

REGULAR MEETING
DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL
DARLINGTON, SC

June 7, 2010

A regular meeting of the County Council of Darlington County was held this 7th day of June 2010, at 6 p.m., at the Darlington County Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway, Darlington, South Carolina.

NOTICE OF MEETING

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda, giving the date, time, and place of the meeting was mailed in advance to the local newspapers (the News and Press, the Messenger, and the Morning News), persons requesting notification, and posted on the bulletin board at the entrance to the County Administrator's Office.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Billy Baldwin, Vice Chairman Anne C. Warr, Chaplain Dannie Douglas, Jr., Mr. Wesley Blackwell, Mr. Marvin Le Flowers, Ms. Wilhelmina P. Johnson, Ms. Mozella "Pennie" Nicholson, and Mr. Alex "Buz" Shaw.

ALSO PRESENT

County Administrator Phyllis Griffiths, County Attorney James C. Cox, Jr., Clerk to Council J. JaNet Bishop, Interim Emergency Services Director Linwood Epps, Codes Enforcement Director Randy Evans, Planning Director Doug Reimold, Fire Chief David Williamson, Recreation Director Ken McRae, Roads and Bridges Director Bobby Richardson, Environmental Services Director Mike Dorriety, and others.

REPORTERS PRESENT

Mr. Jim Faile of the Messenger and Ms. Samantha Lyles of the News and Press.

Call To Order / Invocation / Pledge Of Allegiance

Mr. Douglas presented the invocation and Mr. Blackwell led the pledge of allegiance.

Citizens' Comments

Mr. George Cannon stated that he had previously appeared before County Council to complain about drainage in the area south of Hartsville. Last week he received letters dated in the 1990's regarding the 20 landowners who did not support the project that the City of Hartsville had proposed. Mr. Cannon stated that he went to Congressman John Spratt's Office to discuss the drainage problem. Congressman Spratt indicated that he would contact the Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Cannon pointed out that until last week, he had not received any of the letters and notes, several of which contained his name. The notes discussed the Army Corps of Engineers making two visits to the area and the different agencies that were willing to help resolve the problem. However, the only letter he received was the letter stating that the drainage problem was a county problem and the county would correct it. Since 1991, only one ditch near his home had been cleaned. Mr. Cannon said he did not know that the City of Hartsville had also contacted Congressman Spratt

about the drainage problem in the area south of Hartsville (the area inside the city limits). He also had a letter from Congressman Spratt asking him to get the neighbors together and address Council about the problem. However, he never received the letter.

Ms. Nicholson wanted to know who Congressman Spratt's Office had addressed the letters to.

Mr. Cannon said the letters were addressed to him. However, he never received them. He was told that he was supposed to be addressing property owners about easements into this area. However, since 1997, only one ditch had been cleaned. Mr. Cannon reported that \$600,000 was sent back to the grant that could have been used in the south section of Hartsville. When the Army Corps of Engineers scheduled a meeting on May 3rd for everyone to get together, no one participated from the county. The county did not show any interest in the problem when the money was available. Mr. Cannon questioned whether the taxpayers in the south area of Hartsville were in the county. He asked whom should he see and trust and where to go from here. He said a number of agencies were willing to help in the 1990's, except for the county.

Mrs. Warr mentioned that she was on County Council when property owners from that area filled Council Chambers when this matter was discussed. She said the property owners did not want the canal to cross their property because it was going to be such a big canal.

Mr. Cannon said when the landowners were notified, they were faced with condemnation and additional tax to keep the canal clean. Therefore, the people were against the condemnation of their property and the additional tax. He also stated that the City of Hartsville had planned for four years. Then the project was given to the county to take the land. Mr. Cannon did not feel that the matter was handled properly, and some of the funds that were sent back were suppose to help the area south of Hartsville. He said Congressman Spratt wanted to know whether some of the money could be channeled back, but no one from Darlington County showed up as was stated in the letters that he recently received.

Ms. Nicholson requested a copy of the letters that Mr. Cannon had referenced.

Mr. Cannon stated that he did not have a copy of the letters available to give to Ms. Nicholson. However, he could send her a copy. He then mentioned that Planning Director Doug Reimold was supposed to be working on this. However, he had not heard anything in four or five months.

Ms. Nicholson said she had explained to Mr. Cannon during last week that there was a meeting in early Spring. Mr. Cannon was supposed to attend the meeting with Mr. Johnson and her. During the meeting, they reviewed the hazardous (flood zone) maps required by the feds. They indicated that the 1991 maps would have to be updated.

