



Minutes
Sumter County Council
Regular Meeting
September 9, 2008 - Held at 6:00 p.m.
County Administration Building County Council Chambers
13 E. Canal Street, Sumter, SC

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

1. Chairman McGhaney, Council District #5
2. Vice Chairman Eugene Baten, Council District #7
3. Councilman Artie Baker, Council District #2
4. Councilman Larry Blanding, Council District #6
5. Councilman Jimmy Byrd, Council District #3
6. Councilman Charles T. Edens, Council District #4
7. Councilman Roland Robinson, Council District #1

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

William T. Noonan , County Administrator	Mary W. Blanding, Clerk To County Council
Johnathan Bryan, County Attorney	Lorraine Dennis, Deputy Administrator/HR
Gary Mixon, Deputy County Administrator	Pam Craven, Finance Director
Keysa Rogers, Budget Analyst	Latham Harris, County Assessor
Donna McCullum, Zoning Administrator	Rose Ford, Recreation Director

MEDIA PRESENT:

The Item Newspaper

THE PUBLIC PRESENT:

Approximately 11 members of the public were in attendance

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CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Vivian Fleming-McGhaney called Sumter County Council's meeting of September 9, 2008, to order.

INVOCATION: Bishop Latham Harris, County Assessor, gave the invocation.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairwoman McGhaney stated that she would entertain a motion to approve the September 9, 2008, agenda with any additions, deletions, or as printed. The Clerk to Council asked Council to consider moving item #2 under New Business (Presentation By The South Carolina Forestry Commission) as the first item to be heard after action on the minutes of August 26, 2008.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Vice Chairman Baten, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the September 9, 2008, agenda as recommended by the Clerk.

ACTION ON MINUTES OF AUGUST 26, 2008: Chairwoman McGhane stated that she would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of County Council's meeting of August 26, 2008.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Edens, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the minutes of August 26, 2008, as prepared by the Clerk.

NOTE: Due to professional obligations, Councilman Blanding left the meeting at this point to attend a required professional meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

(2) Presentation By The South Carolina Forestry Commission.

The Chairwoman introduced Mr. Henry E. Kodoma from the State Forestry Commission and Senator Phil Leventis. Mr. Kodoma then introduced Harvey Belser who is the Director for Forestry Management at Manchester State Forest. He also stated that Forestry is the number one manufacturing industry segment in South Carolina - number of employees (44,000 in the state) with a payroll of approximately \$2.4 billion. Mr. Kodoma also stated that the Forestry industry has an economic impact of over \$17 billion dollars to the State of South Carolina.

Mr. Kodoma presented a check to Council from the Forestry Commission in the amount of \$203,000 for educational purposes. Senator Leventis spoke on behalf of the Sumter County Legislative Delegation; he thanked Mr. Kodoma for his work with the Commission.

School District #2 will be the district that will receive these funds.

ACTION: Received as information.

**LAND USE MATTERS AND REZONING REQUESTS -
Planned Development/Rezoning Request -**

(1) **RZ-08-13 - First Reading -- Peach Orchard Road/Black River Land Services - A Request To Rezone From Agricultural Conservation/Timber Tract (AC) To Residential - 15 (R-15) +/-69.68 Acres Located Between Shakemia Road And Cold Stream Road And Represented By Tax Map #135-00-01-046**

Mrs. Donna McCullum stated that this a rezoning request on Peach Orchard Road; the applicant, Mr. Louis Tisdale is acting as the representative for the owner. The request is to rezone approximately 69 acres located between Shakemia Road and Cold Stream Road from Agricultural Conservation to Residential-15.

This proposed development would be outside of any overlay districts from Shaw AFB. Plus, the development will consist of approximately 49 lots with lots of one-half acre each.

The Planning staff recommended approval based on this request meeting the long-range Comprehension Plan. The Planning staff also recommended approval.

Prior to action on this matter, Councilman Baker asked for clarification concerning the proposed SUATS study on Shakemia Road. Mrs. McCullum stated that this road is in the SUATS study to look at improving this road and/or finding means to improve the road. Mr. Baker stated that he receives calls about this road as being impassable for emergency vehicles. Mr. Tisdale informed Council that this particular road is not completed in the proposed development; however the impact of this road's usage by the subdivision will be reviewed during the process of the development.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Baten, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to grant first reading approval.

