

**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
MARCH 1, 2010
5:30 P.M.**

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the news media was notified and notice posted on the bulletin board 24 hours prior to the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman
Janie Cooper, Vice Chairman
Clyde B. Livingston
Heyward H. Livingston
Willie B. Owens
Johnnie Ravenell
Harry F. Wimberly**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Bill Clark, County Administrator
D'Anne Haydel, County Attorney
Jacqueline P. Turner, Clerk to Council**

CALL TO ORDER

Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Councilwoman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Owens, to approve minutes of February 16, 2010 with corrections, if any. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS

NO COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

OTHER MATTERS

Ms. Emily Scoville spoke about her concern with a water problem in Whittaker Heights, specifically Maxwell Place. She does not live in the area, but has rental property in the area. Ms. Ritter another resident of Whittaker Heights was also present. The water covers the back yards of 3 houses involved. Ms. Scoville was told nothing can be done because it is on private property. Another resident, Ms. Hampton researched records in the Court House and they have found out to whom

the property belongs. The problem is not on Maxwell per se, but on a street behind Maxwell and there is a ditch that runs from that street over to Maxwell. Trash in the ditch is impeding water from running off, which in turn backs up the water in the yards. Ms. Scoville's rental property is on the opposite side of the street; the water comes across the street onto the yard of her rental property. She wants the County to address this and tell her exactly what is going to be done; each time it rains it gets worse.

Chairman Wright asked Councilman Owens if this was on his district. Councilman Owens indicated Maxwell Street is in his district. He has made several visits to the property. An engineer has looked at the property, and Councilman Owens is waiting on the decision of the engineer as to what the County can do to help alleviate the problem. He stressed the County is not at liberty to go on private property; the County will assess it, make a recommendation and do what the County can do to help the residents get rid of the water, if the County can do anything. He thinks the County can help them a little.

Ms. Delores Frazier spoke about the resolution regarding Willie B. Cantey. She indicated Denmark Technical College is in the process of naming a building and she is asking Orangeburg County Council to help them in this endeavor, as County Commissioners and Council members.

1. PRESENTATION – PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD – LOWER SAVANNAH COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS – CROSS COUNTY CONNECTION

Wayne Rogers, Executive Director, LSCOG, made the presentation, indicating LSCOG received recognition for their part for a submission to the S.C. Association of Regional Councils for the Cross County Connection transportation project. It was selected as The Project Of The Year in South Carolina. He indicated LSCOG could not have had more involved and participatory partners than Orangeburg County on the project. It would not have happened without the involvement of Council members who have been diligent in attending meetings of the steering committee and been very supportive. He also extended appreciation to Bill Clark and Harold Young for their support and help in the process. The plaque was presented to Chairman Wright.

Following the presentation, Councilwoman Cooper recognized Ms. Connie Shade, Assistant to Wayne Rogers, complimenting both on their perseverance and diligence in working on the fruition of this 3-year pilot project, culminating in a

ridership of 17,000 since beginning in July, 2009. Council members Ravenell and Wimberly also spoke favorably, encouraging citizens to use this developing transit system.

2. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK BY AND BETWEEN DORCHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK SO AS TO REVISE AND CLARIFY CERTAIN TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Chairman Wright indicated this ordinance would be approved by title only. Bill Clark indicated this is a complex ordinance. Prior to second reading, Attorney Jerrod Anderson will meet with Council and go into a more detailed explanation of the documents.

Motion by Councilman Heyward Livingston, seconded by Councilman Owens, to give approval of first reading by title only. Ordinance passed unanimously.

3. OFFICIAL ACTION OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING ORANGEBURG COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY FROM JOHN T. BOZARD AND YVONNE F. BOZARD

Chairman Wright asked Bill Clark to give an overview of this matter. Bill Clark explained the action would authorize the contract of sale, which is an option agreement, to purchase property owned by the Bozards. The property is less than 81 acres, adjacent to the existing Orangeburg County/City Industrial Park, allowing the footprint of that property to be expanded. Option terms are for \$25,000 which would apply to the purchase price if executed. The terms also allow for an extension into a second year if desired on behalf of the County. The year one price if executed would be \$1.2 million dollars.

Councilman Owens asked about the comparison between this price and other property purchased. Bill Clark indicated for property in proximity to the

interstate, it is comparable to other properties purchased for economic development purposes.

Motion made by Councilwoman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Ravenell, to authorize the County Administrator to enter into this contract. Motion passed unanimously.

