



AGENDA
LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL
JUNE 14, 2016 – 5:30 P.M.
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE – PUBLIC SQUARE

1. Call to Order – Chairman Wood
2. Invocation – Councilman Jones (everyone invited to stand)
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda – June 14, 2016
5. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a.) May 24, 2016 - Regular Meeting
 - b.) May 24, 2016 - Budget Meeting
6. Executive Session – Economic Development
7. Reports to Council:
 - a.) County Administrator.
8. Old Business:
 - a.) Public Hearing and Third and Final Reading, Ordinance #812 – “An ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of an amended and restated fee in lieu of tax agreement by and among Laurens County and Yanfeng US Automotive Interior Systems I LLC, providing for the payment of a fee-in-lieu of taxes and the provision of special source revenue credits; to express the commitment of Laurens County to continue to place project property in a multi-county park; and to provide for other matters related thereto.”
 - b.) Public Hearing and Third and Final Reading, Ordinance #818 – “An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee Agreement By And Between Laurens County, South Carolina And CRI Tolling LLC, Providing For A Payment Of a Fee In Lieu Of Taxes And Other Matters Related Thereto. “
 - c.) Public Hearing and Third and Final Reading, Ordinance #819 – “An Ordinance To Amend That Certain Master Agreements Governing The Octagon Industrial Park Dated September 1, 2010 Between Laurens County And Greenville County To add The CRI Tolling LLC, Tract Located In Laurens County”.
9. New Business
 - a) Presentation of Resolution to Dr. Billy Strickland.
 - b) Request to Send out RFPs for Privatization of EMS Services - Councilman Jones.
 - c) Upper Savannah Council of Governments, Workforce Development Agreement.
 - d) First Reading, Ordinance #820 Octagon MCIP Amendment an ordinance to authorize and approve the amendment of the agreement for development of joint county industrial business park.
 - e) First Reading, Ordinance 821, Donaldson MCIP Amendment to amend the 1994 park agreement relating to the multi county industrial business park of Greenville County and Laurens County so as to provide for the continuation of the park.
 - f) JAG Grant Approval.
 - g) Appointment – GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission.
10. Public Comment- Fifteen (15) Minute Period for Public Comment (*Required to sign in prior to the meeting*)
11. County Council Comments
12. Adjournment

BUDGET SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
AT THE HILLCREST ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM



MINUTES
MAY 24, 2016
LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE – PUBLIC SQUARE
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ATTENDANCE: **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT-** County Council Chairman Joe Wood and Vice Chairman Keith Tollison; County Council Members: Diane Anderson, Stewart Jones, Garrett McDaniel, Ted Nash and David Pitts.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

COUNTY STAFF: Laurens County Administrator, Jon Caime; Laurens County Clerk to Council Betty Walsh and Laurens County Attorney, Sandy Cruickshanks.

DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT: Laurens County Public Works Director Rob Russian; Captain Tyson, Detention Center Administrator; Laurens County Fire Director, Gregg Lindley; Laurens County Human Resources Manager, Debi Parker; Joey Avery, Director, Laurens County Communications; Billy Wilson, Laurens County Vehicle Maintenance; Cindy Burke, Laurens County Treasurer; Lisa Kirk, Laurens County Finance Director; Chad Burrell, Laurens County Emergency Services Director; Ann Szypulski, Director, Laurens County Library; Joel Turner, Victims Advocate; Sammy Wham, Chairman, Laurens County Airport; Andy Howard, Director, Laurens County Parks, Recreation and Tourism; Ricky Chastain, Laurens County Sheriff and Nick Nichols, Laurens County Coroner.

PRESS: Vic McDonald, *The Clinton Chronicle*; Corey Engle, *The Laurens County Advertiser* and Ida Cadmus, *WLBG Radio*.

SCHEDULED MEETING AGENDA ITEMS – MAY 24, 2016 - 1.) Call to Order Chairman Wood; 2.) Invocation, Councilman Nash; 3.) Pledge of Allegiance; 4.) Approval of Agenda, May 24, 2016; 5.) Approval of Minutes – May 10, 2016; 6.) Formal Introductions of Mr. W. Jon Caime, Jr., Laurens County Administrator; 7.) Second Reading, Ordinance #818 – “An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee Agreement By And Between Laurens County, South Carolina And Project Synergy Providing For A Payment Of a Fee In Lieu Of Taxes And Other Matters Related Thereto”; 8.) Second Reading, Ordinance #819 – An Ordinance To Amend That Certain Master Agreements Governing The Octagon Industrial Park Dated September 1, 2010 Between Laurens County And Greenville County To add The Project Synergy Tract Located In Laurens County”; 9.) Resolution #2016-15 – “A Resolution Approving Financing Terms for E-911/Communications Equipment Upgrades”; 10.) Resolution #2016-16 – “A Resolution of Commendation, Billy Strickland”; 11.) 6:00 P.M. Public Comments; 12.) Comments from Council Members; 13.) Adjournment.

MEETING NOTIFICATION – The requesting general public and Press were informed of the meeting in a timely manner. Postings of the Agenda were posted in County facilities on their bulletin boards and also posted on the County Web Site.

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. and invited all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer. Councilman Nash provided the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN UP – It was declared at 5:32 P.M. by the Chairman that the following had signed in requesting time during the Public Comment Session: Representatives (2) from the Dogwood Alliance; Keith Tripp; Diane Belsom; Paul Eschenbach; John Porter; Kelly Jones and Jeremy Mahaffey.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Chairman Wood called for comments from Attorney Cruickshanks prior to proceeding with the approval of the May 24, 2016 Agenda inclusive of any additions or deletions.

Attorney Cruickshanks stated, “The present agenda calls for a Resolution approving the financing terms for E-911 / Communications equipment upgrades. After discussing in more detail, there is an option to make a payment of the costs from existing funds. We ask that Council consider the option of paying up front, using reserve funds instead of the lease / purchase option. By using existing funds up front, it proves to be a cost savings for the County as well as eighty percent (80%) being reimbursed from the State”.

VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON made the MOTION to approve the agenda as amended with COUNCILMAN NASH SECONDING; VOTE 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON made the MOTION to approve the May 10, 2016 minutes as presented with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 7-0.

FORMAL INTRODUCTIONS OF NEW COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Chairman Wood introduced to all present, Mr. Jon Caime as the new County Administrator.

Councilman Pitts welcomed Administrator Caime to Laurens County and asked for all to provide a round of welcoming applause.

SECOND READING, ORDINANCE #818 – “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN LAURENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND CRI TOLLING, LLC (PROJECT SYNERGY) PROVIDING FOR A PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”. – Attorney Cruickshanks recognized the company name as CRI Tolling, LLC and reported that this ordinance involves the Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreement with an investment of \$8 million for an existing industry (Color Resources) located in the upper part of Laurens County - Octagon Park, Section II (Woodfield).

VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON made the MOTION to approve the Ordinance on second reading as presented with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING for discussion.

Councilman Pitts questioned the thirty (30) year versus the ten (10) year Special Source Revenue Bond Credits. Attorney Cruickshanks replied, “The company has already invested nine million dollars plus (\$9,000,000 +) prior to the eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) they are committed to. The plan is for them to get a six percent (6%) assessment ratio – a standard ratio for the thirty (30) year period; and, to provide a ten (10) year Special Source Revenue Credit of forty percent (40%). This is small but, I believe since they have been here for many, many years and with their commitment to expand, that is an appropriate percentage for them. They do not get any credits on their existing real estate because the property has already been taxed. I believe this to be a faithful trade off with the company after having been here for so long.”

Councilman Pitts asked, isn't the forty percent (40%) actually higher than what we have routinely used before? Attorney Cruickshanks replied that it is and that it normally runs thirty percent (30%).

Vice Chairman asked for clarification that Ordinance #818 is only on the eight million dollars (\$8,000,000). Attorney Cruickshanks replied that was true.

COUNCIL VOTED 6-1 (Councilman Pitts in opposition).

SECOND READING, ORDINANCE #819 – “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THAT CERTAIN MASTER AGREEMENT GOVERNING THE OCTAGON INDUSTRIAL PARK DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 BETWEEN LAURENS COUNTY AND GREENVILLE COUNTY TO ADD CRI TOLLING, LLC (PROJECT SYNERGY) THE TRACT LOCATED IN LAURENS COUNTY”. – Attorney Cruickshanks said that this was an Ordinance that will add the property of CRI Tolling, LLC (Project Synergy) to the Octagon Park, Section II agreement and will allow for the division of Fee-In-Lieu-Of-Tax percentages to be distributed among Laurens County, Greenville County School District and Greenville County.

COUNCILMAN NASH made the MOTION to approve the Ordinance on second reading as presented with VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON SECONDDING for further discussion.

Councilman Pitts asked for confirmation that the company was actually in Laurens County and was being placed in a multi county industrial park that required funds to go to the Greenville County School District. Attorney Cruickshanks agreed and stated, “Seventy percent (70%) of the revenue comes to Laurens County; twenty five percent (25%) to the Laurens County Development Corporation; one percent (1%) to Greenville County and five percent (5%) to District #52 – Greenville County”.

Councilman Pitts noted that Greenville County is the richest school district in South Carolina.

COUNCIL VOTED 7-0.

AMENDED WITH AGENDA APPROVAL - - RESOLUTION #2016-15 – “A RESOLUTION APPROVING FINANCING TERMS FOR E-911 / COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT UPGRADES” – Mr. Avery approached Council about the necessary upgrade of the E/911 equipment by saying, “There are two (2) options available for Council to consider; one, to purchase with a lease purchase for five (5) years. Two, to purchase as a lump sum purchase. With the lump sum payment option, we can actually save about twenty five to thirty thousand dollars (\$25,000 to \$30,000) overall with an eighty percent (80%) cost refund from the State. We would somewhat be reimbursing ourselves with no interest paid in a matter of less than sixty (60) days”.

COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to approve the second option of purchasing the equipment using existing county funds up to five hundred ten thousand dollars (\$510,000). VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON SECONDDING for discussion.

Vice Chairman Tollison questioned the length of time expected on the life of the equipment. Mr. Avery replied that it usually is a progressive life span with expected replacement timeframe between five to eight (5-8) years.

Vice Chairman Tollison questioned what would be done with the old equipment. Mr. Avery replied that it may be that some smaller County’s may be able to use it but the problem is that the replacement parts are just not out there anymore.

COUNCIL VOTED 7-0.

RESOLUTION #2016-16 – “A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION, BILLY STRICKLAND” – Chairman Wood noted that Dr. Strickland will be retiring on June 30th as Superintendent of the Laurens County School District #55 and asked for a motion from Council to approve the awarding of the Resolution at the next meeting of Council.

COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to approve the Resolution with COUNCILMAN NASH SECONDDING; VOTE 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Chairman Wood opened the floor for public comment at 5:45 P.M.

- 1.) Ms. Morgan Rowden, representing the Dogwood Alliance, approached Council about the negative impacts on Laurens County from a wood pellet company. Impacts such as stress on existing forests; the disruption of the tranquility of nature; economic impacts on communities due to the fact that there are no regulations for them; truck traffic and the environmental issues from the burning of the pellets.
- 2.) Ms. Emily Zucchini, a North Carolina native also representing the Dogwood Alliance, addressed Council with concerns of potential air quality from wood dust for Laurens County as well as many other degenerative impacts on our forestry.

- 3.) Mrs. Kelly Jones spoke briefly on the proposed budget; “I would like to remind Council that it is the peoples tax dollars that will be used in this budget. As a means of cost cutting, I would like to see this Council address the EMS department. An eighteen dollar (\$18.00) increase in taxes on a one hundred thousand dollar (\$100,000) house is a lot of money for some. This eighteen dollars (\$18.00) could be used to feed some families. This affects the little people. I experienced an emerge situation last week and was transported by an outsourced ambulance and it sufficed for me”.
- 4.) Mr. Jeremy Mahaffey, owner and operator of M&M Scrap Metal address the proposed Junkyard Ordinance; “I own a Junk / Salvage Yard and I too am all for beautifying Laurens County. There is a lot in the Ordinance that is taken care of by the State of South Carolina. I want Council to be fair with us. If a company owner is trying to do what is right, then they will like this ordinance. I actually spent close to two million dollars (\$2,000,000) over the years while opening my business. I have had to upgrade for safety and environmental regulations only from the State. This is a good ordinance and the only thing I ask is that when this Council passes the Ordinance that the Council make enforcement of the ordinance stand for all”.
- 5.) Mr. Keith Tripp addressed Council on the proposed tax increase; “First, I want to thank and extend my appreciation for County Council and their service. Former President Regan reminded his appointed Ambassadors that they did not represent that Country that they represented the people of the United States. Like Ronald Regan said, you are not representing the government, you are representing the people. A four percent (4%) tax increase, which is probably well deserved, will be an income decrease for many citizens of Laurens County”.
- 6.) Mrs. Diane Belsom, noting the proposed millage increase said, “I feel certain there are other options available to provide the employees with raises other than a four mill tax increase. Raising taxes is not the best solution”.
- 7.) Mr. Paul Eschenbach, owner and operator of Laurens Auto Salvage addressed the proposed Junkyard Ordinance by saying: “I was under the impression that there was to be a public hearing at tonight’s meeting. I would just like to say that the way the ordinance is written, it offers a devaluation for us to conduct business. I would like for Council to read our concerns and to take them into consideration”.

Chairman Wood explained that the public hearing and third reading were scheduled for the May tenth (10th) meeting but were omitted from the agenda. We will have a public hearing scheduled for another forthcoming meeting.

