

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2010 AT 6:19 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM AT THE COUNTY ANNEX BUILDING

Present: Chairman Tommy Sinclair, Vice Chair Dora Martin-Jennings, Councilwoman Joan Little, Councilman Tommy Ford, Councilman Randall Hanvey, Councilwoman Kacie Petrie, County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros and Clerk to Council Linda G. Jolly  
Absent: Councilman Joey English

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, 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 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on July 13, 2010, the special meeting of County Council held on July 20, 2010, and to adopt the minutes as written.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair recognized for service award certificates and gift cards Alicia Gale for 5 years of dedicated service, Marion A. Black for 5 years of dedicated service, Lloyd Roberts for 5 years of dedicated service, Paul Robinson for 10 years of dedicated service, Joe Newton for 10 years of dedicated service, Thomas Littlejohn for 10 years of dedicated service and Cindy Fore for 25 years of dedicated service to Union County.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair state he received a letter from the Upstate Workforce Investment Board recommending the appointment of Susan Gregory to fill the unexpired term due to the resignation of Deborah Bishop.

Dora Martin-Jennings: Made a motion to appoint Susan Gregory to fill the unexpired term on the Upstate Workforce Investment Board as recommended.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated they had received notification that Casey Connell had moved to Colorado and was no longer serving on the Tourism Commission. Antonio Johnson had not met the attendance requirements. It was recommended to appoint Julia Garmon and George Bruce to fill those two unexpired terms.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to appoint Julia Garmon and George Bruce to fill the two unexpired terms on the Union County Tourism Commission.

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

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Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated Mr. Mark Smith was next on the agenda to discuss barking dogs but he had a conflict and was unable to be there.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair presented a letter from the Olde English District recommending the appointment of Mr. Trampas Alderman to fill the unexpired term on their commission vacated by Mr. Casey Connell.

Dora Martin-Jennings: Made a motion to appoint Mr. Trampas Alderman to fill the unexpired term on the Olde English District Commission.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called for any elected officials or department heads who wished to address Council.

Council asked about Doug Humphries who was on the agenda to discuss the Jonesville Festival. Chairman Sinclair stated he was present earlier but must have left since he thought he had received the assistance he was looking for.

Stadium Manager Ronnie Wade stated they had started the work on the repairs to the wall at the Stadium. This coming Thursday at the Union County Fairgrounds at 6:00 p.m. there will be a Pep Rally and Family Picnic put on by WBCU Radio and Holcombe Funeral Home for their anniversary celebration.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated there is some interest in establishing a church league softball group and Dixie Youth age group for the fall to play at the Timken Sports Complex.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated there would be a recognition for the little league ball teams who went to the State tournament and the World Series. A joint resolution will be presented to them at the event at the fairgrounds on Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated the Especially Ours Fun Day was one of the best events Council has supported.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated the County's telephone system was outdated and we are being able to piggy back onto the installation of the Court Management System. Mr. Jerry Brannon recommended the County move forward with updating the service which would save \$5,000 a month once it has been put in. This would give the County a state of the art Voice Over IP System for the courthouse, annex building, jail and 911. It would cost \$76,000 and the County would pay \$1,368 a month for the next 5 years at a 3% interest rate. At the end of five years the County would pay one dollar and own the system. They need Council's approval so the County can enter into a contract. If it were not for Union County being able to do this in conjunction with the implementation of the new court system, it would have cost the County \$200,000 to \$300,000 to put in this kind of system. This would give the County a state of the art fiber optics telephone system.

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Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to update the County's telephone system with the voice over IP.

Tommy Ford: Seconded the motion.

Councilman Randall Hanvey asked if they are saying that after all is said and done the County should save a minimum of \$5,000 a month guaranteed. Mr. Jerry Brannon said he would guarantee it. Councilwoman Kacie Petrie stated the system would be outdated by 2012 anyway. Why not do it now and save money.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Sheriff David Taylor informed Council they were holding a retirement reception for Mr. Walker Babb on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Clemson Extension facility. Mr. Babb had served as a reserve officer for over thirty years.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called for any committee reports but there were none.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called for any other business.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to accept Scarborough Drive, Hunters Run, Deer Point, Lite Road, Pioneer Road, and Southwood under the County's Road Maintenance System.

Tommy Ford: Seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Joan Little asked if they were all up to standards. Councilwoman Kacie Petrie replied that they are not. There was some discussion as to which council members had looked at which roads. Councilwoman Kacie Petrie stated they need to take in some of these roads just to make them drivable for emergency services. Councilman Randall Hanvey expressed his concern about how the County would pay for these roads. They cannot fix every road in the county for free or they would go broke. Sheriff David Taylor stated he did not know how some of the landowners get into their driveways. Councilman Randall Hanvey said some of the roads had been scraped recently.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to table the motion until the County finds a way to pay for the work.

The vote on the motion to table the prior motion resulted in two (2) Council Members (Randall Hanvey and Dora Martin-Jennings) voting in favor of the motion and three (3) Council Members opposing.

Councilwoman Kacie Petrie suggested taking in the roads and decide on funding later. County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros said the County needs to get right of way easements from the property owners. Councilwoman Joan Little suggested the Council needs to change the road ordinance.

The vote on the motion to accept the roads passed with three (3) Council Members (Kacie Petrie, Tommy Ford and Joan Little) voting in favor of the motion and two (2) Council Members (Randall Hanvey, Dora Martin-Jennings) opposing.

Mr. Jerry Brannon asked about Boughman and Sawmill Roads and Chairman Tommy Sinclair said the County had not formally been asked to take over those roads. Council suggested talking to the owner before moving forward on those.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to adjourn.

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Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.  
The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Thomas L. Sinclair, Chairman  
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council