ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2001

PRESENT: Chairman Walker, V. C. Thomas, Councilmen Agan, Forrester, Gunnells, Brown, and Director Allen

ABSENT: Councilman Calhoun

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

4. First item on the agenda was approval of September 10th County Council Meeting Minutes. Vice Chairman Thomas made a motion to approve minutes that was seconded by Councilman Agan and passed unanimously.

5. **Committee Reports:**

Personnel & Administration; Vice Chairman Thomas, Chair had no report at this time.

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

Public Works Committee; Councilman Gunnells, Chair had no report at this time.

Intergovernmental Relations; Councilman Forrester, Chair had no report at this time.

Planning & Industrial Development; Councilman Brown, Chair
(i) The Committee will hold a meeting September 27, 2001 at 6pm, just before the Special called Council Meeting. He also said that we received a letter in response from Perrin Anderson of the Planning Commission that they will be looking at during the meeting.

Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare; Councilman Calhoun, Chair had no report at this time.

Public Safety; Councilman Agan, Chair
(i) The Fire Commission has requested space in the Farmers' Market for operations. Councilman Agan stated that over the years this building had been used for a number of things such as a construction shed during the construction of the LEC, before that it housed the Dive Team and County Maintenance. They are asking for our portion of the building so they will have a place to do maintenance on the fire trucks, which number about 52. After further discussion, he also stated that we had other county office space issues that we probably need to face. The Sheriff and Magistrate will be moving out which will free some office space and no decision has been made as to who will go where. Chairman Walker agreed

that we need an ad hoc committee to look at the space needs for various county agencies. He further said that between now and the next meeting he would make several phone calls to some of the council members to see if three people would be willing to address this issue on both the building space, office space issue and the issue of the existing building at the LEC that is being used as a construction shed. He also said that the old detention center would become available once the new LEC would be opened and that we needed to address all the assets in the county in order to work out a solution and that he will commit to having a committee in place by the next meeting.

Councilman Agan stated that he had a couple of questions under old business that he wished to address, one being where we stand with the reassessment to which Mr. Allen said was on schedule. Also mentioned was the Planning Department to be opened in January or February and wanted to know where we stand with job descriptions and setting up the office. Mr. Allen stated that it hasn't been advertised as yet since we are not sure that it will occur this year.

6. Old Business:

7. New Business:

7A, **(a)** The Treasurer to request Council's approval of the transfer of the August 2001 LOST Fund in the amount of $25,829.23 to the General Fund. Councilman Forrester made a motion to approve the transfer that was seconded by Councilman Brown and passed unanimously.

7B. **(a)** Consideration of 1st Reading on a request from John Garner that approximately .55 acres located on Hwy. 28 South that is currently zoned Forest Agriculture be rezoned Basic Industrial to allow for an Impound Yard for automobiles waiting on insurance settlements. After a brief discussion, Councilman Agan made a motion council accept the responsibility to deny this rezoning request that was seconded by Councilman Gunnells and passed unanimously.

8. Announcements:

8a. (i) A Public Hearing and a specially called Council Meeting to pass the 2001 Tax Millage will be held at 7pm Sept. 27,2001.

8b. (i) The Oct. 8, 2001 Council Meeting will be held at Donald's Town Hall.

8c. (i) a meeting will be held on October 22nd at 7PM to review the proposed redistricting lines for County Council. Bobby Bowers with the Budget and Control Board will make the presentation.

Meeting adjourned.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27, 2001

PRESENT: Chairman Walker, V. C. Thomas, Councilmen Gunnells, Brown, Forrester, Agan, and Director Allen

ABSENT: Councilman Calhoun

Chairman Walker called the public hearing to order. First item on the agenda was to set the millage for Abbeville County 2001. After some brief comments, the public hearing was adjourned.

