

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 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 April 9, 2008 and to adopt the minutes as written.

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

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented a service award certificate and gift card for Nathan Burdine for 5 years of dedicated service to Union County.

Mr. Bob Love appeared before Council to discuss the Economic Indicators Report. He thanked County Council for sponsoring the report. In 2006 there were about 35 involved citizens and leaders that got together to talk about where Union County is today and how they could benchmark it. They identified five areas to benchmark to see what progress has been made in Union County. The five areas looked at were education, economics, health, family and environment/recreation. Committees did polls and surveys to see what was important to the public in those five areas. The report deals with not just statistics but also success stories. The report will be updated every three years. It addressed such issues as first grade readiness assessment, exit exam performances, teachers with advanced degrees, and incidence of death from chronic diseases. They want to communicate the findings of

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the report to the community and wanted to get the report out to the public by putting them in as many local access areas as possible.

Jonesville Mayor Ernest Moore and Jonesville Councilman Steve Thompson addressed Council about working with the County Council to help them move forward. They told Council there were people in Jonesville who had wells running dry and they needed to try to get grants to help those people. Mayor Moore asked County Council for help in applying for grant funds. He stated the senior citizens in Jonesville wanted a walking trail around the sports complex in Jonesville and asked for the County's help in getting that done. They want to bring in small businesses to their downtown area. Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated he understood Wallace Thomson Hospital was working on getting a clinic open in Jonesville. Mr. Betenbaugh stated the County had never had a problem working with the people from Jonesville and had been partners on a number of projects. Mr. Thompson said he was glad to see the growth in Union County and that the extension of the airport runway was a step in the right direction.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented for second reading the Ordinance to adopt the Union County Budget for fiscal year 2008-2009.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to accept second reading of the Union County Budget Ordinance for fiscal year 2008-2009.

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

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented for second 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 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.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to accept second reading of 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 introduced for first reading an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 142, as previously amended by Ordinance Nos. 212 and 213, relating to the joint county industrial park (Hillside Industrial Park) of Spartanburg and Union Counties so as to enlarge the park to include Adidas Sales, Inc.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to accept first reading of the ordinance to add Adidas Sales, Inc. to the Hillside Industrial Park.

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

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Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh introduced an ordinance authorizing the amendment and restatement of Ordinance No. 229 authorizing the development of a joint county industrial and business park in Spartanburg County in conjunction with Spartanburg County and a written agreement with Spartanburg County to provide for the manner by which expenses and revenues from such park will be allocated pertaining to Centennial American Properties, LLC.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to accept first reading of the ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 229 pertaining to Centennial American Properties, LLC.

Tommy Ford: 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 accept the bid from ATA Roofing to do the new roof at the Health Department for a base cost of \$41,500.00 provided the work can be done in a timely manner.

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 approve blinds for the Dixie Youth Park at a cost of no more than \$3,000.00.

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 proceed with the purchase of 1 acre of land off the Hodges Road for a recycling site in the Goshen Hill area provided the other property is not available.

Joan Little: 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 approve the purchase of 5 police cars at a cost of approximately \$125,000.00 in the 2008-2009 Union County Budget.

Joan Little: 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 approve the low bid from Kingsmore Construction at a cost of \$20,447.00 for a metal roof at the Task Force building.

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

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh asked the County Attorney to look into a request made by the Bonham Fire District to change the ordinance that organized the Bonham Fire District from a volunteer district to a partial paid district so that in the future they might have some paid or partial paid volunteers. The County Attorney was asked to check for any legal issues pertaining to the request.

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Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh called for any other business but there was none.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented for Council to review and approve a financial report from the Soil and Water Conservation District.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to accept the financial report from Soil and Water Conservation.

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

Dora Martin: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Donnie R. Betenbaugh, Chairman
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council