

**Barnwell County Council
Workshop
September 30, 2010**

Barnwell County Council met in a workshop on September 30, 2010 at 6:00PM in Council Chambers. All Councilmen were in attendance with the exception of Councilman Joe Smith who was unable to Attend. Also in attendance was County Administrator Pickens Williams, Jr. The audience included the three local School Superintendents, several School Board members and Laura McKenzie with the People Sentinel.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Williams and the invocation was given by Councilman Lowell Jowers.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Discussion of Quad County Park Ordinance

Chairman Williams briefly explained Quad Park I and Quad Park II and the different revenue splits that would apply for industries in each park. Councilman Houston stated that we have to plan for the future instead of what you see at the moment. The State prefers regional cooperation efforts for industrial recruitment, and the host county could have significant investment in infrastructure that it doesn't get back initially. Councilman Houston thinks the split formula should be revised in five to seven years.

Councilman Sloan reviewed several draft split proposals he had prepared and school statistics from the area. He expressed his concern with the schools in Barnwell County and the other three participating counties. He sees the benefits of regional cooperation, but suggested that school revenue be sent to them and then split the County's portion of the revenue with the other counties. He asked Council to meet with the other Councils to re-visit the split formula. Chairman Williams stated there was little industry coming to the area prior to Tri-County being formed and he feels that we benefit from Tri-County and are able to receive 40% of a fee-in-lieu of tax when we could be receiving nothing as a single county pursuing industry. He doesn't have a problem with going back to the other counties as some time to discuss a revised split.

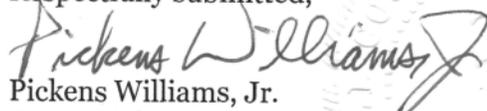
Councilman Sloan expressed his desire to the other counties to help their schools and asked that the split be reviewed by SCRDA to protect the schools of each county.

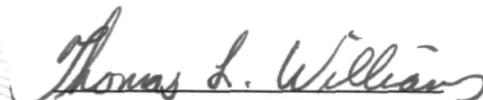
Chairman Williams wrapped up the discussion and stated that the Quad County Park Ordinance would be on the agenda for Council's October 5, 2010 meeting. He asked that it be passed at the meeting and that a revised split formula be discussed at a later date with other members of SCRDA. He asked the audience if there were any comments they would like to present.

Chad Perry, Chairman of Barnwell District 45, thinks most of the money should stay within the county it is earned in.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Pickens Williams, Jr.
County Administrator


Thomas L. Williams
Council Chairman

