

**Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Sumter County Council  
June 10, 1997 -- 6:00 P.M.  
SUMTER COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
County Council Chambers**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** James A. Campbell, Chairman; Frank E. Williams, Jr., Vice Chairman; Artie Baker, Carol Burr, Charles E. Fienning, Louis Fleming, and Naomi Sanders.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** William T. Noonan, County Administrator; Mary W. Lewis, Clerk to Council; Kathy Cuttino, County Attorney; John Duffie, County Engineer; George McGregor, Planning Coordinator; Carolina Richardson, Accounts Payable Supervisor; William Houser, Comptroller; Jeanette Mixon, Finance Director; Verna Moore, Coroner; Ed Owens, Deputy Assessor; Elizabeth Hair, County Treasurer; Eddie Newman, Public Works Director; Vic Jones, Public Safety Director; Martin Rogers, Human Resources/Assistant County Administrator; and Hembie Smith, Correctional Personnel.

**MEDIA PRESENT:** The Item and Television Channel 19

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Approximately 62 members of the public were in attendance.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Campbell, and the Rev. Michael Henderson, Pastor, Bethel United Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

**ACTION ON MINUTES:** MOTION was made by Councilwoman Sanders, seconded by Councilman Fienning, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the minutes of May 27, 1997, as presented by the Clerk.

MOTION was made by Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Fienning, and unanimously carried by Council to amend the minutes of May 27, 1997, by deleting information presented by the Clerk and inserting information presented by the County attorney as listed below.

**First Reading -- 97-325-- An Ordinance Amending Section 12-50 of the Sumter County Code of Laws, Concerning the Funding of the Sumter County Court Library.**

~~The County Attorney stated that this proposed ordinance amendment is simply to update the ordinance from its original inception. Mrs. Cuttino stated that the current ordinance on the Court Library provides that \$6.00 out of the \$15.00 filing fee will be transferred to the Clerk of Court's Office for the funding of the Court Library.~~

~~The proposed amendment changes the filing fee from \$15.00 to \$55.00 as listed in the state statute books and new language to read: "Funding support for the court library shall~~

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~~be appropriated from year to year in the course of the County's annual budgetary process." Forty four percent of the \$55.00 must be returned to the State as outlined by state statute and the remaining fifty six percent will be transferred to the County's general fund to handle the expenses of the Court Library.~~

The County Attorney stated that this proposed ordinance amendment is simply to update the ordinance from its original inception and to provide a level of funding which will adequately meet the needs of the law library. Mrs. Cuttino stated that the current ordinance of the Court library provides that \$6.00 out of the \$15.00 statutory filing fee will be transferred to the Clerk of Court's Office for the funding of the Court Library.

The statutory filing fee is now \$55.00. Forty-four percent of the \$55.00 must be returned to the State as outlined by state statute and the remaining fifty-six percent is transferred to the County's general fund. The proposed amendment, reading as follows: "Funding support for the court library shall be appropriated from year to year in the course of the County's annual budgetary process", will provide for funding the law library as a line item in the County's annual budget.

**Second Reading -- 97-324 -- An Ordinance Establishing Noise Regulations Within The Unincorporated Areas of Sumter County.**

~~Mrs. Cuttino presented the proposed ordinance to Council. She stated that she has spoken to a member of the Richland County's Sheriff's Office concerning the "sound meters" which would be needed to assist in the enforcement of this ordinance. Additionally, she added that the decibel meters will NOT pick up the "low base sounds." Therefore, she recommended to Council to amend the proposed ordinance to include "low base sounds" as a noise nuisance.~~

Mrs. Cuttino presented the proposed ordinance to Council. She stated that she has spoken to a member of the Greenville County Sheriff's Office concerning that County's experiences with a similar noise ordinance, and the decibel meters which would be needed to assist in the enforcement of this ordinance. Additionally, she added that based on information received from Greenville County, the decibel meters will NOT pick up low bass sounds. Therefore, she recommended to Council to amend the proposed ordinance to include low bass sounds a noise nuisance.

