



AGENDA  
**LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**FEBRUARY 14, 2017 – 5:30 P.M.**  
**HISTORIC COURTHOUSE – PUBLIC SQUARE**

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda – February 14, 2017
5. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:
  - a.) January 24, 2017 Regular Meeting
6. Reports To Council:
  - a.) LaReus County Development Corporation - Economic Development Presentation
  - b.) Department of Social Services Operating Hour Changes, Kenneth McBride, Director
  - c.) Emergency Air Service Presentation – Joe Lemons, AirMedCare
  - d.) Retiree Health Insurance
7. Old Business:
  - a) Building Permit Incentive Program, Codes Department, Chuck Bobo, Building Official
  - b) Quarterly Report – Ordinance #654 Deficit Reserve, Lisa Kirk, Finance Director
  - c) Dominion Pipeline Letter
8. New Business:
  - a) District #7 Appointment, LaReus County PRT, Andy Howard, Director
  - b) District #4 Appointment, LaReus County Planning Commission, Councilman Jones
9. Public Comment - Fifteen (15) Minute Period for Public Comment (*Required to sign in prior to the meeting*)
10. County Council Comments
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12. Adjournment

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Laurens County Council  
Regular Meeting  
Meeting Minutes DRAFT  
January 24, 2017

The Laurens County Council held their regularly scheduled meeting at 5:30 pm at the County Council Chambers in the Historic Courthouse. Chairman Joe Wood presided, Councilman Pitts and Councilwoman Anderson were absent.

**Items 1-3, 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.

**Item 4 Agenda Approval;** Councilman McDaniel made a motion to approve the agenda with Councilman Nash providing a second and the motion passed 5-0.

**Item 5 Approval of Minutes;** Councilman McDaniel made a motion to approve the January 10, 2017 regular meeting minutes with Vice Chairman Tollison providing a second and the motion passed 5-0.

**Item 6 Reports to Council;**

**6a: County Administrator:** CA Caime thanked Greg Lindley, Sandy Cruickshanks, and the Fire Departments for their cooperation in signing over the remaining 3 stations for our capital improvement projects. He also explained that the monthly financial reports have additional information from the same period last year to provide benchmarks for our current year finances. CA Caime also explained the report to Council from Sam Parsons is a mid year report from our Clemson PSA Masters Degree City and Regional Planning and that this report will culminate in April or May with a final report. He explained the primary purpose is to show the benefits of strategic planning, the need to have a full time staff planner, and the wealth of data that is available to Laurens County to help us foster the positive future we desire.

**6b. Sam Parsons Clemson PSA Student Presentation:** Mr. Parsons gave a detailed presentation showing the various tools available to Laurens County to create the environment we desire for our future. He provided a volume of research that he performed on the demographics and market potential for Laurens County. CA Caime explained that Laurens County has done little planning and as a result we are not directing our future but reacting to the conditions that we encounter and that is time for Laurens County to start creating the future we desire.

**6c. FY16 Audit Presentation:** Mauldin and Jenkins gave a detailed explanation of the FY16 Audit. The stated that the audit was a clean audit

**6d. Lisa Kirk FY 17 M6 Report:** Lisa Kirk reported the results of the FY17M6 finances.

**6e. Dominion Carolina Gas Transmission Company:** Keith Windle Dominion Gas Company gave a presentation about the proposed gas transmission line through eastern Laurens County. He stated that this project will pay approximately \$500,000 annually to Laurens County in property taxes.

Chairman Wood stated that the property where the pipeline will go will still belong to the property owner who will pay taxes on the property where the pipeline ROW is. Mr. Windall explained that Dominion pays for the value of the pipeline under the ground and any above ground improvements.

Vice Chairman Tollison asked if this gas supply would be available for Laurens County for economic development also to which Mr. Windall explained that it would be available.

CA Caime asked if the value of the assets are depreciated and Mr. Windall replied that the asset is depreciated but that the value will remain constant due to continuous improvements.

Councilman Jones stated his concerns about landowners being forced to give property through eminent domain and stated his opposition to government granting the right to take private property.

Council Nash stated there will be advantages to having this pipeline in Laurens County.

Chairman Woods asked if the NG was for export and Mr. Windall explained that 100% of the NG in this pipeline is for South Carolina and none is for export.

Councilman McDaniel inquired about the Dominion foundation grant program where grants and volunteer labor was available for Laurens County.

Chairman Woods agreed that the County does not want the Citizens bullied by the company into giving up their property.

