FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:

Chairman Thomas stated for the record that both the Press and Banner and the Index Journal were notified of the meeting and that the meeting was posted on County Buildings as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2005
MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Councilman Simpson

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The audience led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Mr. Randy Day – Dept. of Transportation - gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2005 county council meeting. Councilman Norris seconded the motion, once changes were made on director's report item d to change Calhoun Falls Rescue Squad to Abbeville County Rescue Squad. The motion carried 6-0-0.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Chairman Thomas turned the meeting over to the County Attorney Lee Roper, who stated the same procedure would be used as on February 14, 2005. Chairman Thomas made an announcement declining to run and releasing his supporters. Councilman Davis nominated Councilman Gunnells. Nominations closed and the vote was taken.

Nomination carried 6-0-0. Chairman Gunnells thanked all for their support and congratulated Councilman Thomas on his handling of the Chairmanship.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Russell Wolf of 97 Pond Drive, Abbeville, spoke against the rezoning of the property off Sharon Church Road. The road sign has been down for over a month and believes it is premature to rezone at this time.

PRESENTATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

a) Third reading of an ordinance (05-03) to amend Section 708, Nonconforming Buildings or Uses, of the Abbeville County Zoning Ordinance. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-2-0 with Councilmen Thomas and Calhoun against.

b) Third reading of an ordinance (05-04) to amend the official zoning map for Abbeville County, South Carolina on a 135 ± acres of land off Highway 28 By Pass known as the Abbeville Industrial Park as shown on tax map 121, lots 195, 184, 010, 011, 196 and 008 from LI, Light Industrial to BI, Basic Industrial. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

c) A resolution (3-05) establishing and adopting a policy for the use of county owned buildings and facilities by the residents of Abbeville County and establishing a fee schedule and deposit for said use. Vice Chairman Forrester made a motion to leave this resolution on the table. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0. Chairman Gunnells appointed Councilmen Thomas, Norris and himself to look over this resolution in a meeting to be held on March 3, 2005.

d) Second 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 GE, General Residential. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion failed 3-3-0 with Councilmen Davis, Gunnells and Norris voting against.

e) Second reading of an ordinance (05-06) to amend the official zoning map for Abbeville County, South Carolina on tax map 054, parcels 552, 551, 550, 547, 542 and 538 located on Camel Road from FA, Forest

Agricultural to GR, General Residential. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) A resolution (16-05) endorsing the formation of a regional task force to study issues related to the Savannah River Basin; and other matters related thereto. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

b) A resolution (17-05) adopting the constitution and by-laws for the Abbeville County Development Board. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

c) A resolution (18-05) to authorize the transfer of $188,874.08 from the local option sales tax account to the general fund. Vice Chairman Forrester made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

d) First reading of an ordinance (05-7) to amend the budget. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve first reading. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

e) First reading of an ordinance (05-8) to change the reassessment period one year. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve first reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: None

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.

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.

Councilman Thomas requested that the County Director see what could be done to assist Forksville Church in their clean-up efforts.
A motion was made by Councilman Norris 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 the following ordinances were to be added to the agenda under new business:

d) An ordinance (05-7) to have first reading to amend the budget.

e) An ordinance (05-8) to change the reassessment period for one year.

Councilman Norris made a motion to add the above ordinances to the agenda. Vice Chairman Forrester seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Done this 28th day of February, 2005.

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
Ray Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council