**LAND USE MATTERS AND REZONING REQUESTS**

**Planned Development/Rezoning Requests**

- (1) **RZ-97-10 -- Third Reading -- K. F. Grocery, Inc. -- A Request To Rezone Approximately 2.5 Acres Of Property Located At 1768 Pinewood Road (Tax Map 208-16-04-006 And 007) From Residential-9 To Neighborhood Commercial To Allow For Future Development.**

Mr. George McGregor, the Planning Coordinator, presented this matter before Council. He stated that this rezoning request is for an approximate 2.5 acre-tract of land to be

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developed as neighborhood commercial. The Planning staff and the Planning Commission recommended approval of the rezoning request.

**ACTION:** After discussion MOTION was made by Councilman Fienning, seconded by Councilwoman Sanders, and unanimously carried by Council to grant third reading to the rezoning request.

(2) **RZ-977-17 -- First Reading -- Henry A. Kreklau -A Request To Rezone Property Located At 1309 Furman Drive (Tax Map 155-10-01-012) From General Residential To Limited Commercial In Order To Allow A Recreation Vehicle Storage Facility.**

Mr. McGregor stated that the applicant is requesting rezoning approval in order to operate a recreational vehicle (RV) storage lot. According to the applicant, the business would provide secure storage for RV's for predominantly military personnel that are currently unable to house the vehicles at their residences. The applicant submitted a site plan which indicates that the lot would be approximately two acres in size, located adjacent to residential property owned by the applicant. A security fence would also be provided.

Mr. McGregor further stated that the property located on Furman Drive is essentially residential in character, with numerous single-family dwellings surrounding this subject property.

The Planning staff reviewed the plans and visited the site. Denial of the request was recommended for the following reasons:

- The request is incompatible with the 2005 Plan which has designated this area for residential development.
- Rezoning a two-acre island among a large general Residential district may be considered illegal spot zoning.
- The property is more reasonably suited to residential uses. Single-family homes and manufactured homes are permitted in this general residential district. The opportunity to develop the property in this overwhelmingly residential area should be encouraged.

The Planning Commission recommended denial of the request because it would be setting a precedence for spot zoning.

**ACTION:** After discussion, MOTION was made by Councilman Burr, seconded by Councilman Fleming, and unanimously carried by Council to deny first reading to the rezoning request.

**Street Name Change -- None**

**Grant - None**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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- (1) **97-324 -- An Ordinance Establishing Noise Regulations Within The Unincorporated Areas of Sumter County.**

The Chairman convened public hearing on this proposed ordinance. Mr. Earl Edmonds phoned in his support of the ordinance. Mr. Alphonso Johnson spoke in support of the ordinance but felt that the fine of \$200 was too high to charge for the offender of the proposed ordinance. He suggested that Council treat this ordinance such as a parking ticket. Several other persons also spoke in support of the ordinance.

No one spoke in opposition to the ordinance; however, one person spoke and asked Council to implement the ordinance immediately instead of August 15, 1997. There were no additional comments; therefore, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- (1) **Special Recognition of A Sumter County Employee.**  
This matter was deferred to the June 24, 1997, meeting.
- (2) **Second Annual Sumter County American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life."**

Mr. Stan Schaeztle presented the following proclamation to Council for consideration:

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community based, voluntary health organization that is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem, by preventing cancer, saving lives from cancer, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service; and

**WHEREAS**, one of every four deaths in the United States is from cancer, approximately 1,300,000 new cancer cases will be diagnosed this year alone, nearly 10 million Americans alive today have a history of cancer, and almost 7 million Americans were diagnosed with cancer five or more years ago and most of these persons can be considered cured of cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the goal of the American Cancer Society to sponsor an annual event to raise funds to be used in the fight against cancer, to recognize the survivors of cancer, and to hold a candlelight ceremony in honor of loved ones touched by cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, **Relay for Life Day** is one such activity which will allow the community, the families, and the nation to work together in combating cancer as a dominant health issue;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, James A. Campbell, Chairman of Sumter County Council, Sumter County, South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 1, 1997, as

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in Sumter County, South Carolina and urge all citizens to support this day by participating in the official **Relay for Life Day** festivities and fundraising events sponsored by the American Cancer Society for use in research, education, and service for all that are affected by this disease.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Williams, seconded by Councilman Fienning, and unanimously carried by Council to authorize the Chairman and the Clerk to execute a proclamation in support of the 1997 Relay for Life Cancer Society campaign scheduled for August 1, 1997.

(3) **Budget Presentations: School District #2 and School District #17**

Dr. J. Frank Baker provided Council members with a copy of the District's 1997-98 budget request.