Councilman McDaniel questioned if eminent domain was going to be used. Mr. Windall explained that the Federal Government does allow this to be a potential option for the project.

**Item 7 Old Business**

**Item 7a: Approval of Energy Efficiency RFQ:** PW Director Russian explained that the County intends to issue an RFQ for the selection of a company to provide an energy efficiency study with the final recommendation to come back to County Council for approval. This company could also provide the improvements needed to replace aging HVAC units that the County will soon be forced to replace. The proposed energy savings could finance the replacement costs for these units.

Councilman Jones stated that this will help us be proactive rather than reactive and made a motion to approve the RFQ for solicitation. Councilman McDaniel provided a second to the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

**Item 7b: Second Reading Ordinance 827 Codifying County Ordinances:** Vice Chairman Tollison made a motion to approve this ordinance in second reading second provided by Councilman McDaniel and the motion passed 5-0.

**Item 7c: Proposed Resolution on Dominion Pipeline Eminent Domain:** Chairman Woods explained that the resolution came from an outside source opposed to this project and that this should be rewritten to come from the County voicing our shared opposition to eminent domain for this project. He further clarified that County Council has no legal authority over eminent domain for this project.

Councilman Jones explained that the resolution came from someone in Laurens County. He agreed we have limited authority over eminent domain for this project but expressed his opinion that we have an obligation to support our residents that are fighting eminent domain.

No action was taken on this matter at this time.

**Item 7d: Planning Commission Appointment:** Councilman McDaniel made a motion to appoint Oscar Tribble as his appointee to the Planning Commission. Councilman Jones provided a second to the motion and the motion was approved 5-0.

**Item 8a: Fire Department Cost Recovery:** Fire Chief Greg Lindley explained that the County Fire Department would like to start a cost recovery program where motor vehicle accidents insurance carriers are billed for the costs of providing fire service to MVA calls. This would not be charged to the automobile owner but rather to their insurance company. The County would use a vendor for this service and that vendor would keep 25% of the collections.

Councilman Jones made a motion to approve this request. Councilman McDaniel provided a second to the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

**Item 8b: ZF Easement Resolution:** County Attorney Cruickshanks explained that this easement would provide redundant fiber optic for ZF. Councilman Jones made a motion to approve this easement. Councilman McDaniel provided a second to the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

**Item 9 Public Comment**

Erskine Jacks, Phil Roark, Emily Bailey, Robbie Bell, and David Ramage each explained that Dominion Pipeline is trying to force them to sell easements on their property for the pipeline project and that they are opposed to this.

Michael Corly and Shelly Robbins commented on the Dominion pipeline project.

Keith Windle with Dominion Gas stated that after hearing the public comment from the land owners, the company needs to do a better job in communicating. He apologized for the disruption and lack of communication.

Vice Chairman Tollison stated that the County does not oppose development and improvements of infrastructure but that there is a concern with requiring eminent domain to take property. He made a motion that the County Attorney and County Staff draft a letter to our State Representatives that we oppose eminent domain for this project. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and passed 5-0.

**Item 10 County Council Comments**

Councilman McDaniel thanked everyone for participating in the meeting and stated that County Council will do what we can to help the citizens.

Councilman Nash stated how he does not want our Citizens to be forced to give up property through eminent domain for the pipeline project.

Councilman Jones expressed his desire to work to protect property owners from eminent domain on the pipeline project and that we should file a motion with FERC. He also thanked the new Sheriff for his work on providing improved law enforcement. He reported that the safe routes to schools projects has had some progress on implementing improvements.

Chairman Woods commented that County Council is only responsible for 25% of the property tax bill in Laurens County. He stated that if there is opposition to the School District 55 proposal for new schools that the County Council is not the responsible for that issue.

**Item 11 Executive Session- Legal Briefing and Employment Matter**

Vice Chairman Tollison made a motion to enter into ES to discuss one employment matter and one legal briefing. Motion seconded by Councilman McDaniel and passed 5-0.

Upon reentering the regular meeting, Chairman Woods explained that no action will be taken on 1 employment matter and 1 legal briefing.

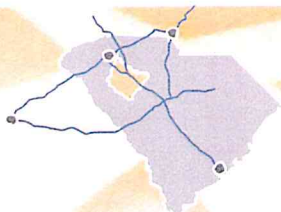
**ADJOURNMENT** – With no further action required by Council, Chairman Wood adjourned the Meeting.

