

MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
OF THE
LANCASTER COUNTY COUNCIL

January 5, 2009

Rudy Carter called the special organizational meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Fred Thomas offered the invocation.

County Council members present were Rudy Carter, Fred Thomas, Jack Estridge, Larry Honeycutt, Kathy Sistare, Larry McCullough, D. W. Cotton Cole.

Also present were Steve Willis, Irene Plyler, County Attorney Mike Ey, Judge Jacqueline Pope, spectators, county employees and department heads, and two members of the press.

The following press were notified of the meeting by mail or by fax in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act: Lancaster News, York Observer, Kershaw News Era, The State, The Rock Hill Herald, Fort Mill Times, WRHI Radio, Cable News 2, Channel 9, and the local Government Channel.

OATH OF OFFICE

Judge Jacqueline Pope administered the Oath of Office to Larry McCullough (District #1); D. W. Cotton Cole (District #3), Rudy Carter (District #5), and Kathy Sistare (District #7).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The gavel was turned over to County Attorney Mike Ey who conducted the elections of officers for two year terms.

Chairman

MOTION was made by Larry Honeycutt to nominate Fred Thomas for Chairman. SECONDED by D. W. Cotton Cole.

MOTION was made by Jack Estridge to close the nominations. SECONDED by Kathy Sistare. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0

Motion to elect Fred Thomas PASSED 6-0. Fred Thomas did not vote

Vice-Chairman

MOTION was made by Fred Thomas to nominate Rudy Carter for Vice-Chairman. SECONDED by Kathy Sistare.

MOTION was made by Larry Honeycutt to close the nominations. SECONDED by Jack Estridge. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0

Motion to elect Rudy Carter PASSED 6-0. Rudy Carter did not vote.

Secretary

MOTION was made by Rudy Carter to nominate Larry Honeycutt for the position of Secretary. SECONDED by D. W. Cotton Cole.

MOTION was made by Jack Estridge to close the nominations. SECONDED by Fred Thomas. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0

Motion to elect Larry Honeycutt as Secretary PASSED 6-0. Larry Honeycutt did not vote.

The gavel was then turned over to former Chairman Rudy L. Carter for the remainder of the organizational meeting.

County Attorney

MOTION was made by Larry Honeycutt to reappoint the McNair Law Firm as the attorneys for Lancaster County. SECONDED by Fred Thomas. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0

Clerk to Council

MOTION was made by Larry Honeycutt to reappoint Irene Plyler as the Clerk to Council. SECONDED by Kathy Sistare. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0

DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

MOTION was made by Jack Estridge that the 2009 and 2010 Council meetings be held at 6:00 p.m. the first and last Mondays of each month in County Council Chambers unless County Council takes action by vote to reschedule any of the meetings. SECONDED by Larry Honeycutt. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Group pictures were taken and a reception was held until 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Plyler
Clerk to Council

Approved by Council 01-26-2009

Larry Honeycutt, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
LANCASTER COUNTY COUNCIL

January 5, 2009

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Rudy Carter offered the invocation.

County Council members present were Chairman Fred Thomas, Vice-Chairman Rudy Carter, Secretary Larry Honeycutt, Jack Estridge, Kathy Sistare, Larry McCullough, and D. W. Cotton Cole. Also present were Steve Willis, Mike Ey, Veronica Thompson, Chris Karres, Irene Plyler, Penelope Karagounis, Sheriff Barry Faile, Lt. Hilton, Darin Robinson, spectators, and 3 members of the press.

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AGENDA APPROVAL

It was requested that an agenda item dealing with the taxi lane at the airport, and an executive session concerning a contractual matter be added to the agenda.

MOTION was made by Rudy Carter to approve the agenda as amended. SECONDED by Larry Honeycutt. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0

CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizens comments

WEAPONS RANGE

Sheriff Barry Faile informed Council that he has been discussing with City Police Chief Hugh White about allowing the county to join in the use of their firing range. It has been agreed by both entities that this arrangement would better serve both entities. He explained that the county received a grant for equipment and will place that equipment at the City's range rather than using the money to purchase land on which to build a county range. Lt. Hilton explained what kind of equipment will be installed. This did not need any action by Council as it was presented to them as information, but Council was in agreement with this arrangement and commended the Sheriff's Office and City Police Dept. for working together.

SOLID WASTE HANDLING AGREEMENT

Public Works Director Darin Robinson spoke about the trial period of approximately one year during which time the county utilized the City's transfer station. He stated that this was very beneficial to the county and much more efficient than hauling trash to the Lee County landfill. A proposed Solid Waste Handling Agreement between the City and the County, which covers a handling and transportation arrangement for waste that is considered residential solid waste, was presented to Council to review. Mr. Robinson was in full agreement with this agreement and asked Council to consider adopting it and to move it to an action item on the next agenda. Meanwhile, County Council decided to hold a special work session at which this would be discussed fully and explained to the new Council members.