- 8.) Mr. John Porter approached Council by saying, “I am against a four mill tax increase by the County as I live in the City of Laurens where we are double taxed because we live in the City. I’m certain that the employees well deserve monetary raises. I just got an invoice from Main Street Laurens for a fee because I live in their district. I ask Council to please be fair to us”.

Chairman Wood said, “There are a lot of taxes in this County but this Council is not responsible for all of it. I hate paying taxes just as much as anyone else. As long as the tax dollars are spent on services for the citizens, this does not bother me. Some services are not countywide like trash pick-up is within the City. The County provides services for all of the County such as EMS, Fire and Policing Services. We have kept our taxing way down for our citizens. The Cities and Schools create their own taxing markets with their amounts included on our tax notices. This County Council gets blamed for all tax increases which is not true. I’m not sure that each of you realize that the State has even shortchanged us for the past several years with the local government funds to the tune of over a million dollars (\$1,000,000). These funds are supposed to be provided to us to help with the State mandates for facilities such as the Health Department, Department of Social Services and state and federal courts. This Council is required by law to provide facilities and utilities for them to use and no with no expense to

them. The cut in the local government funds is hurting us in Laurens County. With this considered, this County Council has held in line on taxing. It has reached a point now that something has got to be done in order to still provide services to our citizens. This Council is very concerned with retaining our employees providing these services. Our backs are against the wall. With the Local Option Sales Tax, our citizens may not even see an increase in their taxes. 2012 was the last time this Council offered our employees a raise”.

Having no one else wishing to address Council, Chairman Wood closed the session at 6:29 P.M.

COUNTY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- 1.) Councilman McDaniel welcomed Mr. Caime to Laurens County and said, “I thoughts of the increase in fees and fines in a County is largely coming from the lack of support and funding from the State. Our State Delegations did not fully fund the Local Government Fund for the past four (4) years yet we are still required to provide State offices office space and utilities for their offices within the County. I encourage everyone to speak with your State Elected Officials asking them to fully fund the County with the Local Government Funds”.
- 2.) Councilwoman Anderson addressed the Local Government Funds being reduced by the State for the last four (4) years; “We take into consideration your emotions towards a millage increase as well as we have to work with the required circumstances of the County”.
- 3.) Councilman Nash stated that he felt the taxes in Laurens County are cheaper and that we do get the most bang for the buck.
- 4.) Councilman Jones said, “I was elected and work for the taxpayers of this County. Laurens County suffers from a loss of population and the ability to retain our employees. The Federal and State Governments continue to take away from the County. Twenty percent (20%) of our population lives in poverty. There are several members of this Council that claim homestead exemption while others try to raise a family and run a business. I still stand firm in asking Council to seek an RFP for the privatization EMS services”.
- 5.) Vice Chairman Tollison said, “I too welcome Mr. Caime to Laurens County. While I also appreciate the activity of the group that speaks regarding a proposed wood pellet industry coming to Laurens County, no one has been approached nor knows of this industry looking at Laurens County. Just like the rest of Council, I am concerned about raising taxes here in Laurens County but at this point, I see no other alternative. We have not provided our employees with a cost of living increase for several years now and I think we are at a point now that we have to do it”.

Continuing, Vice Chairman Tollison said, “We have begun to step into looking at our EMS service. I’ve had discussions with several outside sources. We have not reached the point of putting it out for RFP until we make advancement in knowing how we can improve our service. We do have an agreement with several providers and I do believe it is working. Our next step is unknown and we all know it can not be done setting in this budget session. We have to get outside of the budget sessions to discuss and move on”.

- 6.) Councilman Jones said, “We have an RFP ready to go. I don’t understand why everything has to reach a crisis where we have to increase taxes in order to give our employees raises”.
- 7.) Chairman Wood said, “This County Council has held the line on taxes within the unincorporated areas of the County since we have been unfunded fully with the local Government Funds through the State. At our last budget meeting we were informed that the Health Department needs and air conditioner replacement. We have to spend forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to replace that. The employees of this County are citizens also. Private providers is not something we have to address now. We already have a providers agreement. One of the providers decided that they did not have to do what Laurens County

tells us to do. If we send someone on an EMS call then we have to protect Laurens County. If they make a run and do something they are not supposed to do, who do you think the citizens will come back to”.

ADJOURNMENT – With no further action required by Council, Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting at 6:32 P.M. and noted that a budget session would be held by Council immediately following a ten minute break.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Betty C. Walsh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Betty C. Walsh
Laurens County Clerk to Council



PUBLIC COMMENT
SIGN IN SHEET

DATE: _____

Limited to fifteen (15) minutes, with five (5) minutes per subject matter / topic
PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION BELOW

Name Emily Zucchini Phone _____
Address _____
E-mail emily@dogwoodalliance.org
Agenda Specific wood pellet facility in Laurens County Subject Matter: _____
Non-Agenda Specific _____ Subject Matter: _____

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Name Morgan Rowden Phone 803.243.2393
Address 1533 Senanee Dr. W. Col2, SC 29169
E-mail morgan@dogwoodalliance.org
Agenda Specific wood pellet facility in Laurens County Subject Matter: _____
Non-Agenda Specific _____ Subject Matter: _____

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Name Kelly Jone Phone _____
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Agenda Specific Budget Subject Matter: _____
Non-Agenda Specific _____ Subject Matter: _____

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Name Jeremy Mahaffey Phone 864-876-1035
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Agenda Specific scrap yard ordinance Subject Matter: _____
Non-Agenda Specific _____ Subject Matter: _____

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DATE: _____

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PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION BELOW

Name Keith TRIPP Phone 864 981-1800
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Agenda Specific ☒ Subject Matter: TAX INCREASE
Non-Agenda Specific _____ Subject Matter: _____

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Name Dianne Belson Phone 684 0587
Address 530 W Main Laurens
E-mail belson@ptnet.com
Agenda Specific ☒ Subject Matter: Tax ↑
Non-Agenda Specific _____ Subject Matter: _____

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Name Paul Eschenbach Phone 864 340 7447
Address 1471 Fleming St. EXT
E-mail Paul@laurensAutoSalvage.com
Agenda Specific Junkyard Ordinance Subject Matter: Junkyard
Non-Agenda Specific _____ Subject Matter: _____

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Name John Porter Phone 864-340-1201
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Agenda Specific ☒ Subject Matter: TAXES
Non-Agenda Specific _____ Subject Matter: _____

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PRESS: None present

SCHEDULED MEETING AGENDA BUDGET ITEMS – MAY 24, 2016 - 1.) Call to Order Chairman Wood; **2.)** Approval of Agenda, May 24, 2016; **3.)** Overview of the second draft FY 2016 / 2017 County Budget; **4.)** Department Head Discussions; **A.)** Laurens County Coroner, Nick Nichols; **B.)** Laurens County Building Codes, Chuck Bobo; **C.)** Laurens County Registrations / Elections, Mr. Tim Howard, Chairman; **D.)** Laurens County Veterans Affairs, Mr. Carey Bolt, Veterans Officer; **E.)** Laurens County Library, Ann Szypulski, Director; **F.)** Laurens County EMS, Chad Burrell, Director; **G.)** Piedmont Technical College, Paige Childs; **5.)** Review of Proposed hourly pay adjustment for County Employees; **A.)** Update on recent activity of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA); **B.)** Council discussion and review of pay adjustment; **6.)** Review of Capital Requests; **7.)** Instructions to staff as to information necessary for follow-up meetings; **8.)** Second Reading, Ordinance #815, which is the proposed FY 2016/2017 County Budget; **9.)** Second Reading, Ordinance #817, which is An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance #465 Providing For The Use of The Maximum Legal Percentage of Local Option Sales Tax Funds For the Fiscal Year 2015-2016; And To Further Use And Apply These Funds For The Purpose of Revenue Shortfalls In Laurens County And Other Matters Appertaining Thereto"; **10.)** Adjournment.

MEETING NOTIFICATION – The requesting general public and Press were informed of the meeting in a timely manner. Postings of the Agenda were posted in County facilities on their bulletin boards and also posted on the County Web Site.

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Wood called the budget meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. following a short break from the regular Council meeting.

OVER-VIEW OF THE REVISED DRAFT FY 2016 / 2017 COUNTY BUDGET - Lisa Kirk, Director of Finance provided the following to Council as a summation of the second draft of the budget process.

A.) **GENERAL FUND:**

- 1.) First draft budget is \$22,460,207.
 - a.) Does not include any cost of living increase for employees;
 - b.) One (1) salary adjustment (Registration/Elections - reimbursed by State);
 - c.) Capital expenditures equaling \$585,575;
 - d.) Includes a lease payment of \$154,425 (previously approved by Council);
 - e.) Victim's Assistance will need \$49,634 to operate in 2017.
- 2.) To balance the budget, the following funding sources will be used:
 - a.) \$ 1,110,000 – 100% of the six (6) mill reserve – currently in place;
 - b.) \$ 740,000 – Capital Improvements – four (4) mills;
 - c.) \$ 875,000 – 29% of the Local Option Sales Tax Revenue;
 - d.) \$ 154,573 – Fund Balance Reserves;
- 3.) Revenues:
 - a.) A projected increase of 3.9% of \$865,728 for 2017. Based on increase of FILOT revenue and reimbursements of 80/20 grant from State for E-911 Center.
 - b.) An adjustment for CPI of .31% resulting in \$33,129 or .2 mills of additional tax revenues;
 - c.) Estimated value of a mill for FY 2016/2017 is \$169,900

B.) **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES:**

- 1.) Draft Budget is \$3,457,361
 - a.) Does not include any new positions;
 - b.) Does not include any new programs;
 - c.) Capital request of \$397,442;

C.) **VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE:**

- 1.) Draft Budget is \$169,684
 - a.) Does not include any new positions;
 - b.) Does not include any new programs;
 - c.) No capital items requested;
 - d.) \$49,634 would need to be utilized from the General Fund to balance.
- 2.) Presently has a negative balance
 - a.) Will require \$49,634 from the General Fund to balance.

D.) **ENTERPRISE FUND:**

- 1.) Draft Budget is \$2,186,710
 - a.) Projected funding increase of 3.3%
- 2.) Current Fund Balance is \$1,131,519
 - a.) Projected expenditure increase of 7.8%;

- b.) Will require \$157,461 to balance the budget;
 - c.) Capital request of \$175,041;
- 3.) The Litter Humane Division has been separated from the Rural Collection budget to better determine the expenses incurred within this area of service.
- a.) Costs would be offset from revenues to run the service;
 - b.) Capital equipment request of \$175,041 (noted above also).

DEPARTMENT HEAD / AGENCY DISCUSSIONS:

- A.) Laurens County Coroner, Nick Nichols – Coroner Nichols reported that his Deputy Coroner had been with him for fifteen (15) years and was very capable of running the office in his absence. He requested that Council consider increasing her per call pay from thirty five dollars (\$35.00) and hour to sixty five dollars (\$65.00) and hour.

Coroner	Call Pay / per-hour - reinstate for Deputy Coroner	\$	65.00
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Councilman Jones asked if this fee was specifically for per call at sixty five dollars (\$65.00) when using her personal vehicle. Coroner Nichols replied that it was and that other on call areas need to be factored in such as the time of day or night and holidays. Being on call is 24/7 for us.

Coroner	Chief Deputy Salary - from \$10.91/hr to \$15.91/hr	\$	7,800.00
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Coroner Nichols requested to increase his Chief Deputy Coroner from ten dollars and ninety one cents (\$10.91) an hour to fifteen dollars and ninety one cents (\$15.91) an hour on a thirty (30) hour workweek. Mrs. Cheek has been working for this County for fifteen (15) years as Administrative Assistant. I know it is public record on County pay and it is unjust on what she makes with all the hours she puts in.

COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to approve the reinstatement of the sixty five dollars (\$65.00) per call and an increase in per hour pay to fifteen dollars and ninety one cents (\$15.91) for Mrs. Cheek with COUNCILMAN NASH SECONDING for discussion.

Councilman Jones stated that he would like more details and a summary of the number of calls made.

Vice Chairman Tollison questioned the actual usage of the County vehicle versus the use of her personal vehicle. Mrs. Cheek replied, "If I am going to the hospital or if I'm out already in my car, I do pack my car with the necessary items such as my camera and gloves".

Prior to the vote Councilwoman Anderson noted that she recalled a lot of conversation about her prior salary resulting in over fifty five thousand dollars (\$55,000). Coroner Nichols replied that monies were taken away from Mrs. Cheek with the cancelling of the Fee-in-Lieu-of-Insurance for employees and were shifted to my raise and her reduction.

COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON made the MOTION to table this as it was just discussed with action taken last year during our budget sessions. COUNCILMAN JONES SECONDING; VOTE 4-3 to table further discussions.

Coroner	FT - Administrative Assistant	\$	17,500.00
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Coroner Nichols asked for Council consideration to allow his office to hire a full time administrative assistant to man the office five (5) days a week, eight (8) hours a day. Continuing Coroner Nichols said, “As it stands now we have a lot of lost hours with vacation times because we can’t be off and we can’t be away for any length of time. Mrs. Vickie has been out with shoulder surgery of recently and I have had to call in someone to help. We are handling the same number of calls as Greenwood and we have more territory to cover. The Coroner in Greenwood County makes fifty five thousand (\$55,000) and the Coroner in Oconee four (4) years ago was sixty thousand (\$60,000) plus a year. In thirty five (35) years I’ve only of recently got to thirty six thousand dollars (\$36,000) a year. If it were not for our Fire and EMS, Coroner Replacement vehicle for 2008 Crown Vic - w/125,000 miles \$ 35,000.00 I really don’t know what we would do”.

COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to raise the Coroners salary to fifty five thousand dollars (\$55,000). The MOTION DIED due to a lack of a second.

Vice Chairman Tollison confirmed that further discussion about salary would be brought back up at the next meeting with more information.

Coroner Nichols requested Council to approve a replacement vehicle for him due to age and millage.

Councilman Jones asked if the Deputy Coroner took the County vehicle home with her? Coroner Nichols replied, “This vehicle is a tool of her work and not for personal use. And yes, she does – every day. This is protocol throughout the state that the Chief Deputy Coroner has transportation. And, we do have five (5) more Deputy Coroners that are on call and are presently working full time for EMS”.

Chairman Wood asked if Council did not approve for a new car last year? Coroner Nichols replied yes.

COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to provide a car at thirty five thousand dollars (\$35,000) with COUNCILMAN MCANIEL SECONDING for discussion.

COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON made the MOTION to table this as the car is included with the capital item list. Council should consider this as they have in the past. COUNCILMAN JONES SECONDING; VOTE 2-5.

The tabled MOTION DIED and reverted back to the earlier motion by Councilman Pitts to purchase the car.

Vice Chairman Tollison stated that he would like to discuss in more detail as the staff has not recommended this capital item.

Vice Chairman Tollison asked Mr. Billy Wilson, Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor, if the one hundred twenty five thousand miles (125,000) were the average as to when to rotate county vehicles. Mr. Wilson replied, “The one hundred twenty five thousand (125,000) was an average. We have had much success with the crown vics. In my opinion, we can put money to repairs and discuss in more detail the problems he has. The crown vics in the past have had an average of two hundred thousand (200,000) miles on them before we rotated them off”.

COUNCIL VOTED 1-6. The motion to provide a vehicle died due to lack of support.

B.) Laurens County Building Codes, Chuck Bobo:

Mr. Bobo began by saying, “I personally think that a lot of our fee structure within the Codes Department could be increased. A lot of our fees are still at what they were sixteen (16) years ago. I would like to increase the mobile home permits; Our planning review fees are set at twenty five percent (25%) of the cost where others are getting fifty percent (50%). We can easily generate twenty five thousand to thirty thousand dollars (\$25,000 to \$30,000) a year using my fees increases in my budget packet. This is based on last year’s figures”.

Councilman Jones asked where specifically it was noted in the budget book.

	Present	Increased Amount	Requested
Mobile Home Set-up Fee	\$ 235.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 250.00
Mobile Home (new) set up fees			\$ 350.00
Commercial Demolition Fee	\$ 150.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 200.00
Residential Demolition Fee	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
Meth Lab Cleanup Permit	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
Re-Inspection Fee	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
Commercial Change of Occupancy	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00
Commercial Plan Review Fee		25% to 50%	
Cell Tower Permits		Add - plan review fee	
Minimum Permit Fee	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00

Continuing, Mr. Bobo said, “I would like to rollover the monies (\$36,000) approved by Council for last year. This was unused monies left in the fund that the Planning Commission has requested for several years to be rolled over into the new budget year. The unusual rainy weather caused more funds to go unused. These funds really help with cleaning up and improving communities within Laurens County. Based on last year’s numbers with these amounts it would increase our revenue by thirty one thousand dollars plus (\$31,000+).”

Councilman Pitts stated that he agreed that on the revenue side where it lists all the increases and fees, is that reflected in the fee structure? Mr. Bobo replied that he was not sure what has been presented to Council and that the proposed fee increases should not be included until approved and adopted by Council. These numbers are theoretical numbers at this time.”

County Administrator Caime asked for Council to defer any process tonight and to take this as information now with Mr. Bobo to coming back to Council to discuss in more detail.

County Administrator Caime asked Mrs. Kirk where the roll-over monies were placed in the budget. Mrs. Kirk replied in the general fund balance.

Building Codes	Codes Enforcement Officer	\$ 13,000.00
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Mr. Bobo reviewed that he had recently lost a Code Enforcement Officer and wanted Council to consider addressing the position overall.... “I would like to increase the salary by nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$9,500). When including the benefits package, it would amount to thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000). I would like to have this position as a certified, lead codes officer and would be a senior / manager position. My salary adjustment is based on the *South Carolina Association of Counties 2016 Wage and Salary Report*.”

Councilwoman Anderson asked if this proposed reclassification would help you or hinder your office with the forthcoming Junkyard ordinance. Mr. Bobo replied that it would most certainly help.

Councilman Pitts stated that he felt the position was needed and is required with a specific amount of experience and knowledge. It is not just hiring someone off of the streets.

COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to approve the requested reclassification with the increase being approximately thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000). COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDING.

County Administrator Caime said, “I really think that we need to take a hard look at the staffing levels within Laurens County Government. And, to include compensation. Hopefully by this time next year I can bring to you a good staffing analysis to consider”.

The Chairman declared that the MOTION DIED for the lack of a second.

Vice Chairman Tollison said, “We have the position open now at the current salary. A year from now we may not still be ready to bring in that position. This gives us two (2) options – to recertify and spend the money to train them, or we hire them now. I question if the salary is at the lower tier of the salary range”. Mr. Bobo declared that it is not the lower tier of a Codes Inspector but is for the management level of a Codes Officer.

Councilwoman Anderson said that the position is needed but the money is just not there.

Vice Chairman Tollison asked for Mr. Bobo to bring this back to Council at the next session for more discussion.

	Present	Requested
Salary Adjustments	\$ 258,641.00	\$ 29,598.00

Mr. Bobo said, “I feel that our Department is far behind on salary requirements. I reviewed the South Carolina Association of Counties Wage and Salary Report for the Group Three Population. Those being Greenwood, Kershaw, Lancaster and Oconee. The starting salary range for Building Inspectors over a twenty eight (28) year career consists of a twenty percent (20%), five thousand eight hundred sixteen dollar (\$5,816) spread. Inflationary rates are not included in this. The other Counties have a forty to fifty six percent (40% to 56%) spread typical for a twenty eight (28) year career. The midpoint for our Inspectors that have been here for ten to eighteen (10 to 18) years puts them in close proximity of a mid-point salary of thirty one thousand nine hundred eighty seven dollars (\$31,987). Our Inspectors range from thirty one thousand five hundred eighty two dollars (\$31,980) with eighteen (18) years of service to thirty four thousand nine hundred six dollars (\$34,906) for ten (10) years of service. The other Counties would be paying them from forty two thousand one hundred ninety seven dollars to forty six thousand eight hundred seventy eight dollars at the midpoint. Laurens County needs to change the salary spread by five thousand dollars to seven thousand dollars (\$5,000 to \$7,000)”.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Job Code: 565

County	Hours	Staff Totals	Pay Range		Midpoint	Mean Average	Percent Spread
			Minimum	Maximum			
GEORGETOWN	40	1	37,502	56,253	46,878		50%
KERSHAW	37.5	2	28,108	41,528	34,818		48%
LANCASTER	37.5	7	36,180	50,652	43,416		40%
LAURENS	40	4	29,079	34,895	31,987	32,000	20%
OCONEE	37.5	4	32,966	51,427	42,197	40,758	56%
ARITHMETIC AVERAGES			32,767	46,951	39,859		43%

CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Job Code: 568

Pay Range

County	Hours	Staff Totals	Minimum	Maximum	Midpoint	Mean Average	Percent Spread
GEORGETOWN	40	1	30,779	46,169	38,474		50%
GREENWOOD	37.5	1	33,881	50,822	42,352	42,352	50%
LANCASTER	37.5	4	33,220	69,293	51,257		109%
LAURENS	40	1	27,776	38,886	33,331	31,615	40%
ARITHMETIC AVERAGES			31,414	51,293	41,353		62%

CLERK I

Job Code: 121

County	Hours	Staff Totals	Pay Range		Midpoint	Mean Average	Percent Spread
			Minimum	Maximum			
GEORGETOWN	40	4	23,458	35,188	29,323		50%
LANCASTER	37.5	7	22,864	32,009	27,437		40%
LAURENS	40	6	21,258	29,761	25,510	22,629	40%
OCONEE	37.5	2	24,174	36,390	30,282	24,416	51%
ARITHMETIC AVERAGES			22,939	33,337	28,138		45%

CLERK II

Job Code: 122

County	Hours	Staff Totals	Pay Range		Midpoint	Mean Average	Percent Spread
			Minimum	Maximum			
GEORGETOWN	40	12	24,646	36,969	30,808		50%
GREENWOOD	37.5	37	24,079	36,118	30,099	30,099	50%
KERSHAW	37.5	13	20,188	29,827	25,008		48%
LANCASTER	37.5	11	24,344	34,082	29,213		40%
LAURENS	40	6	22,562	31,587	27,075	26,403	40%
ARITHMETIC AVERAGES			23,164	33,717	28,440		46%

BUILDING CODES ADMINISTRATOR/DIRECTOR

Job Code: 560

County	Hours	Staff Totals	Pay Range		Midpoint	Mean Average	Percent Spread
			Minimum	Maximum			
GEORGETOWN	40	1	50,436	75,654	63,045		50%
LANCASTER	37.5	1	65,420	91,588	78,504		40%
LAURENS	40	1	52,592	73,628	63,110	52,500	40%
OCONEE	37.5	1	57,571	95,771	76,671	70,040	66%
ARITHMETIC AVERAGES			56,505	84,160	70,333		49%

Continuing Mr. Bobo said, “Looking at the Bureau of Labor statics inflation calculator, it showed a twenty five thousand dollar (\$25,000) salary in 1988 – twenty eight (28) years ago; in 2016 would have to be fifty thousand six hundred twenty six dollars (\$50,626) today to be the same salary. My calculations for annual salary adjustments using one percent (1%), two percent (2%) and three percent (3%). It takes 2.51% every year for twenty eight (28) years to match the inflation calculator”.

Cost of Living Adjustments			
Salary	Percentage	Total	
\$ 25,000.00	1%	\$ 33,032.27	
\$ 25,000.00	2%	\$ 43,525.61	
\$ 25,000.00	3%	\$ 57,198.19	

Takes 2.51 % to double in twenty eight years

Continuing, Mr. Bobo said, “We can’t buy vehicles, equipment or office supplies at prices of decades ago. We buy at current prices. I ask Council to please consider our employees and pay current wages. As to my Clerks, there truly is not a category to help with their salaries as they are defined as just Clerks. They are much more than a clerk as they need to know our local Ordinances, State Code, DHEC and FEMA. Regulations in order to properly process a permit. They need to be experts at SC LLR regulations because a general contractor can only pull commercial building permits not commercial plumbing, commercial mechanical, or commercial electrical permits. However he can pull any residential permits. A residential contractor can pull any residential permits including residential plumbing, residential mechanical, or residential electrical. He cannot pull any commercial permits unless the total cost of the entire project is under five thousand dollars (\$5,000). Some think this to be simple and that it makes perfect sense right. But, that is not correct, it is a bureaucratic mess that our clerks have to know by heart. They also need to monitor permits for floodplain issues and airport restrictions for building in their restricted areas. If we are not notified by the clerks these issues will go through unnoticed. My point is, the clerks have to be a pretty good building inspector to be able to create permits and do them correctly yet they are paid about ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) less than the inspectors”.

Councilwoman Anderson asked for the staff to provide a report to Council on the number of Clerks in the County that are full time and make less than ten to eleven dollars (\$10 to \$11) an hour.

- C.) Laurens County Registrations/Elections: On behalf of the Department, Mr. Tim Howard, Member of the Commission, spoke to Council asking to consider a stipend for the poll workers and to increase the hourly pay of the part time help.

Continuing, Mr. Howard said, “We allow thirty (30) hours for our part time help that have to be certified to work within this Office. We ask to bring this salary up to at least the minimum wage”.

COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to bring this position up to ten dollars and forty five cents (\$10.45) an hour for thirty (30) hours with VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON SECONDING for discussion.

Councilwoman Anderson said that the County has a lot of part time employees and that it is not fair to pick and choose what part timers get increases.

Councilman Pitts agreed that all needed to be treated fairly and continued by saying not all jobs are the same nor are the required the same skill levels.

Vice Chairman Tollison said, “This is considered a salary increase and presently adds to the deficit. I don’t think we need to propose a motion now. We need to get the whole employee raises settled first and then come back to this later”.

Councilman Jones echoed the same as Vice Chairman Tollison.

As per the earlier motion from Councilman Pitts, COUNCIL VOTED 3-4; motion died.

VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON made a MOTION to table any further discussions with this salary request. COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDING; VOTE 7-0.

- D.) Laurens County Veterans Affairs, Mr. Carey Bolt, Veterans Officer - Veterans Officer, Carey Bolt was not in attendance of the meeting. Chairman Wood stated that Mr. Bolt had called him earlier in the day and reviewed his discussion material.

Veterans Affairs	Office Manager/Outreach Coordinator	\$ 15,000.00
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Chairman Wood explained that this was a program that assisted with the elderly and terminally ill veterans that needed placement in nursing homes and assisted living centers as well as other personal help that they may need. Greenwood County has already approved the position and will be paying for half of the thirty thousand dollar (\$30,000) salary.

COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON made the MOTION to deny funding the requested position. The MOTION DIED due to the lack of a SECOND.