4. RESOLUTIONS – HONORING NATIONAL WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH AND HONORING WILLIE R. CANTEY

Chairman Wright asked Vice Chairwoman Cooper to read both resolutions. Following the reading of both resolutions, the following action took place:

Motion made by Councilman Wimberly, seconded by Councilman Heyward Livingston to adopt the resolution honoring National Women’s History Month. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Councilman Owens, seconded by Vice Chairwoman Cooper, to adopt the resolution honoring Willie R. Cantey. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Wright indicated the Orangeburg County Development Commission would make a presentation. A resolution approved by the OCDC Board of Directors and a plaque were presented to the family by Ms. Kees and Gregg Robinson. Mrs. Cantey expressed the appreciation of the family for the acknowledgement of Mr. Cantey’s dedication and hard work in the community.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS – ORANGEBURG COUNTY TAX & TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairman Wright requested Bill Clark go through the recommendations made by the Committee. Bill Clark stated the Committee met February 23, 2010. There are 5 recommendations the Committee is making to County Council for funding. Attached to, and made a part thereof, are the recommendations made, and voted upon for approval.

Following the recommendations being publicized, discussion among two Council members raised questions about approving a funding request for FY 2011 to the Grand American Coon Hunt in advance of the actual event taking place,

possibly denying requests to others. Bill Clark indicated the check would not be written until expenses were incurred; approval now signifies commitment to the event.

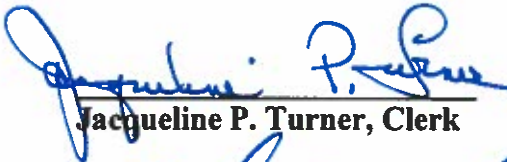
Motion made by Councilman Heyward Livingston, seconded by Councilman Wimberly, to approve the \$27,800.00 funding recommendations made by the Tax & Tourism Advisory Committee. Motion passed with a vote of 5 to 2. Council members Clyde Livingston and Willie Owens did not raise their hands.

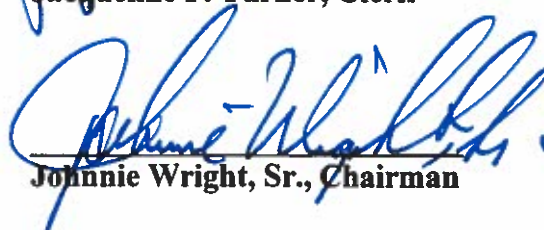
Councilman Wimberly explained the two coon hunts are different. The one held in January allows anyone to hunt and participate, whereas the second requires a point system to allow hunters to participate. Additionally he has been informed the Grand American Coon Hunt and South Carolina State University Homecoming, are the two most well attended events to happen in Orangeburg County.

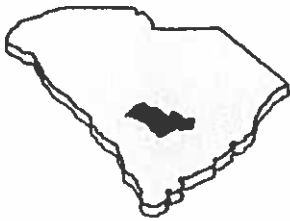
Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Ravenell to vote for an executive session to discuss economic development and receive a legal briefing. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Councilman Owens, seconded by Vice Chairwoman Cooper to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.


Jacqueline P. Turner, Clerk


Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman



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March 2, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gloria Breland, Finance Director

FROM: Bill Clark, County Administrator *BC*

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CHECKS – FUNDING FROM ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUNDS

Orangeburg County Council, in their meeting of March 1, 2010, approved the recommendations submitted to them by the Orangeburg County Tax & Tourism Advisory Committee. Please prepare checks as follows:

Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce \$ 6,000.00
Post Office Box 328
Orangeburg, SC 29116-0328

For: 2010 Hall of Fame World Coon Hunt
2010 NAIA Basketball Tournament
[\$3,000.00 each event]

Raylrode Daze Festival \$ 4,800.00
Town of Branchville
Post Office Box 85
Branchville, SC 29432

For: Advertising/Promotion of Festival

Ellore Heritage Museum & Cultural Center \$ 5,000.00
Post Office Box 54
Ellore, SC 29047

For: Advertising/Promotion/Website Development \$ 7,000.00

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Town of Woodford
Post Office Box 34
North, SC 29112

\$ 5,000.00

For: Second Annual Hummingbird Festival
Advertising & Promotion

NOTE TO GLORIA BRELAND:

\$ 7,000.00

The Committee also approved the request of the Grand American Hunt for \$7,000.00 to help pay rent and utilities for the January, 2011 event. We are requesting that this expenditure be encumbered at this time for a check to be written at a later date. Mr. Harry Ott will be so advised and requested to inform us when the money is required.

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS
APPROVED BY COUNTY COUNCIL:**

\$27,800.00

When finalized, these checks should be returned to Ruth Van Faussien for final distribution.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance with this request.

BC:rvf

cc: Denise Altman