CONVENIENCE SITE SCHEDULE

Steve Willis advised that, previously, staff had proposed closing the Fort convenience site based solely upon tonnage and usage. The county has been requested to reconsider and leave the site open one or two days per week, based on discussions with residents of the area, since this area is remote from any other convenience site in Lancaster County. An amended schedule of all sites was presented to Council for their consideration by staff as follows:

- close all sites except Lynwood on Tuesday. This will give the county two days to empty the stations while the transfer station and landfill are open to receive solid waste;
- close the Fort site on Thursday and Friday in addition to the other days, which will leave two days per week for the area residents to dispose of their solid waste;
- open the Lynwood Drive site for 6 hours on Tuesday and Wednesday, since this site is the most centrally located in the county, plus it is adjacent to the transfer station so it could be emptied quickly. This would give residents the opportunity to dispose of their waste if needed.

Chairman Thomas asked for a projection of use and how much money closing these sites the extra day would save the county.

MOTION was made by Rudy Carter to move this to an action item on the next regular meeting agenda. SECONDED by Larry Honeycutt. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0

CLASSIFICATION & COMPENSATION PLAN

It was decided that the Plan would be reviewed and discussed during the special work session to be called next week.

RESOLUTION

MOTION was made by D. W. Cotton Cole to adopt Resolution #671 expressing appreciation to Sheriff Johnny Cauthen and authorizing a gift to him by Lancaster County of his service sidearm on the occasion of his retirement. SECONDED by Rudy Carter. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0

AIRPORT TAXILANE

Steve Willis advised that the Airport Master Plan called for the taxiway work to be done in 2009 and it appears that the federal funding for this will come through; therefore, an application needs to be submitted. This would rehabilitate all of the asphalt adjacent to the existing hangars and will dovetail perfectly with the West Apron Expansion Project which includes the new private hangars. The entire project is estimated to cost \$398,600, of which the county's share would be \$9,965. He recommended that this 2.5% share be taken from the Contingency Fund should it be needed prior to the end of this fiscal year.

MOTION was made by Larry Honeycutt that the County Administrator be authorized to submit the Application for Federal Assistance (FAA A.I.P. No. 3-45-0034-OXX-2010) for the Taxilane Pavement Reconstruction Project. Should funding be needed in the 2008-09 fiscal year, such funding (\$9,965) is authorized from the Contingency Fund. SECONDED by Rudy Carter. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0

ORDINANCE READINGS

Ordinance #969 – adding a project to the Joint Industrial Park with Chester

MOTION was made by Rudy Carter to hold first reading of Ordinance #969 amending Ordinance #701 relating to the approval of an agreement for the development of a Joint Industrial and Business

Park with Chester County, so as to authorize and approve an amendment to the agreement for the purpose of adding to the park the Project 0822 Property located in Chester County, and to authorize certain officials of the county to execute and deliver the amendment on behalf of the county. SECONDED by Jack Estridge. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0

Ordinance #970 rezoning 4172 Doby's Bridge Road

Penelope Karagounis advised that Ellen Gwyn applied to rezone property located at 4172 Doby's Bridge Road from R-15P to B-3. Ms. Gwyn stated on her application that due to the recent commercial growth surrounding her property, she felt that it is no longer suitable for residential and that, in order to sell it, they feel they need to have it rezoned to B-3. The property consists of a single-family home on two acres of land and is surrounded by B-3 and R-15P. The planning staff recommended approval because it is surrounded on two sides by B-3 and, in 2005, County Council approved rezoning adjacent property to B-3. The Planning Commission recommended approval by a vote of 6-0.

MOTION was made by Larry Honeycutt to hold first reading of Ordinance #970 amending the county zoning map, specifically property petitioned by Ms. Gwyn located at 4172 Doby's Bridge Road in Indian Land (tax map 13, parcel 12) from R-15P Moderate Density Residential/Agricultural District to B-3 General Commercial District. SECONDED by Larry McCullough. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION was made by Rudy Carter to go into executive session to discuss a contractual matter. SECONDED by D. W. Cotton Cole. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0

MOTION was made by Larry Honeycutt to go out of executive session and back into regular meeting. SECONDED by D. W. Cotton Cole. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0

As Council came out of executive session, Chairman Thomas announced that Council discussed a contractual item and a motion would be forthcoming.

MOTION was made by Rudy Carter that Clerk of Court Jeff Hammond be allowed to handle the contract on the renovations of the new court facility in the Wamusutta building and that a limit of \$105,000 be set on the construction renovations. SECONDED by Larry Honeycutt. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Larry Honeycutt to adjourn.. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0 The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Plyler
Clerk to Council
(Minutes taken by Chris Karres in the absence of
the Clerk)

Approved by Council 01-26-2009

Larry Honeycutt, Secretary

