

**Minutes**  
**Sumter County Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**August 12, 2008 - Held at 6:00 p.m.**  
**County Administration Building County Council Chambers**  
**13 E. Canal Street, Sumter, SC**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vivian Fleming-McGhaney, Chairwoman; Eugene Baten, Vice Chairman; Artie Baker, Larry Blanding, Jimmy Byrd, Charles T. Edens, and Councilman Roland Robinson.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. William T. Noonan, County Administrator; Mrs. Mary W. Blanding, Clerk to County Council; Mr. George McGregor, Planning Director; Mrs. Pam Craven, Finance Director; Mrs. Keysa Rogers, Budget Analyst; Mrs. Lorraine Dennis, Deputy County Administrator/Human Resources Director; Mr. Gary Mixon, Deputy County Administrator; and Sheriff Deputy Horton.

**MEDIA PRESENT:** The Item

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Approximately 18 members of the public were in attendance.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Vivian Fleming-McGhaney called Sumter County Council's meeting of August 12, 2008, to order.

**INVOCATION:** The Honorable Roland Robinson gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All in attendance repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Councilwoman McGhaney stated that she would entertain a motion to approve the August 12, 2008, agenda with any additions, deletions, or as printed.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Baten, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the August 12, 2008, agenda as recommended by the Clerk.

**ACTION ON MINUTES OF JULY 22, 2008:** Chairwoman McGhaney stated that she would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of County Council's meeting of July 22, 2008.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Robinson, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the minutes of July 22, 2008, as prepared by the Clerk.

**LAND USE MATTERS AND REZONING REQUESTS - None**  
**Planned Development/Rezoning Request -**

- (1) **RZ-08-08 - First Reading -- Kathy Andrews Krauss - A Request To Rezone Property From Residential-15 (R-15) To General Commercial (GC) +/- 0.96 Acres Located At 1630 Stamey Livestock Road And Represented By Tax Map #186-04-01-001.**

Mr. George McGregor, the Planning Director, informed Council that the applicant, Kathy Krauss, requests to rezone property located at 1630 Stamey Livestock Road from Residential (R-15) to General Commercial (GC). This is +/- 0.96 acre tract of land that is located in the County and is +/- 300 ft. from the intersection of Stamey Livestock Road and Broad Street / US 378/76. The applicant is the executor of the estate for the deceased owner, Marlen Leonard, and wishes to rezone the property in order to increase the marketability of the lot.

The Official Zoning Map for Sumter County depicts the property as being zoned R-15, large lot Single-Family Residential. However, the property is surrounded on four sides by land planned according to the Comprehensive Plan for General Business uses. The purpose of this zoning district is to recognize the essential suburban living character of areas in the County where lot and medium density single-family residential development is the predominant living environment of the existing and future population.

While the property is designated by the 2020 Land Use Plan for suburban development and zoned for residential type uses, the pattern of development along this segment of Stamey Livestock Road is predominantly commercial. The following table is an overview of the surrounding area:

	Zoning	Comp. Plan Designation	Type of Use
North	R-15	RC	Residential Dwelling
South	GC	GBD	Mobile Home Sales
East	GC & PD	RC & GBD	Warehousing & Gas Station
West	R-15	GBD	Mobile Home Sales

\* PD= Planned Development

Under the Residential Conservation designation, General Commercial is not listed as a compatible or alternative district. Notwithstanding the previous, the applicant's request to rezone the property to GC makes good "planning" sense, especially when taking into account the pattern of commercial development adjacent to the subject property. There is no anticipated residential presence. Moreover, the property is encircled on three sides by General Business Development land use designation.

Staff has reviewed the request, visited the site, and recommends approval. Although the GC zoning district is not considered a compatible or alternate zoning district under the RC land use designation, the pattern of the commercial development immediately adjacent to the subject property supports the applicant's request.

In addition, Staff recommends the Planning Commission reanalyze the land use designation for this portion of Stamey Livestock Road during the upcoming Comprehensive Plan rewrite.

After discussions about the map presented during Mr. McGregor's presentation, Council took action on first reading to this proposed rezoning request.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to grant first reading approval as presented.

**Street Name Change - None**

**Grant Awards - None**

### **OTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- (1) 08-666 -An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee- In-Lieu Of Tax Agreement Between Sumter County, South Carolina And Olympic Steel, Inc. Or Its Assignee; And Other Matters Relating Thereto Including, Without Limitation, Payment Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of Taxes. (Sumter County Council May Take Action On Second Reading Immediately After The Public Hearing Or During Old Business.)