Chairman Wood replied this this was a “No go”.

- E.) Laurens County Library, Ann Szypulski, Director – Director Szypulski appeared before Council requesting that Council provide the funding for an eighteen (18) year old bookmobile.

Library	Explorer III Step Van Bookmobile	\$ 165,000.00
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Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor Billy Wilson, stated, “The bookmobile is really RV based as to equipment. The present Bookmobile was purchased in 1997 for seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) from The Ohio Bus Company. A new one would now be under one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000) but over one hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$125,000). In my opinion, we are very close in making major repairs to the exiting vehicle”.

COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to approve up to one hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$125,000) for the purchase of a new Bookmobile. COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDING; VOTE 5-2 (Chairman Wood and Councilman Nash were in opposition).

- F.) Laurens County EMS, Chad Burrell, Director – Director Burrell requested Council to further consider the new line item for an “Employee Wellness Program” for his employees.

EMS Employee Wellness Program	\$ 8,250.00
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Describing the program, Director Burrell said, “This is a program that provides fit for duty testing on all employees while attempting to minimize liabilities associated with on the job injuries. It involves pre-screening for health, fitness and function and with an all-out effort to maintain a healthy workforce. This process also ensures employees are able to return to duty after a work related injury”.

Finance Director Kirk stated that this is not in the budget as presented and would need to be added if approved.

Director Burrell moved on to his capital requests for vehicles by saying, “We appreciate all of the support from Council over the years and we must continue to provide safe and reliable vehicles. During the past year, two (2) QRV’S have had to be removed due to mechanical issues. We now have one (1) spare QRV that has one hundred sixty thousand (160,000) miles on it. Our two (2) remaining QRV’s have over one hundred thirty thousand (130,000) miles on them. We researched the option of securing the SUV vehicle that is proposed for the Sheriff’s Department and have concluded that there is enough space to accommodate the equipment and is cheaper operated.”

Director Burrell reminded Council of the Council Committee work that has been in discussion and that things still need to be determined and settled

	Requested
Ambulance Remount (1)	\$ 105,000.00
Quick Response Vehicles (3 replacements / \$34,000 each)	\$ 102,000.00
Ambulance and Equipment	\$ 190,742.00
	\$ 397,442.00

Councilman Jones asked how many total ambulances are in operation with the EMS Department. Director Burrell replied, “We have ten (10) box ambulances. The most recent one was through a grant process. We have one (1) sitting on the side that has a blown motor that we are considering not repairing along with another that is completely out of service.”

Councilman Pitts questioned that of the ten (10) only three (3) are new within the last twenty four (24) months. Director Burrell replied that that was correct.

Chairman Wood asked if there were any motions on the table for EMS? There were none.

- G.) Piedmont Technical College, Paige Childs – Mrs. Walsh reported that they would not be in attendance.

REVIEW OF A PROPOSED HOURLY PAY ADJUSTMENT FOR ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES AS PART OF THE FY 2016-2017 COUNTY BUDGET – Chairman Wood stated that this would be omitted for tonight’s discussion due to needing more clarification.

- A.) Update on recent activity of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) – Mrs. Debi Parker, Human Resources Manager briefed Council on the new Fair Labor Standards Act that will become effective December 1, 2016. According to our records, we have two (2) employees that have the status of salaried exempt to salaried non-exempt.

Continuing, Mrs. Parker said, “The FLSA requires that most employees in the United States be paid at least the Federal minimum wage for all hours worked and overtime pay at time and one-half (1 ½) the regular rate of pay for all hours worked over forty (40) hours in a workweek. To qualify for exemption, employees generally must meet certain tests regarding their job duties and be paid on a salary basis of four hundred fifty five dollars (\$455) a week; twenty three thousand six hundred sixty dollars (\$23,660) for a full-year worker; to nine hundred thirteen dollars (\$913) a week, or forty seven thousand four hundred seventy (\$47,476) for a full-year worker). Job titles do not determine exempt status. In order for an exemption to apply, an employee’s specific job duties and salary must meet all the requirements of the Department’s regulations. The total needed for the two (2) positions would be approximately one thousand twenty six dollars and ninety one cents (\$1,026.91)”.

Administrator Caime explained again to Council and noted that the figures provided were not in the current budget provided.

Chairman Wood asked for comments from Council. There were no comments offered. Attorney Cruickshanks added that a decision needs to be made retrospectively than prospectively as per the millage increase to exceed the cap.

- B.) Council Discussion and Review of the pay adjustment with review of available funding sources for the pay adjustment. – Councilman Pitts stated, “This Council can sit around and talk n talk employees pay. The State is increasing bus driver pay by three dollars (\$3.00) an hour. The starting pay for us will be between ten to thirteen dollars (\$10.00 to \$13.00) an hour with zero years of experience. And in Greenville County it is going to be fifteen to sixteen dollars (\$15.00 to \$16.00) and hour. I’m just making this point to say that many, many of our employees are underpaid”.

Councilman McDaniel said that he was for the fifty cents (.50) an hour raise for employees.

Councilwoman Anderson said that she too was for the employees raise but Council needs to determine where the funds will come from.

Councilman Nash agreed with the increase in pay increase.

Councilman Jones echoed the same increase of fifty cents (.50) per hour and noted that Major Tyson would be under budget by one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000).... “I want to know where the money is coming from for the raises”.

Vice Chairman Tollison stated that he was on board with the fifty cents (.50) an hour and that its costing about five hundred eight thousand five hundred fourteen dollars (\$508,514).... “I don’t think we can afford to go into our contingency and the only other means is raising taxes.”

Councilman Jones provided the Chairman with a proposed Resolution for privatizing EMS.

Chairman Wood replied that with the proposal, it would involve the E911 system and EMS. I think this is a bit premature.

Councilman Jones replied that he has been asking for this a long time just to explore our options.... “There is a difference in exploring all options than just increasing taxes. We need a long term solution with things like this in place then we would not need to raise taxes to do this”.

REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT REQUESTED CAPITAL ITEMS – Mr. Billy Wilson, Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor began by introducing the departmental vehicle request and asked Council to keep in mind that with these recommendations the County is not adding to the fleet. What is replaced will come out.

	DEPARTMENT	CAPITAL NEEDS	REQUESTED AMOUNT	TOTAL REQUESTED BY DEPTS	Recommended For Lease Purchase	Approved
2	Building Codes/ Inspections	2 half ton pickups	\$ 47,000	\$ 47,000	\$ 47,000	\$ 47,000

This Department has seven (7) vehicles with two (2) approaching one hundred ninety thousand (190,000) miles on them.

5	Library	Explorer III Step Van Bookmobile to replace 18 year old bookmobile	\$ 165,000
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The Library has previously been discussed and approved at \$125,000.

7	Roads and Bridges	Used/Refurbished Pipe Cleaning Machine - Trailer Mounted	\$ 25,000
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This is a pipe cleaning machine and is refurbished one.

8	Sheriff's Office	15 - Police Vehicles with the following items: Light Bar, Siren, Computer Mount, in-car radio, camera system, Prisoner Transport Cage, etc. What has been the current allotment of 5 vehicles per year is not adequate. This dictates that a vehicle should have a "shelf life" of 12 years, which is not practical. Replacing aging vehicles on a more frequent basis will reduce maintenance cost, promote a more positive image of the county, and reduce liability.	\$ 518,000
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This is fifteen (150 road patrol deputy cars. No investigators, no unmarked units.

Councilman Anderson asked what vehicles were these being considered. Mr. Wilson replied that they are V-6 and more ecofriendly, gas savings but does come with the horsepower to do what we need.

Vice Chairman Tollison stated that this is the third or fourth set of vehicles secured and this set is still different vehicle. Why not figure out one that works and we like so we won't have to keep buying all of the equipment each time. Mr. Wilson replied that the price consistency keeps changing. Vice Chairman Tollison stated that he still wanted to see the County fleet standardized as to vehicle equipment usage.

Councilwoman Anderson asked why an SUV was needed? Mr. Wilson explained that this is not a big vehicles like a Tahoe or Suburban. These guys carry a lot of equipment and a Crown Vic's trunk is full. The costs for these are thirty five thousand dollars (\$35,000). Six to seven thousand dollars (\$6,000 to \$7,000) is part of the equipment added to the cars.

Councilman Jones asked for confirmation that the Sheriff's Office has ninety (90) vehicles. Mr. Wilson agreed.

Councilman Pitts asked what vehicles would be considered replaced within the Sheriff's Department? Mr. Wilson replied that they were largely 2005 and 2006 vehicles.

Councilman Jones questioned the Sheriff's Department having sixty six (66) employees and ninety (90) vehicles.

9	Litter/Humane	F-150 Pickup for additional animal control officer. Includes lighting, decals and bed cap.	\$ 24,500
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Addressing this matter Mr. Russian, stated that this involves the contract with the two (2) municipalities of which they will pay a portion of the expenses incurred within this contract.

6	Parks and Recreations	Grasshopper Commercial Mower 6 ft Mowing Deck 25hp Diesel	\$ 13,000
		One ton dual rear wheel extended cab and chassis truck with landscape bed	\$ 28,500
		12 ft dump bed for cab and chassis truck	\$ 8,000

Mr. Wilson reviewed the requested mower for the Parks and Recreation Department.

14	EMS	Three (3) Quick Response vehicles (replacements)	\$ 101,700
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Mr. Wilson asked for Council to reconsider adding one (1) QRV from his request. COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL made the MOTION to allow the one (1) QRV to be added to the fleet. COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDING; VOTE 5-2 (Councilmen Jones and Pitts were in opposition)

7	Roads and Bridges	Used/Refurbished Pipe Cleaning Maching - Trailer Mounted	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
8	Sheriff's Office	15 - Police Vehicles with the following items: Light Bar, Siren, Computer Mount, in car radio, camera system, Prisoner Transport Cage, etc. What has been the current allotment of 5 vehicles per year is not adequate. This dictates that a vehicle should have a "shelf life" of 12 years, which is not practical. Replacing aging vehicles on a more frequent basis will reduce maintenance cost, promote a more positive image of the county, and reduce liability.	\$ 518,000	\$ 518,000	\$ 518,000	\$ 518,000
9	Litter/Humane	F-150 Pickup for additional animal control officer. Includes lighting, decals and bed cap.	\$ 24,500	\$ 24,500	\$ 24,500	\$ 24,500
10	Litter/Humane	Expansion of Animal Control Facility to add 14 additional kennels including concrete pad, building, insulation, heater, fans, fencing, etc.	\$ 104,180	\$ 104,180		\$ 104,180
11	Solid Waste	F-350 Crew Cab to be used as an inmate litter collection vehicle	\$ 35,500	\$ 35,500		\$ 35,500
12	Solid Waste	Two (2) Thirty-Yard Roll off Containers for cardboard to help reduce hauling of containers and make recycling of cardboard more efficient	\$ 10,861	\$ 10,861		\$ 10,861
13	EMS	Ambulance Remount	\$ 105,000	\$ 105,000		
14	EMS	Three (3) Quick Response vehicles (replacements)	\$ 101,700	\$ 101,700		\$ 33,900
15	EMS	Additional Staffed 24 Hour Ambulance/Unit and Equipment	\$ 190,742	\$ 190,742		

INSTRUCTIONS FROM COUNCIL TO STAFF:

- 1.) Councilman Pitts asked for a further consultation regarding Act 388 with the staff.
- 2.) Councilwoman Anderson clerical staff full time and part time hourly wages and those making less than ten dollars (\$10) an hour.

SECOND READING, ORDINANCE #815, WHICH IS THE PROPOSED FY 2016/2017 COUNTY BUDGET – COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON made the MOTION to approve Ordinance #815 upon Second Reading with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING: VOTE 7-0.

SECOND READING, ORDINANCE #817, WHICH IS AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #465 PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF THE MAXIMUM LEGAL PERCENTAGE OF LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016; AND TO FURTHER USE AND APPLY THESE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVENUE SHORTFALLS IN LAURENS COUNTY AND OTHER MATTERS APPERTAINING THERETO". COUNCILMAN NASH made the MOTION to approve Ordinance #817 upon SECOND READING with COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDING; VOTE 7-0.

SCHEDULING OF NEXT BUDGET SESSION – Chairman Wood declared that the next budget session would be held immediately following the next Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – With no further action required by Council, Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Betty C. Walsh
Laurens County Clerk to Council



AGENDA ITEM – REQUEST SHEET – COUNTY COUNCIL

ALL REQUESTS should be submitted by 1:00 P.M. on the Wednesday prior to the Tuesday meeting of Council. All other requests not submitted by the deadline will be retained and scheduled for the next meeting of Council.

Agenda Item #: 7a (County Clerk will insert this)

DEPARTMENT / AGENCY: County Administrator Date of Request: _____

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED: No action needed please see attached report

Short Description of Item for Consideration: _____

More Detailed Description (if needed): _____

FINANCIAL AMOUNT REQUESTED _____

SOURCE OF FUNDING: _____

(PLEASE – attach subject matter document pages as necessary)



Report to Council

Jon Caime,
County Administrator
For Council Meeting June 14, 2016

Summary:

This is the first report to Council. Future reports will address updates to items previously reported as well as new items. My initial focus has been on the core functions of Human Resources (HR), Finance, Legal, and County Council (General Services Division). I have also held meetings with EMS, Fire, E911, EMA (Public Safety Division). I have also begun to work on interagency relationships.

