

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 AT 5:30 P.M.
GRAND JURY ROOM AT UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Chairman Tommy Sinclair, Vice Chair Kacie Petrie, Councilwoman Joan Little, Councilwoman Dora Martin-Jennings, Councilman Tommy Ford, Councilman Ben Ivey, County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros and Kindra Horne acting for Clerk to Council
Absent: Councilman Randall Hanvey

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. 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-Jennings gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Acting Clerk to Council gave the Roll Call with the following results:

Joan Little, District 1 - Present
Dora Martin-Jennings, District 2 - Present
Tommy Ford, District 3 - Present
Ben Ivey, District 4 - Present
Randall Hanvey, District 5 - Absent
Kacie Petrie, District 6 - Present

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to approve the previous minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on August 9, 2011, the special Council meeting held on August 16, 2011 and to adopt the minutes as written.

Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated that next on the agenda was presentation of service awards but none of the recipients were present. He recognized Robert M. Hines for 10 years of dedicated service, Bradley O. Woods for 10 years of dedicated service, Melvin D. Revis for 10 years of dedicated service, and Amy N. Ponder for 15 years of dedicated service to Union County. The recipients are provided a service award certificate and gift card in appreciation for their years of service.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated next on the agenda was Andrena Powell-Baker with the Union County Development Board to make recommendations for appointments. She stated they had three members with terms that had expired and she has three recommendations. She recommended the appointment of Kathy J. Lancaster with the Workforce Center, Dr. Stephen Lowe with the University and Warren Monroe with Cone Mills.

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Dora Martin-Jennings: Made a motion to accept the recommendations and appoint Kathy J. Lancaster, Dr. Stephen Lowe and Mr. Warren Monroe to fill the three vacancies on the Union County Development Board.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated that next on the agenda is to consider vacancies on the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission. He stated two were for terms that had expired and there was a member who had resigned. There were eight applicants who were Arthur Jordan, Charles Barber, Sue Haney, Chrystal West-Coffer, Gwen Linder, Joan Penland, Mike Manus, and Linda Walton Bobo. He opened the floor for nominations.

Councilwoman Kacie Petrie nominated Sue Haney.

Councilman Tommy Ford nominated Gwen Linder,

Councilwoman Kacie Petrie nominated Chrystal West-Coffer.

Councilwoman Dora Martin-Jennings nominated Charles Barber.

Councilwoman Joan Little nominated Joan Penland

Councilwoman Dora Martin-Jennings and Councilwoman Joan Little voted in favor of Charles Barber.

Gwen Linder received three votes.

Councilman Ben Ivey, Councilman Tommy Ford and Councilwoman Dora Martin-Jennings voted in favor of Joan Penland.

Councilman Tommy Ford and Councilwoman Kacie Petrie voted in favor of Sue Haney.

Councilwoman Kacie Petrie and Councilman Ben Ivey voted in favor of Chrystal West-Coffer.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated there were tie votes so they needed to vote again.

Councilwoman Kacie Petrie and Councilman Ben Ivey voted for Chrystal West-Coffer.

Councilman Tommy Ford voted for Sue Haney.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated there was still a tie vote between Chrystal West-Coffer and Charles Barber so they needed to vote again.

Councilwoman Joan Little and Councilwoman Dora Martin-Jennings voted for Charles Barber.

Councilwoman Kacie Petrie, Councilman Ben Ivey and Councilman Tommy Ford voted for Chrystal West-Coffer.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated that Chrystal West-Coffer, Joan Penland and Gwen Linder received the majority votes.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to appoint Chrystal West-Coffer, Joan Penland and Gwen Linder to serve on the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair informed Council that Jenny Alexander had left which created a vacancy on the Union Carnegie Library Board. The position was advertised but we did not receive any applicants.

Dora Martin-Jennings: Made a motion to re-advertise the vacancy on the Library Board.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated that Council had a copy of a letter from the Upstate Workforce Investment Board stating they have an opening for a representative from public welfare in Union. Ms. Deborah Bishop as Director of the Department of Social Services

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nominated Kim Gist who is a lifelong resident of Union and works with the Department of Social Services.