Prior to Council holding a public hearing, the County Administrator gave Council members an update on this proposed ordinance. After the presentation by the Administrator, the Chairwoman convened a public hearing on this matter. Chairwoman McGhaney asked if anyone wished to speak in support of or opposition to this proposed ordinance. The following person spoke.

- **Nathan Wilkins**, with Thompson Turner Construction, stated that this Company is the design build contractors for Olympic Steel Company and they ask that Council supports second reading to this ordinance.

After all comments, the Chairwoman closed the public hearing and Council took action on second reading as listed under Old Business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- (1) It May Be Necessary To Hold An Executive Session To Discuss A Personnel Matter, Receive A Legal Briefing, Or Discuss A Contractual Matter And Appropriate Actions May Be Required And Taken Thereafter.

No executive session was held.

### **OLD BUSINESS -**

- (1) 08-665 - Third Reading -- To Impose, Subject To Referendum Approval And Pursuant To The Capital Project Sales Tax Act, A One Percent (1%) Sales And Use Tax (The "Tax") Within Sumter County For Not More Than Seven (7) Years; To Order A County-Wide Referendum On The Question Of Imposing The Tax And Authorizing The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds In A Principal Amount Not To Exceed \$43,600,000 (The "Bonds"); To Prescribe The Contents Of The Ballot Question; To Specify The Purposes For Which The Proceeds From The Tax Are To Be Used, The Maximum Time For The Imposition Of The Tax, And Certain Provisions Relating To The Issuance Of The Bonds; To Provide For The Issuance Of The Bonds, If Approved By Referendum, By Subsequent Action Of Council; And To Provide For Other Matters Relating Thereto.

The County Administrator, William T. Noonan, presented this proposed ordinance to Council for third and final reading. He stated that several matters needed to be acted upon, including adopting the caption and the ordinance before Council at this meeting. He added that there have been no changes to the ballot question; however, the format of the ordinance has changed which reads the same, but with less whereas clauses.

This new format is reflective of the format that has been used by other counties that have passed the sales tax in the past.

Also, the Clerk asked that Council amend the agenda to reflect the ordinance number as being "08-665" and "Third Reading" which was inadvertently left off of the ordinance caption.

After all comments, the Chairwoman stated that she would entertain a motion reflecting the changes to the ordinance as (1) New Caption, (2) New Format, (3) 08-665 and Third Reading added to the agenda.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman ~~Byrd~~ Edens, and unanimously carried by Council to approve all amendments to the Ordinance 08-665 as presented.

Prior to action on third reading, Vice Chairman Baten stated that he concurs with third reading of this ordinance because he believes in the democratic process which will allow the citizens of Sumter to vote on this issue. He added that if the sales tax is approved, an additional burden will be placed on the citizens of Sumter County who are at poverty level or at a low to moderate income level when the economy is at its worst. Vice Chairman Baten stated that he is asking Sumter County Council along with Sumter City Council, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Economic Development Board to begin the process of closing the economic gap between the haves and the have not's in our County. Vice Chairman Baten stated that last month Dr. Bobby Harrell stated that the number one issue facing South Carolina for the next two decades is the economy. The number one problem facing Sumter today is not the issues it is our unwillingness to deal with the issues. It is our time, this is our moment to make a difference.

After all comments, the Chairwoman stated that she would entertain a motion concerning third reading to this ordinance.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman ~~Byrd~~ Edens, and unanimously carried by Council to grant third reading approval of the amended ordinance as presented and listed below.

**Ordinance 08-665:** *Be it ordained by the Council of Sumter County, South Carolina:*

SECTION 1.     Findings.

*The Council finds and determines that:*

(a) counties are authorized by the Capital Project Sales Tax Act, codified as Sections 4-10-300 to -380, Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "Enabling Act"), subject to approval by a majority of the votes cast in a referendum, to impose countywide a one percent sales and use tax for the purpose of generating funds to pay for certain capital improvements;

(b) the Enabling Act establishes a procedure for imposing the capital sales tax including the passage of an enacting ordinance ("Enacting Ordinance") and the creation of a commission for the purpose of considering proposals for funding capital projects and formulating the referendum question that is to appear on the ballot;

(c) by passage of Resolution on May 13, 2008, Council created the Sumter County Capital Project Sales Tax Commission (the "CPST Commission") and the CPST Commission has submitted to the Council a referendum question; and

(d) the purpose of this ordinance is to serve as the Enacting Ordinance in accordance with the Enabling Act.

