

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
LANCASTER COUNTY COUNCIL

December 8, 2008

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

County Council members present were Chairman Rudy Carter, Vice-Chairman Fred Thomas, Secretary Wesley Grier, Wayne Kersey, Jack Estridge, and Larry Honeycutt. Bryan Vaughn was not in attendance. Also present were Steve Willis, Mike Ey, Veronica Thompson, Chris Karres, Sheila Morgan, 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 Wayne Kersey to approve the agenda. SECONDED by Wesley Grier. PASSED 6-0

CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizens comments

AUDIT PRESENTATION

Sheila Morgan, Manager with the auditing firm of McAbee Talbert and Halliday, reviewed with Council the 2008 audit. She reported that their opinion was unqualified for the financial statements, which is the highest level that they, as CPAs, can give. She pointed out that not all governmental entities receive an unqualified opinion, which Lancaster County should be proud of. She also pointed out that they found that there were no adjustments that needed to be made that management had not already made, they had no disagreements with management, had no difficulties encountered in forming the audit. As of June 30, 2008, the general fund had a fund balance of \$17,657,000. Approximately \$3.9 million of that balance is reserved, leaving \$13.6 million unreserved and available for county operations. For all county funds, the total fund balance was \$44,298,000, which includes \$6 million for the Edenmoor Special Assessment District, \$14 million for the Edgewater II Special Assessment District, and \$2 million for other bond projects. Reserved from the \$44 million was approximately \$4.9 million. Council accepted the report as information

Veronica Thompson wanted it to be made a matter of record that she wanted to publicly thank her staff for their work in assisting with this audit as she could not have done it alone.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports

### BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

### RESOLUTIONS

MOTION was made by Larry Honeycutt to adopt Resolution #669 relating to the declaration of intent by Lancaster County to reimburse certain expenditures prior to the issuance of its Special Source Revenue Bonds. SECONDED by Fred Thomas. PASSED 6-0

MOTION was made by Larry Honeycutt to adopt Resolution #670 appointing Planning Director Chris Karres as Deputy County Clerk to Council. SECONDED by Wayne Kersey. PASSED 6-0

#### Ordinance #915 – Road Construction Standards

MOTION was made by Larry Honeycutt to hold 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Ordinance #915 adopting an Article regarding Road Construction Standards. SECONDED by Wesley Grier. PASSED 5-1. Opposed: Jack Estridge

#### Ordinance #961 amending Development Agreement for Catawba Ridge

MOTION was made by Wayne Kersey to hold 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Ordinance #961 to approve an amendment to the Comprehensive Development Agreement, Ordinance #356, an agreement between Lancaster County, South Carolina and Crescent Resources, so as to amend and restate the Comprehensive Development Agreement for PDD-2 as it relates to the property of Catawba Ridge 4400, LLC, and Catawba Ridge 200, LLC, and to authorize certain county officials to execute and deliver the amended and restated development agreement. SECONDED by Fred Thomas. PASSED 5-1. Opposed: Jack Estridge.

### GRANT APPROVAL

Steve Willis wanted Council to be aware of three grants that needed Council's approval:

- (1) approve submitting a FEMA grant for the Gills Creek Drive Bridge. The proposed match would be \$256,000 for about a ¾ billion dollar bridge. FEMA is asking for a commitment on funding; however, do not know when the money will be needed. He noted that the CTC could also be approached for funding assistance as well.
- (2) two CDBGs were awarded to the county: (1) \$500,000 towards Brooklyn Avenue renovations, with a county match of \$154,055, and (2) \$165,000 towards the nursing center at the York Tech campus in Kershaw, with a county match of \$22,000. He requested that Council authorize the Chairman to execute the paperwork for the two grants since the paperwork accepting the grants must be returned to the state within 15 days.

MOTION was made by Wesley Grier to approve submitting the FEMA grant for the Gills Creek Drive bridge, and accept the two CDBG grants with the county's match of \$154,055 for the

Brooklyn Avenue Grant and a match of \$22,000 toward the York Tech grant. Funds to come from the fund balance. SECONDED by Fred Thomas. PASSED 6-0

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Larry Honeycutt to adjourn.. PASSED 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:32 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

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Larry Honeycutt, Secretary