Chairman Walker called the regular meeting to order. First item on the agenda was County Council to approve the millage for Abbeville County for year 2001. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve the millage as presented that was seconded by Vice Chairman Thomas. Councilman Agan stated, for the record, that last year there was a concern about the monies of the County and there was an effort to try to do something about it at that time but it was voted 4 to 3 not to stop and address the issue of the funds that were necessary to operate last year and all of that has carried over which is why there is such a large increase this year. Motion passed unanimously to adopt millage.

Councilman Brown made a motion to add to the agenda that a letter to Mr. Perrin Anderson be accepted by Council. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gunnells. He made a recommendation that copies be sent to everyone on Council, Development Board, Mark Sumner and Rick Green with the COG. V. C. Thomas stated that this was a letter coming from the County Director who was being directed by Council to respond to a letter that came from the Planning Commission. If they do not respond by a certain date which is October 24th, then it will automatically be adopted. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2001

PRESENT: Chairman Walker, Councilmen Calhoun, Forrester, Brown, Agan, Gunnells, Director Allen, and Attorney Pruitt

ABSENT: Vice Chairman Thomas

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

4. First item on the agenda were approval of the Sept. 24th and 27th County Council Meeting Minutes. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve minutes that was seconded by Councilman Brown and passed unanimously.

5. **Committee Reports:**

Personnel & Administration; Vice Chairman Thomas, Chair had no report.

Finance; Chairman Walker, Chair had no report.

Public Works; Councilman Gunnells, Chair. West Carolina Telephone has requested to enter into a lease agreement with Abbeville County for two (2) communication equipment sites approximately 25'X25' in size. The two sites proposed are Corner of Church Street and west Pinckney St. (Magistrate's Office) and Poplar St. (behind the Abbeville County Courthouse) for a one-time payment of $500 for twenty years. The committee met and recommended that Council reject this proposed lease agreement.

Intergovernmental Relations; Councilman Forrester, Chair. The committee recommended to Council that Paul L. Agnew be appointed to the Library Board to replace Connie Herron. Councilman Forrester made a motion to this effect that was seconded by Chairman Walker and passed unanimously. The committee also recommended to Council that Teresa Bannister be appointed to the Election Commission to replace Alan Hughes. Councilman Forrester made a motion to appoint Ms. Bannister that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

Planning and Industrial Development; Councilman Brown, Chair had no report.

Education, Recreation, Health & Welfare; Councilman Calhoun, Chair had no report.

Public Safety; Councilman Agan, Chair. The committee to report/recommend to Council the status of EMS Med Control. Councilman Agan stated that our EMS Med Control, Dr. Lewis is leaving at the end of the month and it is a position that County Council appoints. Dr. Ralph D'Amore will start November 6th to take his place. The EMS Commission `met with Dr. D'Amore and are making a recommendation to appoint him as Med

Control Dr. for Abbeville County EMS. He said that, in the past, we have never paid the Med Control Dr. but it appeared that the custom now is to pay this position, either as an employee or by contract. In talking with Dr. D'Amore, he has agreed and the offer was made of $500 a month for the remainder of this year being June 30th that is approximately $4,000. The hospital has agreed to pay $2000 of that and the EMS Commission is also asking for $2,000 to come from the contingency fund to go toward this amount. Next year we will have a new contract with a budgeted amount. He said that the committee met and discussed this and the EMS Commission is making the recommendation. He, therefore, made a motion to accept Ralph D'Amore contingent upon completion of the paperwork with DHEC. Councilman Forrester seconded this motion that was passed unanimously. He also made a motion from the committee that $2000 come from the contingency fund to go to the EMS Commission to go against his salary at a rate of $500 a month. Councilman Gunnells seconded this motion that was passed unanimously.

6. **Old Business:**
   6A, **(i)** The Chairman made the following appointments to the Ad Hoc Committee to study office and building space; Councilman Gunnells, Chair; Chairman Walker and Councilman Brown.

7. **New Business:**
   7A, **(a)** Vice Chairman Thomas to introduce a Proclamation recognizing October 21-27, 2001 as Piedmont District of the AME Church Week. The Piedmont District has selected Abbeville's Long Cane AME Church to host their Annual Conference, which is projected to bring a thousand people into our area with a projected economic impact of $120,000 to the Lakeland's region. Councilman Calhoun made a motion to accept the Proclamation that was seconded by Chairman Walker and passed unanimously.