**SECTION 2. Imposition of Sales and Use Tax.**

*There is imposed in the County a one percent sales and use tax in accordance with and pursuant to the Enabling Act, provided, that, a majority of the votes cast in the referendum are in favor of imposing the tax. If approved in the referendum, the tax is imposed on the first of May following the date of the referendum.*

**SECTION 3. Referendum; Ballot Question.**

(a) The County Election Commission shall conduct a referendum on the question of imposing the sales and use tax at the November 4, 2008, General Election. The referendum shall be conducted in accordance with this Enacting Ordinance, the Enabling Act, state election law and any other applicable law.

(b) As formulated by the CPST Commission, the referendum question to be on the ballot is:

*Must a special one percent sales and use tax be imposed in Sumter County (the "County") for not more than seven (7) years from the date of imposition to raise the amounts specified for the following purposes and in order to pay the costs (including rights-of-way acquisition and architectural, engineering, legal, administrative costs, and related fees) of the projects described below; pending the receipt of such sales and use tax, must the County also be authorized to issue and sell, either as a single issue or as several separate issues, general obligation bonds (the "Bonds") of the County in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$43,600,000.00 to be paid from the sales and use tax to be received and pledge the sales and use tax to be received to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds?*

1. \$3,000,000 - Rural Fire Stations Renovations -- Modernize And Improve Several Rural Fire Stations To Insure They Are Meeting Current State And Local Codes.
  - Replace And/Or Provide Additions To: Cherryvale, Dabbs, Wedgefield, Dalzell, And Bethel Stations.
  - Provide Improvements To: Pinewood, Rembert, Concord, Horatio, Oswego, Graham, Pleasant Grove, Mayesville, Dubose, Byrd, And 521 Stations.
  
2. \$6,000,000 - Patriot Park Activities Center -- Continue The Expansion Of Patriot Park Activities Center -Phase II

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- *Complete The Construction Of Four (4) Regulation Baseball Fields And Central Control Tower.*
  - *Address The Needs In Our Community For Baseball Participants 13 Years Of Age And Older.*
  - *The Four Baseball Fields Will Replace The Three Fields At Artillery Ballpark Behind The Exhibition Center.*
  - *To Provide Badly Needed Facilities For Our 17-18 Years Old Baseball Leagues.*
  - *The Ball Fields Will Also Enhance Our Potential For Tourism Related To Baseball And Softball Tournaments.*
  - *The New Ball Fields Will Increase From 12 To 16 Fields When Combined With Facilities At Palmetto And Dillon Park.*
3. *\$2,500,000 -- County Community Centers -- Construction Of Three New Community Centers - Concord (\$500,000), Pinewood (\$500,000), And Salterstown (\$500,000). Plus Renovation Of Several Existing Community Centers (Cherryvale (\$225,000), Ebenezer (\$75,000), Shiloh (\$125,000), Spectrum Senior Center (\$225,000), Rembert/Rafting Creek Community Center, (\$200,000), and Mayesville (\$125,000).*
4. *\$2,100,000 -- Safety Improvements -- \$2,100,000 (\$300,000 Per Intersection). There Are A Number Of Hazardous Intersections In Sumter County. The Most Dangerous Intersections Will Receive Traffic Control Upgrades, Traffic Signal Phasing Improvements, Re-Striping Intersection Approaches, Upgrade Approach Signage, And Control Of Access Solutions:*
- *US76-378 And SC 441*
  - *US 15N And US76/378 (Main St. At Bypass)*
  - *Broad St. And Gion St.*
  - *Guignard And Lafayette*
  - *Broad Street And Carter Rd.*
  - *Main St. And Calhoun St.*
  - *North Lafayette and Calhoun (15N and US401)*
5. *\$4,000,000 -- Sumter Exhibition Center -- Renovations Of Existing Exhibition Center - Improvements Include But Are Not Limited To The Following:*
- *Replace 30 Year Old Air Conditioning And Heating Units*
  - *Renovate The Entrance Of The Exhibition Center To Match With The Landscaping, Brick, And Iron Fencing Of Swan Lake*
  - *Improve Exterior And Interior Lights*
  - *Improve Irrigation System*
  - *Improve Signage*
  - *Redesign The Front Of The Building To Assist With The Flow Of Traffic During Large Events Such As: Graduations, Tournaments, Funerals, Banquets, Etc.*
6. *\$1,500,000 -- Build New Sidewalks (Including Drainage And Reconstruction Of Substandard Sidewalks) To Connect Existing Neighborhoods To Create Safe Routes To Schools And Parks.*

