

MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019 AT 6:05 P.M.  
CAFETERIA AT THE JONESVILLE TOWN HALL LOCATED AT  
131 NORTH MAIN STREET IN THE TOWN OF JONESVILLE, SC

Present: Chairman Frank Hart, Vice-Chairman Ben Ivey, Councilwoman Tracie Campbell, Councilman Ralph Tucker, Councilman David Sinclair, Councilwoman Kacie Petrie, County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros and Clerk to Council Linda G. Jolly

Absent: Councilman Tommie Hill

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 or delivered to the members of the Union County Council, the County Attorney, Kathy Jo Lancaster with the Union County Development Board, Jeff Fellers with Clemson Extension, Jami Trammell with Chamber of Commerce, Katherine Pendergrass with Community Development, Tourism Director Curtis Hunter, Rieta Drinkwine with Carnegie Library, Mr. Mickey Gist, Mr. Robert Small, Mr. James Kollock,, Mrs. Casie Jolly and emailed to Mike Stevens at WBCU Radio Station, to Graham Williams at the County News, to Charles Warner at the Union Times, to the News Room at the Spartanburg Herald Journal, to Chris Lavender with the Spartanburg Herald Journal, to Shell Suber at MHISC, to Michael Lee with MHISC and to Randall Hanvey. A notice of the meeting was also posted on the County's website.

Council Chairman Frank Hart called the meeting to order.

Council Chaplin David Sinclair gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Tracie Campbell, District 1 – Present

Ralph Tucker, District 2 – Present

David Sinclair, District 3 - Present

Ben Ivey, District 4 - Present

Tommie Hill, District 5 - Absent

Kacie Petrie, District 6 – Present

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on October 8, 2019 and to adopt the minutes as written.

David Sinclair: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart stated first on the agenda was to discuss a contract with Michel Galliot. He had made a presentation at the last meeting concerning providing services for dog training for the Sheriff's Office. Chairman Frank Hart said he met with Sheriff David Taylor, John Sherfield and Mr. Galliot. The Sheriff and Mr. Sherfield recommended doing this on a trial basis from December of 2019 through June of 2020 at a cost of \$1,000 per month. That would be a total of \$7,000 to be paid from the Contingency Fund.

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Ben Ivey: Made a motion to contract with Michel Galliot for the next seven months at a cost of \$7,000.00 to be paid from the Contingency Fund.

David Sinclair: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart stated Airport Manager Ronnie Wade was requesting the \$12,000 allocated in the Capital Expenditures account to update the restrooms and the lounge at the airport.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to approve the \$12,000.00 from the Capital Expenditures account to update the restrooms and the lounge at the airport.

Ralph Tucker: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Sheriff David Taylor requested the purchase of a laptop for Robbie Hines from the funds allocated for laptops and desktop computers in the Capital Expenditures account. Chairman Frank Hart said Council had already approved \$6,400 of the \$10,000 allocated for computers in the Capital Expenditures account and suggested approving the balance of \$3,600 for computer purchases for the Sheriff's Office.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to approve \$3,600 for computer purchases for the Sheriff's Office from the Capital Expenditures account.

David Sinclair: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Sheriff David Taylor requested the purchase of five shelving units for the Sheriff's Office at a cost of \$2,349.90 which is a State contract price. He said they have run out of file storage space and they have criminal cases that have been closed and nowhere to file them. Chairman Frank Hart stated those funds would have to come from the Contingency Fund.

Tracie Campbell: Made a motion to allow the Sheriff to purchase the five shelving units at a cost of \$2,349.90 to be paid from the Contingency Fund.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated next on the agenda was to consider appointments to boards and commissions.

Tracie Campbell: Made a motion to appoint Michael S. Wynn to serve on the Stadium Commission.

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

Chairman Frank Hart stated there are still vacancies on the Appeals Board, Building Code Board of Appeals and Board for Cross Keys Fire District.

Chairman Frank Hart called for any comments from the elected officials or department heads.

Finance Director Ann Boggs stated she was working on getting things ready for the audit.

Sheriff David Taylor stated they have the purchase order to move forward on the purchase of the body worn camera storage. They have an officer on administrative leave after the officer involved shooting this weekend. They have two officers leaving for the Academy for two weeks and one vacant position which will leave them shorthanded. He said he has no applications for the vacant position. They have three cars out of commission which leaves them with two spare cars. They are short on dispatchers at 911 and are having to use deputies to fill in. There will be

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three employees going out this week on medical leave who will be out six to eight weeks. He said he had filled all the school resource officer positions.

Public Works Director Rusty Snider stated they are moving forward with the fleet management system and upgrading the fuel pumps.

EMS Director Eric Harold stated they are fully staffed and went over their call volume and response time. He stated they were turned down on their application for the AFG grant for a new ambulance. He will be applying for the Grant In Aid in the amount of \$7,509.48 to add more pediatric equipment. The Upstate Healthcare Coalition grant period is open and he will be applying for radio equipment. He asked about the County Christmas Party and was told it will be held on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. There was some discussion about the officer involved shooting over the weekend involving people with altered mental status. The statement was made that mental health issues are only going to get worse.