   7B, **(a)** Councilman Gunnells to introduce a Resolution in support of efforts to put prayer back into the schools. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve the Resolution that was seconded by Councilman Brown and passed unanimously

   7C, **(b)** The Abbeville County Development Board to present the 2001 Abbeville County Strategic Plan. The Plan requires adoption by the Abbeville County Council in order to be recognized by the State's Department of Commerce. Chairman Walker made a motion to adopt the Strategic Plan that was seconded by Councilman Brown and passed unanimously.

   7D, **(a)** The Fire Commission to address Council concerning the County's Automatic Mutual Fire Aid agreements with those counties bordering Abbeville. Fire Marshall, Jim Sosebee addressed council by saying that the agreements were approved by the Commission at its last meeting on Oct. 4th. This agreement outlines the responsibilities of Abbeville County to other automatic aid stations and vice versa. If a fire occurs in a certain area, and two stations are both close,

the aid agreement provides the right of the closer station to be called out to fight the fire. It is similar to what was formerly known as a mutual aid agreement among fire stations. Councilman Brown made a motion to approve the Automatic Mutual Fire Aid Agreement that was seconded by Councilman Gunnells and passed unanimously.

8. Director's Update:

(i) The Election and Registration Office. Director Allen stated that by the end of the week, we will be complete with repairs to the office itself and while Ms. Anderson is out, she has been attending continuing education classes in Columbia.

(i) Reassessment. Director Allen stated that we were still on target

(i) Auditor's recommendation on computer equipment for Finance. Director Allen stated that we have followed up on this at the request of Mr. Agan and we are currently having some upgrades done by Smith Data. Ms. Scott has already had her part done.

(i) Projection for the remainder of the Calendar Year on the Budget. Treasurer, Judy Scott made a presentation that was received as information.

(i) Status on LEC. Director Allen stated that they walked through it this past week and the final walk through will be with DOC, Architect and Engineers and will be occurring this Wednesday and must have DOC approval before we can apply for the last payment of the grant.

(i) Report on Courthouse Roof and Grant applied for to offset cost. Director Allen stated that we have received one estimate on the roof and the annex portion. It came in at $100,000 and we set aside $50,000 this year in the budget and we applied for a State Grant with the Dept. of Archives for $20,000

(i) County Tax Sale. Mr. Allen stated that we would finish posting all notices tomorrow and the Tax Sale date is set for Nov. 5th.

9. Announcements:

(i) Council has a workshop scheduled for Oct. 18, 2001 at 7pm in theCouncil Conference Room in the Court House.

10. Executive Session:

10A. Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to go into executive session that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously. No action was taken. Councilman Forrester made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Councilman Brown and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2001

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

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

4. First item on the agenda was approval of October 8th County Council Meeting Minutes. Councilman Forrester made a motion to approve minutes that was seconded by Councilman Agan, V. C. Thomas stated he would like for the minutes to reflect that the meeting was held in Donalds and also the recommendation from Public Works where it does not say whether Council took action or not. Chairman Walker said at the beginning of the minutes, he would like to add that Councilmen Agan conducted the meeting in Donalds at his request. Councilman Forrester, therefore, amended his motion by saying that the meeting was held in Donalds and chaired by Councilman Agan and that the Public Works recommendation regarding the rejection of a proposal from West Carolina Telephone Company was rejected with a vote of 6-0. Motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

5. **Presentations:**

5A. Mr. Jimmy Ellis to address Council concerning State Budget cuts and there affect on local DNR coverage in Abbeville. He addressed council by saying that DNR is in the process of cutting personnel statewide and noted that the agency was planning to cut 22 to 26 agents and that Abbeville currently has three DNR agents. He read a letter from SC Farm Bureau Federation president David Winkles that stated concerns about potential budget cuts for state agencies. The letter went on to note that during these days of heightened homeland security needs, special consideration should be given to maintaining as much law enforcement as possible. Being a Farm Bureau official, Mr. Ellis said that he would be contacting members of Abbeville County's Legislative Delegation to gain their support. Sheriff Charles Goodwin also spoke out in support of Mr. Ellis'comments. County Council gave its support and will send letters to state officials in order to keep coverage adequate.