Dora Martin-Jennings: Made a motion to appoint Kim Gist to serve on the Upstate Workforce Investment Board.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated Mr. Donald Lyles had asked to be put on the agenda after the deadline and asked if what he wanted was to have Hodges Road and Candice Circle looked at. Mr. Lyles stated the people in Goshen Hill, Goldville, and Maybinton areas in Union County want the County to pave completely Candice Circle, Clark Road, Gilliam Road, Locust Road and part of Clearview Drive, Sartor Road, Worthy Road, Titus, Oak Drive, Hodges Road, and Lyles Road. He presented signed petitions to Council. He also stated they have been waiting on their fire department and recreational department for their children. Mr. Hodges stated that his road has not been paved in fifteen years. Chairman Tommy Sinclair said he did not need convincing that their roads need attention. There are "C" funds that can be used to have these roads evaluated and a plan needs to be developed. Public Works Director John Gibson has inspected the roads and all roads will be evaluated by an engineering firm which is a project that Jerry Brannon is working on. At the end of this inspection the County will be in a better position to know what is needed to develop a plan.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair recognized Neil McKeown for the work he put in getting the Stadium ready for the 9-11 ceremony.

Tax Assessor Susan Hanvey stated the parcel conversion began yesterday. The aerial flight maps they had done was money very well spent. There is a world of difference since the 2006 flight study. Chairman Tommy Sinclair said he hopes the conversion will be done in six to nine months. After that they will go through another phase to get it online.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair said they have spent the last several days in discussion about recordkeeping and GIS information. Some sister counties are in a situation about information and Union County does not want to be in that position.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair asked Building Inspector Brad Jolly if he had condemned houses in Ottaray. Brad Jolly stated that he had but it would have happened regardless of the study done as part of the grant process for the Ottaray project.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair told Sheriff David Taylor that they would talk about the home detention issue and recognized that Fox news was present. Sheriff David Taylor read the State law that states the County has to approve an ordinance in order to implement home detention. He stated that all inmates are pre-sentenced except some females that are sentenced to less than 90 days. This program would not cost the county anything. The inmates themselves would pay for the home ankle monitoring system. It would keep them incarcerated but out of our custody which would help eliminate the costs associated with

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housing these inmates. The average jail population is 63 inmates when our capacity is 40. This would help with the overcrowding at the jail. If this is approved, the judge would order when it could be used. It would help the Sheriff's Office keep track of these inmates which could lead to other arrests. Inmates charged with more severe crimes such as burglary or murder would not be considered for this program as they would not let them back out on the street.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to accept first reading of the ordinance establishing a home detention program in Union County.

Kacie Petrie: Seconded the motion.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair read the ordinance for the record.

The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair introduced an ordinance adopting a redistricting plan for Union County.

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

Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Kacie Petrie asked if they would have to hold second and third readings of this ordinance as well as a public hearing and Chairman Sinclair stated that was correct.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated the amendments to the County Budget Ordinance were discussed during the meeting of the Committee on County Administration and Finance. He presented for second reading an amendment to the ordinance adopting the Union County Budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 to provide for supplemental appropriations.

Dora Martin-Jennings: Made a motion to disallow the \$1,000.00 additional to the Soil and Water Conservation District and to leave it at the rate that was already set and to accept second reading of the amendment to the Budget Ordinance with that change.

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

Dora Martin-Jennings: Made a motion to set aside \$13,808.20 to match the FAA grant for the airport.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair read a resolution recognizing Dr. Latta Roosevelt Thomas for his many accomplishments as he is considered to be a living legend by his peers and admirers. He is highly educated and held many academic positions as well as being a pastor. He influenced many people and projects in the state and nationally and had a list of scholarly publications.

Dora Martin-Jennings: Made a motion to dispense with referring the resolution to a committee and to adopt the resolution recognizing Dr. Latta Roosevelt Thomas as stated.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair read a resolution that Union County Council agrees to provide a match of \$2,500.00 for the Ottaray Mill Village project and any additional funds required for the completion of the project.

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Tommy Ford: Made a motion to dispense with referring the resolution to a committee and to adopt the resolution agreeing to provide a \$2,500.00 match for the Ottaray Mill Village project as stated.

Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair presented service award certificates and gift cards to Robbie Hines and Brad Woods for their 10 years of dedicated service to Union County since they had arrived for the meeting after being recognized earlier.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called for executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to go into executive session.

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

The Union County Council went into executive session.

Joan Little: Made a motion to come out of executive session.

Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

County Council returned to regular session and Chairman Tommy Sinclair announced that no action was taken during executive session.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to allow County Supervisor Tommy Sinclair to put together a bid package for recycle products to allow businesses who want to bid the opportunity to do so if they meet local, state and federal requirements.

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

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Thomas L. Sinclair, Chairman
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council