Mr. Cannon said he saw the Army Corps of Engineers surveying the area. When he saw the work being done, he contacted the Highway Department and the county and no one knew what was going on. Then he received a letter indicating that the Army Corps of Engineers was doing a survey.

Ms. Nicholson explained that Council would need to review the letters that Mr. Cannon had referenced. She asked Mr. Cannon to go to the County Administrator's Office so that the staff could make a copy of the letters for Council's review.

Mr. Cannon said a copy of the letter was sent to County Administrator Phyllis Griffiths stating that the county would take care of the problem.

Chairman Baldwin asked Mr. Cannon who indicated that the county would take care of the problem.

Mr. Cannon said he could not find out. The person in Congressman Spratt's Office who wrote the letter had retired. This was the only letter that he had received, but he misplaced it.

Ms. Nicholson stated that she had explained to Mr. Cannon on last week that a copy of any letter issued by a congressman's office could be retrieved. Therefore, if Congressman Spratt sent a letter, it could be retrieved without any problems.

Mr. Cannon said he went to address them (Congressman Spratt's Office) about the letter, but they did not have a copy.

County Attorney Jim Cox recalled that with the grant or commitment of money, to get the money, the county had to sign off that it was willing to do land condemnations if the rights-of-way could not be obtained. Since the landowners were so vocal in opposing this, the county looked at the amount of money it would receive and the amount it would cost for land condemnation. The county said it did not have the money, at that time, to have an adverse condemnation proceeding against an entire neighborhood. Therefore, with the landowners concern, the county elected not to accept the money.

Mrs. Warr stated that this was correct. She also stated that there were concerns about the water flowing into Black Creek and flooding Darlington.

Mr. Cannon clarified that the letters spoke of Jefferies Creek.

County Attorney Cox said it was the opposition and the cost that the county said it did not have the money to have a hostile condemnation; and to accept the money, the county would have to agree to condemnations.

Mrs. Warr said it could not be worked out with the landowners.

Mr. Cannon said this was true. He stated that he and anyone else would fight it if their land was being taken and they would be taxed, too. This was what the landowners did.

Mrs. Warr added that the people would have had to erect a fence to keep from being sued if someone fell in and drowned.

Ms. Nicholson said she was not on Council during this time, but she was a landowner who had been complaining about flooding for a long time. Therefore, she asked Mrs. Griffiths for the history regarding this matter.

Ms. Susan Rogers apologized for speaking out of place at Council's last meeting. She talked about Council needing to care more about the animals and referred to several verses in the bible. Ms. Rogers said God created the animals for us and we needed to take care of them.

Approval Of Minutes - Budget Worksession Of May 10, 2010

MOTION was made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Nicholson to approve the minutes of the budget worksession of May 10, 2010.

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval Of Minutes - Regular Meeting Of May 17, 2010

MOTION was made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Douglas to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 17, 2010.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances

There were no ordinances.

Resolutions

There were no resolutions.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Other Items

Consent To Time Warner NY Cable, LLC Application For State-Issued Certificate Of Franchise Authority For Hartsville Franchise Area Formerly Serviced By Adelphia Cable

Mrs. Warr asked whether Time Warner Cable would or would not have control over broadband throughout the county.

Mrs. Griffiths clarified that Lamar area did not have the necessary equipment for Time Warner to connect to. If Time Warner Cable borrowed the money to install cable in Lamar area, the company would not get enough customers to repay the loan. She clarified that this franchise would be for the area in and around Hartsville that was formerly serviced by Adelphia Cable. A map of this area was included in the agenda package. Mrs. Griffiths also explained that with the new law, cable companies now have to go through the state to obtain a state issued certificate of franchise. Information regarding the amount of money the county receives in franchise fees for this area was also included in the agenda package. Mrs. Griffiths stated that the county has no control as to where the cable company places the cable.

Chairman Baldwin said the City of Hartsville was working on a cablevision project that would service Lamar area. He asked whether this would present a conflict.

Mrs. Warr and Mr. Blackwell indicated that the City of Hartsville was trying to obtain this service.

Mrs. Griffiths explained that the state took over cable franchising because the state felt that some counties were controlling which cable company could come into their county. This procedure would protect any cable company wanting to service a county. The cable company would obtain franchise authority through the state.

