

January 17, 1967

The second regularly scheduled meeting of the Kershaw County Council was held at the Health Center auditorium on Tuesday, January 17, 1967, at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Chairman T. L. Myers called the meeting to order and extended a welcome to Mr. E. L. Sessions of Elgin, newly appointed Council member to fill the vacancy created by the demise of Mr. Branham.

A Resolution in memoriam to Mr. E. T. Branham, Sr., was read by Attorney John K. deLoach, Jr., followed by the observance of a moment of silent prayer. The motion to adopt this Resolution was made by Mr. Sheheen, seconded by Mr. Sessions and unanimously adopted. Page 9 of the Minutes is inscribed in memory of Mr. Branham with a copy of this Resolution thereon. On motion made by Mr. Falkenberry, seconded by Mr. Sessions, Council unanimously agreed that Mr. Branham's "special chair" which was always occupied by him at Council meetings should be presented to his family. Also, a motion to remunerate Mr. Branham's family his compensation in full for the month of January, 1967, was made by Mr. Sheheen, seconded by Mr. Sessions and unanimously passed.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved by Council on motion of Mr. Falkenberry, seconded by Mr. Sheheen.

Mr. Rosborough presented to Council bids submitted by Clyde Truesdale and Max Reynolds for improvements to the kitchen facilities in the jail as recommended by the County Health Department. A motion to accept the low bid of Mr. Reynolds was made by Mr. Sheheen, seconded by Mr. Sessions and unanimously carried.

A Resolution as to the signing of vouchers, claims and checks was unanimously adopted on motion of Mr. Bowers, seconded by Mr. Sheheen. This Resolution provides that vouchers and checks will be signed by Mr. John Peake, Assistant Clerk, and countersigned by Mr. J. A. Rosborough, Clerk, and in the absence of one or both, any one member or two members of Council may sign; that each voucher under \$500 must be accompanied by a claim signed by three (3) Council members, and each voucher over \$500 must be accompanied by a claim signed by four (4) Council members. The matter of the wording on the printed forms — checks, claims, vouchers, stationery, etc. — was referred to Mr. Rosborough and Mr. deLoach. Also, the bonds for the Clerk and Assistant Clerk is to be increased to Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars each.

Some discussion was had as to the rearranging of offices in the Agriculture Building. On motion of Mr. Sheheen, seconded by Mr. Bowers and unanimously carried, Council leaves the rearranging of these offices to Mr. Myers and Mr. Rosborough. Also, Council agreed to accept the offer of Production Credit Company to leave in the office now occupied by it for County's use certain fixtures it purchased (blinds and lights) in lieu of payment of rent for January and February.

Mr. Sheheen presented to Council a request of a newly created fire protection district, Buffalo - Mt. Pisgah Fire Zone, which Zone has been approved by the State of South Carolina and the Underwriters Association, for assistance in raising funds to purchase the needed equipment to operate and maintain the same. After discussion, Council, on recommendation of Mr. Sheheen, authorized Mr. Bowers to set up a meeting with the proper officials to discuss the needs, benefits to the County, availability of funds, and other details involved.

The adoption of a proposed official County seal, which was presented at the last meeting and tabled for action at today's meeting, was unanimously approved on motion of Mr. Sheheen, seconded by Mr. Falkenberry.

Mr. Myers read to Council a letter from the Chamber of Commerce recommending to Council that there should be some central authority to carry out the activities and maintain the buildings and facilities used by the Jack Leg Club, Field Trials and Fox Hunts. The Chamber's recommendations as set out in their letter, with a committee made up of representatives from the various groups involved, under the Chamber of Commerce's direction, were unanimously approved by council on motion of Mr. Sheheen, seconded by Mr. Sessions.