5B. Mr. Bobby Bowers, Director of the Office of Research and Statistics of the SC Budget and Control Board to address Council on the proposed redistricting of County Council Seats. He stated that the redistricting is similar to the process of reapportionment on the state level and occurs typically every decade with the announcement of new census figures. The aim of redistricting is to have each Council district have about the same number of people. Another aim is to have the plan conform to the standards of the nation's Voting Rights Act, which aims

to protect the rights of minority voters. Vice Chairman Thomas stressed the importance of gaining public input on the proposed plan, which council hopes to have third and final reading on by the end of November. After further discussion, Chairman Walker asked Mr. Allen to set up a meeting with Mr. Bowers at his office to work on County Council lines. Vice Chairman Thomas commented to council and Director that we also get the community involved in this redistricting issue and be made aware by writing to those organizations that may have some interests in how the lines are drawn. Vice Chairman Thomas made a motion to add to the agenda, under new business as item 8(d), 1st Reading to approve Plan 1 as presented by Bobby Bowers Motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

6. **Committee Reports:**

Personnel & Administration; Vice Chairman Thomas, Chair had nothing to report.

Finance; Chairman Walker, Chair had nothing to report.

Public Works; Councilman Gunnells, Chair had nothing to report.

Intergovernmental Relations; Councilman Forrester, Chair had nothing to report\

Planning and Industrial Development; Councilman Brown, Chair had nothing to report.

Education, Recreation, Health & Welfare; Councilman Calhoun, Chair had no report at this time.

Public Safety Councilman Agan, Chair reminded everyone of the EMS Meeting tomorrow night.

Ad Hoc Committee on Office/Space; Councilman Gunnells, Chair who stated that he got some of the letters back on requirements for office space. Chairman Walker stated that we needed to get as much input as we can on this matter.

7. **Old Business:**

8. **New Business:**

8A, (a) Mrs. Scott, request Council's approval to transfer $21,327.87 LOST Monies from September to the General Fund account. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve this transfer that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

8B, (a) The Abbeville County Planning Commission makes the following recommendation concerning the property located at 544 Corbin Road, Honea

Path, SC. That this property be rezoned from FA to BI Basic Industrial. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to have 1st Reading that was seconded by Councilman Brown and passed unanimously.

8C, (a) Consideration of an offer from SCDOT for County Property located on Road/Route-SC 72-DSS Office Building. Director Allen stated that this was concerning the right-of-way for the widening of Hwy. 72. He said that the County Assessor's Office suggested that the County make a counter offer. Councilman Agan suggested that we accept SCDOT's offer and that he was 100% behind this highway. After further discussion, Councilman Agan made a motion to have 1st Reading to accept SCDOT's offer of $1,500 that was seconded by V. C. Thomas and passed unanimously.

8D, (a) Consideration of 1st Reading to approve Plan One as presented by Bobby Bowers concerning redistricting. V. C. Thomas made a motion to have 1st Reading to approve Plan One as presented by Bobby Bowers concerning redistricting. Motion seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

9. Director's Update:

- **(i)** The Election and Registration Office is now open
- **(i)** Reasessment is still on schedule
- **(i)** Status on LEC – The Fire Marshall has completed his final inspection
- **(i)** Grant for Courthouse looks good but cannot start construction until mid November

10. Announcements:

11. Executive Session:

Director to discuss personnel matter. Councilman Agan made a motion to go into executive session that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously. No action was taken in executive session. Meeting adjourned.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2001
MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Walker, Vice-Chair Thomas, Councilman Forrester, Brown, Agan, Gunnells, Calhoun, and Director Allen.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30pm and Vice-Chairman Thomas led with prayer.