Mrs. Warr asked whether another company could offer cable in Time Warner's service area in Hartsville.

Mrs. Griffiths said this was the reason the cable companies were going through the state. This would not mean that another cable company could not come into the county.

MOTION was made by Mr. Blackwell and seconded by Mr. Flowers to consent to Time Warner NY Cable's application for a state issued certificate of franchise authority for Hartsville area formerly serviced by Adelphia Cable.

The motion carried unanimously.

Quit Claim Deed For Drainage Easement E1 And For Transference Of New Drainage Easement E2 (Located Off Crescent Drive In Hartsville)

MOTION was made by Mr. Blackwell and seconded by Mr. Douglas to approve the quit claim deed.

Ms. Nicholson asked whether this type drainage easement was what the county needed during the 1990's.

Mr. Cox explained that an easement was needed from each landowner and they did not want this.

Ms. Nicholson asked the location of Crescent Drive.

Planning Director Doug Reimold indicated that Crescent Drive was located off East Home Avenue in Tanglewood Subdivision. This easement would service two different drainage areas and a road-paving project.

The motion carried unanimously.

Agreement Between Darlington County Jetport And Progress Energy Carolina, Inc. - H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit No. 2

MOTION was made by Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Mrs. Warr to approve the agreement between Darlington County Jetport and Progress Energy Carolinas.

The motion carried unanimously.

Appointments To Boards/Commissions

Alcohol and Drug Citizen Advisory Committee. Mrs. Griffiths reminded Council that each Council member would appoint someone to represent his/her Council district on each Board/Commission. As for the Alcohol and Drug Citizen Advisory Committee, Mrs. Griffiths pointed out that there were two members from Council Districts 5, 6, and 7 and Council Districts 1, 3, and 8 were not represented. She stated that if a Council district has more than one representative on a Board/Commission, someone would have to be removed so that another council district could be represented.

Mr. Flowers stated that the two members from his council district were appointed by Mrs. Johnson. He was willing to appoint one of the members to represent his council district and Mrs. Johnson could appoint the other to represent her council district.

Mrs. Johnson made it clear that it did not matter which council district a person was from, as long as the person could do the job. However, she would make an appointment from her council district.

Mr. Flowers clarified that Mrs. Johnson wanted him to remove one of the two individuals she had nominated since they lived in his council district, and she would appoint someone else from her council district.

Mrs. Johnson was hoping that Council would leave things as they were and all future appointments would be from each council district. She wanted the members to remain until their term runs out.

Mr. Flowers thought that the appointments did not have to come from each Council District. Each Council member would have an appointment to the Boards/Commissions.

County Attorney Jim Cox read Chapter 2, Article IV, Section 2-201 of the Code of Ordinances which states, "All boards, commissions, and committees of the county contemplated by S.C. Code 1976, section 4-9-170, limited to those enumerated in section 2-204, shall be limited to eight members appointed by each county councilmember to represent each of the eight council districts." Therefore, the appointments must come from each council district.

Mrs. Griffiths pointed out that the members on the Alcohol and Drug Citizen Advisory Committee serves until they resign or are replaced by County Council.

It was Attorney Cox's opinion that of the two members from Mr. Flowers' council district, Mr. Flowers would have to leave one on and take the other off. According to the ordinance, each Council member would have a chance to nominate someone from his/her Council district. There has to be a member from each of the eight council districts.

Mrs. Warr mentioned that the attendance record for members of this Committee was included in the agenda. She said some of the members had poor attendance.

Mr. Shaw complained about having to remove a member who had good attendance. He did not agree with the rule.

Alcohol And Drug Citizen Advisory Committee.

Council Dist. 1- Mr. Baldwin carried over his appointment.

Council Dist. 2 - Mr. Douglas appointed Ms. Eunice Holloman of Leavensworth Road to replace Ms. Mary Benjamin who attended one of six meetings.

Council Dist. 3 - Mrs. Johnson carried over her appointment.

Council Dist. 4 - Mrs. Warr appointed Ms. Jeanette Blackmon to continue serving.

Council Dist. 5 - Mr. Flowers appointed Ms. Robin Miles to continue service. Therefore, Ms. Linda Williams was removed.

Council Dist. 6 - Mrs. Nicholson appointed Mr. Regional Alford to continue serving and removed Ms. Cynthia Dickey who attended only two of six meetings.