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- *Wilder School*
  - *Bates School*
  - *Lemira School*
  - *Wise Drive /Wilson Hall/ Patriot Parkway; Carter Road/Wilson Hall*
  - *Crosswell Area*
  - *North Pike West*
7. *\$2,700,000 -- Sumter Central Business District Intersection And Infrastructure Improvements (Including Street And Sidewalk Improvements, Mast Arms, Streetscape And Signage Improvements, And Burying Utilities) - This Project Will Help To Address Safety Concerns, Help To Improve Quality Of Life And Increase Our Chances To Attract More Businesses In The Central Business District Area.*
- *Reason For The Project: To Create More Opportunities For Economic Development And Jobs. Businesses Are More Apt To Locate In An Area If The Central Business District Is Revitalized.*
8. *\$6,000,000 -- Lafayette Drive -- Project Improvements To This Area Will Assist In Eliminating Accidents And Traffic Back-Ups On Highway 378 And/Or North Main/Lafayette*
- *The Current Design Does Not Meet Current Engineering Standards And Needs Redesigning.*
  - *Assist In Getting Sumter Compliant With SCDOT And FHWA*
9. *\$20,000,000 -- Construction Of A Judicial Center And Renovation Of Summary Court*
- *Project #1 - \$18,000,000 -- The Project Is For The Construction Of An 80,000 Square-Foot Judicial Center, That Will Be Located In The Civic Center Area (Between The Library And The Chamber Of Commerce) The Facility Will House: The Current Courthouse, The Circuit Court, Family Court, Probate Court, And The Clerk Of Court Offices.*
  - *Project #2 -- \$2,000,000 -- Renovation Of The Sumter Summary (Magistrate) Court.*
10. *\$671,000 -- Highway 15-South Corridor And Intersection Improvement Project. Improve The Highway 15-South Corridor To Include Certain Intersections Between Red Bay Road And Highway 15 South. Align And Improve Traffic Lines And Intersection Flow To Increase Safety And Vehicular Access.*
11. *\$1,600,000 -- Complete Road Infrastructure Road Project To Improvement Areas In The Airport Industrial Park*
- *Extend And Improve The Current Street*
  - *Develop Road Into A Four Lane Boulevard Style Corridor*
12. *\$1,000,000 -- Airport Industrial Park Water And Sewer Infrastructure Project.*
13. *\$2,000,000 -- Pocatigo Infrastructure Project: Upgrade Existing Water Service To The Pocatigo Industrial Park*

➤ *The Potential Site Needs Upgrading To Accommodate Future Development – Will Aid In Economic Development.*

14. *\$2,000,000 -- Acquire Property In Order To Redevelop Structures In All Areas Of The City Including Major Corridors Such As Liberty Street, Main Street, Broad Street And Manning Avenue; Property Would Then Be Used For Tax Producing Projects.*
15. *\$8,000,000 -- Construct A New Water Plant In The US Highway 521/Highway 15 South Area Needed To Recruit New Industrial And Commercial Jobs.*
16. *\$6,000,000 -- Purchase Critical Land Bordering Shaw Air Force Base To Insure Development Does Not Jeopardize Base Closure By Creating A Passive Nature Park (Nearly 1,000 Acres).*

[TOTAL COST OF ALL CAPITAL PROJECTS: \$69,071,000.00.]