Total County Allocation for 1996-97 fiscal year	\$7,845,614
Requested Allocation for 1997-98 fiscal year	\$8,487,374
Total Operational Millage for 1996-97 fiscal year	103.3
Estimated Mill Value for 1997-98	\$87,900
Mills Requested for 1997-98 Request (\$8,487,374 / \$87,900)	96.6
Millage Decrease (103.3 - 96.6)	(6.7)
<b>Breakdown of Additional Funding Request</b>	
EIA Maintenance of Required Local Effort	\$271,903
Funds Needed to Balance Budget	\$159,857
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education Finance Action Continues to Decrease</li> <li>• Due to the Increased Assessed Value of District Two Which Leads To A High Index Of Taxpaying Ability and Lower EFA Revenues</li> </ul>	
Higher Six (6) Additional Art/Music Teachers	\$210,000
Requested Increase Funding	\$641,760

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Burr, seconded by Councilwoman Sanders, and carried by Council to approve revenues and a budget of \$8,519,374 for fiscal year 1997-98 for School District Number Two. Councilman Baker abstained from voting on this matter.

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Dr. Andrena Ray presented School District #17's requested funding level for fiscal year 1997-98:

<b>Requested Funding Level 1997-98</b>	
1997-98	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 103.3 Mills -- \$107,500 Per Mill</li> <li>• State Tax Relief</li> </ul>	\$11,104,750 \$2,447,603
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>8,657,147</b>
Approved Funding Level 1996-97	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 99.2 Mills</li> <li>• State Tax Relief</li> </ul>	\$9,521,053 \$2,147,216
	7,673,837
<b>Total Increase Requested:</b>	<b>\$1,583,697</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4.1 Mills</li> </ul>	

After discussions Council took action on School District #17's budget request.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Burr, seconded by Councilman Williams, and carried by Council to provide School District #17 a funding level for fiscal year 1997-98 in the amount of \$10,600,000. Chairman Campbell did not participate in voting on this matter.

Council then took additional action on School District Number Two's funding level for fiscal year 1997-98 as follows:

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Burr, seconded by Councilman Fleming, and carried by Council to provide School District Number Two with an additional \$200,000 to its 1997-98 funding level for a total amount of \$8,719,374 for fiscal year 1997-98. Councilman Baker did not vote during this matter.

***Councilman Fianning left the meeting at this time due to other obligations.***

(4) DMG Management Performance Study.

The Corporate Vice President for David M. Griffith and Associates (DMG), Mr. House, presented the following information to Council:

Study Objectives:

- Reviewing each department's organizational structure, staffing, work flow processes and procedures, and administrative support in order to make recommendations on how the department can achieve the desired effectiveness in the most efficient manner.
- Developing a methodology for assessing staff-to-workload requirements that will allow for adjustments as work flow changes occur in the future.
- Assessing the management structure of each department regarding its adequacy and efficiency.

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- Determining whether there is clear segregation of duties in each department.
- Determining whether departments and programs are properly supervised and staffed and whether the supervisory/subordinate ratio and span of control is proper for each department.
- Determining whether personnel are utilized efficiently.
- Assessing the alignment of functions, tasks and responsibilities, effectiveness of management techniques and procedures, and the effectiveness of work flow in each department.

Overall Findings:

- County well managed
- Providing most services in efficient and effective manner.

Countywide Recommendations

- Add an assistant county administrator for operations.
- Enhance revenues through increased fees for services and improved child support collections.
- Improve performance evaluations using well defined work standards.
- Improve data automation support.

Significant Department Recommendations

Finance and Purchasing

- Adjust titles for comptroller and finance director. (Change the title of Comptroller to Finance Director and change Finance Director's title to Accounting Manager. Vice Chairman Williams inquired if there was any duplication of efforts between these two positions. Mr. House stated that there was very little duplication of efforts; however, the current titles do not reflect the work that each individual is doing at present. The Vice Chairman further asked if there was a need for both positions [Comptroller and Finance Director]. Mr. House further stated that the position are not needed in their present state; however, what is needed is a Finance Director and an Accounting Manager. The new titles would more closely reflect the jobs that are being performed. )
- Shift responsibilities for investment and disbursement of county funds from Treasurer's Office to Finance. (Councilman Fleming as well as several persons from the audience questioned whether or not this recommendation was contrary to state law).