- (2) OA-08-04 - First Reading - 08-669 -- Planning Staff / Flood Plain Management (County) -- Request To Revise Sections 310.4 And 420.2 Regarding Areas With No Base Flood Elevations, Section 430, Standards For Subdivisions And Section 440, Standards For Areas Of Shallow Flooding, Of The County's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance In Order To Meet The Requirements Of The FEMA Flood Plain Model Ordinance.

Ms. McCullum stated that on June 19, 2008, the S. C. Department of Natural Resources conducted a Community Assistance Visit. The purpose of this annual visit is to evaluate the County of Sumter's status as a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program. Their goal is to assist our County in the implementation and administration of the local Floodplain Management Program and help keep the County of Sumter in good standing with the National Flood Insurance Program. After reviewing the County's local Flood Ordinance, the following revisions are required to be made:

The primary revision to the current ordinance relates to instances where no base flood elevation is provided. Currently, Sumter permits construction at least three (3) feet above highest adjacent grade. This is no longer supported by FEMA and the National Flood Insurance program. With this adoption of these changes, a Base Flood Elevation must be determined in a manner acceptable to FEMA, prior to the commencement of construction.

Mrs. McCullum stated that the ordinance Text Change would be as follows:

Section 310.4: If no base flood elevation data is provided as set forth in Section 130 or Section 320.10, the application for a development permit must show construction of the lowest floor **at least three (3) feet above the highest adjacent grade.**

Section 420.2 -- If 420.1 is satisfied and base flood elevation data is available from other sources, all new construction and substantial improvements within such areas shall comply with all applicable flood hazard ordinance provisions of Article IV and shall be elevated or flood proofed in accordance with elevations established in accordance with 320.10.

Data from preliminary, draft, and final Flood Insurance Studies constitutes best

available data. Refer to FEMA Floodplain Management Technical Bulletin 1-98 Use of Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Data as Available Data. If an appeal is pending on the study in accordance with 44 CFR Ch. 1, Part 67.5 and 67.6, the data does not have to be used.

When base flood elevation data is not available from a Federal, State, or other source one of the following methods may be used to determine a BFE. For further information regarding the methods for determining base flood elevation listed below refer to FEMA manual Managing Floodplain Development in Approximate Zone A Areas.

- a) Contour Interpolation
 - (1) Superimpose approximate Zone A boundaries onto a topographic map and estimate a BFE.
 - (2) Add one-half of the contour interval of the topographic map that is used to the BFE.

- b) Data Extrapolation - A BFE can be determined if a site within 500 feet upstream of a stream reach for which a 100-year profile has been computed by detailed methods, and the floodplain and channel bottom slope characteristics are relatively similar to the downstream reaches.

- c) Hydrologic and Hydraulic Calculations- Perform hydrologic and hydraulic calculations to determine Base flood elevation using FEMA approved methods and software. These methods include, but are not limited to the following:
 - (3) HEC-RAS 3.1.1 and up
 - (4) HEC-1 4.0.1 and up
 - (5) HEC-2 4.6.2
 - (6) HEC-HMS 1.1 and up
 - (7) FLO-2D
 - (8) QUICK-2
 - (9) SFD
 - (10) WSPRO

Councilman Baker asked about flood map problems that they found in the County's flood map. Mrs. McCullum stated that when the new flood maps came to the Planning Department in February 16, 2007, there were areas that were not in the flood plain that are currently listed in the flood plain. However, OA-08-04 is a different matter from the flood plain maps.

FEMA has informed Mrs. McCullum that if the lot requires no fill, there is no fee to change the flood maps.

After all Comments, Council took action on OA-08-04.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Vice Chairman Baten, and carried by Council to grant first reading approval. Councilman Byrd voted nay.

- (3) **RZ-08-08 - Third 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.

Mrs. McCullum stated that there have been no changes to this proposed rezoning since first reading. Then Council took action on its approval.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Baten, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to grant third reading and approval. Of this rezoning request.