Council Dist. 7 - Mr. Shaw carried over his appointment to decide who would continue serving (Ms. Ruth Baronda or Mr. Warren Arthur).

Council Dist. 8 - Mrs. Blackwell carried over his appointment.

MOTION was made by Mr. Blackwell and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to carry over the remaining appointments to the Alcohol and Drug Citizen Advisory Committee.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ambulance Commission.

Council Dist. 1- Mr. Baldwin reappointed Mr. John Ramsey for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2013. Therefore, Ms. Leslie McElveen was removed.

Council Dist. 2 - Mrs. Douglas appointed Ms. Wendy Davis for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2013.

Council Dist. 3 - Mrs. Johnson carried over her appointment.

Council Dist. 4 - Mrs. Warr appointed Dr. April Fox to continue her term to expire June 30, 2011.

Council Dist. 5 - Mr. Flowers carried over his appointment.

Council Dist. 6 - Ms. Nicholson Appointed Ms. Kimberly Addison to fill an unexpired term to expire June 30, 2011.

Council Dist. 7 - Mr. Shaw appointed Dr. Abraham Areepanthu to continue his term to expire June 30, 2012.

Council Dist. 8 - Mr. Blackwell carried over his appointment.

Board of Assessment Appeals.

Council Dist. 1 - Mr. Baldwin carried over his appointment.

Council Dist. 2 - Mr. Douglas appointed Mr. Kevin Brown of 612 Pocket Road for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2013.

Council Dist. 3 - Mrs. Johnson appointed Mr. Ernest Coe to continue his term to expire June 30, 2012.

Council Dist. 4 - Mrs. Warr appointed Mr. Don Spencer to continue his term to expire June 30, 2012. Therefore, Mr. Ricky Andrews could not continue his term to expire June 30, 2012.

Council Dist. 5 - Mr. Flowers appointed Ms. Donna Moore for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2013.

Council Dist. 6 - Ms. Nicholson appointed Ms. Lunell Williams for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2013.

Council Dist. 7 - Mr. Shaw carried over his appointment.

Council Dist. 8 - Mr. Blackwell carried over his appointment.

Since Mr. Randol Scarborough and Ms. Carol Bishop had served two full consecutive terms, they were not eligible for reappointment.

Construction Board of Adjustment & Appeals.

Council Dist. 1 - Mr. Baldwin reappointed Mr. Stephen Andrews for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2013.

Council Dist. 2 - Mr. Douglas appointed Mr. Daniel Boykin to continue his term to expire June 30, 2012. Therefore, Mr. Lessie Joseph could not continue his term to expire June 30, 2012.

Council Dist. 3 - Mrs. Johnson appointed Mr. Rujon Williams to continue his term to expire June 30, 2011.

Council Dist. 4 - Mrs. Warr reappointed Mr. David Andrews for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2013.

Council Dist. 5 - Mr. Flowers carried over his appointment.

Council Dist. 6 - Ms. Nicholson disclosed that she wanted to appoint her relative, Mr. Bennie Nicholson, for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2013. There were no objections from County Council.

Council Dist. 7 - Mr. Shaw appointed Mr. Samuel Phillips to continue his term to expire June 30, 2011.

Council Dist. 8 - Mr. Blackwell appointed Mr. Gene Hardee to continue his term to expire June 30, 2011.

Development Board.

Council Dist. 1 - Mr. Baldwin appointed Mr. Ray Floyd, III for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2013.

Council Dist. 2 - Mr. Douglas appointed Dr. Ernest Helms, III for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2013.

Council Dist. 3 - Mrs. Johnson appointed Mr. Leo Bonaparte to continue his term to expire June 30, 2011.

Council Dist. 4 - Mrs. Warr reappointed Mr. Ray Howell for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2013.

Council Dist. 5 - Mr. Flowers carried over his appointment.

Council Dist. 6 - Ms. Nicholson appointed Dr. Alvin Heatley for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2013.

Council Dist. 7 - Mr. Shaw reappointed Mr. Ben Kilpatrick for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2013.

Council Dist. 8 - Mr. Blackwell appointed Mr. Gordon McBride to continue his term to expire June 30, 2011.

Since, Mr. Terry Mac Josey had served two full consecutive terms, he was not eligible for reappointment.

Board of Fire Control. It was the consensus of Council to carry over the appointments to the Board of Fire Control (Swift Creek Station 2 and Dovesville Station 13).

Historical Commission.