Public Works Department

- Purchase a comprehensive work order system.
- Explore options for improved recruitment and retention of staff.
- Track vehicle maintenance costs and review vehicle replacement alternatives.

Tax Assessor

- Establish with auditor a policy regarding the routing of deeds from the Auditor's Office to the Assessor's Office.
- Implement a cross training policy.

Sheriff

- Organizational changes for chief deputy, administrative officer, Special Operations, and Community Oriented Policing.
- Create a new patrol zone.
- Integration of COP.

Correctional Center

- Shift responsibilities for safety and security captain to the director
- Take immediate action to fund, plan, and design a facility to reduce overcrowding and isolate the control room from the direct path of inmate movement.
- Improve medical facilities.

Planning and Code Enforcement

- Shift responsibility for residential zoning reviews to Building Inspections.
- Provide ARC/INFO system.

Auditor

- Transfer the responsibility for determining who is eligible for indigent status in the court system to the Clerk of Court's Office.

Clerk of the Court

- Review the level of fees, fines, and charges currently imposed for possible upgrading.

Coroner

- Provide periodic activity reports to the County Council.

Family Court

- Increase process service rates for child support.

Human Resources

- Create a Human Resources Director position which would report to the County Administrator.
- Evaluate the cost of contracting out the payroll function.

Magistrate

- Prepare a comprehensive security plan in concert with the Sheriff's Office
- Consolidate the City's position (traffic fines) into the Magistrate's Office.

Public Safety

- Train dispatchers in Emergency Medical Dispatch procedures.
- Monitor the contribution level of EMS Assistant Operations Manager Position.

RMC

- Establish a comprehensive records management program.

Treasurer

- Undertake collections for back taxes for mobile homes and business inventory, if a pilot program is proven revenue producing.

Inspections Division

- Inspection scheduling procedures, work schedules, and data automation capabilities should be changed to permit increased inspections. Use of an integrated voice response system is recommended.
- Field communications should be improved by equipping inspectors with portable cellular phones to provide a mechanism for continuous two-way communication.
- Fees charged for building permits should be modified to fully offset the cost of the services, including the expense of recommended additional technology.
- County wide inspections should be provided, to include mechanical inspections, with appropriate fees to offset costs of service.

Recreation and Parks

- Combine Patriot Hall Operations with Recreation and Parks, redesigning it to the Department of Leisure Services.
- Transfer supervision of all community centers to Leisure Services, and move all grounds maintenance in park areas to Parks staff.
- Survey public opinions on desired services and leisure activities.

Building and Maintenance

- Transfer carpenter position in Engineering to Building and Grounds Maintenance Department.
- Pursue use of automated climate control technology for all major buildings in the County inventory.

Management Information System (MIS)

- Consider feasibility of consolidating MIS operations with the City of Sumter for greater information sharing and technology cost sharing.
- Designate contact personnel with each department for relaying data automation needs and providing input to the countywide data automation master plan.

Greenhouse

- Explore opportunities for cooperative funding with other counties in primary service area.
- Consider expanding scope of operations to handle some longer term placements as an adolescent group home, providing foster care funding to further offset operating expenses.

Voter Registrations

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- Upgrade or replace computer equipment to provide for a server and two work stations; pursue GIS access to facilitate voter registration database maintenance.

The report also included staffing adjustments in seventeen areas of the County.

**ACTION:** Council received this report as information.

(5) **First Reading -- 97-326 -- An Ordinance Granting a Franchise To The Oswego Rural Water Company, Inc., And Providing For The Expansion Of Its Service Area Boundaries.**

Mrs. Cuttino introduced the ordinance with a brief history of the proposed project. She reminded Council that the expanded boundaries had been unanimously approved by Council on February 13, 1996, after the project had been presented to the Fiscal, Tax, and Property Committee. She further explained that during the course of the last year and one-half, the Oswego Water Company had been pursuing the steps necessary to obtain Farmers Home Administration (FMHA) funding for the project. Most recently, on January 28, 1997, Council had amended its water and sewer regulations ordinance to include the provisions necessary for the FMHA to approve the project. She explained that after the prior approvals granted by Council, the final step required is to put the boundary expansion in the form of an ordinance and franchise agreement pursuant to the terms of the ordinance as amended in January 1997.

