

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2009 AT 5:30 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, 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, 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
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 July 14, 2009 and to adopt the minutes as written.

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

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented service award certificates and gift cards to Wendy Childers for 5 years of dedicated service, to Glenn Clark for 5 years of dedicated service, to Thomas Boulware for 5 years of dedicated services, to April Haney for 10 years of dedicated service, to Kevin Smith for 10 years of dedicated service, to Melanie Lawson for 20 years of dedicated service, to Louann McAbee for 20 years of dedicated service and to Dora Martin for 20 years of dedicated service to Union County.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated there was still one vacancy on the Union County Tourism Commission due to term expirations. Ms. Nancy Rosenwald applied for the position.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to appoint Nancy Rosenwald to serve on the Tourism Commission.

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

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Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated there were six (6) vacancies on the Appeals Board and the positions had been advertised. There were two applicants who were Joyce M. Gory and Letricia Mobley.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to appoint Joyce M. Gory and Letricia Mobley representing Council Districts 2 and 3 to serve on the Appeals Board with the County Members from Districts 1, 4, 5, and 6 submitting their appointments by next Tuesday.

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

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated he had been made aware that one of the members of the Union County Development Board had not met the seventy-five percent attendance requirement for the board meetings.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to advertise the position on the Union County Development Board.

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

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated there were three (3) upcoming vacancies on the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission due to term expirations.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to advertise the three positions on the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission.

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

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh asked if the Committee on Public Works, Roads, and Bridges and County Property had anything to report on Katelyn's Way.

Joey English: Made a motion to reduce the cost of bringing Katelyn's Way up to county standards to \$5,391.53 and stop at the top of the hill to exclude the last two property owners that chose not to be involved.

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

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated that Monarch Fire District is interested in expanding their boundaries which would come under Section 6-11-430 of the South Carolina Code of Laws which provides for a public hearing to be held. The public hearing notice has to include extensive information such as the nature of the change, a brief description of the new boundary lines, the functions to be performed, the cost of proposed improvements and method of raising funds necessary, and statement of amount and type of bonds, if any, proposed to be issued. There were also specific requirements for advertising the notice of the public hearing. Councilman Joey English stated he would give a copy of the laws to the chief of the Monarch Fire Department in order to provide the information needed to hold a public hearing. Mr. Betenbaugh stated a petition had been submitted by residents in an area of the Neal Shoals Road with no fire protection that were asking the Monarch Fire Department to expand to include them.

Sheriff David Taylor presented a request that Council consider an ordinance regulating false alarms for alarm systems in the county. He stated the response by his deputies to false alarms is tying them up when their time would be better served in other areas. Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh referred the matter to the Committee on Law Enforcement, Judiciary & Recreation along with the amendment to the animal control ordinance. Sheriff

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Taylor stated they wanted to get the ordinance in place but suggested giving a grace period of six months to a year.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented for first reading in title only an amendment to the Budget Ordinance for fiscal year 2009-2010.

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

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

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented a resolution setting the Tax Levy at a total of 132.9 mills. The levy included 3 mills for the Quick Jobs Development Center by reducing the millage for EMS from 12 mills to 9 mills.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the resolution to a committee and to adopt the resolution setting the Tax Levy as stated.

Dora Martin: 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 expand the welding booths at the Robotics School from eight to sixteen at a cost of \$20,492.26.

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

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh called for any other business.

Dora Martin: Made a motion that when people come to the Council meetings they sign in so there would be a record of those people who attended.

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

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented audits and financial statements from the Union County Historical Society, Union Soil & Water Conservation District, Mental Health, and Bonham Fire District for Council to review and approve

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to accept all the audits and financial statements as presented.

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

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

Dora Martin: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

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Donnie R. Betenbaugh, Chairman
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council