Keaton, Abbeville County Educational Association to present a Certificate of Appreciation to County Council. She addressed council by saying that they wanted to thank the Abbeville County Council for establishing a good relationship with the Abbeville County School Board in order to promote quality education in the County.

Old Business:

a. Consideration of 2nd Reading of an Ordinance to amend ordinance 93-2, Section 1, Fee for handling and processing checks for insufficient funds. Councilman Agan made a motion that this be 2nd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

New Business:

a. Financial Report. Chairman Milford stated that it looked pretty good to him and that it's beginning to work like it should.

b. Ashley's Medical Transport to discuss relationship with County EMS. Director Allen stated that Mr. Ashley had called this afternoon and cancelled his appearance.

c. Approval of agreement by Abbeville County to let the City of Abbeville use its parking area located on East Pickens St. for the kiddy ride operation during the Spring Festival. Mr. Milford stated that this has been done every year. Vice Chairman Dove made a motion to approve the agreement that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

d. Toni Ward to request that the County take up maintenance of a section of county dirt road between 182 and Deer Hollow. After a lengthy presentation

concerning this, Attorney Pruitt and Council agreed to look at the situation and see what needed to be done and report back at the next meeting.

e. Consideration to transfer $264,600.77 from the LOST fund to the General fund. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to this effect that was seconded by Councilman Agan and passed unanimously.

f. Consideration of council to approve the purchase of chairs for the committee room and lobby of the Courthouse at a cost of $3,604.89, to come from the contingency fund. V. C. Dove made a motion to approve the purchase, which was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

g. Consideration of reappointments of June Prince, William Lesesne and Pat Hodge to the Commission On Alcohol & Drug Abuse. Councilman Agan stated that there was a mistake and Pat Hodge asked to come off three years ago and at that time Billy Cook was appointed which was around the time they had done some reorganization of this committee. He said that he talked with all three and they would be willing to serve on this committee for another term. He, therefore, made a motion to reappoint these people to the commission that was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

h. Request for additional funding of $7,000 for check writing printer and software for Treasurer's Office. Director Allen addressed council by saying that a little more than a month ago he came before council requesting $3000 for this and that he brought in three different software companies, three different hardware companies and none of it was compatible with the Smith Data System. The only way we could get the system would be to purchase it from Smith Data at a price of $10,000, which would be an additional $7000 plus the $3,000 already, approved. After further discussion, Councilman Agan made a motion to approve the $7,000 and it be taken from the contingency fund, Councilman Burnett seconded this motion which was passed unanimously.

i. Request from Sheriff Goodwin for $733.95 to purchase a printer for the jail. Director Allen stated that one of the printers at the jail died and they are now using someone's personal printer until we could make a decision on this. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve this request, which was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

j. Council to address a financial matter dealing with the investment of County Funds and School District Funds by the County Treasurer and County Council. County Council agreed to pursue ways of making some county money earn more by investing about $1.4 million in certificates of deposit and other insured investments. Director Allen cited the example of Greenwood County that had hired a firm to coordinate investments for that County.

Attorney Pruitt reminded Council that the County under the law might not make uninsured investments. County Council agreed to discuss, with the Treasurer the need for investments and a timetable for when the investments should come due. Councilman Agan suggested that we as county government and a school board designee need to inform the county treasurer as to when the county will need certain monies which would allow the treasurer a timeframe to invest the funds. He went on by saying that we had several accounts that we won't need for several years and he felt in order for her to make the decision that council, as a body, need to vote on it and tell her that we have a half a million dollars we won't need for three years which will give her a clear picture as to what council is thinking. Chairman Milford referred to the memo in council's packet concerning the transfer of funds into CDs and that both he and Paul went over the figures and felt that this is money that could be put into CDs as well as the timeframe , which is as follows:

Landfill Checking	$500,000	into a 90 day CD
Landfill Closure Fund	100,000	into a 3 year CD
Infrastructure-millage	500,000	into a 90 day CD
Development Board	60,000	into a 6 month CD
General Fund	300,000	into a 90 day CD

Councilman Agan made a motion to inform the Treasurer as our timeframe on this money and invest it at the recommended period of time. Councilman Burnett seconded this motion that was passed unanimously.

k. Janis Butler to discuss Convenience Center planned for Mt. Olive Church Road. Council recognized Virginia Stith who expressed concerns about the planned convenience center. Public Works Director, Phil Gates stated that the center is intended to combine waste disposal with collection of recyclables in one site and is expected to be open 10 hours a day and will be closed on Wednesdays and Sundays. No hazardous waste will be deposited and there will be an attendant on site. It would be enclosed with a chain link enclosure and the public works department will maintain it.

l. Gil Nickles, owner of land on Dundas Road, would like the road reinstated in the county maintenance program. After a brief discussion, council decided to table this until the next meeting.

Council discussed the need for a comprehensive list of roads in the county maintenance and agreed it would be good to publish some kind of listing and/or map in the local paper to display the road system.

m. Consideration of 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. V. C. Dove made a motion to have 1st Reading that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

n. Consideration of 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 1st Reading that was seconded by Councilman Gunnells. Councilmen Forrester and Burnett opposed. Motion passed.

o. Don McGill to request council's help with grading and fill dirt as well as funding for other uses for a fire station on Lake Secession. After a brief discussion, Councilman Forrester made a motion that we help out in the grading for a new fire station as well as grade and compact an area at the lake if residents supply the fill dirt. V. C. Dove seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

Next item which was an addendum was a request from Sheriff Goodwin for authorization to purchase a car engine in the amount of $2,150 plus tax and that the funds be taken from 99/00 line item 100-540-42100-80020. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve this request, which was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

Next item on the addendum was a request from Sheriff Goodwin for authorization to repair a patrol vehicle that collided with a deer in the amount of $1000 to be taken from item 100-540-42100-80020. V. C. Dove made a motion to approve this that was seconded by Councilman Burnett and passed unanimously.

Next item on the agenda was an Executive Session for the following:

a. Discuss Personnel Matter concerning Leave.
b. Contractual Matter concerning Landfill
c. Personnel Matter concerning the Public Works Director.

Councilman Agan made a motion to go into executive session, which was seconded by V. C. Dove 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.