Councilman Burr voiced concerns about the possibility of losing potential opportunities to provide sewer service along the area of Highway 378 out to I-95, if this area is included in the Oswego franchise. Mrs. Cuttino explained that the franchising authority of the County under its existing ordinance allows for separate water and sewer service rights. Councilman Burr's specific concern, joined in by the Chairman, was that in the event that the potential to provide sewer service became available, it would seem unlikely that a potential provider would agree to furnish the sewer service without the right to also obtain the water revenues.

Councilman Burr suggested that provisions be made in the franchise agreement to address this concern, recommending the possibility of allowing the County the option to purchase the water lines from Oswego in such an event. The County Attorney explained that the water and sewer regulation ordinance does allow for additional terms (beyond those specifically required by the regulations) to be included in the franchise agreement and could be negotiated with Oswego.

Mr. Roger Hamilton expressed concern that FMHA may not fund the project under these circumstances since the funding commitment and loan repayment is based on the number of customers served. He expressed a complete willingness to agreeing that the County would continue to have the right to have access to the area for sewer service and for running its own water lines as might be necessary or desirable, but indicated that it would be unlikely that Oswego could give up customers on its water system.

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Councilman Fleming expressed concerns that additional planning appears to be necessary to resolve the concerns as necessary to insure that the County would be in a position to serve its own potential water and sewer customers in the future. Vice Chairman Williams echoed such concerns.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Williams, seconded by Councilman Burr, and unanimously carried by Council to defer first reading to the proposed ordinance.

**NOTE:** Council directed the Administrator to provide Council with a plan for County wide water which would also assist the Oswego Water Company's project.

- (6) **First Reading -- 97-327 -- An Ordinance Of The County Council Of The County Of Sumter, South Carolina, Authorizing The Creation Of A Joint Municipal Water System To Be Known As The Lake Marion Regional Water Agency Pursuant To Section 6-25-10 ET. SEQ. Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina 1976, As Amended.**

The County Attorney, Mrs. Cuttino, presented this matter before Council. She stated that this ordinance is in response to Council's determination that a regional water production facility owned and operated by the South Carolina Public Service Authority utilizing the vast resources of the Santee Cooper Lake system can provide a cost effective alternative to separate water treatment plants proposed by various local governmental entities. Additionally, Mrs. Cuttino noted in the ordinance that the Joint Municipal Water Systems Act (Chapter 25, Title 6, Volume 2 South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended) authorizes counties, cities, commissioners of public works and agencies or public bodies created by the General Assembly of this State to form a Joint Municipal Water System for the purpose of planning, financing, developing, constructing, acquiring, maintaining, and operating a water treatment plant for the treatment, transmission, distribution, and sale of water for the present and future needs of the members of a Joint Municipal Water system.

Ms. Cuttino then informed Council that the proposed ordinance further covers the following points pursuant to the provisions of Section 6-25-10 et. seq. of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended:

1. ...It is in the best interest of this county, the residents, thereof, and all water customers of the County, that there be created a Joint Municipal Water System which shall include as members: Clarendon County, Calhoun County, Sumter County, Dorchester County, Orangeburg County, and Colleton County or any two (2) or more of such entities as shall by ordinance or resolution elect to become members.
2. The Joint Municipal Water System shall be known as the Lake Marion Regional water Agency.
3. By subsequent resolution, this County Council shall appoint a representative who shall serve as a member of the Joint Municipal Water System.

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4. By subsequent resolution, this County Council shall approve Initial Bylaws for the Lake Marion Regional Water Agency which shall include the following provisions:
  - a. Clarendon County, Calhoun County, Sumter County, Dorchester County, Orangeburg County, and Colleton County shall each have one representative on the Lake Marion Regional Water Agency with one vote each;
  - b. Any member of the Lake Marion Regional Water Agency may withdraw from the Regional Water System after thirty (30) days written notice of such withdrawal to the remaining members of the Regional Water System to be mailed certified mail with return receipt requested; and
  - c. The Regional Water System shall not spend any funds nor obligate any of the members of the Regional Water System in any manner until such time as the membership by unanimous vote amends the Initial Bylaws to permit such expenditures and actions.

(7) Suggested to Hold Executive Session To Discuss Contractual and/or Personnel Matters. (The Executive Session, if approved by Council, will be held after all business matters have been completed.)

This matter was held at the end of the meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

(1) Second Reading -- 97-325-- An Ordinance Amending Section 12-50 of the Sumter County Code of Laws, Concerning the Funding of the Sumter County Court Library.