Street Name Change - None

Grant Awards - None

OTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority (the "Authority") and the Sumter County Council on Tuesday, September 9, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in Council Chambers in the Sumter County Administration Building located at 13 East Canal Street, Sumter, South Carolina, in connection with the issuance by the Authority of its Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds (the "Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$18,000,000. The proceeds of the Bonds will be used (a) to refund the \$16,200,000 South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority Hospital Revenue Bonds (Tuomey Regional Medical Center), Series 1995B (the "Series 1995B Bonds"), currently outstanding in the principal amount of \$16,200,000; and (b) to pay certain costs of issuance of the Bonds. The proceeds of the Series 1995B Bonds were used to finance the costs of certain facilities (the "Hospital Facilities") of Tuomey (the "Institution"), a not-for-profit general acute care hospital, located at 129 North Washington Street in Sumter, South Carolina, consisting of (i) construction of suitable parking on three sides of the existing facility with appropriate ingress and egress; (ii) renovation of approximately 54,846 square feet of the existing hospital building containing the Department of Surgery, Cardiac Catheterization Lab, Dialysis, Nursery, Radiology, Cardio-Vascular and other ancillary support services; (iii) acquisition of miscellaneous machinery, apparatus and equipment; and (iv) paying costs of issuance of the Series 1995B Bonds. A portion of the proceeds of the Bonds will be used to reimburse the Institution for certain prior capital expenditures related to the Hospital Facilities. The initial owner and operator will be the Institution. The Bonds do not represent an indebtedness or a general obligation of the State of South Carolina, the Authority, Sumter County, or any other such political subdivision of the State of South Carolina within the meaning of any state constitutional provision or statutory limitation or constitute or give rise to any pecuniary liability of such political subdivision or a charge against its general credit or taxing powers. The public is invited to attend the hearing at the address set forth above and/or submit written comments on the issuance of the Bonds to the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority at 1201 Main Street, Suite 1600,

Columbia, South Carolina 29201, and to the Sumter County Council at Room 210, Sumter County Courthouse, Sumter, South Carolina 29150. (Council May Decide To Take Action On This Proposed Resolution Immediately After The Public Hearing, Or During New Business.)

The Chairwoman convened a public hearing on this proposed resolution. She asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the resolution (Mr. Will Johnson introduced this matter on behalf of Tuomey as a supporter of the resolution). No one other than Mr. Johnson spoke in support of the resolution. However, Mr. Paul Johnson and Mr. Eric Shytel were present in support of the resolution.

Chairwoman McGhaney then asked if anyone wanted to speak in opposition to the resolution, no one spoke; then the public hearing was closed and Council took action on its adoption as listed under New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

- (1) Resolution In Support Of The Issuance By The South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority Of Its Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds (Tuomey) Series 2008, Pursuant To The Provisions Of Title 41, Chapter 43, Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina 1976, As Amended, In The Aggregate Principal Amount Of Not Exceeding \$18,000,000.

Mr. Will Johnson with Haynesworth, Sinkler, Boyd Law Firm, representing Tuomey Regional Medical Center, introduced this proposed resolution for Council's consideration. He stated that Paul Johnson from Tuomey Regional Medical Center and Eric Schytel from Haynesworth, Sinkler, Boyd Law Firm and former City Attorney were all present on behalf of the resolution. The resolution would allow for Tuomey Regional Medical Center to refinance some Job Economic Development Authority (JEDA) bonds.

The bonds, by JEDA, providing for parking facilities and renovation at Tuomey Hospital. Because of the federal and state laws, in order to proceed with the financing, the County would need to provide a resolution in support of the refinancing. The County incurs no pecuniary liability of Sumter County or a charge against its general credit or taxing power. After discussion on this matter, the Chairwoman convened a public hearing. Once the public hearing was concluded, Council took action on the resolution as listed below.