Details:

GENERAL SERVICES DIVISION:

1. Human Resources:

- **Personnel Requests:** We are implementing a new procedure for all new positions (those positions that are direct reports will be required to use this procedure, indirects/constitutional officers have option to use this procedure unless mandated by Council). For all new positions we will have job description approved by Council. We will also have compensation study conducted and presented to council prior to council approving the funding of any new positions. (The proposed procedure is being used for the budget meeting 6/14/16.)

2. Finance

- **Health Insurance Budget:** We have discussed the current health insurance budget which is about 7% of our overall budget. Lisa Kirk has reviewed the current budget line item to ensure its accuracy. We will evaluate our projections for this line item and adjust as needed for FY18 budget preparation.
- **Deficit Study:** We are conducting a deficit study to quantify our historical deficit spending so that we can more adequately plan for our future finances.
- **Reserves Analysis:** We are conducting a reserves analysis to quantify our reserves. In the future we will be proposing a plan of action to address any reserve deficiencies noted.
- **Audits to web:** We will be coordinating our efforts to post our audits on our website. This will increase efficiency by having our financial information on the web as well as increase transparency.

3. County Council:

- **Agenda Items:** Agenda items will now have a standard format so that Council can easily review actions items needed. Meeting packets will be standardized so that our agendas are easier to follow.

- Agenda Format has been cleared up to make the agendas easier to follow. Reports to Council are for Departments and Agencies that simply want to present a report to council where no action is needed by Council. Agenda items that Council has already reviewed in previous meetings will be under “old business”. New items being brought to Council will be under “new business”.
- Items for Consideration by Council will be submitted to the County Administrator’s Office by 1pm Wednesday before the meeting. The draft agenda will be sent to the Chairman for review and approval. The final agenda and read ahead packets will be ready by 1pm Friday before the meeting. Read ahead packets will be scanned and placed on our website (in near future) for press and public. Packets will be available to Council Friday afternoon via email or via hand delivery to Council.

PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

We have held meetings with EMS, Fire, E911, & EMA to discuss our priorities and long range plans. No formal action has been taken yet.

INTERAGENCY RELATIONS

- Held a Joint Meeting with Laurens and Clinton City Managers at the COC office.
- Held a meeting and tour with City Manager and Mayor of Laurens.
- Participated in a City Council Meeting with Fountain Inn.
- Attended Meeting Held by Congressman Jeff Duncan at Laurens E911 Center.
- Attended Detention Center Tour at Laurens County Jail.
- Attended meeting with DOT about TAP program.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

ORDINANCE 812

COUNTY OF LAURENS)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AMENDED AND RESTATED FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG LAURENS COUNTY AND YANFENG US AUTOMOTIVE INTERIOR SYSTEMS I LLC, PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAXES AND THE PROVISION OF SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS; TO EXPRESS THE COMMITMENT OF LAURENS COUNTY TO CONTINUE TO PLACE PROJECT PROPERTY IN A MULTI-COUNTY PARK; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, Laurens County, South Carolina (the "County"), acting by and through its County Council (the "Council"), is authorized by the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (the "Code"), particularly Title 12, Chapter 44 (the "FILOT Act"): (i) to enter into a fee agreement with companies meeting the requirements of the FILOT Act, which identifies certain property of such companies as economic development property, to induce such companies to locate in the State of South Carolina (the "State") and to encourage companies now located in the State to expand their investments and thus make use of and employ workers and other resources of the State; and (ii) to covenant with such companies to accept certain fee in lieu of ad valorem tax payments with respect to a project; and

WHEREAS, the County is authorized by Sections 4-1-175 and 4-29-68 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, to provide special source revenue credits for the purpose of defraying the cost of designing, acquiring, constructing, improving, or expanding the infrastructure serving the County and for improved and unimproved real estate and personal property, including machinery and equipment, used in the operation of a manufacturing facility or commercial enterprise in order to enhance the economic development of the County; and

WHEREAS, The County, acting by and through its Council, is further authorized and empowered under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 4, Chapter 1 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "MCIP Act") to provide for payments-in-lieu of taxes with respect to property located in a multi-county business or industrial park created under the MCIP Act and to permit investors to claim special source credits against such payments to reimburse such investors for expenditures for infrastructure serving the County and improved or unimproved real estate and personal property, including machinery and equipment, used or to be used in the operation of a manufacturing or commercial enterprise in order to enhance the economic development of the County, and to create, in conjunction with one or more other counties, a multi-county park in order to afford certain enhanced tax credits to such investors and facilitate the grant of special source or infrastructure improvement credits;

WHEREAS, Yanfeng US Automotive Interior Systems I LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and one or more affiliates (collectively, the "Company"), is considering investment in personal property and certain real estate improvements located in the County which would constitute a project within the meaning of the Act and which are eligible for inclusion as economic development property, the cost of which is estimated to be approximately \$45,000,000.00 over seven (7) years (the "Project");

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2016-06 adopted February 23, 2016, the Council approved an Inducement Resolution providing for, among other things, the agreement of the County to enter into a fee-in-lieu of tax arrangement with the Company and the provision of special source revenue credits;

WHEREAS, the Company has caused to be prepared and presented to the Council the form of Amended and Restated Fee Agreement by and among the County and the Company (the "Amended Fee Agreement"), which (i) provides for fee-in-lieu of tax payments utilizing a six percent (6%) assessment ratio and fixed millage rate as of June 30, 2015 for a period of thirty (30) years for the Project or each component thereof placed in service during the initial investment period and any investment period extension to which the County and the Company agree, (ii) provides for special source revenue credits equal to fifty percent (50%) of the fee-in-lieu payments under the Amended Fee Agreement for fifteen (15) years (subject to an additional five-year extension upon written notice from the Company to the County that (a) the Company has met the required investment commitment under the Amended Fee Agreement during the first ten years and (b) the Company chooses to extend the special source revenue credit equal to 50% of fee-in-lieu payments for an additional five years, for a total of fifteen years); and (iii) provides for the incorporation of the terms and conditions of certain existing incentive agreements into the Amended Fee Agreement, as more fully set forth in the Amended Fee Agreement.

WHEREAS, it appears that the Amended Fee Agreement, which is attached to this ordinance, is in appropriate form and is an appropriate instrument to be executed and delivered by the County for the purposes intended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the County Council of Laurens County, South Carolina, as follows:

1. Approval of Amended Fee Agreement.

Subject to the provisions of Section 3 of this ordinance, and, in order to promote industry, develop trade, and utilize and employ the manpower, products, and natural resources of the State by assisting the Company to expand or locate an industrial facility in the State, the Amended Fee Agreement is hereby authorized, ratified, and approved.

2. Statutory Findings.

Council makes the following additional findings:

(a) The Project will constitute a “project” as the term is referred to and defined in the Act, and the County’s actions herein will subserve the purposes and in all respects conform to the provisions and requirements of the Act.

(b) The Project and the payments in lieu of taxes set forth herein are beneficial to the County, and the County has evaluated the Project based upon all criteria prescribed by law, including the anticipated dollar amount and nature of the investment to be made.

(c) The Project is anticipated to benefit the general public welfare of the County by providing services, employment, recreation, or other public benefits not otherwise adequately provided locally.

(d) The Project gives rise to no pecuniary liability of the County or any incorporated municipality or a charge against the general credit or taxing power of either.

(e) The purposes to be accomplished by the Project, *i.e.*, economic development and addition to the tax base of the County, are proper governmental and public purposes.

(f) The inducement of the location or expansion of the Project within the County and State is of paramount importance.

(g) The benefits of the Project to the public will be greater than the costs to the public.

3. Approval and Execution of Amended Fee Agreement.

The form, terms, and provisions of the Amended Fee Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit A, are approved, and all of the terms, provisions, and conditions thereof are incorporated herein by reference as if the Amended Fee Agreement was set out in this ordinance in its entirety. The Council Chair and Council Secretary are authorized, empowered, and directed to execute and acknowledge the Amended Fee Agreement in the name of and on behalf of the County, and thereupon to cause the Amended Fee Agreement to be delivered to the Company. The Amended Fee Agreement is to be in substantially the form as attached to this ordinance and hereby approved, with such changes therein as shall not be materially adverse to the County and as shall be approved by the officials of the County executing the same, upon the advice of counsel to the County, such officer’s execution thereof to constitute conclusive evidence of such officer’s approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form of the Amended Fee Agreement attached to this ordinance.

4. Authority to Act.

The Council Chair, Council Secretary, Clerk to Council, County Administrator, County Attorney and all other appropriate officials of the County are authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary to effect the execution and delivery of the Amended Fee Agreement and the performance of all obligations of the County under and pursuant to the Amended Fee Agreement.

5. Severability.

If any section, subsection or clause of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections and clauses shall not be affected.

6. Controlling Provisions.

To the extent this ordinance contains provisions that conflict with provisions contained elsewhere in the Laurens County Code or other County ordinances, resolutions or orders, the provisions contained in this ordinance supersede all other provisions and this ordinance is controlling.

7. Effective Date.

This ordinance is effective upon third reading.

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AND IT IS SO ORDAINED, this 14th day of June, 2016.

(SEAL)

LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL:

Joseph E. Wood, Jr., Chairman

P. Keith Tollison, Vice Chairman

Diane B. Anderson, Council Member

Stewart O. Jones, Council Member

Garrett C. McDaniel, Council Member

Ted G. Nash, Council Member

David A. Pitts, Council Member

ATTEST:

Betty C. Walsh, Clerk
Laurens County Council
Laurens County, South Carolina

First Reading: March 8, 2016
Second Reading: March 22, 2016
Third Reading: June 14, 2016

Public Hearing: June 14, 2019

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF LAURENS

I, the undersigned Clerk to County Council of Laurens County, South Carolina, do hereby certify that attached hereto is a true, accurate and complete copy of an ordinance which was given reading, and received unanimous approval, by the County Council at its meetings of March 8, 2016, March 22, 2016 and June 14, 2016, at which meetings a quorum of members of County Council were present and voted, and an original of which ordinance is filed in the permanent records of the County Council.

Betty C. Walsh

Clerk to County Council of Laurens County

Dated: _____, 2016

Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 812

Amended and Restated Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement

[See attached.]

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF LAURENS)
ORDINANCE NO. 818

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN LAURENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND CRI TOLLING, LLC PROVIDING FOR A PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, Laurens County, South Carolina (the "County") acting by and through its County Council (the "County Council") is authorized and empowered pursuant to the provisions of Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (the "Act"), to enter into fee agreements with any industry, with said agreements identifying certain properties of such industries as economic development property, through which powers the industrial development of the State of South Carolina (the "State") and the County will be promoted and trade developed by inducing manufacturing and commercial enterprises to locate, remain, and expand in the State and the County and thus utilize and employ the manpower, products, and natural resources and benefit the general public welfare of the State and County by providing services, employment, or other public benefits not otherwise adequately provided locally; and

WHEREAS, CRI Tolling, LLC, a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Carolina, together with its affiliate, Synalloy Corporation (collectively referred to hereinafter as the "Company"), intends to invest in the establishment of a facility through the acquisition of land, a building, and improvements thereon (the "Land and Building"); the construction of improvements thereon and/or therein; and/or the acquisition of personal property, including, but not limited to, machinery, equipment, and furniture to be installed on and/or in the Land and Building, which would constitute a project within the meaning of the Act and which are eligible for inclusion as economic development property, the cost of which is estimated to be \$8,000,000 (the "Project"), all as more fully set forth in the Fee Agreement attached hereto, and provided that approvals of various incentives contemplated for the Project are formalized by the State and County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Inducement Resolution dated as of May 10, 2016, the County authorized the execution of an agreement providing for fee in lieu of tax payments; and

WHEREAS, the Company has caused to be prepared and presented to this meeting the form of the Fee Agreement by and between the County and the Company (the "Fee Agreement"), which provides for fee in lieu of tax payments utilizing a 6% assessment ratio for a period of 30 years for the Project or each component thereof placed in service during the initial investment period and any investment period extension to which the County and the Company agree and the issuance of a 10-year, 40% special source revenue credit; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the Fee Agreement, which is now before this meeting, is in appropriate form and is an appropriate instrument to be executed and delivered by the County for the purposes intended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council in a meeting duly assembled as follows:

Section 1. In order to promote industry, develop trade, and utilize and employ the manpower, products, and natural resources of the State of South Carolina by assisting the Company to expand or locate an industrial facility in the State of South Carolina, the Fee Agreement is hereby authorized, ratified, and approved.

Section 2. It is hereby found, determined, and declared by the County Council, as follows:

- (a) The Project will constitute a "project" as said term is referred to and defined in the Act, and the County's actions herein will subserve the purposes and in all respects conform to the provisions and requirements of the Act.
- (b) The Project and the payments in lieu of taxes set forth herein are beneficial to the County, and the County has evaluated the Project based upon all criteria prescribed by law, including the anticipated dollar amount and nature of the investment to be made and the anticipated costs and benefits to the County.
- (c) The Project is anticipated to benefit the general public welfare of the County by providing services, employment, recreation, or other public benefits not otherwise adequately provided locally.
- (d) The Project gives rise to no pecuniary liability of the County or any incorporated municipality or a charge against the general credit or taxing power of either.
- (e) The purposes to be accomplished by the Project, i.e., economic development, creation of jobs, and addition to the tax base of the County, are proper governmental and public purposes.
- (f) The inducement of the location or expansion of the Project within the County and State is of paramount importance.
- (g) The benefits of the Project to the public will be greater than the costs.