The Attorney stated that there were no changes to this ordinance since Council's first reading, and she recommended Council giving second reading to this proposed ordinance.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to grant second reading to the proposed ordinance.

(2) Third Reading -- 97-324 -- An Ordinance Establishing Noise Regulations Within The Unincorporated Areas of Sumter County. (Action on third reading of this ordinance was handled right after public hearing of this ordinance.)

The County Attorney presented the revised ordinance before Council. She stated that the revisions covered items that Council had concerns about at its last meeting. Also, she stated that Council needed to decide on an effective date for the ordinance. Delaying the effective day would give the public an opportunity to become informed about the ordinance prior to its implementation.

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**ACTION:** After public hearing, MOTION was made by Councilman Fienning, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the amendments to the ordinance as presented by the County Attorney.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Sanders, and unanimously carried by Council to approve third reading and agreed that the ordinance would become effective August 15, 1997.

- (3) **Third Reading -- 97-321 -- An Ordinance To Enlarge The Jointly Owned And Operated Industrial/Business Park Created, In Conjunction With Clarendon County, By Sumter County Ordinance No 95-283; To Amend The Agreement Between Sumter County And Clarendon County Pertaining To Such Industrial/ Business Park By Adding Thereto Certain Real Property And The Improvements Thereon In Sumter County, South Carolina, Known As The Airport Industrial Park; And, To Approve A Revised Exhibit "A" To Such Agreement, Describing The Property Located In Such Park In Sumter County By Adding Thereto A Description On The Said Property Of The Airport Industrial Park.**

The Attorney requested deferment of this matter until the June 24, 1997, meeting of County Council.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Sanders, and unanimously carried by Council to defer this matter until the June 24, 1997, meeting of County Council.

- (4) **Third Reading -- 97-322 -- An Ordinance Authorizing A Fee Agreement Between Sumter County, And Caterpillar, Inc. (The "Company") To Provide For A Fee In Lieu Of Taxes To Be Payable By Such Company ("FILOT Payments"); Granting The Company Economic Development Improvement Credits Against Such FILOT Payments; And Other Matters Relating To The Foregoing.**

The Attorney requested deferment of this matter until the June 24, 1997, meeting of County Council.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Sanders, and unanimously carried by Council to defer this matter until the June 24, 1997, meeting of County Council.

- (5) **South Sumter Leadership Council**

- Johnny Goodley requested that Council provide some relief to this neighborhood concerning road problems. He stated that the developer that sold the property to him and his neighbors did not do the necessary procedures to have the roads in this subdivision placed into the County's road system. He asked on behalf of all the citizens of the Guignard Park subdivision (adjacent to the Kingsbury Recycling Center) that the roads in the subdivision be accepted into the County's road maintenance program.

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He added that he and other neighbors are working to have all subdivision residents deed their right-of-ways to the County.

Mr. Eddie Newman, the Public Works Director, spoke to this issue. He stated that the developer was contacted several times concerning bringing these roads into the County's road system; one time as dirt roads and one time as paved roads. The developer chose not to do anything.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Fleming, seconded by Vice Chairman Williams, and unanimously carried by Council to accept the road located in East Guignard Park Subdivision (adjacent to the Kingsbury Recycling Center) into the County's road maintenance system.

- Ida McFadden spoke to Council about the dust that has been generated since the County Public Works Department placed the crusher-run gravel on the road beside her home. She asked Council to please do something about the level of dust which is causing her problems.

**NOTE:** It was recommended that the roads which already have crusher run material on them will receive first priority in the installation of the solution to decrease the dust problems on these roads. Additionally, it was suggested that a process ought to be established where the Council member will be in communication with those areas that will be receiving the crusher-run prior to its installation.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT:**

- (1) Waste Disposal Committee Meeting **Tuesday, June 10, 1997, at 3:30 p.m. in Council's Conference Room.** (Members: Fienning, Baker, and Williams)

This meeting was rescheduled for Tuesday, June 17, 1997, at 10:00 a .m.