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority (the "*Authority*") is authorized and empowered under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 41, Chapter 43, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "*Act*"), to utilize any of its program funds to establish loan programs for the purpose of reducing the cost of capital to business enterprises which meet the eligibility requirements of Section 41-43-150 of the Act and for other purposes described in Section 41-43-160 of the Act and thus provide maximum opportunities for the creation and retention of jobs and improvement of the standard of living of the citizens of the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is further authorized by Section 41-43-110 of the Act to issue revenue bonds, payable by the Authority solely from a revenue producing source and secured by a pledge of said revenues, to defray the cost a business enterprise as defined in the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Authority and Tuomey, a South Carolina nonprofit corporation and an organization described under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "*Hospital*"), entered into an Inducement Agreement dated July 16, 2008 (the "*Inducement Agreement*"), pursuant to which and in order to implement the public purposes enumerated in the Act, and in furtherance thereof to comply with the undertakings of the Authority pursuant to the Inducement Agreement, the Authority proposes, subject to such approval of the State Budget and Control Board of South Carolina and Sumter County as may be required by law, to issue not exceeding \$18,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds (Tuomey) Series 2008, which may be issued in one or more series (the "*Bonds*"), under and pursuant to Section 41-43-110 of the Act. The proceeds of the Bonds will be used by the Hospital to (i) refund the outstanding principal amount of the \$16,200,000 South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority Hospital Revenue Bonds (Tuomey Regional Medical Center) Series 1995B (the "*Prior Bonds*"), the proceeds of which were used to finance the costs of construction of suitable parking on three sides of the existing facility with appropriate ingress and egress; renovation of approximately 54,846 square feet of the existing hospital building containing the Department of Surgery, Cardiac Catheterization Lab, Dialysis, Nursery, Radiology, Cardio-Vascular and other ancillary support services; and acquisition of miscellaneous machinery, apparatus and equipment (the "*Prior Project*"); and (ii) defray the costs of issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Hospital is projecting that the assistance of the Authority by the issuance of its hospital revenue bonds will result in the maintenance of employment for those engaged in activities of the Hospital of approximately 1,422 full-time employees, with a resulting alleviation of unemployment and a substantial increase in payrolls and other public benefits incident to the conduct of such businesses not otherwise provided locally, and the number of jobs resulting from the assistance authorized herein bears a reasonable relationship to the principal amount of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the County Council of Sumter County and the Authority have on this date jointly held a public hearing, duly noticed by publication in newspapers having general circulation in Sumter County, not less than 15 days prior to the date hereof, at which all interested persons have been given a reasonable opportunity to express their views;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Sumter County, South Carolina, as follows:

SECTION 1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that (a) the refinancing of the Prior Project will subserve the purposes of the Act, (b) the Prior Project will continue to benefit the general public welfare of Sumter County by providing services, employment, recreation or other public benefits not otherwise provided locally, (c) the refinancing of the Prior Project and the refunding of the Prior Bonds will give rise to no pecuniary liability of Sumter County or a charge against its general credit or taxing power, (d) the amount of bonds required to refinance the Prior Project is not exceeding \$18,000,000; and (e) the documents to be delivered by the Hospital and the Authority with respect to the Bonds will provide, among other things, (i) for the amount necessary in each year to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds, (ii) whether reserve funds of any nature will be established

with respect to the retirement of the Bonds and the maintenance of the Prior Project (and, if any such reserve funds are to be so established, the amount necessary to be paid each year into such funds), and (iii) that the Hospital shall maintain the Prior Project and carry all proper insurance with respect thereto.

SECTION 2. The County Council of Sumter County supports the Authority in its determination to issue the Bonds to defray the costs related to the refunding of the Prior Bonds.

SECTION 3. All orders and resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed, and this resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its adoption.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Edens, seconded by Vice Chairman Baten, and unanimously carried by Council to grant approval and adopt of this resolution as presented and directed the Chairwoman and the Clerk to execute and deliver the resolution on behalf of the County.

- (2) Presentation By The South Carolina Forestry Commission. (Moved to first item after Action On Minutes.)
- (3) A Proclamation Proclaiming September 15, 2008, as National Anthem's Day In Sumter County, South Carolina.

The Chairwoman introduced this item and Sumter County Council took action on its adoption.

Whereas, The National Association For Music Education (MENC) has launched the National Anthem Project to renew national awareness of American traditions, promote the significance and history of the anthem, and commemorate the Smithsonian's efforts to preserve the Star-Spangled Banner which is the flag that inspired our National Anthem; and

Whereas, It is the desire of the National Anthem Project and The National Association For Music Education for Americans (1) to celebrate the anniversary of our Country's National Anthem, (2) to know the words to the National Anthem, and (3) to take pride in singing the National Anthem together.

NOW THEREFORE, Members of Sumter County Council, of Sumter County, South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2008, as "The Star-Spangled Banner -- National Anthem Day" in the County of Sumter, South Carolina and urge all citizens to support this day by participating in the official **National Anthem Project** activities sponsored by The National Association For Music Education and to aid in the awareness and development of Music in America's Schools.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Robinson, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to grant approval of the proclamation, and

directed the Chairwoman and the Clerk to execute and deliver the resolution on behalf of the County.

- (4) A Proclamation Proclaiming The Week Of September 17, 2008, as Constitution Week In Sumter County, South Carolina.

The Chairwoman introduced this item and Sumter County Council took action on its adoption.

