

DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
109 SOUTH THIRD AVENUE
DILLON SC 29536
FEBRUARY 26, 2025 5:00 PM

The Dillon County Council held a meeting on February 26, 2025 at 5:00 PM in the County Council Chambers. Present were Detrice Dawkins, Robbie Coward, Dennis Townsend, Kenny Cook Jr., Stevie Grice, Brad Coward and James Washington . Also present were Tim Harper, County Administrator, Ken Dubose, Matthew Elvington, Deputy Administrator, Druscilla Blakely, Clerk to Council, Vicky Rogers, The Dillon Herald and Betsy Finklea, Dillon County News LLC.

The following were notified of the meeting and provided an agenda by email:

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CALL TO ORDER

Councilman Stevie Grice called the meeting to order and presided over the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Stevie Grice led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Councilman Dennis Townsend gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Brad Coward to amend the Agenda by adding 7-B which was a request for Council to approve two roads. Max Road in district 4 and Grahamdale Road in district 1. A motion was made by Robbie Coward to approve the amended agenda and he was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor. The motion to approve the new agenda was made by Robbie

coward and seconded by James Washington. All were in favor. A motion was made by Robbie Coward to approve the new amended agenda and seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 31, 2025 WORKSHOP & JANUARY 31, 2025

A motion was made by Kenny Cook Jr. to approve the minutes from January 31, 2025 Workshop Minutes and January 31, 2025 Meeting Minutes. He was seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING

DILLON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 24-23 – PUBLIC HEARING

AN ORDINANCE BY DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY DILLON COUNTY LOCATED AT 403 NEW JERUSALEM DRIVE AND DESIGNATED AS TAX MAP NUMBER 069-04-04-021 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LIMITED WARRANTY DEED AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

No one signed up to speak at the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing was then closed

ORDINANCE

DILLON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 24-23 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE BY DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY DILLON COUNTY LOCATED AT 403 NEW JERUSALEM DRIVE AND DESIGNATED AS TAX MAP NUMBER 069-04-04-021 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LIMITED WARRANTY DEED AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to approve Dillon County Ordinance No. 24-23 – Second Reading. He was seconded by Detrice Dawkins. All were in favor.

MAX ROAD & GRAHAMDALE ROAD BEING BROUGHT INTO SYSTEM TO PLOW

A motion was made by Brad Coward to bring Max Road and Grahamdale Road into the system to plow only. There is to be no driveways, tiles or extra maintenance. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROCLAMATION

A Black History Month Proclamation was read by Councilman Stevie Grice to proclaim the month of February as Black History Month in Dillon County. A motion to approve the Black History Month Proclamation was made by Dennis Townsend. He was seconded by Detrice Dawkins. All were in favor.

COUNCIL RECREATION REQUEST

The Pregnancy Center Of Dillon County requested donations. Robbie Coward donated \$500.00, Kenny Cook Jr. donated \$100.00, Dennis Townsend donated \$100.00, Detrice Dawkins donated \$50.00. Brad Coward made a personal donation of \$100.00. A motion to approve the Council Recreation Request was made by Robbie Coward. He was seconded by Detrice Dawkins. All were in favor.

2023-2024 AUDIT PRESENTATION

The 2023-2024 Audit Presentation was tabled due to the representative being sick.

GREGORY JACOBS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR–COMMUNITY BASED ALLIANCE OF RURAL PEER SUPPORT IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Gregory Jacobs, Deputy Director of the Community-based Alliance of Rural Peer Support in South Carolina spoke to council concerning the services that they offer in rural communities in South Carolina impacted by substance use disorder and recovery. They also wanted to make County Council aware of grants that Dillon County needed to take advantage of. Tim Harper, Administrator said that they were aware and have already submitted the application.

SHERIFF JAMIE HAMILTON – NEW SHERIFF DEPARTMENT VEHICLES

Sheriff Jamie Hamilton spoke to county council concerning New Sheriff Department Vehicles. A motion to purchase 4 new vehicles for the Sheriffs Department was made by Kenny Cook Jr. He was seconded by Detrice Dawkins. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL POLICY

The Approval of Personnel Policy was tabled until next month's meeting.

VEHICLE POLICY AND MAINTENANCE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

County Council received the Vehicle Policy and Maintenance Program Policy for their information only but it will be placed on next month's agenda for approval.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFER STATION CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Dennis Townsend made a motion to approve the Transfer Station Construction Contract with Westside Hauling for \$958,657.00 and he was seconded by Robbie Coward. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Detrice Dawkins appointed Cynthia Pernell to the Tax Accommodations Board and Brad Coward appointed Bryan Berry to the Tax Appeal Board. A motion was made by Dennis Townsend to approve the Committee Appointments. He was seconded by Detrice Dawkins. All were in favor.

Kenny Cook Jr. made motion to appoint Dennis Townsend to the Pee Dee Council Of Government in place of Jamal Campbell. He was seconded by Detrice Dawkins. All were in favor.

A motion was made by James Washington to appoint Bobby McDuffie to the Tax Appeal Board. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Economic Development**
- B. Personnel**
- C. Contractual Matter**

A motion was made by Detrice Dawkins to go into Executive Session. She was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Robbie Coward and seconded by Detrice Dawkins. All were in favor.

Stevie Grice, Chairman

Druscilla Blakely, Clerk to Council

Date Approved