Section 3. The form, terms, and provisions of the Fee Agreement presented to this meeting are hereby approved, and all of the terms, provisions, and conditions thereof are incorporated herein by reference as if the Fee Agreement were set out in this Ordinance in its entirety. The Chairman of the County Council and/or the County Administrator are authorized, empowered, and directed to execute, acknowledge, and deliver the Fee Agreement in the name of and on behalf of the County, and thereupon to cause the Fee Agreement to be delivered to the Company. The Fee Agreement is to be in substantially the form now before this meeting and hereby approved, with such changes therein as shall not be materially adverse to the County and as shall be approved by the officials of the County executing the same, upon the advice of Counsel to the County, such official's execution thereof to constitute conclusive evidence of

such official's approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form of the Fee Agreement now before this meeting.

Section 4. The Chairman of the County Council and/or the County Administrator, for and on behalf of the County, are hereby authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary to effect the execution and delivery of the Fee Agreement and the performance of all obligations of the County under and pursuant to the Fee Agreement.

Section 5. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be separable, and if any section, phrase, or provision shall for any reason be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the sections, phrases, and provisions hereunder.

Section 6. All orders, resolutions, ordinances, and parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed, and this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

(SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW)

AND IT IS SO ORDAINED, this 14th day of June, 2016.

(SEAL)

LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL:

Joseph E. Wood, Jr., Chairman

P. Keith Tollison, Vice Chairman

Diane B. Anderson, Council Member

Stewart O. Jones, Council Member

Garrett C. McDaniel, Council Member

Ted G. Nash, Council Member

David A. Pitts, Council Member

ATTEST:

Betty C. Walsh, Clerk
Laurens County Council
Laurens County, South Carolina

First Reading: May 10, 2016
Second Reading: May 24, 2016
Third Reading: June 14, 2016

Public Hearing: June 14, 2016

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF LAURENS)

I, the undersigned, Clerk to County Council of Laurens County, South Carolina ("County Council"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That the foregoing constitutes a true, correct, and verbatim copy of an Ordinance adopted by the County Council. The Ordinance was read and received a favorable vote at three public meetings of the County Council on May 10, 2016, May 24, 2016, and June 14, 2016. At least one day passed between first and second reading, and at least seven days passed between second and third readings. A public hearing was held on June 14, 2016, and notice of the public hearing was published in the *Clinton Chronicle* and *Laurens Advertiser* on May 25, 2016. At each meeting, a quorum of County Council was present and remained present throughout the meeting.

Attached hereto are excerpts of the minutes of the meetings of the County Council. The County Council complied with the Freedom of Information Act, Chapter 4, Title 30 of the S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, in connection with said meetings of County Council.

The Ordinance is now in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand and the Seal of Laurens County Council, South Carolina, as of this ____ day of June, 2016.

Signature: _____
Name: Betty Ann C. Walsh
Title: Clerk to County Council

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF LAURENS) ORDINANCE NO. 819

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THAT CERTAIN MASTER AGREEMENT GOVERNING THE OCTAGON INDUSTRIAL PARK DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 BETWEEN LAURENS COUNTY AND GREENVILLE COUNTY TO ADD THE CRI TOLLING, LLC TRACT LOCATED IN LAURENS COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Laurens County entered into the Master Agreement Governing the Octagon Industrial Park dated September 1, 2010, with Greenville County (as amended, the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the boundaries of the park created therein may be enlarged pursuant to ordinances of the respective County Councils of Laurens County and Greenville County; and

WHEREAS, CRI Tolling, LLC (the "Company") is considering an investment (the "Project") on land described in Exhibit A to this Ordinance, which is located in Laurens County; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Project will result in significant investment and will promote the economic development of Laurens County; and

WHEREAS, the Company has requested that Laurens County and Greenville County execute an amendment to the Agreement (the "Amendment") in order to add the Project to the Agreement so that the Company will be eligible for an enhanced jobs tax credit and to facilitate the granting of special source revenue credits; and

WHEREAS, the Company has caused to be prepared and presented to the Laurens County Council the form of the Amendment; and

WHEREAS, Laurens County benefits from having the Project located in one park in order to avoid confusion in the administration of multiple Park Agreements and has therefore agreed to include the Project in the joint industrial and business park created by the Agreement (the "Park").

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Laurens County Council that:

1. Exhibit A-1 to the Agreement is hereby and shall be amended to include the Project, and that the Chairman of the Laurens County Council and County Administrator are hereby authorized to execute and deliver the form of the Amendment presented to the Laurens County Council with any changes not materially adverse to Laurens County and to take any and all such further action as may be necessary to accomplish the within amendment and enlargement.

2. This Ordinance shall amend, to the extent necessary, any other ordinances or resolutions of the Laurens County Council pertaining to the Park.

3. This Ordinance shall be effective after third and final reading thereof.

AND IT IS SO ORDAINED, this 14th day of June, 2016.

(SEAL)

LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL:

Joseph E. Wood, Jr., Chairman

P. Keith Tollison, Vice Chairman

Diane B. Anderson, Council Member

ATTEST:

Stewart O. Jones, Council Member

Betty C. Walsh, Clerk
Laurens County Council
Laurens County, South Carolina

Garrett C. McDaniel, Council Member

Ted G. Nash, Council Member

David A. Pitts, Council Member

First Reading: May 10, 2016

Second Reading: May 24, 2016

Third Reading: June 14, 2016

Public Hearing: June 14, 2019

EXHIBIT A

CRI TOLLING, LLC PROPERTY
(LOCATED IN LAURENS COUNTY)

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, containing **16.93 acres**, more or less, situate, lying and being on the western side of International Boulevard, in the County of Laurens, State of South Carolina, as shown on a plat entitled "Boundary Survey for LPC of S.C., Inc.", prepared by Thomas P. Dowling, RLS, dated October 10, 1996, last revised December 12, 1996, and recorded in the ROD Office for Laurens County, South Carolina, in Plat Book A-152 at Pages 7 and 8, reference to which is hereby craved for a metes and bounds description thereof.

This is the identical property conveyed to RWJ Enterprises, LLC by deed of Ronald W. Jones and Carolyn B. Jones, dated June 20, 2001, and recorded in the said ROD Office on July 20, 2001, in Deed Book 548 at Page 141.

TMS: 68-00-00-015

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF LAURENS)



RESOLUTION #2016-16

"DR. BILLY R. STRICKLAND"

WHEREAS, from time to time, the Laurens County Council recognizes that certain individuals are a vital and important part of maintaining and upholding certain developments and progress within Laurens County, and;

WHEREAS, this Resolution of Commendation expresses with sincerity, the dedication exemplified by Dr. Billy R. Strickland after having served many years within the Laurens County District #55 School District, and;

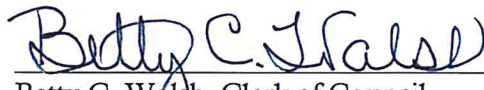
WHEREAS, Dr. Strickland began his career in education after earning his Bachelor's Degree from the University of South Carolina and proceeded to earning his Master's Degree from Winthrop University and on to his Doctorate from Nova Southeastern University, and;

WHEREAS, Dr. Strickland's career went from teaching to Coaching where two (2) State Champion Football Team honors were achieved as well as a Regional Champion Wrestling Team afforded him the honors of Regional Coach of the Year, and;

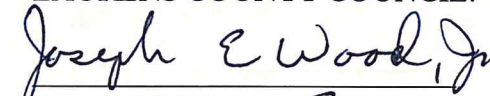
WHEREAS, Dr. Strickland continued with career achievements by serving as Assistant Principal at the Laurens District #55 High School and three (3) years later, as Principal. Thus adding another four (4) years to his career in the educational field within Laurens County, and;

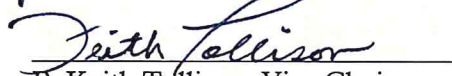
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Laurens County Council, duly assembled, applauds and desires to express by way of this Resolution, its gratitude to Dr. Strickland for his untiring leadership, community spirit and service as a public servant for Laurens County. And to wish him much success in all of his future endeavors.

ATTEST:



Betty C. Walsh, Clerk of Council
Laurens County Council
Laurens County, South Carolina


LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL:


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AGENDA ITEM – REQUEST SHEET – COUNTY COUNCIL

ALL REQUESTS should be submitted by 1:00 P.M. on the Wednesday prior to the Tuesday meeting of Council. All other requests not submitted by the deadline will be retained and scheduled for the next meeting of Council.

Agenda Item #: _____ (County Clerk will insert this)

DEPARTMENT / AGENCY: Councilman Jones Date of Request: _____

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED: Approve the County moving forward with developing an RFP for a public/private partnership of enhancing EMS services

Short Description of Item for Consideration: _____

More Detailed Description (if needed): _____

If this agenda item is approved, the Staff will draft a detailed RFP for Councils review and approval for consideration by Council at our July 12 Council Meeting.

If the draft RFP is approved by Council July 12 we will have a goal of collecting the RFPs by the August 24th Council Meeting.

We would then need to have a way to evaluate proposals submitted

FINANCIAL AMOUNT REQUESTED _____

SOURCE OF FUNDING: _____

(PLEASE – attach subject matter document pages as necessary)



AGENDA ITEM – REQUEST SHEET – COUNTY COUNCIL

ALL REQUESTS should be submitted by 1:00 P.M. on the Wednesday prior to the Tuesday meeting of Council. All other requests not submitted by the deadline will be retained and scheduled for the next meeting of Council

DATE OF REQUEST: Prior to June 30, 2015

DEPARTMENT / AGENCY: Upper Savannah Council of Governments representing SC Works Works

NAME: Ann Skinner

ADDRESS: 430 Helix Dr.

CITY: Greenwood STATE: SC ZIP: 29646

PHONE NUMBER: 864.941.8074 EMAIL: askinner@uppersavannah.com

SIGNATURE: _____

SUBJECT MATTER REQUESTED (please be as specific as possible): _____

SC Works Centers are required to submit their documents showing the involvement of local partner agencies to County Councils. The document is due to Columbia June 30, 2016. Laurens County has a SC Works Center. It is located within the main branch of the public library. We anticipate that SC Department of Employment and Workforce, SC Vocational Rehabilitation, Laurens County Adult Education and more with coordinate services.

FINANCIAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: None

SOURCE OF FUNDING: None

(PLEASE – attach subject matter document pages as necessary)

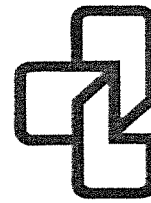
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REQUEST ASSIGNED TO: _____ DATE RECEIVED: _____

DATE OF ASSIGNMENT: _____ DATE OF AGENDA: _____

DATE RESPONSE DUE: _____

COUNCIL ACTION: _____



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Memorandum

TO: COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIRS

FROM: ANN SKINNER

DATE: MAY 26, 2016

SUBJECT: SUBMISSION OF SC WORKS PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT; SIGNATURE NEEDED

The counties of Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry and Saluda are part of a consortium which receives federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funding to offer workforce services to businesses and job seekers. SC Works Centers are the primary hub for activities. The Upper Savannah Workforce Board is tasked with organizing the system and expanding its influence by pulling in partners.

The state Workforce Investment Board and its administrative entity, the SC Department of Employment and Workforce, has developed a process for partners to identify the resources necessary to operate a system which meets local needs and to divide up the costs among responsible programs. County councils are required to receive a copy of the plan.

Attached is the Memorandum of Understanding. We need to compile signature pages from numerous partners and all county councils prior to July 1, 2016. To ensure that we meet this deadline, we need signed copies back from you by **June 26, 2016**.

The package you will receive includes:

- Upper Savannah SC Works Memorandum of Understanding Agreement (This is a standard document prepared by the SC Department of Employment and Workforce.)
- Attachment A which shows that all required program elements are addressed by partners.
- Attachment B which shows a directory of partners.
- Summary of the Resource Sharing Agreement Methodology.
- Three signature pages (Please return. We will send an executed copy when all signatures have been received)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

ORDINANCE 820

COUNTY OF LAURENS)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE (I) THE AMENDMENT OF THE AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS PARK, DATED AS OF AUGUST 27, 1993, BY AND BETWEEN LAURENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND GREENVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA IN ORDER TO REMOVE CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM THE MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK CREATED BY SUCH AGREEMENT; AND (II) THE AMENDMENT OF THE MASTER AGREEMENT GOVERNING THE OCTAGON INDUSTRIAL PARK, DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2010, BETWEEN LAURENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND GREENVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO INCREASE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK CREATED BY SUCH AGREEMENT; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, Laurens County, South Carolina (the "County"), acting by and through its County Council (the "Council"), is authorized by Article VIII, Section 13(D) of the South Carolina Constitution, as amended, and by the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (the "Code"), particularly Section 4-1-170 (collectively, the "MCIP Law"), to jointly develop with other counties an industrial or business park within the geographical boundaries of one or more of the member counties (each, a "Multi-County Park"); and

WHEREAS, the County has previously established a Multi-County Park known as the "Woodfield Park" with Greenville County, South Carolina, pursuant to that certain Agreement for Development for Joint County Industrial Business park, dated as of August 27, 1993 (as amended, the "Woodfield Park Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Woodfield Park includes certain real property in the County and more particularly described on Exhibit A hereto (the "Land") that is owned by Yanfeng US Automotive Interior Systems I LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Company"); and

WHEREAS, the County has previously established a Multi-County Park known as the "Octagon Industrial Park" with Greenville County, South Carolina, pursuant to that certain Master Agreement Governing the Octagon Industrial Park, dated as of September 1, 2010 (as amended, the "Octagon Park Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2 of the Woodfield Park Agreement, the Woodfield Park Agreement may be amended to change the boundaries of the Woodfield Park Agreement by ordinance of Laurens County and Greenville County;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1.01 of the Octagon Park Agreement, Laurens County can unilaterally increase the boundaries of the Octagon Industrial Park;

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the future economic development of the County to (i) amend the Woodfield Park Agreement to remove the Land from the Woodfield Park; and (ii) amend the Octagon Park Agreement to include the land in the Octagon Industrial Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the County Council of Laurens County, South Carolina, as follows:

1. Amendment of Woodfield Park Agreement.

It is the stated purpose of this Ordinance to amend the Woodfield Park Agreement as follows:

- a) Exhibit A to the Woodfield Park Agreement shall be amended so as to remove the description of the Land from Exhibit A.
- b) The Woodfield Park Agreement shall be amended to attach a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the Laurens County Council and the Greenville County Council whereby the amendment was approved.