*The maximum amount of net proceeds of the sales and use tax which may be applied to the payment of the principal of and interest on the County's general obligation bonds (the "Bonds") must not exceed \$75,843,000.00 (based upon expected sales and use tax collections of \$75,843,000.00 less administrative expenses of collection). The not exceeding \$43,600,000.00 principal amount of Bonds to be issued shall be repaid from the net proceeds of the sales and use tax which shall be pledged for the repayment of the Bonds.*

*INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: All qualified electors of the County desiring to vote in favor of imposing the tax for the stated purposes and authorizing the issuance and sale of limited obligation bonds in connection therewith as outlined above and subject to the limitations and conditions set forth above shall vote "YES" and all qualified electors opposed to levying the tax and issuing such limited obligation bonds shall vote "NO."*

YES [ ]

NO [ ]

- (2) **08-666 - Second Reading - An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee- In-Lieu Of Tax Agreement Between Sumter County, South Carolina And Olympic Steel, Inc. Or Its Assignee; And Other Matters Relating Thereto Including, Without Limitation, Payment Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of Taxes.**

The County Administrator, William T. Noonan, stated that there have been no changes to this proposed ordinance since first reading. He stated that this ordinance will provide Olympic Steel Company with a 6% Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes for 20 years. The net for the County over the 20 year period will be \$1,900,000. Also, Olympic Steel, Inc. has agreed to invest \$10,000,000 in Sumter County and create 100 new jobs for Sumter.

After comments, the Chairwoman held a public hearing as listed above, and at the conclusion of the public hearing, Council took action on second reading.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to grant second reading to this proposed ordinance as presented.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- (1) City-County Liaison Committee Meeting Held On **Monday, August 11, 2008, At 8:30 A.M.** At City Hall, In The First Floor Conference Room Of The Opera House (Committee Members: Edens, Byrd, and McGhaney.)

The Chairman of the Committee, Councilman Edens, stated that the Liaison Committee met on Monday, August 11, 2008. Nothing to report; however, Liaison Committee members have agreed to continue discussion on matters between the City and County.

- (2) Internal Affairs Committee Meeting Held On **Monday, August 11, 2008, At 12:30 P.M.** In County Council's Conference Room At The County Administration Building (Committee Members: Byrd, Blanding, and Robinson.)

The Chairman of the Committee, Councilman Jimmy Byrd, stated that the Internal Affairs Committee met and the following action was taken.

1. **Continued Discussion On Sumter County Council's Rules Of Conduct/Policies /Procedures - No Action Taken - Attorney is on Military leave, and he will have information to Committee at its first meeting in September. (Note: Attorney, County Administrator, and Chairwoman will not attend the August 26, 2008, meeting of Sumter County Council.)**

2. **Executive Session Matters**

A. Discussions And Possible Appointments To The Following Boards And Commissions.

- ◆ **Cultural Commission - Reappoint** - Francis Hanna and appoint (1) Katie Chandler, (2) Frank McCauley, (3) Terrance McDow, and (4) Goliath Brunson, Jr.

**ACTION:** MOTION and second were received from the Committee, and unanimously approved by Sumter County Council, to reappoint and appoint members respectively to the Cultural Commission.

- ◆ **Commission On Alcohol And Drug Abuse - No Action Taken**

- (3) Technology/Personnel Committee Meeting Held On **Tuesday, August 12, 2008, At 4:00 P.M.** In County Council's Conference Room At The County Administration Building (Committee Members: Baten, Byrd, and McGhaney.)

The Chairman of the Technology/Personnel Committee, Vice Chairman Baten, gave the following report and recommendations.

**Hiring Of An Assistant Solicitor:** The Committee received a presentation from Solicitor Kelly Jackson to add an additional solicitor to his list of employees on the County's Employee Roster. The Committee recommended that the County's employee Roster be amended to include an additional solicitor for the Solicitor's office. The request is based upon special revenue that is now available through the State Government to pay the salary of the assistant solicitor; no County funds would be needed or used for this position. The cost for the fringe benefits will come from other funds in the solicitor's office. Additionally, that position will be "tagged" as a position available to the Solicitor **only** if State funds (through grants or other special appropriations) are provided to pay the salary and fringes for this additional solicitor. The Committee recommended approval of the position as presented with the stipulations as outlined above.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Edens, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously approved by Sumter County Council to ratify the recommendations of the Committee as listed above and with the following stipulations:

1. Approved based on the State Funding this position.
2. If the funds are not available in the future, the County will not fund this position.
3. The position will be tagged on the County's Employee Roster to indicate these stipulations.