Jon Caime  
Laurens County Administrator



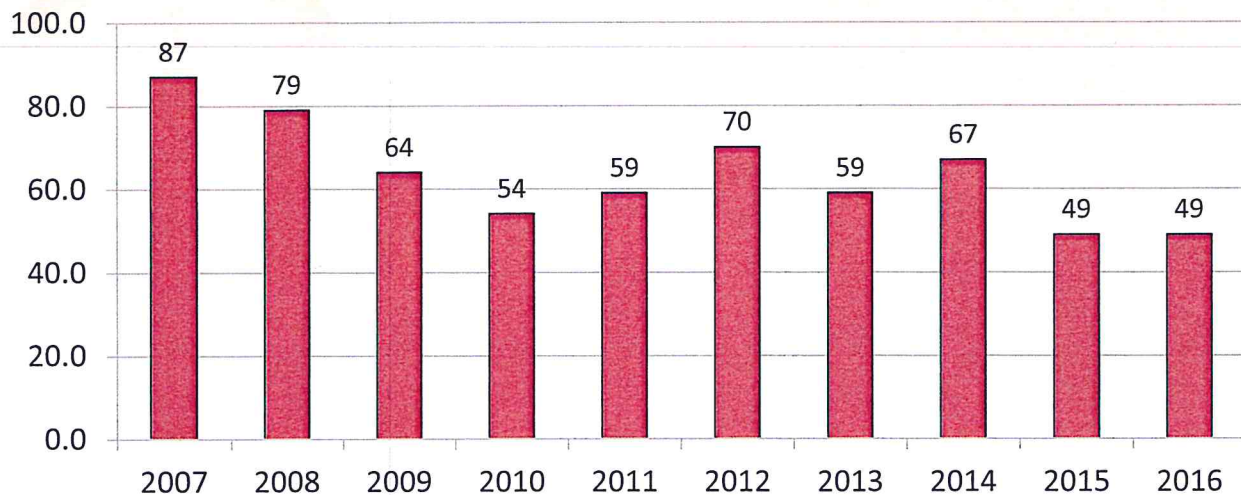
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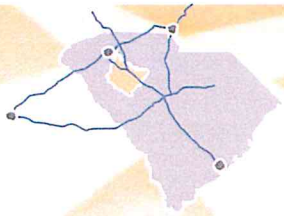
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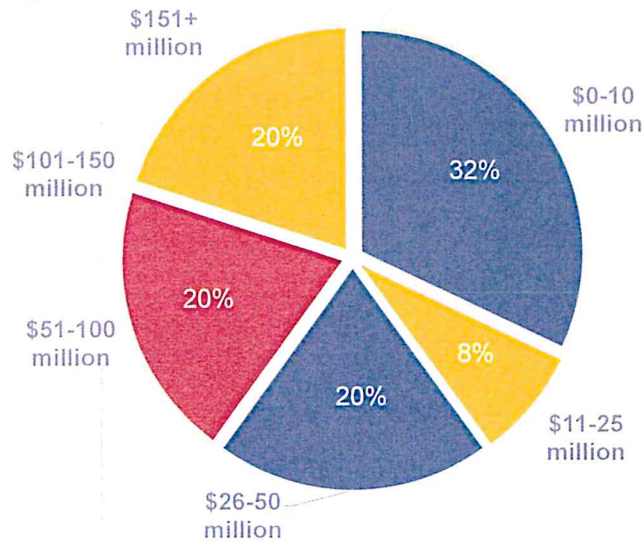
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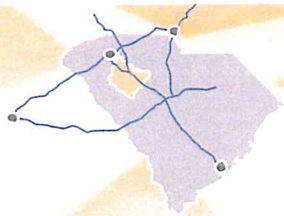


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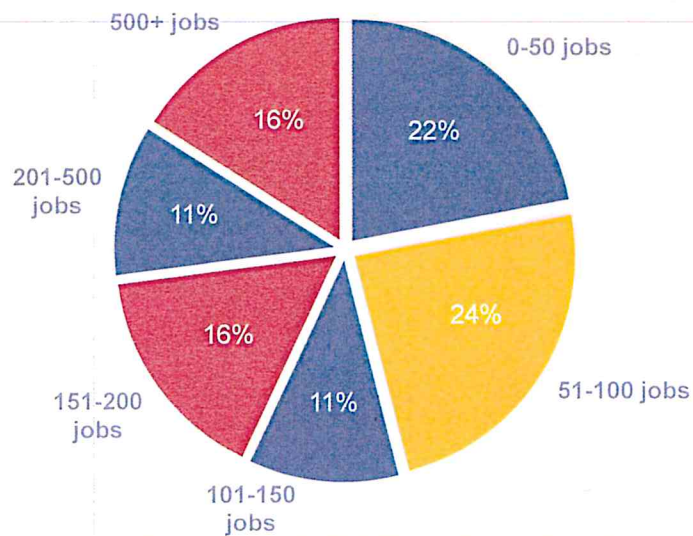