In all other respects, the Woodfield Park Agreement is reaffirmed and restated as if fully set forth.

2. Amendment of Octagon Park Agreement

It is the stated purpose of this Ordinance to amend the Octagon Park Agreement as follows:

- a) Section 1.01 of the Octagon Park Agreement shall be amended so as to include the Land (as described on Exhibit A to this Ordinance) as Exhibit A-4 to the Octagon Park Agreement.
- b) The description of the Land set forth on Exhibit A to this Ordinance shall be attached as Exhibit A-4 to the Octagon Park Agreement.

In all other respects, the Octagon Park Agreement is reaffirmed and restated as if fully set forth.

3. Approval of Amendments.

Pursuant to the enactment of this Ordinance, the Council approves the amendments set forth above to the Woodfield Park Agreement and the Octagon Park Agreement.

4. Authority to Act.

This ordinance is adopted under the authority and process granted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina and the Constitution of this State.

The Council Chair, Clerk to Council, County Administrator, County Attorney and all other appropriate officials of the County are authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary to effect the execution and delivery of the aforementioned amendments and the performance of all obligations of the County thereunder.

5. Severability.

If any section, subsection or clause of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections and clauses shall not be affected.

6. Controlling Provisions.

To the extent this ordinance contains provisions that conflict with provisions contained elsewhere in the Laurens County Code or other County ordinances, resolutions or orders, the provisions contained in this ordinance supersede all other provisions and this ordinance is controlling.

7. Effective Date.

This ordinance is effective upon third reading.

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AND IT IS SO ORDAINED, this ____ day of _____.

LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL:

(SEAL)

Joseph E. Wood, Jr., Chairman

P. Keith Tollison, Vice Chairman

Diane B. Anderson, Council Member

Stewart O. Jones, Council Member

Garrett C. McDaniel, Council Member

Ted G. Nash, Council Member

David A. Pitts, Council Member

ATTEST:

Betty C. Walsh, Clerk
Laurens County Council
Laurens County, South Carolina

First Reading:
Second Reading:
Third Reading:

Public Hearing:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

ORDINANCE #821

COUNTY OF LAURENS)

TO AMEND THE 1994 PARK AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE MULTI COUNTY INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS PARK OF GREENVILLE COUNTY AND LAURENS COUNTY SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE PARK.

WHEREAS, as authorized by Article VIII, Section 13(D) of the South Carolina Constitution and Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "Act"), Greenville County, South Carolina ("Greenville County") previously developed a joint county industrial and business park with Laurens County, South Carolina ("Laurens County") with such park being geographically located in Greenville County (hereinafter referred to as the "Park");

WHEREAS, the Park has been developed and operated pursuant to certain Agreements for Development for Joint County Industrial and Business Park, the initial such Agreement being dated March 15, 1994, as authorized by ordinances enacted by Greenville County Council and Laurens County Council (as amended through the date hereof, the "Greenville-Laurens Park Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, in order to continue to promote economic development and encourage investment and employment opportunities in and around Greenville County and Laurens County, as authorized by Article VIII, Section 13(D) of the South Carolina Constitution and the Act, Greenville County has requested that the counties provide for the continuation of the Park by clarifying that the term of Greenville-Laurens Park Agreement is for a period of twenty (20) years with an effective date of March 15, 2015; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the amendment to the Greenville-Laurens Park Agreement now before this meeting is in appropriate form and is an appropriate instrument to be executed and delivered by Laurens County for the purposes intended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL:

Section 1. Amendment. The Greenville-Laurens Park Agreement is hereby amended to add a new Paragraph 13 to read as follows:

"13. Continuation of Term. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Agreement to the contrary, Greenville County and Laurens County agree that the term of this Agreement shall continue for a period of twenty (20) years commencing on March 15, 2015."

Section 2. Authorization. The amendment to the Greenville-Laurens Park Agreement now before this meeting and filed with the Clerk to Laurens County Council is hereby approved and incorporated herein by reference as if the Greenville-Laurens Park Agreement were set out in this Ordinance in its entirety. The Chairman of the Laurens County Council and the County Administrator of Laurens County are hereby authorized and empowered to execute the

amendment in the name and on behalf of Laurens County; the Clerk to the Laurens County Council is hereby authorized and empowered to attest the same; and the Chairman of the Laurens County Council and the County Administrator of Laurens County are further authorized and empowered to deliver the amendment to the Greenville-Laurens Park Agreement to Greenville County.

The amendment to the Greenville-Laurens Park Agreement is to be in substantially the form now before this meeting and hereby approved, or with such changes therein as shall not materially adversely affect the rights of Laurens County thereunder and as shall be approved by the officials of Laurens County executing the same, their execution thereof to constitute conclusive evidence of their approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form of the amendment to the Greenville-Laurens Park Agreement now before this meeting.

The Chairman of Laurens County Council and the County Administrator of Laurens County, for and on behalf of Laurens County, are hereby each authorized and empowered to do any and all things necessary or proper to effect the development of the Park and the performance of all obligations of Laurens County under and pursuant to the Greenville-Laurens Park Agreement and this amendment and to carry out the transactions contemplated thereby and by this Ordinance.

Section 3. Severability. If any section of this ordinance is, for any reason, determined to be void or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the validity of any other section of this ordinance which is not itself void or invalid.

Section 4. Effectiveness. This Ordinance shall be effective upon third and final reading.

Enacted and approved, in meeting duly assembled, this ____ day of _____, 2016.

LAURENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: _____
Joseph E. Wood, Jr. Chairman, County Council
Laurens County, South Carolina

ATTEST:

By: _____
Betty C. Walsh, Clerk to County Council
Laurens County, South Carolina

First reading: _____, 2016
Second reading: _____, 2016
Public hearing: _____, 2016
Third reading: _____, 2016



AGENDA ITEM – REQUEST SHEET – COUNTY COUNCIL

ALL REQUESTS should be submitted by 1:00 P.M. on the Wednesday prior to the Tuesday meeting of Council. All other requests not submitted by the deadline will be retained and scheduled for the next meeting of Council

DATE OF REQUEST: 5-31-16

DEPARTMENT / AGENCY: Finance / Sheriff's Office

NAME: Melissa Moody

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: mmoody@co.laurens.sc.us

SIGNATURE: Melissa Moody

SUBJECT MATTER REQUESTED (please be as specific as possible): Sheriff's Office JAG grant for fiscal year 2017.

FINANCIAL AMOUNT REQUESTED \$21,440.00

SOURCE OF FUNDING: JAG Program - no local match

(PLEASE – attach subject matter document pages as necessary)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

REQUEST ASSIGNED TO: Mickey Coates DATE RECEIVED: 6/3/16-BW

DATE OF ASSIGNMENT: _____ DATE OF AGENDA: 6/14/16-BW

DATE RESPONSE DUE: _____

COUNCIL ACTION: _____



FINANCE OFFICE
COUNTY OF LAURENS
100 Hillcrest Square Admin Building
PO Box 445
Laurens, South Carolina 29360
(864) 984-5484 FAX - (864) 984-3726

May 31, 2016

The Laurens County Sheriff's Office is eligible to apply for the 2016 Local JAG Grant. I am requesting this information be placed on the agenda for public comment at the next regular meeting on June 07, 2016. A public notice has also been placed on the Sheriff's Office website on May 31st for public comment.

2016 Local (JAG) Grant

- Date of submission : May 31, 2016
- Total JAG Funds Available: \$21,440.00

Allocation of requested JAG funds

- \$12,840.00 Laptops and Software

The Laurens County Sheriff's Office needs to purchase 12 laptops and software for employees to complete their assigned duties entering data, researching data, and accessing other vital information stored in the records management system.

- \$8,600.00 Speed Measuring Trailer

The Laurens County Sheriff's Office would like to purchase a Speed Measuring Trailer with display. This equipment will be used to help inform citizens of their speed in different areas of the county. It will be placed in areas where complaints of speeding have been reported to bring awareness, and to promote driver and public safety.

Submission to Council by: Melissa Moody, Grants Administrator

2016 SOUTH CAROLINA LOCAL JAG ALLOCATIONS

isted below are all jurisdictions in the state that are eligible for FY 2016 JAG funding, as determined by the JAG formula. For additional details regarding the JAG formula and award calculation process, with examples, please refer to the updated JAG Technical report here: <http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/jagp15.pdf> and current JAG Frequently Asked Questions here: <https://www.bja.gov/Funding/JAGFAQ.pdf>

State	Jurisdiction Name	Government Type	Direct Allocation	Joint Allocation
SC	AIKEN COUNTY	County	\$31,814	
SC	ANDERSON CITY	Municipal	\$21,280	
SC	ANDERSON COUNTY	County	\$62,800	
SC	BEAUFORT CITY	Municipal	\$10,373	
SC	BEAUFORT COUNTY	County	\$54,160	
SC	BERKELEY COUNTY	County	\$33,600	
SC	CHARLESTON CITY	Municipal	\$21,387	
SC	CHARLESTON COUNTY	County	\$39,787	
SC	COLLETON COUNTY	County	\$18,107	
SC	COLUMBIA CITY	Municipal	\$86,614	
SC	CONWAY CITY	Municipal	\$10,293	
SC	DARLINGTON COUNTY	County	\$19,787	
SC	DILLON COUNTY	County	\$13,893	
SC	DORCHESTER COUNTY	County	\$25,574	
SC	FAIRFIELD COUNTY	County	\$10,187	
SC	FLORENCE CITY	Municipal	\$25,094	
SC	FLORENCE COUNTY	County	\$18,080	
SC	GEORGETOWN COUNTY	County	\$12,160	
SC	GREENVILLE CITY	Municipal	\$38,960	
SC	GREENVILLE COUNTY	County	\$167,254	
SC	GREENWOOD CITY	Municipal	\$23,493	
SC	GREENWOOD COUNTY	County	\$19,973	
SC	HORRY COUNTY	County	\$76,641	
SC	KERSHAW COUNTY	County	\$14,773	
SC	LANCASTER COUNTY	County	\$22,107	
SC	LAURENS COUNTY	County	\$21,440	
SC	LEXINGTON COUNTY	County	\$41,680	
SC	MARLBORO COUNTY	County	\$11,467	
SC	MOUNT PLEASANT TOWN	Municipal	\$11,013	
SC	MYRTLE BEACH CITY	Municipal	\$36,800	
SC	NORTH CHARLESTON CITY	Municipal	\$58,720	
SC	OCONEE COUNTY	County	\$23,253	
SC	ORANGEBURG COUNTY	County	\$26,907	

State	Jurisdiction Name	Government Type	Direct Allocation	Joint Allocation
SC	PICKENS COUNTY	County	\$18,640	
SC	RICHLAND COUNTY	County	\$168,614	
SC	ROCK HILL CITY	Municipal	\$31,387	
SC	SPARTANBURG CITY	Municipal	\$38,080	
SC	SPARTANBURG COUNTY	County	\$53,414	
SC	SUMTER CITY	Municipal	\$29,600	
SC	SUMTER COUNTY	County	\$30,800	
SC	WEST COLUMBIA CITY	Municipal	\$11,200	
SC	YORK COUNTY	County	\$35,547	
	Local total		\$1,526,753	

GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission

April 21, 2016

Ms. Betty C. Walsh, Clerk to Council

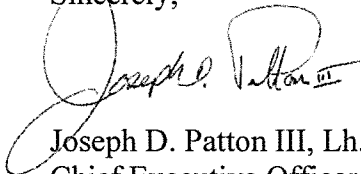
Laurens County Council
Post Office Box 445
Laurens, South Carolina 29360

Dear Ms. Walsh:

In accordance with House Bill No. 3829, effective June 7, 1999, the governing bodies of the participating counties of GLEAMNS must approve commission members. Also, according to the By-Laws of this agency, section 3 "Representation of Low-income Sector" and section 7 "Term of Office," we are requesting Council's approval of Ms. Bertha Rice, who was elected at a public meeting held March 16, 2016 at the GLEAMNS Laurens County CSBG Office utilizing the democratic selection process. This appointment is for a two-year period.

We would appreciate your immediate attention to this request. If additional information is needed, please give us a call at (864) 229-8801

Sincerely,



Joseph D. Patton III, Lh.D.
Chief Executive Officer

JDP/vf

Enclosures: Resume – Bertha Rice
House Bill 3829
By-laws – Section 3 and 7

Executive Offices

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Telephone: (864) 223-8434 * Fax (864) 223-9456 or (864) 223-6609
www.gleamnshrc.org

Bertha Rice
111 Simpson Street
Laurens, SC 29360
(864) 984-5165
Brtri8@aol.com

Objective:

Seeking a position that presents opportunities for me to represent the citizens in our area and improve the quality of lives in our community.