Also, Mr. Myers presented to Council a request of the Chamber of Commerce for their utilization of the County property directly back of the Chamber of Commerce building in a beautification program by the construction of curb and sidewalk on Church Street, construction of a brick wall around the lot to within 20 feet of the water tank, the installation of wrought iron gates, and the construction of terraces, walks and garden within the wall in back of the building, at no cost to the County other than the use of County labor. Mr. Shaheen moved to grant approval of this request, which motion was seconded by Mr. Sessions and unanimously carried. 091

Mr. Myers moved that a year end audit report as to the fiscal affairs of the County, prepared by R. A. Bruce and Company, be adopted, the same to be published for public information in the Camden Chronicle. Mr. Bowers seconded this motion which was unanimously carried by Council. 062

In the matter of providing ambulance service for citizens of Kershaw County Mr. Myers reported to Council on his trip to Lancaster County to study their method of solution to this same problem. Mr. Myers contends that this need is best met with a hospital connected ambulance service, supplemented by the Bethune Rescue Squad and whatever services the Lancaster affiliate might render to Kershaw County citizens in the general area of the Town of Kershaw. Mr. Myers read a letter from Miss Harriet Mays on behalf of the Bethune Rescue Squad asking Council to give consideration to raising its appropriation from \$500 to \$1250 in return for ambulance service in the Bethune area, which service it desires to render. Council authorized Mr. Myers and Mr. Sheheen to meet with the Hospital Board for a discussion of this problem, and to submit a proposal to Council at its next meeting. 084

Mr. Myers and Mr. Sheheen reported to Council on their meeting with the delegation and school officials in connection with the construction of the Vocational School, for which, by Resolution, \$14,500 was appropriated to the school budget. Council committed County to assist the City of Camden in the installation of a water line sufficient to take care of this school as well as the needs of any projected plans for a complex in this same area. 032

Dr. Schrieber, Dr. Ayers, Mr. Ed Erwin of Sumter, and Mr. Paul Choate met with Council on behalf of the tri-county Mental Health Center composed of Kershaw, Sumter and Clarendon Counties. Mr. Choate showed slides of the present facilities located in Sumter as Dr. Ayers pointed out the very cramped conditions under which this Center operates, why they are inadequate and what they hope to achieve in the future. Mr. Erwin submitted a proposal to the County for appropriation of funds to construct adequate facilities in a civic center on property valued at \$100,000 furnished by Sumter County. The total cost of these facilities will be \$366,000, with federal funds to pay on the basis of 2 for 1, with the balance being absorbed by the three counties. Council delayed action on this request until the first week in February, 1967. 704

Mr. Connie Galloway came before Council with request for help in clearing an area of land which he has under a lease contract from Duke Power Company for the purpose of constructing a landing. Council advised Mr. Galloway that if his request was granted, the landing itself could not be used for personal profit. Council authorized Mr. Falkenberry to inspect the site and report back to Council. 054

Mr. Myers stated that he had a request from the Camden Band to assist in financing the Band's trip to New Orleans. He stated they have half of the \$5,000 needed to make the trip. After discussion, Council decided to take the matter under consideration and take action at the next meeting. 046

The meeting adjourned to resume on Tuesday, February 7, 1967.

Respectfully submitted:

Lester W. Orledge
Recording Secretary

IN MEMORIAM

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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 COUNTY OF KERSHAW) RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Kershaw County, and more especially Wateree Township and the Lugoff Community, have lost a good and faithful public servant in the passing of D. T. Branham, Sr., and,

WHEREAS, D. T. Branham, Sr., well and truly served his county and community as a member of the Board of Directors, and later of the County Council of Kershaw County for a period of sixteen years by attending every meeting during that time, with few exceptions due to illness, having attended the previous meeting of the council the day before his death, and giving his time and talent to the management of county affairs and the representation of his fellow citizens of Wateree Township; and,

WHEREAS, the members of this council join the family of D. T. Branham, Sr., in grieving his loss and extends to Mrs. Branham, their children, and other members of the family, their deepest sympathy;

NOW, THEREFORE, know all men by these presents that the Kershaw County Council unanimously resolves:

1. That in the loss of D. T. Branham, Sr., Kershaw County has lost a valued public servant;
2. That to his memory, a page in the council minutes book be dedicated and these resolves spread thereon;
3. And that the sincere sympathy of the members of the Kershaw County Council for the members of his bereaved family be conveyed to them by the sending of a copy of this resolution to them.

Done in regular meeting assembled at Camden, South Carolina, this 17th day of January, 1967.

SIGNED: T. L. Myers, Chairman
 John Bowers
 W. C. Faulkenberry
 E. L. Sessions
 Austin Sheheen, Jr.
 KERSHAW COUNTY COUNCIL