Council Dist. 1 - Mr. Baldwin appointed Mr. Kevin Brown for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2013.

Council Dist. 2 - Mr. Douglas appointed Ms. Susan Calcutt for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2013.

Council Dist. 3 - Mrs. Johnson appointed Mrs. Sarah Smith for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2013.

Council Dist. 4 - Mrs. Warr appointed Ms. Jane DuBose for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2013 to replace Mr. Preston Warr.

Council Dist. 5 - Mr. Flowers appointed Mrs. Lois Flowers for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2013.

Council Dist. 6 - Ms. Nicholson appointed Ms. Jannie Harriot to continue her term to expire June 30, 2012.

Council Dist. 7 - Mr. Shaw carried over his appointment to decide who would continue serving through June 30, 2011 (Ms. Judy N. Knight or Mr. Bill Segars).

Council Dist. 8 - Mrs. Blackwell appointed Ms. Patricia Grant Holley for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2013.

Since, Mrs. Doris Bateman had served two full consecutive terms, she was not eligible for reappointment.

Jetport Commission.

Council Dist. 1 - Mr. Baldwin appointed Mr. William Fleming, Sr. to continue his term to expire June 30, 2011.

Council Dist. 2 - Mr. Douglas reappointed Mr. Thomas Chris Blackmon for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2013. Therefore, Mr. John Isgett could not continue his term to expire June 30, 2012.

Council Dist. 3 - Mrs. Johnson appointed Mr. Phillip Johnson for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2013.

Council Dist. 4 - Mrs. Warr appointed Mr. Fred Saverance for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2013.

Council Dist. 5 - Mr. Flowers appointed Mr. James Marsh to continue his term to expire June 30, 2012.

Council Dist. 6 - Ms. Nicholson appointed Mr. Wilken Benjamin, Sr. for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2013.

Council Dist. 7 - Mr. Shaw appointed Mr. Richard Atkinson to continue his term to expire June 30, 2011.

Council Dist. 8 - Mr. Blackwell carried over his appointment.

Library Board.

Council Dist. 1 - Mr. Baldwin carried over his appointment to decide who would continue serving through June 30, 2012 (Mrs. Anne Baldwin or Ms. Rona Askins).

Council Dist. 2 - Mr. Douglas reappointed Mrs. Jenell Davis for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2014.

Council Dist. 3 - Mrs. Johnson appointed Ms. Melinda Pearson to continue her term to expire June 30, 2011.

Council Dist. 4 - Mrs. Warr appointed Dr. Gordon Brown to continue his term to expire June 30, 2011.

Council Dist. 5 - Mr. Flowers carried over appointment.

Council Dist. 6 - Ms. Nicholson reappointed Mrs. Juanita McFarland for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2014.

Council Dist. 7 - Mr. Shaw carried over his appointment.

Council Dist. 8 - Mr. Blackwell appointed Mr. Ken Hughes to continue his term to expire June 30, 2013.

Parks & Recreation Commission.

Council Dist. 1 - Mr. Baldwin appointed Mr. DeQuincey Davis to continue his term to expire June 30, 2012.

Council Dist. 2 - Mr. Douglas appointed Ms. Brenda Nettles for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2013.

Council Dist. 3 - Mrs. Johnson appointed Mr. John Davis to continue his term to expire June 30, 2011.

Council Dist. 4 - Mrs. Warr appointed Mr. Doug Evans complete the term of Ms. Ann Galloway to expire June 30, 2011.

Council Dist. 5 - Mr. Flowers carried over his appointment.

Council Dist. 6 - Ms. Nicholson appointed Mr. Bob Braddock to continue his term to expire June 30, 2011.

Council Dist. 7 - Mr. Shaw carried over his appointment.

Council Dist. 8 - Mr. Blackwell carried over his appointment.

Planning Commission.

Council Dist. 1 - Mr. Baldwin appointed Michael Sprott for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2013.

Council Dist. 2 - Mr. Douglas appointed Dr. Richard Antrum to continue his term to expire June 30, 2012. Therefore, Mr. Grady Culbertson could not continue his term to expire June 30, 2011 and Mr. Edward Krajack could not be reappointed.

Council Dist. 3 - Mrs. Johnson appointed Mr. James Harrell for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2013.

Council Dist. 4 - Mrs. Warr appointed Mr. Mitch Tyner for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2013.