Whereas, we the people did ordain and establish a Constitution for the United States of America to secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity; and

Whereas, it is important that all citizens fully understand the provisions, principles, and meaning of the Constitution so they can support, preserve, and defend it against encroachment; and

Whereas, the President and the Congress of the United States have designated September 17th as Citizenship Day and the week of September 17-24, 2008, as Constitution Week; and

Whereas, the people of the County of Sumter do enjoy the blessings of liberty, the guarantees of the Bill of Rights, equal protection of the law under the Constitution, and the freedoms derived from it;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Vivian Fleming-McGhaney, Chairwoman of Sumter County Council, do hereby proclaim September 17th as **Citizenship Day** and the week of September 17th through September 24th as **Constitution Week**, and invite every citizen and institution to join in this national commemoration.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Robinson, and unanimously carried by Council to grant approval of the proclamation, and directed the Chairwoman and the Clerk to execute and deliver the resolution on behalf of the County.

- (5) A Resolution Acknowledging The Nazarene Church World Wide On Its 100th Anniversary.

The Clerk to Council presented a request from the Sumter Church of the Nazarene to Council asking that a resolution or proclamation be developed to recognize the Nazarene Church on its 100th Anniversary. The Clerk will develop the resolution and forward it to Councilman Byrd prior to October 5, 2008, which is the day for the 100th Anniversary. Councilman Byrd will forward the resolution to the appropriate person. After review of the information provided, Council took action on this matter and granted the Clerk the authority to devise such a document.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to grant approval of the development of a resolution or proclamation, and directed the Chairwoman and the Clerk to execute and deliver the resolution or proclamation on behalf of the County.

- (6) 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) 08-667 - Second Reading -- An Ordinance Authorizing Sumter County, South Carolina, To Enter Into A Loan Agreement With The Bank In The Amount Of \$1,500,000; Approving The Form And Terms Of The Loan Agreement, In Connection With Certain Capital Improvements And Other Tourism-Related Projects In Sumter County; And Other Matters Related Thereto. (Public Hearing is not required for this ordinance.)

The Administrator introduced this item to Council for second reading. He read the following caption for Council to consider as the appropriate caption for this ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SUMTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH ~~THE A~~ BANK IN ~~THE AN~~ AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ~~OF~~ \$1,500,000; APPROVING THE FORM AND TERMS OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT, IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER TOURISM-RELATED PROJECTS IN SUMTER COUNTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

The Administrator said that there have been no changes to the ordinance, other than the adjustment to the caption, since first reading. After review of the ordinance and the caption change, Council took action on the ordinance with the amended caption.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Edens, and unanimously carried by Council to grant second reading approval as amended.

- (2) 08-668 - Second Reading -- An Ordinance Authorizing Sumter County, South Carolina, To Enter Into A Lease Purchase Transaction Relating To The Financing Of Capital Equipment; Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of An Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement In An Amount Not To Exceed \$2,500,000; And Other Matters Relating Thereto. (Public Hearing is not required for this ordinance.) (Public Hearing is not required for this ordinance.)

The Administrator indicated that this lease purchase ordinance would allow for financing of capital equipment needs. There are no changes since first reading. After all discussions, Council took action on second reading.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Edens, seconded by Councilman Robinson, and unanimously carried by Council to grant second reading approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- (1) Internal Affairs Committee Meeting Held On **Tuesday, September 9, 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 Byrd, gave the following report and recommendation.

- **Cultural Commission:** The Committee recommended the reappointment of Mr. Earl Wilson to the Cultural Commission.

ACTION: MOTION and second received from the Committee, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the appointment as presented.

- **Commission On Alcohol and Drug Abuse:** Recommended to appoint Holly Chase.

ACTION: MOTION and second received from the Committee, and carried by Council to approve the appointment as presented. Vice Chairman Baten abstained.

- **Workforce Investment Board:** No action taken.

- **First Tee Advisory Board:** No action taken.

- **Planning Commission:** Recommended to appoint Mr. Roland Robinson to the Commission effective January 1, 2009. (Note: During the Committee meeting and during this meeting, Councilman Roland Robinson did not participate in voting on this appointment.)

ACTION: MOTION and second received from the Committee, and carried by Council to approve the appointment as presented. Councilman Robinson did not vote.

- (2) Public Works Waste Disposal Committee Meeting Held On **Tuesday, September 9, 2008, At 4:30 P.M.** In County Council's Conference Room At The County Administration Building (Committee Members: Robinson, Baker, and Edens.)