4. First item on the agenda was approval of the October 22, 2001, County Council Meeting Minutes. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve the minutes and Councilman Brown seconded them. Councilman Agan stated that in section 9 of the Director's report, item concerning the Election and Registration office should reflect that the office was reopened after completing the remodeling as a result of the fire. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown and passed unanimously.

5. Presentations:

5A. Mr. Charles Magaha, Chairman of the Abbeville County Fire Commission. Mr. Magaha began his address to Council by stating that he did not seek re-election to the Fire Commission, he had served the County Fire Commission for 27 years. The first organizational meeting was held on June 4, 1974 with 5 members and at that meeting he was elected Chairman and has been elected 9 straight times for 3 year terms. Abbeville County Fire Commission now has 11 stations and over 200 volunteers. He also stated that when he began his involvement with County Fire he had two goals, 1st to establish a County Fire Service second to none in the State and assist in the establishment of countywide water. But it 's time to step down effective the 1st of January of 2002. He also stated that he was leaving the Fire Commission knowing that County Fire was the best bargain in the County for the taxpayers at about 300,000. a year. But before leaving he would like to ask the Council to assist the Fire Commission on two other important issues the first is establishing a County Fire Headquarters and the second is to consider the commissions request for another paid position. After Mr. Magaha spoke the Chairman thanked him for his years of devoted service to this County and the Chairman's remarks were followed by Councilman Agan's comments in appreciation of his service. Mr. Magaha also stated he will still be involved.

5B. Mr. Charles Williams, addressed Council on issues concerning County Council District 5. Mr. Williams began his address by expressing his dislike of Plan 1 of the County Council Re-districting, but as for Plan 2, he felt they could live with Plan 2, Mr. Williams explained to Council that he had fought hard to elect Councilman Brown and would work equally hard to keep him, stating that he felt Councilman Brown was an asset to the County. Mr. Williams then expressed his excitement over seeing Council opening with a prayer, and how unfortunate it was that our school children did not have the same

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opportunity. Mr. Williams then went on to express his excite about the direction the County was going. One of the most positive aspects has been the County's opening of the Convenience Center. He stated that he worked at one, but stated his concern over enforcement of our litter laws, someone had left 29 bags of trash where the County had removed green boxes and felt that the Magistrates office was not enforcing the fines and felt that needed to be changed. Councilman Agan, expressed his desired to find out who was doing this dumping. He thanked Council for their time and leadership.

6. Committee Reports:

Personnel & Administration: Vice-Chair Thomas stated that the committee met while in Columbia, the issues addressed were salary polices and guidelines and felt the committee would have something for Council's review over the next couple months, the other issues was a personnel matter to be discussed in Executive Session.

Finance: Chairman Walker,

The committee recommended that Council approve the request from the Clerk of Courts office for $2,000. from Dept. 503, line 89900 to be used for Court ordered computer software upgrade. Director Allen reported that the Committee had requested him to find out if there were any maintenance fees or other hidden cost involved, he stated that he had spoken with Mr. James of the Software Company there were not any maintenance fees, service was as needed at $75. an hour. Chairman Walker also stated that Abbeville was the only County not to have upgraded the system yet. The recommendation passed unanimously.

The Committee recommends that Council approve the request from the Sheriff and Magistrate for $19,500 from the LEC fund to purchase furniture for the LEC. Director Allen reported that the Committee had requested him to supply information on the equipment that the Sheriff had agreed to purchase, that equipment was 9,500 for laundry equipment, 24,500. on detention equipment and 5,400. on lockers for a total 39,400. the recommendation passed unanimously.

The committee recommended that Council approve the COLA for county employees to begin on December 22, 2001.Councilman Agan reminded everyone that this was a 3% COLA. Councilman Thomas, asked when it was scheduled to begin within the budget, the Chair stated that it was scheduled for January 2002. the recommendation passed unanimously.

The committee recommended that Council authorize the County Director to begin the search for a County Planner. Council was reminded that this was a budgeted line item and with re-zoning a developing issue the need has increased for the planner. The recommendation passed unanimously.

