

DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
109 SOUTH THIRD AVENUE
DILLON SC 29536
MARCH 24, 2025 5:00 PM

The Dillon County Council held a Meeting Workshop on March 24, 2025 at 5:00 pm in the County Council Chambers. Present were Detrice Dawkins, Robbie Coward, Dennis Townsend, James Washington, Kenny Cook Jr., Stevie Grice and Brad Coward. Also present was Tim Harper, County Administrator and Druscilla Blakely, Clerk to Council, Ken Dubose, County Attorney, Betsy Finklea, Dillon County News LLC and Vickie Rogers, The Dillon Herald.

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

Dennis Townsend gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Robbie Coward made a motion to approve the amended the agenda by adding a personnel matter to the Executive Session. He was seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 26, 2025

A motion was made by Kenny Cook Jr. to approve the minutes from February 26, 2025. He was seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

CANCELLATION OF REGULAR MEETING ON MARCH 26, 2025

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to approve the cancellation of the Regular County Council meeting on March 26, 2025. He was seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.

ORDINANCES

DILLON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 24-23 – THIRD 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 Detrice Dawkins to approve Ordinance No. 24-23 – Third Reading. She was seconded by Robbie Coward. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-01 – IN TITLE ONLY – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE - AN ORDINANCE BY DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS AS TO WASTE TIRES

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to add a Workshop and approve Ordinance No. 25-01 – First Reading – By Title Only. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-02 – IN TITLE ONLY – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE – DILLON COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE

ADOPTION OF PERSONNEL POLICY

ADOPTION OF DILLON COUNTY VEHICLE POLICY – CALVIN POMPEY

Dillon County Council Chairman asked that a motion be made to table Ordinance No. 25-02 – Dillon County Business License Ordinance, Adoption of the Personnel Policy and Adoption of the Vehicle Policy and have a workshop on all of these before the next meeting. The motion was made by Kenny Cook Jr. and seconded by Brad Coward. All were in favor.

FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION – APRIL 2025

A motion was made by James Washington to approve the Fair Housing Resolution – April 2025. He was seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.

COUNCIL RECREATION REQUEST – MARCH 2025

Latta Springfest

Dennis Townsend	50.00	
Kenny Cook Jr.	75.00	
Brad Coward	500.00	Personal Donation
Robbie Coward	100.00	Personal Donation

The American Legion

Dennis Townsend	120.00	
Kenny Cook Jr.	120.00	
Brad Coward	120.00	Personal Donation
Robbie Coward	120.00	Personal Donation

Dillon County First Steps

Detrice Dawkins	50.00	
Robbie Coward	100.00	Personal Donation

Annual Women Empowerment – Lemonade Stand

Robbie Coward	100.00	Personal Donation
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A motion was made by Robbie Coward to approve the Council Recreation Request. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF APPLICATION USE OF COURTHOUSE GROUNDS-DR JAMES ORR

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to Approve of Application For Use of Courthouse Grounds for Dr. James Orr for a Back-to-School Event (School Supply Giveaway) Date of Use – July 26, 2025, Hours of Use: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. He was seconded by Brad Coward. All were in favor.

2023-2024 AUDIT PRESENTATION – SHANE KIRKLEY

Shane Kirkley went over the Dillon County Audit Financial Statement and a summary for 2023-2024 and stated that the overall audit was good.

APPROVAL OF PORTA JOHN BID

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to approve the Porta John Bid for Toi Toi and the cost will be \$68.00 per week per porta john. He was seconded by James Washington. All were in favor.

EMS CONTRACT WITH THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES – DANIEL MOODY

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to approve the EMS Contract with The Centers For Medicare and Medicaid Services. He was seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.

DETENTION CENTER TRUSTEE PROGRAM

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to approve the fees for Detention Center Trustees Program which are the state inmates to help with staffing, grass cutting and maintenance and also get skilled help. The fees will be \$45.00 per month for General Labor and \$55.00 per month for Skilled Labor and the money would be put into their canteen funds. He was seconded by Brad Coward. All were in favor.

APPOINTMENT TO PEE DEE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Robbie Coward made a motion to approve Councilman Dennis Townsend to the Pee Dee Transportation Advisory Committee. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. all were in favor.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

There were no Committee Appointments

A motion was made by Dennis Townsend to go into Executive Session. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Legal Matter
- B. Personnel Matter

No action was taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURN

Dennis Townsend made a motion to Adjourn. He was seconded by James Washington. All were in favor.

Stevie Grice, Chairman

Druscilla Blakely, Clerk to Council

Date Approved