The Chairman of the Committee, Councilman Robinson, gave the following report and recommendation for Council's action.

- **Streetlight Policy:** The Committee received an update on the County's streetlight policy on a point value system (see information attached) and recommended its approval.

ACTION: MOTION and second received from the Committee, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the recommendation as presented.

- **Two Contractual Matters:** The Committee discussed two items in executive session. One of the matters required no action; however, the other item was recommended to be carried to the Liaison Committee for discussion.

ACTION: MOTION and second received from the Committee, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the recommendation as presented.

- (3) **Fiscal, Tax, and Property Committee Meeting Held On Tuesday, September 9, 2008, At 5:00 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 Chairman of the Committee, Chairwoman McGhaney gave the following report and recommendations.

- **Sumter County Small Business Center:** It was recommended that \$5,000 from Council's Contingency fund be appropriated for the Sumter County Small Business Center as approved at Council's August 26, 2008, meeting.

ACTION: MOTION and second received from the Committee, and carried by Council to approve the recommendation as presented. Council members Byrd and Robinson voted in opposition.

- (4) **Report From Council Members On Other Meetings, Trainings, and/or Conferences**

1. Chairwoman McGhaney: Economic Development Retreat was held and six of the Council members attended; the Penny For Progress Campaign was one of the focuses at the retreat. She also stated that Gregg Thompson reported that since the last retreat, two years ago, the Development Board, with the help of local officials meet all of its goals.
2. Councilman Edens: Stated that he was impressed with the diversity of the meeting and the commitment from those that attended. He also stated that the private sector is committed to development of Sumter County and showed their commitment by funding the retreat. Lastly, he said that he is looking forward to receiving the report from the retreat.
3. Vice Chairman Baten: Stated that he was impressed with the fact that those that attended the meeting recognized the fact that there is a disparity between the incomes in the community. Those that meet at the retreat desire to bring people up in income and not to cause them to go down in income.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

- Sumter Airport Commission
- Sumter Vision
- 2008 Christmas Parade Information
- Sumter County Shiloh Water System
- Department Of Justice Office Of Justice Program - Grant Award -- \$125,000.
- Black River Electric Cooperative, Inc.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

1. **Financial Information:** The State has cut the County's projected revenue by 3%; plus there are other concerns about revenue collections. A meeting will be held with the Department Heads and the financial staff to review this matter and then report back to Council.
2. **Department Head Meeting:** September 16, 2008, at the Training Center.
3. **Patriot Park Sportsplex** will have its grand opening in late September.
4. **Chamber Of Commerce** Penny For Progress Campaign is underway.
5. **FEMA Flood Maps** have been reviewed and issues relating to the maps are being discussed. A letter needs to be developed by the Chairwoman and sent to FEMA about the problems with the maps and request that the maps be revised.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

- Ann D. August, Executive Director for SWRTA, presented Council with a plaque for their participation in assisting with the grand opening of the James E. Clyburn Intermodal Transportation Center. No comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business and no additional comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 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: September 23, 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: September 4, 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: September 4, 2008

Respectfully submitted,


Mary W. Blanding

**WORKSHEET FOR STREETLIGHT EVALUATION
(For Public Works Use Only)**

Name of Intersection: _____ at _____
(Road 1) (Road 2)

Points

1. Accidents: Night Time Accident Rates
(in a year time frame)
1 accident / 5 points
2 accidents / 10 points
3 accidents / 15 points
≥ 4 accidents / 20 points _____

2. Speed Limit
< 35 mph / 5 points
35 - 45 mph / 10 points
> 45 mph / 20 points _____

3. Intersection of road within a curve or sharp corner:
Yes / 25 points _____

4. Grade on Approach Street (valley or hill)
1- 5 % / 5 points
5-10 % / 10 points
> 10 % / 20 points _____

5. School Bus Stop
Yes / 5 points _____

6. Street Light Requested by School District
Yes / 10 points _____

- Total Points** _____

Results of Evaluation:

- A. If your request scores 45 points or greater on the evaluation form, Sumter County will forward your request to the appropriate utility company for installation once funds are allocated. Sumter County Council determines the yearly allocation of funds for street light installation.

- B. If your request scores between 30 and 44 points, you may request Sumter County Council Public Works Committee to review your application for a street light. The request must be made in writing and you can mail your request to the Clerk to County Council for scheduling.

- C. If your request scores below 30 points, the street light will not be installed by Sumter County.