Council Dist. 5 - Mr. Flowers appointed Mr. Ryan Galloway to continue his term to expire June 20, 2012.

Council Dist. 6 - Ms. Nicholson appointed Mr. Leo Johnson for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2013.

Council Dist. 7 - Mr. Shaw carried over his appointment.

Council Dist. 8 - Mr. Blackwell carried over his appointment.

Since Mr. Larry Gantt had served two full consecutive terms, he was not eligible for reappointment.

Pee Dee Workforce Investment Board. **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Warr and seconded by Nicholson to reappoint Mr. Bert Guerry (Education Sector) and Mr. Anthony Outlaw (Private Industry) to the Pee Dee Workforce Investment Board for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 expire June 30, 2013

The motion carried unanimously.

Pee Dee Regional EMS. Mrs. Warr expressed her desire to reappoint Mr. John Isgett to Pee Dee Regional EMS Board for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2012.

Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority. Mr. Flowers expressed his desire to reappoint Mr. Blake Bondy to the Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority Board for a term to commence on July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2013.

Pee Dee Resource Conservation & Development Area Council. Mrs. Warr mentioned that Council had received information regarding Mr. Griggs' attendance.

Mr. Griggs had attended the one meeting scheduled in 2006 after his appointment; one of four meetings in 2007; two of five meetings in 2008; one of four meetings in 2009; and none of the two meetings held thus far in 2010.

Mr. Blackwell reported that Mr. Griggs had been sick which caused him not to be able to attend the meetings. However, if there were no objections, he wanted Mr. Griggs to remain on the Pee Dee Resource Conservation and Development Area Council.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Warr and seconded by Ms. Nicholson to reappoint Mr. John Isgett to Pee Dee Regional EMS Board, to reappoint Mr. Blake Bondy to Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority Board, and reappoint Mr. Bobby Griggs to Pee Dee Resource Conservation and Development Area Council.

The motion carried unanimously.

Agreement Between Sonoco Products And Darlington County Fire District For Required Firefighter Physicals

MOTION was made by Mrs. Warr and seconded by Mr. Blackwell to approve the agreement between Sonoco Products and the County Fire District for required firefighter physicals.

The motion carried unanimously.

Cooperative Service Agreement Between Darlington County And Marlboro County and United States Department Of Agriculture (USDA)- Mrs. Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)- Mrs. Wildlife Services (WS) For Beaver Program, \$27,500

MOTION was made by Mrs. Warr and seconded by Mr. Douglas to approve the beaver program agreement.

Mrs. Warr commended the efforts of the Beaver Control Officer in resolving the beaver problem at Newman Swamp in Lamar.

The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Included in the Consent Agenda were the following:

<u>ITEMS</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
A. Jetport Commission Minutes, April 8, 2010	Receive As Information
B. Marlboro- Mrs. Darlington County Beaver Program Report, April 2010	Receive As Information
C. Keep Darlington County Beautiful Minutes, April 20, 2010	Receive As Information
D. Animal Control Report, April 2010	Receive As Information
E. Building Permit Types Report, April 2010	Receive As Information
F. Census Complete Count Committee Minutes, April 29, 2010	Receive As Information
G. Thank You Letter From Rock Hill Local Census Office For Use Of The Society Hill Neighborhood Center & Robert L. Grooms Building	Receive As Information
H. Rubicon's Three Year Strategic Plan For Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse Services For Darlington County, FY11-FY13	Receive As Information
I. Rubicon Advisory Council (Alcohol & Drug Citizen Advisory) Committee Attendance Report	Receive As Information
J. Fire Board Minutes, January 27, 2010 & March 25, 2010	Receive As Information

MOTION was made by Mr. Blackwell and seconded by Mrs. Warr to receive the Consent Agenda items as information.

The motion carried unanimously.

Personal Appearances

There were no personal appearances.

Administrative Update -Mrs. Phyllis Griffiths, County Administrator - Update

Mrs. Griffiths did not have an update. However, she requested that Recreation Director Ken McRae be allowed to present two PARD Grant applications.

Administrative Update - Mr. Ken McRae, Recreation Director - (1) Dovesville Playground PARD Grant Application & (2) Centerville Court Painting PARD Grant Application

Recreation Director Ken McRae reported that he received a call from Senator Gerald Malloy's Office on this morning requesting that he meet at the Senator's office to discuss several grants that had been on the table for some time. He said all, except for about \$32,000 had been earmarked depending upon Council's consideration for the two grants he would present tonight. Mr. McRae stated that Senator Malloy endorsed these two grants on today and the funds have to be spent by October 31, 2010.