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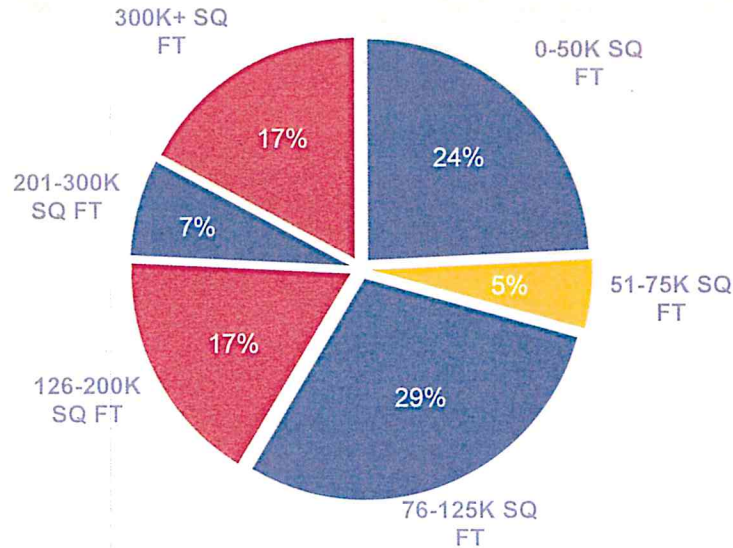


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# PROJECT SIZE

## Buildings



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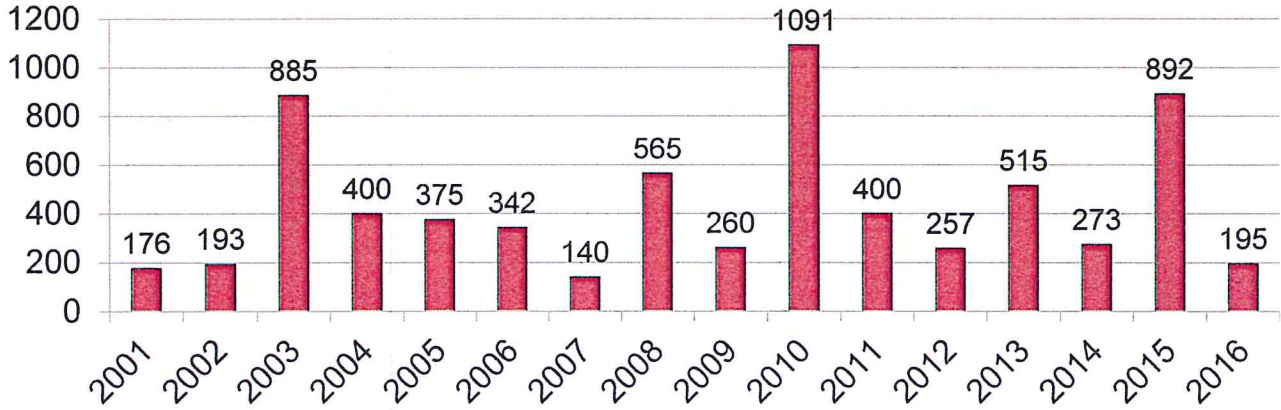
# 2016 Announcements

<u>Company</u>	<u>Jobs</u>	<u>Capital Investment</u>
D&W Fine Pack	62	\$20,000,000
Bodycote	30	\$3,500,000
Synalloy	0	\$11,500,000
Yanfeng	35	\$71,000,000
Teknor Apex	68	\$8,100,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>\$114,100,000</b>