Katherine Pendergrass stated she needed a letter from Council stating they want to move forward with transit in Union County along with a copy of the minutes to submit to the South Carolina Department of Transportation. The next step would be Council appointing a steering committee that can take charge and move forward with exploring some options. She is still working on the Comprehensive Plan. There are several members of the Planning Commission that need to take part two of the training in December at which time they will all be certified in planning and zoning. She has four potential students for the Operation Workforce Training but she needs ten by Friday in order to get \$10,000 from Spartanburg Community College for the program.

Chairman Frank Hart introduced a resolution approving and ratifying a partial assignment of certain interests of Milliken & Company to Milliken Nonwovens, LLC with respect to an existing Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement dated December 11, 2018 between Union County and Milliken & Company.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the resolution to a committee and to adopt the resolution approving and ratifying a partial assignment of certain interests of Milliken & Company to Milliken Nonwovens, LLC with respect to an existing Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement dated December 11, 2018 between Union County and Milliken & Company.

Ralph Tucker: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart introduced a resolution to opt out of the nationwide class certified for negotiation purposes *In Re National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL 2804 and authorizing the Union County Supervisor to execute the exclusion request form.

Ralph Tucker: Made a motion to dispense with referring the resolution to a committee and to adopt the resolution to opt out of the nationwide class certified for negotiation purposes *In Re National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL 2804 and authorizing the Union County Supervisor to execute the exclusion request form.

Kacie Petrie: Seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Kacie Petrie asked why the County would want to opt out. County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros stated the County had been advised to opt out as a lot of those named in the lawsuit are filing bankruptcy and there would probably be little settlement to the County if any.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

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Chairman Frank Hart introduced a resolution authorizing the County Supervisor to negotiate the terms of and enter into a contract with TBA Properties, LLC for the purpose of acquiring an easement for parking on Tax Map Parcels 073-00-00-044 and 073-00-00-046.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to dispense with referring the resolution to a committee and to adopt the resolution authorizing the County Supervisor to negotiate the terms of and enter into a contract with TBA Properties, LLC for the purpose of acquiring an easement for parking on Tax Map Parcels 073-00-00-044 and 073-00-00-046.

David Sinclair: Seconded the motion.

Councilman David Sinclair said it says this is permanent and asked what would happen if the property changes hands. Chairman Frank Hart stated he would work with the County Attorney on it being a permanent easement. He said the terms had been accepted verbally for the \$50,000 but Council would have to decide where the funds would come from.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart presented for second reading an ordinance of Union County, South Carolina authorizing the lease of certain real property owned by Union County to ReGenesis Health Care; the execution and delivery of any and all other documents or instruments necessary to implement the lease; and other matters related thereto.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to accept second reading of the ordinance of Union County, South Carolina authorizing the lease of certain real property owned by Union County to ReGenesis Health Care; the execution and delivery of any and all other documents or instruments necessary to implement the lease; and other matters related thereto.

David Sinclair: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart presented for second reading an ordinance authorizing and approving the expansion of the boundaries of a joint county industrial and business park with Spartanburg County pursuant to Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution, to include certain property owned and/or operated by AFL Telecommunications, LLC or one or more of its affiliates or other related companies; and other matters related thereto.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to accept second reading of the ordinance authorizing and approving the expansion of the boundaries of a joint county industrial and business park with Spartanburg County pursuant to Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution, to include certain property owned and/or operated by AFL Telecommunications, LLC or one or more of its affiliates or other related companies; and other matters related thereto.

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

Chairman Frank Hart introduced an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Title to Real Estate to Alan James Rose conveying the interest of Union County, South Carolina, in a certain parcel of real estate located at 225 South Street, Buffalo, South Carolina 29321 and as shown as Tax Map #072-06-13-008.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to accept first reading of an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Title to Real Estate to Alan James Rose conveying the interest of Union County, South Carolina, in a certain parcel of real estate located at 225 South Street, Buffalo, South Carolina 29321 and as shown as Tax Map #072-06-13-008.

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David Sinclair: Seconded the motion.

Chairman Frank Hart stated the County had already done an ordinance when his father bid on the property but his father passed away after the County accepted the bid. The County did an ordinance transferring it Alan as the personal representative but the estate is closed so the County needs to deed it to him.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Chairman Frank Hart stated under the Supervisor's Report that he attended a meeting in Whitmire with representatives from the County of Newberry and the State Geodetics Society because they have been charged by the legislature to confirm all the county boundaries. There is a portion of our boundary with Newberry County that they have been researching for the past year or so. We will probably hold a public hearing in January. It would not affect any homeowners as the majority of it is in national forest. It looks like Union County is going to net about sixty acres from Newberry County of forest land. They will be holding a public hearing and finalizing the boundary when they complete the surveys. Newberry County is doing this with all counties with boundaries to their county.

Chairman Frank Hart called for any committee reports but there were none.

Chairman Frank Hart called for any other business but there was none.

Chairman Frank Hart thanked the Town of Jonesville for hosting the meeting and stated he looked forward to working with them on the Capital Project Sales Tax.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Frank Hart, Chair  
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council