

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
LANCASTER COUNTY COUNCIL

January 12, 2009

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Kathy Sistare 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, Senator Mick Mulvaney, spectators, and 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.

AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION was made by Rudy Carter to approve the agenda as amended to discuss the Governor's recommendation to close USC-L. SECONDED by Larry McCullough. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Winston Smith, 1820 Havenwood Drive, Lancaster, spoke about USC-L and was opposed to its potential closing.

ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES

Steve Willis advised that the State Budget and Control Board cut the salary portion the state pays the County Auditors and Treasurers, which constitute a fairly significant portion of their salaries. He noted that this does not comply with South Carolina Code 4-9-30(7) which states the "the salary of those officials elected by the people may be increased but may not be reduced during the terms for which they are elected....." He noted that the auditors and treasurers around the state have been in touch with their legislators and he was of the understanding that this situation would be corrected. However, in the meantime, he advised that he, under his authority as County Administrator, authorized making up the amount for the next few weeks which will allow time for the Senators and Representatives to correct the situation. Council accepted the report as information.

SOLID WASTE HANDLING AGREEMENT

Council adjourned to go to the City of Lancaster's Solid Waste Station for a tour. Upon their return, Steve Willis advised that the proposed agreement with the City of Lancaster for use of their transfer station has been being studied for over a year. Prior to that, Lancaster County was trucking containers to the Lee County landfill. The proposed agreement covers a handling and transportation arrangement for waste that is considered residential solid waste. The term of the agreement is for 10 years

and the initial rate of \$29 per ton will be reviewed semi-annually. It was decided that the Solid Waste Handling Agreement would be placed on the January 26 agenda for action.

CLASSIFICATION & COMPENSATION PLAN

The Plan, which was prepared by the Archer Group, was reviewed and discussed by Council. It will be placed on an upcoming agenda to either adopt or reject.

USC-L

The Governor's recommendation to close USC-L was discussed. County Council felt that the best approach was to pass a resolution in support of keeping USC-L open. The Administrator was instructed to draft a resolution and email it to each Council member for their review and comments. Senator Mick Mulvaney gave Council some suggestions about what needed to be included in the resolution in order to make an impact on the governor.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Larry Honeycutt to adjourn. SECONDED by Cotton Cole. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0 The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved by Council 02-23-2009

Larry Honeycutt, Secretary