Dovesville Playground PARD Grant Application was in the amount of \$24,862. In the information provided to Council, an agreement was reached with South Carolina Department of Transportation for funds to replace the existing ball field that would be affected by the Highway 52 road-widening project. After construction of the new field, these grant funds would be used to erect a new playground system.

MOTION was made by Mr. Blackwell and seconded by Mr. Douglas to authorize submission of the grant application for the Dovesville Playground Project for \$24,862.

The motion carried unanimously.

Centerville Court Painting PARD Grant Application was in the amount of \$4,000. In the information provided to Council, this grant would be used to complete the Centerville Basketball court project recently repaved with another grant.

MOTION was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Ms. Nicholson to authorize submission of the grant application for the Centerville Court Painting Project for \$4,000.

The motion carried unanimously.

Requests/Comments - Members Of Council

Mr. Douglas requested dirt for the playground at New Hopewell.

Mr. McRae indicated that the lease agreement with New Hopewell had expired, and there would need to be a lease in order for the county to place dirt on the playground.

Mrs. Johnson distributed and read the following statements regarding the Darlington County Cultural Realism Complex:

"Finishing The Beginning For Future Generations, A National Story In Rural Darlington County, South Carolina. Problem: The Darlington County Cultural Realism Complex, Inc. is experiencing foreclosure with Carolina Bank and Trust of Darlington for a mortgage loan of \$185,198.72. Facing Reality: The 37-year legacy of CRC, Inc. became a reality in this democratic county with a mission that working together on various problems will lead to a positive quality of life for all ethnic groups. Foreclosure of CRC, Inc. will put an end to the establishment and management of five centers without duplication of services operating full-time with volunteers and limited donations. The Architect of Community Programs and

Economic Development: The Darlington County Cultural Realism Complex, Inc. has provided rural Darlington County, South Carolina and America with the architectural plan for services for the people during the past 37 years. This pilot project will be expanded, improved, and preserved in Darlington County. Hypocrisy will not be tolerated. Elected officials must be sensitive to the needs of people without regard to race, religion, age, sex, and national origin. Politics must be taken out of government on all levels. Request from County Council: Financial request in the amount of \$35,000 to help prevent foreclosure of the Darlington County Cultural Realism Complex, Inc."

Mrs. Johnson mentioned a cleanup effort in the south Darlington area.

Mr. Flowers asked Mr. McRae whether the Recreation Department had any of the old fence that was taken down at Dovesville Ballfield. He explained that the Sheriff's Department had recently built a garage building that was supposed to be fenced in so that it would be secure. Therefore, he thought that the old fence that was taken down from the ballpark could be used for this purpose. He asked Mrs. Griffiths to follow-up on this if the fence was not going to be used for another ballpark.

Mr. McRae said most of the old fence was taken to the Prison Farm. However, some may be stock piled around the Recreation Department.

Mr. Shaw said progress was being made with the Humane Society. He commented that the county was able to get money from the state for a ballpark that would take care of about 40 to 50 people. The Humane Society was asking for money to take care of the entire county, and it was turned down. Mr. Shaw hopes that Council would not forget the Humane Society at the end of the fiscal year. He said that if the county could get about \$60,000 for 24 to 25 families, the Humane Society should have been able to get some money for taking care of the entire county and easing the burden on the Sheriff's Department, etc.

Chairman Baldwin said he had received a letter from Judge Michael Baxley thanking Council and expressing his gratitude for Council improving the computer equipment in the courthouse. Judge Baxley invited Council members to visit him if he could be of assistance to Council.

Vote For Executive Session

MOTION was made by Mrs. Warr and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to vote for executive session for the discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body.

The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

MOTION was made by Mrs. Warr and seconded by Mrs. Johnson for County Council members, County Attorney Jim Cox, and County Administrator Phyllis Griffiths to go into executive session for the discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body.

The motion carried unanimously.

Council recessed at 7:44 p.m. prior to going into executive session and reconvened at 8:02 p.m. Councilman Shaw left during recess.

Upon reconvening, Chairman Baldwin announced that no action was taken in executive session.

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Flowers to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. JaNet Bishop, Clerk to Council

Mr. Billy Baldwin, Chairman
Darlington County Council

Approved at meeting of July 6, 2010.