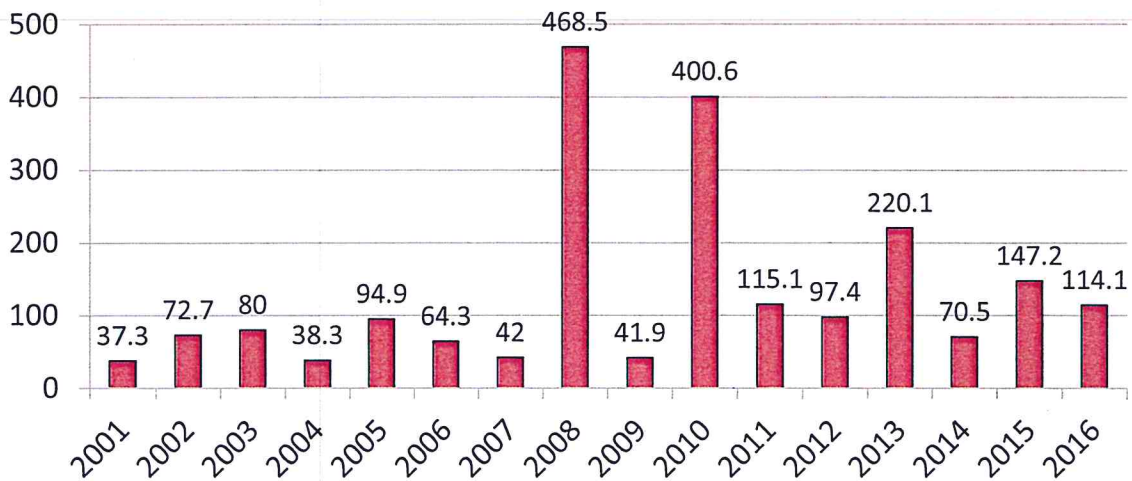




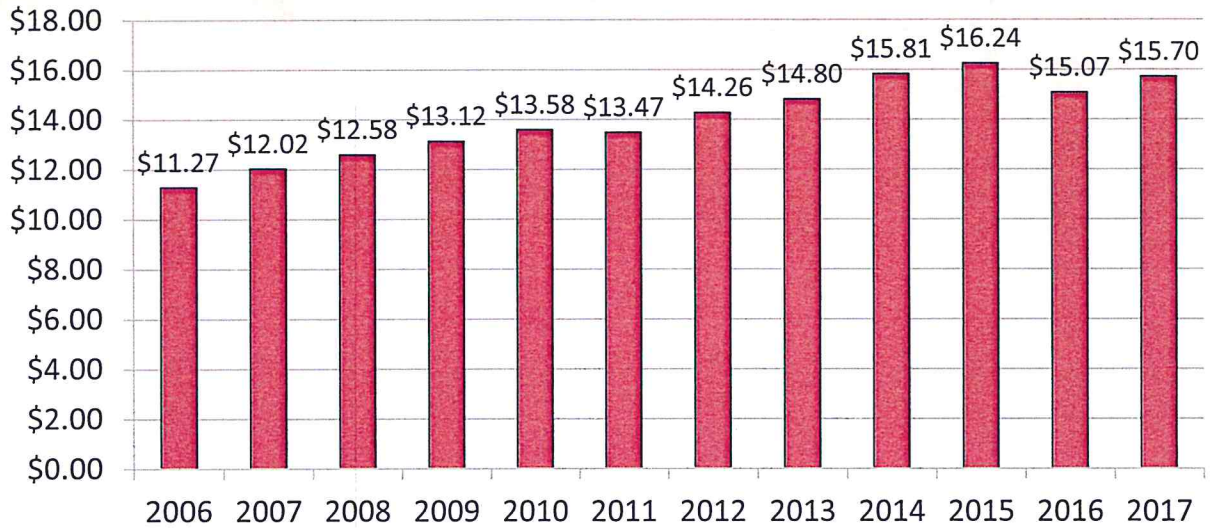
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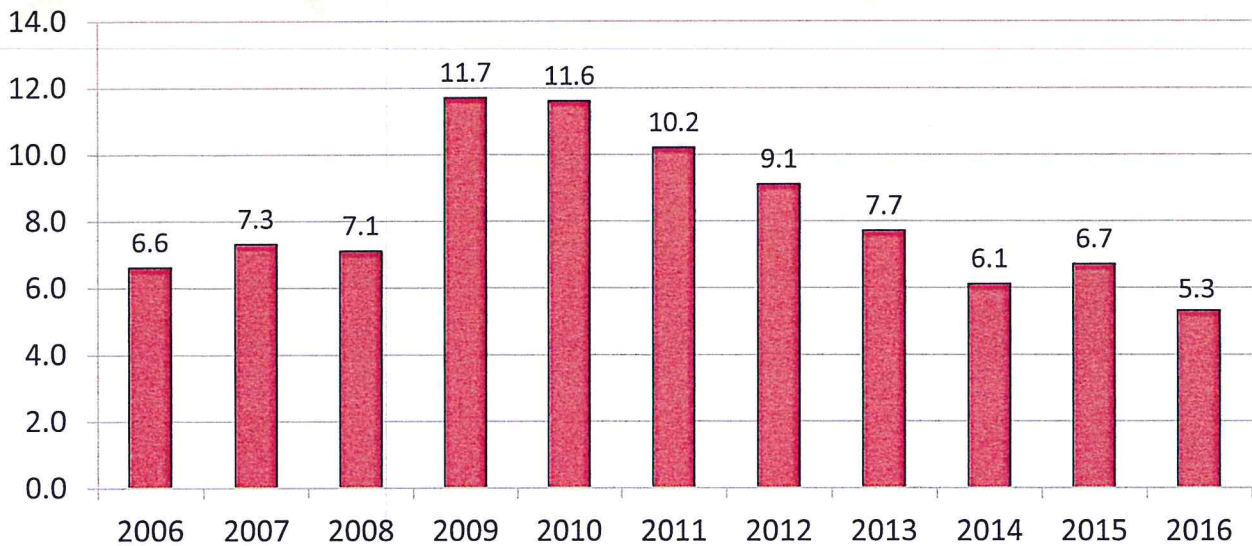
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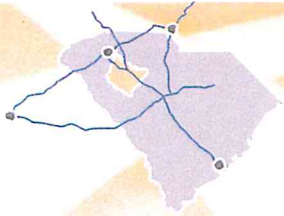