**Change In Employee Handbook - EMS Annual Leave:** The Committee received a presentation from Mrs. Lorraine W. Dennis, Deputy Administrator/Human Resources Director concerning the needs to change the Vacation/Annual Leave for EMS Employees. The new policy would read as follows:

**VACATION (ANNUAL LEAVE) FOR EMS EMPLOYEES**

Regular full-time Emergency Medical Services (EMS) employees are eligible to accrue credit for annual leave at the earning rate below. Rate is based on the years of service. Each new regular full-time EMS employee will accrue Annual Leave at the regular rate; however, no employee is entitled to paid vacation until he/she has successfully completed the first six months of employment.

<b><u>Years Of Service As Of Anniversary Date</u></b>	<b><u>Earning Rate Of Hours Per Year Beginning At Anniversary Date</u></b>
1-10	12.00 Hours Per Pay Period (12 Days)
11-10	15.07 Hours Per Pay Period (17 Days)
20 Or More	20.30 Hours Per Pay Period (22 Days)

**ACTION:** MOTION and second were received from the Committee, and unanimously approved by Sumter County Council, to approve the new EMS Employee Vacation (Annual Leave) effective immediately (August 12, 2008).

- (4) **Fiscal, Tax, and Property Committee Meeting Held On Tuesday, August 12, 2008, At 4:30 P.M. In County Council's Conference Room At The County Administration Building**

(Committee Members: McGhaney, Blanding, and Edens – All Council Members Are Asked To Attend This Meeting.)

The Chairwoman of the Committee, Vivian Fleming McGhaney, gave the following report and recommendations.

- **Presentation From The Congaree Land Trust Bank** (Mr. John Celey): Mr. Celey has Council members an overview of the COWASEE BASIN (Congaree, Wateree, and Santee Rivers). This was for information only.
- **Executive Session Matters:** After the executive session, the committee made recommendations on a property matter and a contractual matter. The following action was taken by full Council.

**Property:** County Administrator to continue discussions on the property matter.

**ACTION:** MOTION and second received from the Committee, and unanimously carried by Council to direct the Administrator to continue discussions on the property matter and report back to the Committee.

**Contractual Matter:** The Committee recommended that the County Administrator pursue additional information and continue discussions on the contractual matter.

**ACTION:** MOTION and second received from the Committee, and unanimously carried by Council to direct the Administrator to pursue additional information, to continue discussions on the contractual matter, and report back to the Committee.

(5) Report From Council Members On Other Meetings, Trainings, and/or Conferences.

- Councilman Baker and Councilman Edens attended the Cherryvale COP's program last evening. Councilman Edens gave the group an overview of the Penny Sales Tax.

**MONTHLY REPORTS:**

- Letter From The U. S. Department Of Housing And Urban Development Annual Assessment For The Sumter County HOME Consortium.
- South Carolina Military Base Task Force Minutes
- NACO Annual Conference Presentations (4)

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**SCAC** - The Administrator attended a budgeting workshop while at the Annual Conference; he stated that this workshop emphasized the importance of budgeting earlier even though sometimes State laws change in the middle of the budgeting process and sometimes laws change after the budget has been passed. More analyzing of the budget is necessary.

**Assessor's Office** - The South Carolina Department of Revenue was recently audited the Assessor's Office to make sure that Sumter County is handling the 4% calculations correctly. This is the first time this occurred since 1976. The audit involved approximately 350 samples and the County passed each one accurately.

**Rembert/Rafting Creek**-- Meetings are continuing to be held with the Rembert/Rafting Creek communities as the recreation programs are being developed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The Chairwoman asked if anyone would like to speak to Council during public comments. The following persons spoke.

- Ann August thanked Council, the staff, and the citizens for attending the recent grand opening of the James E. Clyburn Intermodal Transportation Center.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business and no additional comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m. after a motion, a second, and unanimously carried by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

*Vivian Fleming McGhaney*  
Chairman or Vice Chairman  
Sumter County Council

*Mary W. Blanding*  
Clerk to County Council  
Sumter County Council

Approved: August 26, 2008

I certify that public and media notification of the above-mentioned meeting was given prior thereto as follows:

Public Notified: Yes

Manner Notified: Agendas posted on bulletin board on third floor of the Administration Building.

Date Posted: August 7, 2008

Media Notified: Yes

Manner Notified: Agendas were sent to most radio stations, television stations, and newspapers in the Sumter, Columbia, Manning, and Florence communities. Also, E-Mail notification was sent to Sumter County's Home Page, WIBZ, The Item, The Chamber, Time Warner Cable.

Date Notified: August 7, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary W. Blanding*  
Mary W. Blanding