Public Works: Councilman Gunnells, Chair had nothing to report.

Intergovernmental Relations: Councilman Forrester, Chair.
The committee recommended the reappointment of Jim Jones to the Accommodation Tax Committee. The recommendation passed unanimously.

The committee recommended the appointment of Ted Williams from Calhoun Falls to the Accommodation Tax Committee. The recommendation passed unanimously.

Vice-Chair Thomas commented that the staff needed to do a better job of notifying Council of upcoming committee openings as required by county ordinance. Councilman Agan, pointed out that the Ordinance required 90 days notice.

Planning and Industrial Development: Councilman Brown, Chair stated that he was pleased with how well the zoning workshop conducted by Doug Burns went and how much it helped all of those who attended.

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

Public Safety: Councilman Agan, Chair update Council on the monies Council approved for Paramedic Training, Council paid for 6 students to attend the classes and those 6 will graduate from the Paramedic Training.

Ad Hoc Committee on Office/Space: Councilman Gunnells, chair stated that the committee had received the information from the department heads and would hold a meeting this week to cover the information.

7. Old Business:

7A, 2nd Reading on The Abbeville County Planning Commission's recommendation concerning the property located at 544 Corbin Road, Honea Path, SC to be rezoned from FA to BI. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to have 2nd reading and Councilman Agan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7B, 2nd Reading on Ordinance No: 01-24, to accept the offer of $1,500. from SCDOT for County Property located on Road/Route-SC72-DSS Building. Councilman Agan made the motion to have 2nd reading on the Ordinance and Councilman Forrester seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

7C, 2nd Reading on Ordinance No: 01-23, the proposed redistricting of County Council Seats identified as Plan 2. Councilman Brown made the motion to have 2nd reading on the Ordinance and Councilman Calhoun seconded it. Director Allen stated that this was the plan worked out in Columbia with the Budget and Control Board. The motion passed unanimously.

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8. New Business:

8A, Chairman Walker introduced Resolution No: 01-05 in support of providing a permanent Piedmont Tech. College Extension Campus in Abbeville County. Chairman Walker then covered a couple points of the resolution with Council. Councilman Agan, questioned if this resolution committed Council to any funding, Chairman Walker stated it did not commit Council to any funding. Chairman Walker made the motion to accept this resolution and Councilman Agan seconded it. The Resolution passed unanimously.

8B, 1st reading on Ordinance No: 01-22 to impose a moratorium on any new outdoor advertising in Abbeville County pending the County Zoning Ordinance. Vice-Chair Thomas made the motion to have 1st reading and Councilman Brown seconded it. Councilman Agan stated he had questions concerning enforcement but would wait until the next meeting when Attorney Pruitt was present. The Chairman stated he had received a letter from the Development Board expressing their concern over the new billboards appearing in the County. The motion passed unanimously.

8C, Councilman Brown introduced for 1st reading on Ordinance No: 01-21 to allow the County of Abbeville to establish and enforce a noise regulation. Councilman Brown stated that the County does not currently have an Ordinance addressing this problem but feels as Abbeville grows the need will grow. He also stated that the Sheriff and the County Attorney had reviewed the Ordinance, but he realizes there are some issues that need to be addressed because Abbeville is still an Arg. County. Councilman Brown made a motion for 1st reading and Vice-Chair Thomas seconded it. Councilman Agan requested that the Ordinance be sent to committee for review and possibly how it could be worked into the proposed zoning ordinance. The motion passed unanimously and then the Chairman assigned to ordinance to the Planning and Industrial Development Committee.

9. Director's Update:

Director Allen reported that reassessment was on schedule and showed the map on progress since last report. He also stated that reassessment would be completed by the end of November.

Status on LEC, the Director reported that contractor had turned the keys over to the Sheriff, but the opening would be delayed by a week. Councilman Agan asked if the old Farmers Market had been repaired.

Setting Christmas Day schedule is set for 24th and 25th County Offices reopen on the Dec. 26th.

