



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
APRIL 25, 2011**

Present: David L. Ferguson, Sr., Dwayne Perry, R. David Brown, Mary Lynn Kinley, Kamau Marcharia, Mikel R. Trapp, Council Members; Philip L. Hinely, County Administrator; Davis Anderson, Deputy County Administrator; Shryll M. Brown, Clerk to Council

Absent: Carolyn B. Robinson

In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80 (e), as amended, the following persons and/or organizations have been notified of the time, date, and location of this meeting: The Herald-Independent, The State, and Winnsboro Cablevision, and fifty individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ferguson called the meeting to order at 6:10 P.M.

2. INVOCATION

Council Member Kinley led in the invocation.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Council Member Trapp to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 11, 2011 and special meeting of April 18, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

Prior to public hearing, Chairman Ferguson asked Mr. Hinely if he would elaborate on some of the changes that occurred in Ordinance No. 587. Mr. Hinely pointed out that Mr. Hill brought to his attention that the ordinance delineated that the county would only tax in the incorporated area, which implies that this does not apply to the Towns of Ridgeway, Winnsboro and Jenkinsville; however, the new ordinance is written to clarify that this applies to the ones the county currently has an agreement with and any the county will have an agreement with in the future. There were also some matters in Ordinance 20 that deal with day to day administration; therefore, issues dealing with spending over \$1,000 has to be in the county's title will be covered in administrative rules later on.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 517, Roads, Highways And Bridges, To Revise Section 1-5. Maintenance Of Unpaved Roads, (e) and (f). *Chairman Ferguson opened public hearing at 6:11 p.m. No one signed to speak; therefore, the chairman closed public hearing at 6:12 p.m.*
- An Ordinance To Regulate Construction And Development Of Flood Hazard Areas In The Unincorporated Areas Of Fairfield County And To Repeal Ordinance No. 524. *Chairman Ferguson opened public hearing at 6:12 p.m. No one signed to speak; therefore, the chairman closed public hearing at 6:13 p.m.*

- Authorizing The Dissolution Of The Fairfield County Rural Fire Board By Repealing All Prior Ordinances That Refer To The Rural Fire Board; Establishing The Fairfield County Fire Commission Under The Auspices Of The County Administrator; Authorizing The Fire Commission To Provide The County Citizens With Those Services Previously Provided By The Rural Fire Board; Providing For The Funding Of The Provision Of Fire Services By Establishing A Special Tax District; And Other Related Matters. *Chairman Ferguson opened public hearing at 6:13 p.m. No one signed to speak; therefore, the chairman closed public hearing at 6:14 p.m.*

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Third And Final Reading: Ordinance No. 583 - An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 517, Roads, Highways And Bridges, To Revise Section 1-5. Maintenance Of Unpaved Roads, (e) and (f). *It was moved by Council Member Trapp; seconded by Council Member Brown to approve Third and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 583. The motion carried unanimously.*

B. Third And Final Reading: Ordinance No. 586 - An Ordinance To Regulate Construction And Development Of Flood Hazard Areas In The Unincorporated Areas Of Fairfield County And To Repeal Ordinance No. 524. *It was moved by Council Member Trapp; seconded by Vice Chairman Perry to approve Third and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 586. {During discussion, Council Member Marcharia inquired if any flood areas changed, given to the weather patterns and recent storms and how will this impact insurance for people in these areas. Mr. Stowers responded that some minor changes occurred in the certain areas of tributaries}. Some of the tributaries have not been identified in the actual 100 year flood plan elevation and if citizens are inside the 100 year flood elevation, this allows them to obtain flood insurance. He added that if the county did not have a flood hazard mitigation ordinance, then citizens would not be able to obtain flood insurance, meaning they would not be able to get financing}. The motion carried unanimously.*

C. Third And Final Reading: Ordinance No. 587 - Authorizing The Dissolution Of The Fairfield County Rural Fire Board By Repealing All Prior Ordinances That Refer To The Rural Fire Board; Establishing The Fairfield County Fire Commission Under The Auspices Of The County Administrator; Authorizing The Fire Commission To Provide The County Citizens With Those Services Previously Provided By The Rural Fire Board; Providing For The Funding Of The Provision Of Fire Services By Establishing A Special Tax District; And Other Related Matters. *It was moved by Council Member Trapp; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve Third and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 583. The motion carried unanimously.*

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 588 - An Ordinance To Establish Operating And Capital Budgets For The Operation Of The County Government Of Fairfield County For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2011; To Provide For The Levy Of Taxes For Fairfield County For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2011; To Provide For The Expenditure Of Tax Revenues And Other County Funds; To Provide For Other County Purposes; To Provide For Certain Fiscal And Other Matters Relating To County Government; and Other Matters Related Thereto. *It was moved by Council Member Trapp; seconded by Vice Chairman Perry and Council Member Kinley to approve First Reading (By Title Only) of Ordinance No. 588. The motion carried unanimously.*

B. Appointments/Reappointments To Fairfield County Boards And Commissions. *It was moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Council Member Trapp and Vice Chairman Perry to approve the Appointment Listing of April 25, 2011, as presented by the Clerk.*

8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Mr. Catoe announced that Fairfield County's unemployment rate in March dropped 2.3% from February. Mr. Catoe attributed this to job creation.
- b. Held pre-construction meeting last week. 14 contractors bidded on the compost facility.
- c. Requesting Planning Commission to rezone the Fairfield Commerce Center property to industrial.
- d. Infinity Food started production. Hiring nine (9) employees.
- e. Recommending the following pre-budget items: \$100,000.00 for Board of Disabilities and Special Needs for energy efficient needs and \$350,000.00 for the Library for renovations and repairs.
- f. Held first reading (by title only) of FY 2011-2012 budget. Will email budget message by this Friday.

It was moved by Vice Chairman Perry; seconded by Council Members Brown and Kinley to authorize Mr. Hinely to include the recommended funding to the Board of Disabilities and Special Needs and to the Library, with the understanding that the county will not be increasing the budget. The motion carried unanimously.

{Council Member Marcharia voiced his objections to the pre-budgeted items, saying programs in western Fairfield were not supported. He offered his church as a possible site for congregate meals. Chairman Ferguson reminded Council that the superintendent of schools had mentioned some time ago that she would offer McCrorey-Liston school for a congregate meal site. He also recalled that Council had discussed the possibility of using the new building that will be erected in the Jenkinsville area for the new fire department, to have a congregate room, etc.}

9. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT

- a. Budget worksession, Monday, May 2, 6:00 P.M.
- b. Firemen and Rescue Squad Appreciation, Thursday, May 5, 2011, 7:00 P.M., at the Recreation Center.

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

Council Member Kinley mentioned that the Council on Aging Board had discussed at one of their meetings the possibility of increasing their board membership.

Chairman Ferguson asked Council to be conscientious about filing vacancies on boards and commissions.

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Provided as Information.

12. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

It was moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Council Member Kinley to extend the deadline for applying for agricultural land use property for 2010 tax year for thirty (30) days. The motion carried unanimously.

Kinley: Asked the Council to consider implementing policy on smoke-free properties. Inquired if the County will be researching how to address the problem with young men wearing their pants down to their thighs. Thanked the volunteer firemen and rescue squad members and voiced her appreciation for their support of the ordinance. Mentioned the hospital is sponsoring a diabetes luncheon.

Trapp: Invited everyone to the Blair Coalition of Churches parade, Saturday, 11:00 a.m.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER

Deleted from the agenda.

14. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M., upon the unanimous approval of Council.

SHRYLL M. BROWN
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DAVID L. FERGUSON, SR.
CHAIRMAN