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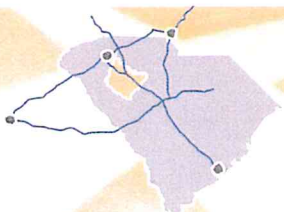


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## TOP SITE SELECTION FACTORS 2016

<u>Factor</u>	<u>2015 Rank</u>
1. Availability of Skilled Labor	5
2. Highway Accessibility	1
3. Quality of Life	N/A
4. Occupancy OR Construction Costs	2
5. Available Buildings	4
6. Labor Costs	6
7. Corporate Tax Rate	10
8. Proximity to Major Markets	8
9. State and Local Incentives	11
10. Energy Availability and Costs	9

\* Area Development Magazine

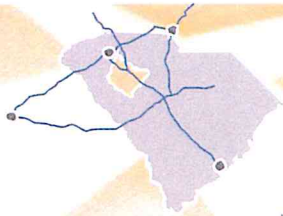


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## Workforce Development

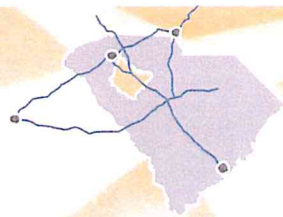
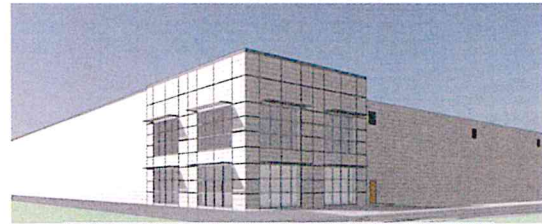
- New ZF Apprenticeship Program
- County-wide Apprenticeship Initiative
- New Business & Education Partnership
- Phase III – Laurens County Center for Advanced Manufacturing





# Product Development

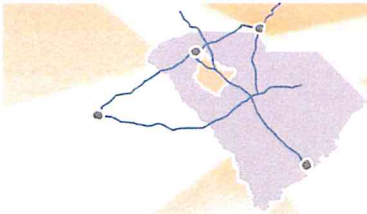
- SC Site Recertification – Powers South
- New Palmetto Site – Clinton Sycamore
- New Spec. Building – Clinton I-26 Commerce Park
- Duke Energy Site Readiness Program – Innovation Park
- 2017 – Work toward another spec building and a new Class A Industrial Park



# 2016 FILOT Revenues

Category	2013	2014	2015	2016	
<b>County</b>					
General	\$1,048,547.26	\$1,161,632.62	\$1,603,177.96	\$1,876,769.04	
Reserve	\$87,005.84	\$113,553.09	\$153,685.29	\$179,022.95	
Capital	\$70,703.85	\$83,141.21	\$101,957.96	\$179,022.95	
<b>EMS</b>	\$122,901.86	\$131,694.02	\$183,982.97	\$215,274.76	
<b>Fire</b>					
Fire District	\$177,339.84	\$255,344.95	\$354,191.86	\$421,690.48	
Special Fire					
Coord.	\$29,159.96	\$31,901.30	\$44,178.63	\$55,526.45	
Reserve	\$27,646.92	\$30,492.95	\$42,323.93	\$50,241.79	
<b>Hospital</b>	\$13,712.37	\$18,556.28	\$26,144.86	\$29,972.63	
<b>Ed. Colleges</b>	\$17,545.70	\$18,556.28	\$26,144.86	\$29,972.70	
<b>COUNTY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,594,563.60</b>	<b>\$1,844,872.70</b>	<b>\$2,535,788.32</b>	<b>\$3,037,493.75</b>	
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### Summary of FILOT Revenues

The following is a quick review and comparison of FILOT revenues and allocations for the past four (4) years. These figures indicate the amount of revenue contributed by industry FILOT funds and allocated to the particular County category.

