

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2006 AT 4:31 P.M.
GRAND JURY ROOM AT THE UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh, Vice Chairperson Dora Martin, Councilman Toney Farr (arrived at 4:34 p.m.), 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, WSPA-TV, WIS News, Allen Hutto with MHISC, Mr. Ethan Burroughs with Wachovia Bank, the Union County Development Board, Mr. J. B. Stepp, Mr. Scott Frost, Wallace Thomson Hospital, Mr. John Cadena with SCANA Corp., Ms. Ann Fesperman with the Upstate Workforce Investment Board, Mr. Darrell Wade, Ms. Ann Canada, Ms. Annie E. Wessinger with Capital Consultants, Sandra Palmer and Ms. Anne Brock with Clemson Extension.

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:

Toney L. Farr, District 1 – Present (arrived at 4:34 p.m.)

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

Dora Martin: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting held on March 8, 2006 and to adopt the minutes as written.

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

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented a service award certificate and gift certificate to Mr. Terry Humphries for 15 years of dedicated service to Union County.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated Council needed to consider appointments to the Union County Stadium Commission. There was one vacancy and three letters of application from Mr. Jeff Lawson, Mr. Gregg Pickens and Mr. Jimmy Kimbrell. Councilman Joe Lawson nominated Jimmy Kimbrell.

Councilman Joey English nominated Mr. Gregg Pickens.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to bring the nominations to a close.

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

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The vote on the nomination to appoint Mr. Jimmy Kimbrell to serve on the Stadium Commission was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated Council needed to consider appointments to the Hospital Board of Trustees. There were two positions to be filled by practicing physicians and two at-large positions. There were some applicants that came in past the cut off date. Mr. Betenbaugh stated it would be up to Council if they wished to consider those applicants.

Joe Lawson: Made a motion to accept all the applicants.

Toney Farr: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The applicants for practicing physicians were Dr. Christopher McWhorter, Dr. John Flood and Dr. Robert Yannetti. The at-large applicants were Mr. Pete Berry, Dr. Woodliff Sanford, Mr. Victor Taus, Mr. Jantzen Childers, Mrs. Patricia Owens, Mr. Michael Cassels, Mr. Jeffrey Cannon, Mrs. Judy Ford, Mrs. Joyce Inabinet, and Mr. Tim Svedlund.

Joe Lawson: Made a motion to postpone the appointments to the Hospital Board to allow Council the opportunity to interview the applicants.

Toney Farr: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Council agreed to hold the interviews of all the applicants for the Hospital Board on Tuesday, April 25th beginning at 6:00 p.m. and allowing fifteen minutes for each interview.

Dr. Woodliff Sanford suggested that since Mrs. Joyce Inabinet has already served two terms on the Hospital Board that it not be a necessity for her to be considered for a third term. Councilman Donnie Betenbaugh stated Council would not exclude anyone from the interview process.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated that Council needed to consider appointments to the Union County Tourism Commission. There were fifteen vacancies with thirteen applicants. Some of the applications came in after the deadline.

Joe Lawson: Made a motion to accept all the applicants.

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

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated the applicants were Mr. James S. Hunter, Ms. Michelle Young, Mrs. Anne Brock, Mr. Gator Hudson, Mr. Mike Petrie, Ms. Kristi Sommers, Mr. Blake Sizemore, Mr. David "Tubo" Owens, Ms. Monte Lancaster, Ms. Julia Garmon, Ms. Jenny Lothamer, Mr. Graham Williams, and Mr. Wayne Bogan. Mr. Betenbaugh opened the floor for nominations for the four applicants who would serve four year terms.

Councilman Toney Farr nominated Mrs. Anne Brock.

Councilwoman Dora Martin nominated Mr. James Hunter.

Councilman Tommy Ford nominated Mr. Mike Petrie.

Councilman Joe Lawson nominated Ms. Julia Garmon.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to close the nominations.

Toney Farr: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated Council needed to consider the appointments of the four applicants that would serve three year terms on the Tourism Commission.

Councilman Joey English nominated David "Tubo" Owens.

Councilwoman Dora Martin nominated Ms. Monte Lancaster.

Councilman Randall Hanvey nominated Ms. Kristi Sommers.

Councilman Tommy Ford nominated Ms. Michelle Young

Dora Martin: Made a motion to close the nominations.

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

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated Council needed to consider the appointments of the four applicants that would serve two year terms on the Tourism Commission.

Councilman Randall Hanvey nominated Mr. Graham Williams.

Councilman Joe Lawson nominated Mr. Gator Hudson.

Councilman Toney Farr nominated Mr. Blake Sizemore.

Councilwoman Dora Martin nominated Ms. Jenny Lothamer.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to close the nominations.

Joe Lawson: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated Council needed to consider the appointment of the applicant that would serve a one year term on the Tourism Commission.

Councilwoman Dora Martin nominated Mr. Wayne Bogan

Dora Martin: Made a motion to close the nominations.

Joe Lawson: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Councilman Joe Lawson suggested advertising for the remaining two slots on the Tourism Commission.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh introduced an ordinance adopting the annual budget for fiscal year 2006-2007.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to accept first reading as stated.

Toney Farr: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh introduced a resolution whereby the Union County Council encouraged and supported the establishment of a new VA National Cemetery to be located at the Sedalia site in Union County, South Carolina as it would be an economic boost for the Upstate.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to dispense with referring the resolution to a committee and to adopt the resolution pertaining to locating a new VA National Cemetery in Union County.

Toney Farr: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh called for any committee reports.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Committee on County Administration and Finance to do soil borings for the Bob Adams Road Bridge at a cost of \$5,000.00.

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Joe Lawson: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Committee on County Administration and Finance to purchase the parking space at the Buffalo Mill site for a total of \$3,165.00.

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

Dora Martin: Made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Committee on County Administration and Finance to do the asphalt overlay on the basketball court at the Jonesville Park at a cost of \$3,720.00.

Toney Farr: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Committee on County Administration and Finance to paint the parking lots at South Hills at a cost of \$650.00.

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

Dora Martin: Made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Committee on County Administration and Finance to put fencing around the Kelton basketball court at a cost of \$5,187.64.

Toney Farr: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Committee on County Administration and Finance to do airport clearing for the neighbors at a cost up to \$10,000.00.

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

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated they intend to advertise for bids on this project.

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

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Dora Martin: Made a motion to adjourn.

Joe Lawson: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Donnie R. Betenbaugh, Chairman
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council

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