- (2) Public Safety Committee Meeting **Tuesday, June 10, 1997, at 4:00 p.m. in Council's Conference Room.** (Members: Burr, Williams, and Fleming)

The Chairman of the Committee, Councilman Burr presented the following report:

- **Street Lights** -- Thirty-four additional street intersections have been slated to have street lights at the intersections installed on them in the near future. The Clerk and Councilman Burr will meet prior to a letter being sent to each of the utility companies. A list of the streets will be given to each member of Council.
- **EMS Rate Schedule** -- The committee suggested that the following rate schedule be adopted by Council:

Base Rate	\$175
No Transport Rate	\$50 (A person calls EMS, but refuses to be transported after EMS arrives.)

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Fleming, seconded by Vice Chairman Williams, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the EMS rate schedule effective July 1, 1997.

- **Cherryvale COP's Office** -- The committee suggested that the Cherryvale COP's program be housed in the Cherryvale Volunteer Fire Station.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Williams, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the housing of the Cherryvale COP's program in the Cherryvale Volunteer Fire Station. The Administrator was directed to inform the proper persons of this action.

- **Summer Youth Work Program** -- It was recommended by the Committee that County Council sponsor a summer youth work program through the COP's program with each program (five COP's areas) receiving \$6,000 each at a total of \$30,000 for the entire program. The program would be effective July 1, 1997.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the expenditure of \$30,000 from the \$42,000 of revenue in the proposed budget for fiscal year 1997-98.

- **The Public Safety Committee** will meet on Tuesday, June 17, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. All Council members are asked to attend to help decide on the final selection of an architect for the Correctional facility project.

(3) Fiscal, Tax, and Property Committee Meeting on **Tuesday, June 10, 1997, at 5:00 p.m. in Council's Conference Room.** (Members: Campbell, Fienning, and Fleming)

The Chairman of the Committee, Chairman Campbell, gave the following report.

- **Rimini Project (Recreation PARD Project)** -- The total estimated cost of the project is \$30,000. PARD may provide \$24,000 and requested that the County provide a match of \$6,000. The Committee recommended approval of the project. Some of the matching funds may be completed through in-kind-services.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Burr, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the recommendation of \$6,000 for the PARD Rimini Project.

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- **Bond Issue, Industrial Park Land Purchase** -- The Committee recommended that Council authorize the Administrator to enter into negotiations with the City of Sumter concerning the purchase of property through a bond issue for the City/County Airport Industrial Park.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Sanders, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the recommendation as presented.

- **Fire Study Update** -- The Committee recommended that an update of the Askins Fire Station Study be completed with an expenditure of up to \$3,000.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the recommendation as presented.

- **Sale of County Property** -- The Committee recommended that the Administrator review the possibility of selling the County's property located at Mood Avenue and Salem Street.
- **Catchall Community Center** -- The Committee recommended that \$2,000 be allocated from the Administrator's contingency fund for the improvement of the Catchall Community Center.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the recommendation as presented.

- **Little Theatre Rent Structure** -- The Committee recommended that Council continue to allow the Sumter Little Theatre to use the County's Little Theatre rent free; however, this practice will be reviewed on a yearly basis.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilwoman Sanders, seconded by Councilman Fleming, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the recommendation as presented.

**MONTHLY REPORT:**

- Public Works

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

No report was given.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Alphonso Johnson spoke to Council about the proposed ordinance of "obscenity" (young men wearing their pants too low). He added that Council could pass an ordinance stating

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that persons entering a governmental building must be properly dressed. He also spoke to Council concerning the location of public comment on its agenda. He asked Council to move this item further up on its agenda. He commended Council for taking action on the noise ordinance and the road concerns. Mr. Johnson also stated that he supported Council's actions on the water concerns of Oswego water.

There were no additional comments from the public.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Prior to executive session, the Chairman stated that he would entertain a motion to enter executive session to receive a legal briefing and to discuss a personnel issue.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Williams, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to enter executive session to receive a legal briefing and to discuss a personnel issue.

**OPEN SESSION:**

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilwoman Sanders, seconded by Councilman Fleming, and unanimously carried by Council to re-enter open session.

• **Legal Issue:**

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Williams, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the funding necessary to provide the same level of insurance coverage that would have been available to the spouse of any County employee had the employee's spouse been properly enrolled when the premiums were first deducted from the employee's pay.

• **Personnel Matter:**

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Burr, seconded by Councilman Fleming, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the appointment of Janice Rearden to the position of Register of Mesne Conveyances effective July 1, 1997.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business and no additional comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman or Vice Chairman  
Sumter County Council

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Clerk to County Council

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Respectfully submitted,

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Mary W. Lewis