ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2002

PRESENT: Chairman Walker, V. C. Thomas, Councilmen Agan, Scott, Gunnells, Forrester, Calhoun, Director Allen, and Attorney Pruitt

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

4. First item on the agenda were approval of the January 14, 2002 County Council Meeting Minutes. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve minutes that was seconded by V. C. Gunnells. Councilman Agan noted that on page 4 under Public Safety where all council members were in favor of establishing a Risk Management Program for the County, he questioned whether it was in the form of a motion or whether all members were in favor to which the clerk commented they were in favor. Chairman Walker stated that on page 3 where Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve the roofing contract in the amount of $92,660 paid out of item 7000 Capital Projects and $50,000 to be paid out of Dept. 532 Bldgs. and Grounds. Another $42,660 out of Economic Development #562,line item 89900 lump sum approp. And up to an additional $10,000 to come out of bldgs and grounds. He said that this needed to be reworded to say only that we approved the amount of $92,660 and that the rest be deleted. All were in favor of approving the minutes with the corrections.

5. Presentations:

   Chairman Walker made a motion that we add Mr. Zimmerman from the Planning Commission to the agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

   Mr. Jim Johnson, Executive Director of the SC State Library to discuss the future of the Abbeville County Library. He addressed Council by saying that the Abbeville Greenwood Library System is on its way to dissolution and a way has to be found for the Abbeville County Library System to stand on its own. He suggested that the county gradually increase its funding for the county library system over the next several years. He proposed that federal funds be provided to Abbeville County and that those funds would gradually be phased out with county funding. He proposed that the county level of funding for its library be raised about $25,000for the first year of implementation. In the second year, the county would raise that level by another $15,000 and in the third year the County's total contribution would be $176,000 with $40,000 in state aid and the LSTA funds generated would be $10,000. In the fourth year, the county would have raised its funding by $60,000 for a total of $186,000 with $40,000 continuing in state aid. The extra money would go for various projects, including finding a director for

Abbeville county Library. Flo LeRoy Chairman of the Abbeville County Library Board told Council that the Abbeville County Library system is not only looking for a director but for some new board members. She also suggested that Lowndesville might be a good place for a library branch. Council took no action and received the presentation as information.

Mr. James E. Pacilli, to discuss his concerns over the progress of the Lake Russell Project. He addressed Council by saying that the project had now been on hold for several years and he felt that he was left holding the bag with his investment of more than $50,000. He had written more than 100 letters for politicians and had received only three responses. He told council that it was time to sue the state to get the project going again. No formal action was taken.

Mr. Zimmerman of the Planning Commission noted that attendance at Planning Commission meetings was very poor and only two members of the Commission regularly attend meetings. He went on by saying that there is supposed to be one Planning Commission Member from each County Council District. He also welcomed Council members to attend Planning Commission meetings. Councilman Claude Thomas invited the Planning Commission Members to attend Council's zoning related workshops on Thursday nights in the Council Chambers located in the Courthouse.

6. Committee Reports:

Personnel and Administration: Councilman Thomas, Chair had no report.

Finance; Chairman Walker, Chair had no report at this time.

Public Works: Vice Chairman Gunnells; Chair stated they received two quotes back on the Compactor. One from Blanchard Machinery in the amount of $237,461 and the other from Road Machinery Services in the amount of $344,000. Along with this, they put out an ad for a Knuckle Boom and only one responded which was from Pioneer and they had responded earlier with a quote and said they would leave it the same, which was $ $35,740. They have also put out bids for financing this equipment and received two quotes, one from Commercial Bank at a 4.49on an annual basis and BB&T in Abbeville came back at 4.37 annually. Councilman Gunnells said that they got these back today and will receive it as information only.

Intergovernmental Relations, Councilman Forrester, Chair stated that there was a letter from Ms. Shirley Endin and he hasn't gotten in contact with her concerning the Library Board and would like to wait until the next meeting. Councilman Agan stated that they have been looking at some things on committees and boards appointments and will try to standardize some of these and do some advertising in the paper to see who will volunteer on some of these boards.

Planning and Industrial Development; Councilman Brown, Chair had no report at this time

Education, Recreation, Health & Welfare; Councilman Calhoun, Chair had nothing to report.

Public Safety; Councilman Agan, Chair had no report at this time

Ad-Hoc Committee on Office-Space; Councilman Gunnells, Chair stated that they are waiting for a price quote on the wiring of the Old Health Dept. Bldg.

Ad Hoc Committee on computerization of County Government. Chairman Walker said he had no report at this time.

7. Old Business:

2nd Reading on a request from Woodfern Associates to rezone approximately 20.9 acres from FA to GR. There was not a quorum of the Planning Commission present on December 19,2001 any recommendation forwarded. The Council has requested that the planning Commission review this before 3rd Reading. The Planning Commission will review at its next meeting. . Councilman Agan made a motion to have 2nd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

8. New Business:

(a) Council to consider Mr. Earl Wright reappointment to the EMS Commission as the Calhoun Falls Representative. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve the reappointment of Earl Wright for another 3 years. He said that Calhoun Falls met as per the by-laws and ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

(a) Council to consider reappointment of Mr. Alan Hughes to the EMS Commission, this is a Council appointment. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve the reappointment of Alan Hughes to the EMS Commission to represent the Abbeville area. Councilman Brown seconded this motion that was passed unanimously.

(a) Council to authorize the County Director to pay the County Bills. Councilman Thomas made a motion to pay the bills that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun. After a brief discussion, motion was passed unanimously.

(a) Abbeville County Coroner Ronnie Ashley to address Council concerning his budget. He told council that he was running low on funds for the Coroner's Office and requested $10,000. He said that there had been an unusual

number of deaths on which autopsies needed to be done and noted that the cost of an autopsy was $750 each. After a brief discussion, Councilman Thomas made a motion that we grant the request of $10,000 for the Coroner's Office to come out of the lump sum appropriations that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

(a) Chairman Walker referenced a letter from our Auditors, Cline Brandt Kochenower wherein they are requesting an additional $3,100 for services. After a brief discussion, Council received it as information.

9. Director's Update: Director Allen said that he had nothing to report at this time.

Announcements: The Council has a meeting with the Gov. on February 6,2002 at 11:00 am and all will meet at the Court House at 8:15am.

10. Executive Session:

1. Kevin Allen to discuss personnel matter.
2. Public Works Director to discuss personnel matter
3. County Director personnel matter
4. Dr. Jay West of the Development to discuss the Lake Russell Project
5.Chairman Walker to discuss a Personnel Matter.

Councilman Forrester made a motion to go into executive session that was seconded by Councilman Brown and passed unanimously. Chairman Walker stated that there was one item of which action needed to be taken. Director Allen submitted a letter of resignation, which needed to be accepted or rejected. Councilman Forrester made a motion to accept Mr. Allen's letter of resignation that was seconded by Councilman Brown. Councilman Agan agreed with the motion. Councilmen Calhoun, Thomas, Gunnells and Walker rejected the motion. Motion passed not to accept Mr. Allen's letter of resignation.

Councilman Forrester made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Councilman Thomas and passed unanimously.