

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2010 AT 5:30 P.M.
GRAND JURY ROOM AT THE UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Chairman Tommy Sinclair, Vice Chair Dora Martin, Councilwoman Joan Little, Councilman Tommy Ford, Councilman Joey English, Councilman Randall Hanvey, Councilwoman Kacie Petrie, 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, Mr. James Kollock, Mrs. Anna Brown with the County News, Mr. Mickey Gist, Mr. Frank Hart, Mr. Ray Treadway, Mr. Brooks Carwile, Mr. Howard Gibson, and Mr. Robert Small. A notice of the meeting was also posted on the County's website.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called the meeting to order. Councilwoman 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

Kacie Petrie, District 6 – Present

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on December 8, 2009, the special meeting of County Council held on December 11, 2009 and to adopt the minutes as written.

Joe English: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous

Chairman Tommy Sinclair presented service award certificates and gift cards to Councilman Tommy Ford for 5 years of dedicated service and to Councilman Randall Hanvey for 5 years of dedicated service to Union County.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated there were upcoming vacancies on the Hospital Board and the Tourism Commission. Mr. Sinclair said that in looking at the Hospital Board the law basically says you cannot work for yourself. The county ordinance calls for three practicing physicians within the Hospital District to serve on the Hospital Board. All the practices in Union have been purchased by the Hospital with the exception of one which

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causes a conflict. Dr. Fielder is not an employee of Wallace Thomson Hospital. He suggested the County Council Public Health Committee, Hospital committee members and citizen committee members should meet to resolve this issue.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to rework the information to get this resolved.

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

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to advertise the vacancies on the Tourism Commission.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated Sheriff David Taylor had made a presentation to Council at a committee meeting about proposals for providing medical services for the Jail and Detention Center. Mr. Perry Haney with the Sheriff's Office stated the Sheriff after their checking out all the companies making proposals recommends Medico Correctional Health Corporation. This would be at no additional cost to the taxpayers and would allow them to be in compliance. Councilman Joey English asked if they would be including a ninety day opt out clause in the contract and Mr. Haney stated they would.

Joey English: Made a motion to accept Medico Correctional Health Corporation for medical services and begin working on the details of the contract.

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

Mr. Perry Haney with the Sheriff's Office stated they have mutual aid or assistance agreements with Chester County, Laurens County, Newberry County, Spartanburg County, Cherokee County, Jonesville Police Department, Whitmire Police Department, Union Police Department, and Pacolet Police Department. The purpose of the agreements is to allow them to work with other counties and agencies to provide assistance and they in turn provide services and manpower when needed. He asked Council to approve the agreements.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to approve to continue the mutual aid agreements with the existing counties that have been in effect in recent years.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called for any other elected officials who wished to address Council. Clerk of Court Freddie Gault expressed his appreciation for the help and assistance provide to his office. Mr. Sinclair called for any other elected officials or department heads who wished to address Council but there were none.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair presented for second reading the amendment to County Ordinance Number 248 to amend the building code fees and County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros read the heading.

Joey English: Made a motion to accept second reading of the amendment to County Ordinance Number 248 to amend the building code fees.

Kacie Petrie: Seconded the motion.

Mr. Sinclair stated the changes were being made to make Union County's fees more consistent with surrounding counties. The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called for any committee reports.

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Dora Martin: Made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Committee on County Administration and Finance that the shortfalls that are due to the State by the Clerk of Court's Office be made up from the County's General Fund Balance and reported to the Council when the payments are made.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated the submission to the Department of Justice for the referendum was done in December of 2009. He stated he had a sample ballot which he had provided to Council. They had gotten an email from McNair Law Firm indicating it needed to be worded differently so they will be working further with the law firm to get it worded correctly.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair requested Council go into executive session to discuss something that was discussed in executive session at the School Board meeting and to give an update on the Kelly Kelton Fire Department lawsuit.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to go into executive session as requested.

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

The Union County Council went into executive session to discuss the matters specified.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to come out of executive session.

Kacie Petrie: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.


Chairman Tommy Sinclair announced that no action or votes were taken during executive session.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called for any other business but there was none.

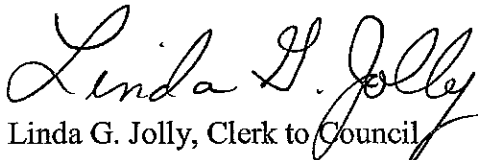
Dora Martin: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.



Thomas L. Sinclair, Chairman
Union County Council



Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council