Experience

Clinton-Newberry Natural Gas Authority, Clinton, SC **8/12 - Present**

- Monitor Room
- Receive calls from customers, record information, and dispatch an on-duty person

Precept Staffing Inc. / Advanced Drug Testing Services, Laurens, SC **8/10 – 8/12**

- Administrative Assistant/Office Receptionist
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Word, PowerPoint, and some Excel.
- Certified Drug Screen Collector

McDonald Patrick Law Firm, Greenwood, SC **1/10 – 4/10**

Student Intern

- Entered email addresses of other attorneys into an Excel spreadsheet
- Filed case materials and scanned closed cases
- Addressed letters to clients of case results
- Monitored client debt for services rendered through PC Law
- Operated Microsoft Office software as needed for PC Law

Timken Company, 1775 Torrington Road, Clinton, SC **5/76 – 11/07**

- Receiving Inspect Clerk

Education

Piedmont Technical College, Greenwood, SC

- Certificate: Office Technician
- Degree: Associates in Applied Science (AAS) **May 2010**
- Notary Public, South Carolina

Professional Organization

- Inducted in IAAP (International Association of Administrative Professionals) 2009
- Vice President of the Student Chapter of IAAP at Piedmont Technical College

Awards

- President's List Fall 2009
- Merit List Spring 2010

References: Available upon request

(A48, R90, H3829)

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-41-30, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE GLEAMNS HUMAN RESOURCES COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT COMMISSION MEMBERS MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNING BODIES OF THE COUNTIES PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMISSION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

Composition of GLEAMNS Commission; appointments

SECTION1. Section 43-41-30 of the 1976 Code, as amended by Act 16 of 1993, is further amended to read:

“Section 43-41-30. (A) The commission must be composed of twenty-one members in accordance with federal law appointed by the governing bodies of the counties enumerated in Section 43-41-40 and must be so constituted that:

(1) one-third of the members of the commission are elected public officials or their representatives, unless the number of these officials reasonably available or willing to serve is less than one-third of the membership of the commission;

(2) at least one-third of the members are persons chosen in accordance with democratic selection procedures adequate to assure that they are representative of the poor in the areas served; and

(3) the remainder of the members are officials or members of business, industry, labor, religious, welfare, education, or other major groups and interests in the areas served.

(B) The commission may increase in multiples of three in the total membership if necessary to comply with Section 43-41-80 or to meet additional federal requirements.

(C) If the commission membership is increased under Section 43-41-80, the three new seats must be apportioned by the commission among the participating counties, to include a seat for the petitioning group, according to federal regulatory measures promulgated under federal law.”

Time effective

SECTION2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 26th day of May, 1999.

Approved the 1st day of June, 1999.

ARTICLE II
BOARD OF COMMISSIONS, MEMBERSHIP, TERM OF MEMBERS, ELECTION

The principal representative body of the Commission shall be its Board of Commissioners, which shall be comprised in accordance with the term of this article.

SECTION 1 - MEMBERSHIP SIZE

According to Section 43-41-30 of the State Law the commission shall be composed of twenty-one members and shall be so constituted that (1) one-third of the members of the commission are elected public officials, or their representatives, unless the number of such officials reasonably available or willing to serve is less than one-third of the membership of the commission; (2) at least one-third of the members are persons chosen in accordance with democratic selection procedures adequate to assure that they are representative of the poor in the areas served; and (3) the remainder of the members are officials or members of business, industry, labor, religious, welfare, education, or other major groups and interests in the areas served.

- (a) The commission shall be authorized to increase in multiples of three the total membership, if necessary, to comply with the provisions of 43-41-80, or to meet additional federal requirements.
- (b) In the event the commission membership is increased under the provisions of 43-41-80, the three new seats shall be apportioned by the commission among the participating counties, to include a seat for the petitioning group, according to federal regulatory measures promulgated under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 (PL 92-424), and the Head Start, Economic Opportunity and Community Partnership Act of 1974 (PL 93-644).

SECTION 2 - ALLOCATION OF SEATS

The allocation of seats by the Board of Commissioners shall be for the three (3) significant groups in the Communities of the agency's service area. These groups are: the poor, the private and the public. Each group shall be allocated seven (7) seats.

SECTION 3 - REPRESENTATION OF THE POOR

At least one-third (1/3) of the total membership of the board shall be comprised of democratically elected representatives of the poor.

Such representatives need not be poor themselves; however, the poor shall be encouraged to serve, and those individuals elected to represent the poor shall be chosen in a manner to ensure that they truly represent the poor.

- a. Representatives of the poor shall be democratically selected from each county. Given the wide disbursement of the poor throughout each of the GLEMANs counties, the geographic boundaries of the counties shall be considered the target area for the county. Therefore, any resident of the county may participate in the selection process, but special emphasis shall be given to ensure that

those residents who are poor participate fully in the selection process.

b. Meetings held to elect representatives of the poor shall be advertised in advance in local news media and held in a convenient public place.

c. In accordance with House Bill No. 3829, the governing bodies of the participating counties of the Board shall appoint to membership on the Board the representatives who were democratically selected pursuant to the above described process.

SECTION 4 - REPRESENTATION OF PUBLIC SECTOR

One-third (1/3) of the total membership of the board shall be comprised of public officials or their duly appointed representatives. In accordance with House Bill 3829, the governing bodies of the participating counties of the Board shall appoint to membership on the Board one duly elected public official, or their duly appointed representative.

These representatives need not be public officials themselves, but they shall have full power to act for the public officials whom they represent at meetings of the board.

If the public officials who are willing to serve do not comprise one third (1/3) of the Board, then the remainder of the seats allotted to public officials shall remain vacant. However, a participating county may fill any such seat at any time, as soon as an official is willing to sit on the board.

SECTION 5 - REPRESENTATION OF PRIVATE COMMUNITY GROUPS

The remainder of the board shall be comprised of representatives from private community groups and organizations. The private sector of the board shall not constitute more than one third (1/3) of the Board's total membership.

Private community groups shall be defined as any organization such as business, industry, labor, religious, welfare, education, or other major groups and interests in the areas served.

In accordance with House Bill No. 3829, effective June 7, 1999, which amends S.C. Code 43-41-30, the representatives from private community groups on the Board must be appointed by the governing bodies of the participating counties of the Board. The governing bodies of the participating counties shall select and appoint representatives from private community groups to the Board from the pool of nominees provided by such groups. Each individual representative appointed by the governing bodies of the participating counties shall be a member of the group, which he/she represents. Each private community group or organization shall notify the governing bodies of the participating counties, in writing, of its individual representative nominated at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the nominee(s) for Board representation will be considered.

Any former employee of GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission or any component thereof, any contractor, vendor, or person who has received compensation from this commission or components of this commission either directly or

indirectly will not be eligible for membership to the Board of Commissioners as a representative of the private sector, until three (3) years after the date of separation or termination of contracts and/or services.

SECTION 6 - RESIDENCE OF REPRESENTATIVES REQUIREMENT

Every member of the board who is selected to represent a specific county must reside within the county which he represents. This requirement of residency shall apply to:

- 1 - All representatives of the poor
- 2 - All public officials or their representative(s)
- 3 - All representatives of private community groups.

SECTION 7 - TERM OF OFFICE

Representatives of the poor shall be elected to membership on the Board in a manner prescribed in Section 3; representatives of the public shall be appointed to membership on the Board in the manner prescribed in Section 4; and representatives of the private community group shall be selected in the manner prescribed in Section 5 of the Agency By-laws.

Each commissioner, regardless of whether he/she is a representative of the poor, private community group, or the public, shall serve a two-year term of office pursuant to S.C. Code 43-41-60. Thirty (30) days before the expiration of each board member's term of office, the chairman of the Board of Commissioners shall send a letter to the respective governing body informing them that the board member's term of office is expiring and asking them either to re-appoint the board member (if he or she is eligible and willing to serve another two-year term) or to appoint a replacement. If the seat has not been filled within ninety (90) days of the date said letter is sent, it becomes vacant.

There is no limit on the number of terms which a member of the public sector shall serve, as long as he/she maintains his/her status as a public official or as a duly appointed representative of a public official. However, representatives of the private community group and representatives of the poor may serve no more than five consecutive years, nor more than a total of ten years pursuant to S.C. Code 43-41-60. Thus, representatives of the private community group and representatives of the poor may serve no more than two and one-half consecutive, two-year terms and no more than five two-year terms total.

The terms of each member of the Commission are subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 8, entitled "Removal."



Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission

Board of Commissioners Meeting

April 26, 2016

8:15am

Minutes

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ted Davenport, Chairman (Municipal), Wofford Woods (I), Philip O'Dell (II), Jurell Byrd (III), Bill Teague, Treasurer (IV), Susan Curry (V), John McMurray (VI) and E.L. Mason, Secretary (VII)

STAFF: Jeff Field, Executive Director
Kevin Anderson, Director of Operations and Engineering
Debbie Price, Executive Administrative Assistant
Angie Nelson, Director of Administration and Customer Service

ATTORNEY: Allen M. Wham

PRESS: Clinton Chronicle, Laurens County Advertiser

GUEST: Jonathan Coleman

Call to Order

Invocation

Approval of March 22, 2016 Minutes

Chairman Remarks

Executive Director Remarks

LCWSC Monthly Financial Summary

LCWSC Monthly Operations Summary

New Business

1. Laurens County Development Corporation Update – Jonathan Coleman

Other Business

1. Project Bids Update
 - Lydia Mill CDBG – Bids April 26th 2:00 pm
 - Greenville Water Meter @ Scuffletown – Bids April 26th 2:30 pm
 - Fairview Road Waterline - Bids May 17th 2:00 pm

Executive Session

1. Follow-up discussion of negotiations related to a proposed contractual agreement associated with the withdrawal of water from Lake Greenwood.
2. Discussion of proposed expansion or relocation of prospective industry.

Adjourn

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Davenport called the meeting to order at 8:19am in the Board Room of the Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission.

Invocation was given by Commissioner Woods.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Davenport asked if there were any additions or corrections to the March 22, 2016 minutes, as submitted to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Byrd MOVED *that the minutes be accepted as submitted.*

MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Teague. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0

EXECUTIVE REMARKS

Mr. Field asked everyone to keep Chairman Davenport's son Jeff in their prayers. He has been dealing with some health issues recently.

He also gave an update on the recent Washington D.C. Trip where he met with the USDA, EDA, Jeff Duncan, Lindsay Graham, Tim Scott's Office, and Jim Clyburn's Office.

LCWSC MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The monthly financial summary was presented to the Commissioners. A copy of the summary can be found in the Commissioner Board Packet.

As of March 31, 2016 LCWSC currently had a total of \$4,171,977 in cash and cash reserves as compared to \$3,586,000 this time in FY15. The difference is partially due to our capital rate increase and more revenue in both the sewer treatment and sewer collection systems, as well as fewer capital expenses in FY16 than in FY15.

The Budget Committee will meet in May and the proposed budget will be presented at the June Commissioner Meeting.

LCWSC MONTHLY OPERATIONS SUMMARY

The monthly operations summary was presented to the Commissioners. A copy of this summary can be found in the Commissioner Board packet.

New Business

1. Laurens County Development Corporation Update – Jonathan Coleman, Executive Director

Mr. Coleman presented a power point and fielded any questions concerning capital investments, wage growth, unemployment, and RFI's. Included in the discussion were 2016 projects, new jobs, and the economic effect for the county.

- Year-to-date for 2016 projects, the capital investment is \$94,500,000 and 127 jobs. By comparison, for 2015 projects, the capital investment was \$147,200,000 and 892 jobs.
- Wage growth has declined over the past two years. Decreasing from \$16.24/hr to 15.07/hr. Mr. Coleman stated that this sharp decrease from one year to the next is not normal and there is probably an error in the current year's number.
- Unemployment is steady at 6.8%.
- There were 48 RFI's in 2015, compared to 67 in 2014.

Other Business

1. Project Bids Update

Kevin Anderson provided an update on the bid process thus far:

- Lydia Mill CDBG – Bids April 26th 2:00 pm
 - a. Water system operated by City of Clinton
 - b. Sewer System operated by LCWSC
 - c. 79 Homes in final Project
 - d. Construction will be completed in fall of 2016
- Greenville Water Meter @ Scuffletown – Bids May 18th 2:30 pm
 - a. .5 MGD Capacity
 - b. Bethany Service Area

- Fairview Road Waterline - Bids May 17th 2:00 pm
 - a. 10,000 feet of 12-inch water main
 - b. Project will start at Tall Pine Road and end at Ridge Water Subdivision

Executive Session

1. Follow-up discussion of negotiations related to a proposed contractual agreement associated with the withdrawal of water from Lake Greenwood.
2. Discussion of proposed expansion or relocation of prospective industry.

Commissioner Mason MOVED that the *Board of Commissioners go into Executive Session at 9:34am* to discuss a contractual/legal matter. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Woods. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0

Commissioner Curry MOVED that the *Board of Commissioners come out of Executive Session at 10:20am*. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Byrd. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0


No vote taken. Informational only.

Adjourn

Commissioner Byrd MOVED that the *Board of Commissioners meeting be adjourned*. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner O'Dell. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 7; NAYS, 0

There being no further business the Commission adjourned at 10:30am.

I certify that the above Minutes accurately reflect the business conducted at the Commission meeting on April 26, 2016 and that the minutes were approved at the meeting held May 24, 2016.



E. L. Mason, Secretary