

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2008 AT 4:30 P.M.  
GRAND JURY ROOM AT THE UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh, Vice Chairperson Dora Martin, Councilwoman Joan Little, Councilman Tommy Ford, Councilman Joey English, Councilman Randall Hanvey, Councilman Joe Lawson, County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros and Clerk to Council Linda G. Jolly  
Absent: None

Notice of the meeting and a copy of the agenda giving the date, time and place of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the hall of the Union County Courthouse and a copy was mailed to the members of the Union County Council, the County Attorney, WBCU Radio Station, the Union Daily Times, Spartanburg Herald Journal, the Union County Development Board, Mr. Darrell Wade, Ms. Ann Canada, Mrs. Anne Brock with Clemson Extension and Mr. James Kollock.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh called the meeting to order. Chaplain Dora Martin gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk to Council gave the Roll Call with the following results:

Joan Little, District 1 – Present  
Dora T. Martin, District 2 – Present  
Tommy E. Ford, District 3 – Present  
Joey D. English, District 4 – Present  
Randall Hanvey, District 5 – Present  
Joe G. Lawson, District 6 – Present

Joey English: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on March 12, 2008 and to adopt the minutes as written.

Tommy Ford: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented a service award certificate and gift card for Albert Roark for 5 years of dedicated service, to David Kitchens for 20 years of dedicated service, and to Mamie Holmes for 20 years of dedicated service to Union County.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh and Councilman Joe Lawson presented a plaque from the South Carolina Department of Commerce recognizing homegrown champions in the communities to Mrs. Martha S. Whitener.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated Council needed to consider vacancies on the Union County Tourism Commission due to expired terms.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to advertise the vacancies.

Dora Martin: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated they would be receiving an attendance roster which could result in other vacancies on the Tourism Commission which would need to be advertised.

Next on the agenda were Thom White and Isaac McKissick to discuss honoring Paul Glenn but neither was present at the meeting.

Ms. Grace McBeth with the Historical Society informed Council they plan a re-enactment of the visit of President Jefferson Davis to be held at the Cross Keys House on Saturday, April 26th and Sunday, April 27th. The house and grounds will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. each day with costumed interpreters present.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated that Senator Jim DeMint's Office had notified him that the FAA had approved a grant in the amount of \$103,630 to reimburse Union County for the recent purchase of land adjacent to the Union County Airport.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh told Council he would probably call a special County Council meeting in the next two weeks to discuss property in the Whitmire and Maybinton area of Union for a recycling center. They should have an option on those properties within the next week to bring back to Council for consideration.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated that as of today the County had closed on the purchase of the property at the airport needed for the clear zone areas at a cost of \$17,420.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated that he and the County Attorney had reviewed a proposed lease from Standard Textile. It would basically be an extension of the lease they currently have in place for \$7,200 per month. This is the former Weavetex building. Standard Textile would like to extend that lease until 2011 and wanted to delete the termination portion. At the end of the lease, they would have a meeting during the last six months to determine if they would do another lease after 2011. After looking at what property they would need for the LSP site, he and Stanley Vanderford along with railroad officials determined that it was not property they would need for the rail spur coming in. Mr. Betenbaugh asked for authorization to sign the extension on this lease which would require Standard Textile to pay the County \$7,200 a month through July 31, 2011. He stated that Standard Textile would be responsible for any repairs or maintenance on that building.

Joe Lawson: Made a motion that with the adjustments being made that they had discussed earlier that Council would accept the lease with Standard Textile as stated.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented bids for the concrete work needed for the recycling center in Carlisle. He requested A. B. Saunders Company be awarded the bid for the concrete slab work at a cost of \$38,500 as they were the low bidder. The next bid was \$43,042.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to award the bid for the concrete slab work to be done at the recycling center in Carlisle to A. B. Saunders Company at a cost of \$38,500.

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Joey English: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated that when Council holds their special meeting they will need to discuss replacement of the roof on the Health Department as they should have some bids in by that time.

Tax Assessor Bill Randall presented some condemnation information on property owned by Mr. Ned Ivey. Mr. Ivey was present and told Council this building was located on the old home place. He said it was not livable and they intend to board it up and take the front porch off so that he can use it to store hay and other stuff in. Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh asked Mr. Ivey to coordinate with the Tax Assessor's Office to give them a time line on what is going on.

County Council took a brief recess at 4:49 p.m.

County Council opened the meeting at 4:55 p.m. for a public hearing to receive any comments from the public on a proposed ordinance providing for a multi-county park to be geographically located in Spartanburg County pertaining to the American Yuncheng Project. Mr. Betenbaugh called for any comments from the public but there were none and the public hearing was closed at 4:57 p.m.

The County Council meeting reconvened at 4:57 p.m.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented for third and final reading an ordinance to develop a jointly owned and operated Industrial/Business Park ("American Yuncheng Park Project") in conjunction with Spartanburg County, such Industrial/Business Park to be geographically located in Spartanburg County and established pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976, 4-1-170, et sequitur, as amended; to provide for a written agreement with Spartanburg County providing for the expenses of the Park, the percentage of revenue application, and the distribution of fees in lieu of ad valorem taxes to the counties and relevant taxing entities; to provide that job tax credits allowed by law be provided for businesses locating in said Park; and to permit a user fee in lieu of ad valorem taxation within said Park.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to adopt the ordinance pertaining to the American Yuncheng Project as stated.

Joey English: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented in title only first reading of the Ordinance to adopt the Union County Budget for fiscal year 2008-2009.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to accept first reading of the Union County Budget Ordinance for fiscal year 2008-2009.

Joan Little: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented for first reading an ordinance to amend the jointly owned and operated Industrial Business Park in conjunction with Spartanburg County, dated as of July 11, 1994; such Industrial/Business Park being located in Spartanburg

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County and established pursuant to the South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976 Section 4-1-170, et. sequitur, as amended; to provide for a written agreement with Spartanburg County providing for the expenses of the park, the percentage of revenue application, and the distribution of fees in lieu of ad valorem tax to the counties and relevant taxing entities; and, to provide that jobs tax credits allowed by law be provided for industries locating in said Park, and to permit a user fee in lieu of ad valorem taxation. This would amend the agreement to include Lubrizol Advanced Materials, Inc. in the Herald-Journal Industrial Park.

Joey English: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to accept the ordinance pertaining to inclusion of Lubrizol Advanced Materials, Inc. in the Herald-Journal Industrial Park as stated.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh called for any committee reports but there were none.

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Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh called for an executive session to discuss contractual matters and asked that Development Board Director Stanley Vanderford remain during executive session.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to go into executive session to discuss contractual matters.

Tommy Ford: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Union County Council went into Executive Session to discuss contractual matters.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to close executive session and return the meeting to regular session

Tommy Ford: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Union County Council returned the meeting to regular session and Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated that no action was taken during executive session.

Joan Little: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Joey English: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Donnie R. Betenbaugh, Chairman  
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council

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