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## DSS By The Numbers

Ken McBride, County Director  
Laurens County DSS

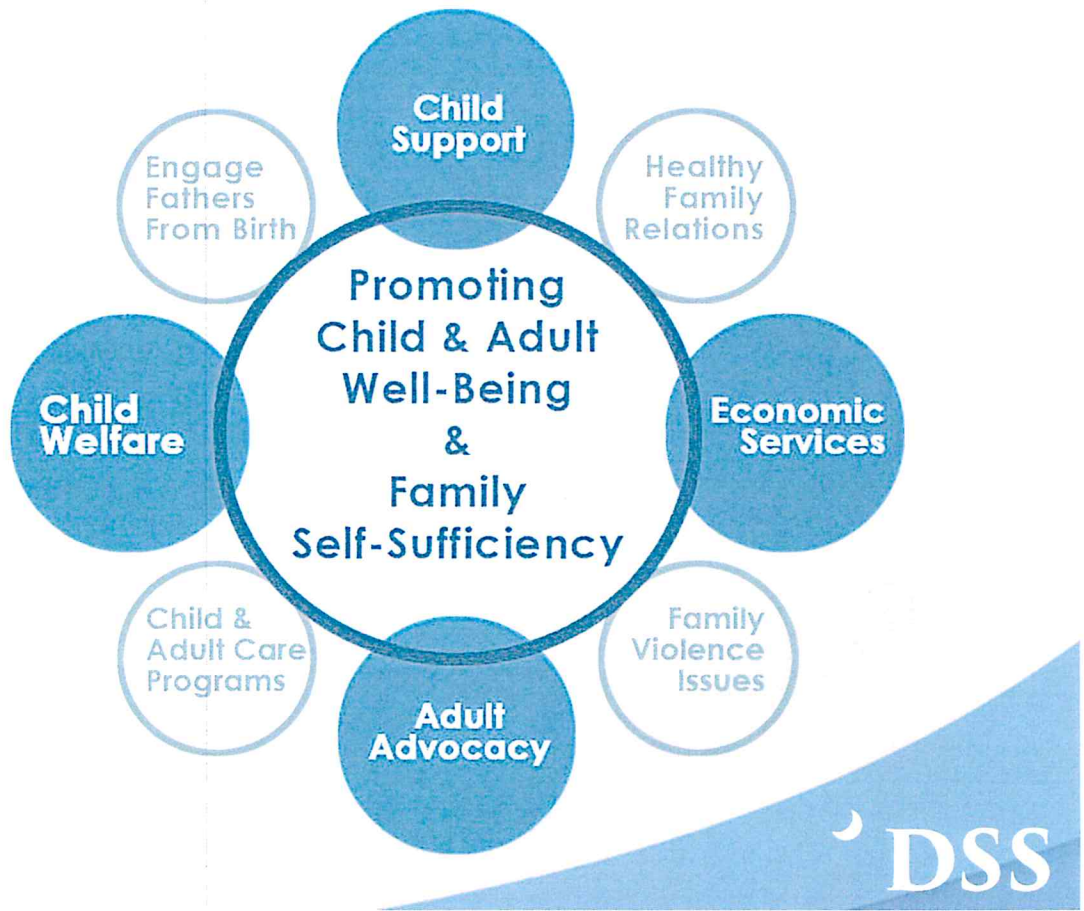
## SC Department of Social Services

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### Mission

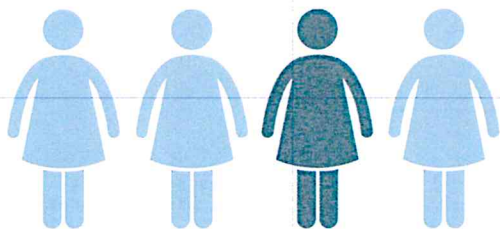
Ensuring the safety of children and adults who cannot protect themselves and helping families achieve stability through child support, child care, financial and other temporary benefits while transitioning into employment.