Councilman Agan made the motion to add to the agenda the setting of the Christmas Schedule and the 2nd Council meeting in December. Councilman Forrester seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Councilman Agan made the motion to set the Christmas Holiday schedule for December 24 and 25 to reopen the County offices on the 26 of December and that County Council cancelled the Council meeting scheduled for December 24. Councilman Gunnells seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Announcements:

The Director reminded everyone that Council had a zoning workshop Thursday evening. The Chairman mentioned he would like everyone to review their Council retreat notes to be discussed at the next meeting. Councilman Gunnells stated we needed to post signs outside the County Office Building. Vice-Chair Thomas asked how we advertised the meetings and Councilman Agan state that the ad should also include the "Lower Level" of the County Office Building.

11. Executive Session:
Councilman Agan made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and Councilman Gunnells seconded it.

Council returned from Executive Session the Chairman recommended that Council authorize the County Director to give all full time County employees a $100. Christmas bonus and all part time employees a $25. bonus, this bonus is to be paid only to those employees on the County payroll as of October 12, 2001. The motion was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Vice-Chair Thomas. Councilman Agan wanted to clarify the bonus further as to whether this included elected officials. It was stated it did except Council members. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
SPEACIALLY CALLED MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2001
MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Walker, Councilman Forrester, Brown, Agan, Attorney Pruitt, and Director Allen.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:45pm.

Councilman Agan, pointed out that an error had been made concerning the payments on the Calhoun Falls water project, the error was a result of Director Allen instructing County Treasurer Judy Scott to make two (2) payments one for $1,125. and the other for $78,980. totaling $80,105. from the County's Infrastructure Fund.

Councilman Agan than made a motion to instruct the County Director to transfer/reimburse the Infrastructure Fund in the amount of $80,105. from the Economic Development Project carry forward monies. Councilman Forrester seconded the motion. During the discussion of the motion Attorney Pruitt recommended that the motion include a statement that any other expenses from that project up the agreed $85,000. be paid from the same fund. Councilman Agan agreed to amend his motion to include that statement. Councilman Forrester seconded the motion as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Agan asked that the minutes reflect and refer to the Minutes of County Council meeting of June 11, 2001 under section New Business: Line D.

New Business:
To provide the Donald's-Due West Water Authority with a letter of intent from County Council for matching funds for stage 3 of the County wide water system. Council then discussed the financial aspects of the total cost, which are projected to be $4,200,000. Donald's-Due West has applied for 2.2 million from the State/ tobacco settlement, leaving a difference of 2 million to complete the project. To proceed to the next stage of grant process Donald's Due-West must show that the money to complete the project, to be committed. Council then discussed the funding issues and projected income between now and 2-2004 and how the county would account for the monies required for the commitment. Director Allen reminded the Council of Sen. Holling's earlier commitment for 2 million and discussed his and the COG's continued work with Sen. Holling's office on the 2 million. But by the deadline of Nov. 21, 2001 we could not secure a letter of commitment needed for the grant's next stage. Therefore, commitment for the remaining 2 million has to be secured, Donald's-Due West has committed $500,000. towards the project and thus needed a letter of commitment from the County for 1.5 million. The County Director provided Council with a draft letter of commitment. If the Federal monies are not available the county would have the following options, 1 follow through with the commitment, 2, down size the project and return a portion of the grant based on how the project was down sized, 3 return all the grant money , or borrow the money.

Councilman Agan made the motion that Council send the letter of intent to Donald's-Due West and that the Chairman sign the letter on the behalf of Council. Councilman Forrester seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council to address the Bibb building and whether the County should put forth ant further efforts in marketing the building. The chairman expressed that the county had devoted enough time and effort in marketing the building. Councilman Agan expressed he agreement with the chair's statement. A draft letter had been provided for Council to review. Councilman Agan express that this was just Council's recommendation to the Development Board. Councilman Forrester made a motion to accept the draft letter and forward it to the Development Board. Councilman Agan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
The meeting was adjourned.

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