## Who Does DSS Serve?

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**1.2 Million**

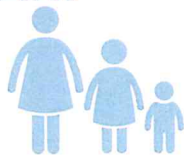
DSS helps folks get back on their feet and find work or overcome barriers to employment.

**DSS**

# DSS Helps with Economic Stability and Food Security

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## TANF



Average:  
\$215/month

## SNAP



Average:  
\$265/month

### Income Requirement

less than 50% of FPL

less than 130% of FPL

### Time Limit

24 months w/in  
5-year period

none

### Work Requirement

yes

yes



## SNAP Highlights

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- \$1.2 billion in SNAP benefits distributed annually. Huge economic impact
- One of the lowest error rates in the country
- Senior Program streamlines application process
- Sen. Pinckney's Healthy Bucks Program incentivizes healthy food choices
- Can be used at many farmers markets in SC





# Laurens County

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## **FOOD STAMPS** (monthly – August 2016)

Number of families (households)	5,693
Number of people	12,176
Total benefits	\$1,476,255

## **Cash Assistance**

Number cases	196
Number of children	348
Total benefits	\$46,034

The logo for the Department of Social Services (DSS) features a stylized white crescent moon above the letters "DSS" in a bold, white, sans-serif font, all set against a blue background.

## DSS Helps with Economic Stability and Family Engagement

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### **Child Support**

\$290 million collected & distributed annually.

Impacts almost 300,000 children

Administrative Remedies:  
Wage withholding, Tax Intercept, Lottery Intercept, Passport Denial, License Revocation, etc.

Services available to anyone

### **Fatherhood Programs**

Children do better when both parents are involved.

Some parents need help overcoming employment barriers

- Education
- Criminal background
- Lack of experience

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# DSS Protect Children and Adults

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## Child Welfare

At any given time there are

- about 3,000 open CPS investigations
- 4,000 kids in foster care

On average, kids stay in foster care for 12 months

Annually, 400-500 children are adopted

## Adult Advocacy

- APS serves about 5,000 adults each year
- Approximately 36,000 cases of domestic violence are reported each year, but we believe this number is low.
- DV shelters provided support & services to more than 13,000 adults & children last year



# Statewide & Laurens County

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## Child Protective Services (June 2016)

▪ Statewide Intakes	43,924
▪ Statewide Investigations	24,980
▪ Statewide Indicated	10,171
▪ Laurens Intakes	644
▪ Laurens Investigations	379
▪ Laurens indicated cases	164



# The State of Foster Care in SC



As of February 2017  
4,227 total children in care

2,633 licensed foster homes  
(this includes regular and  
therapeutic homes)

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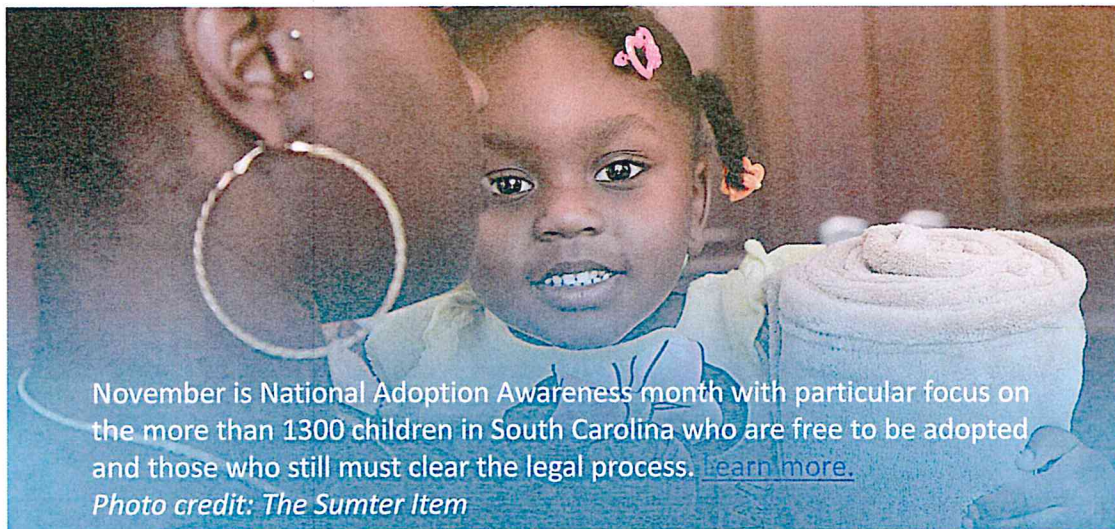
## Laurens County

### FOSTER CARE (2/2017)

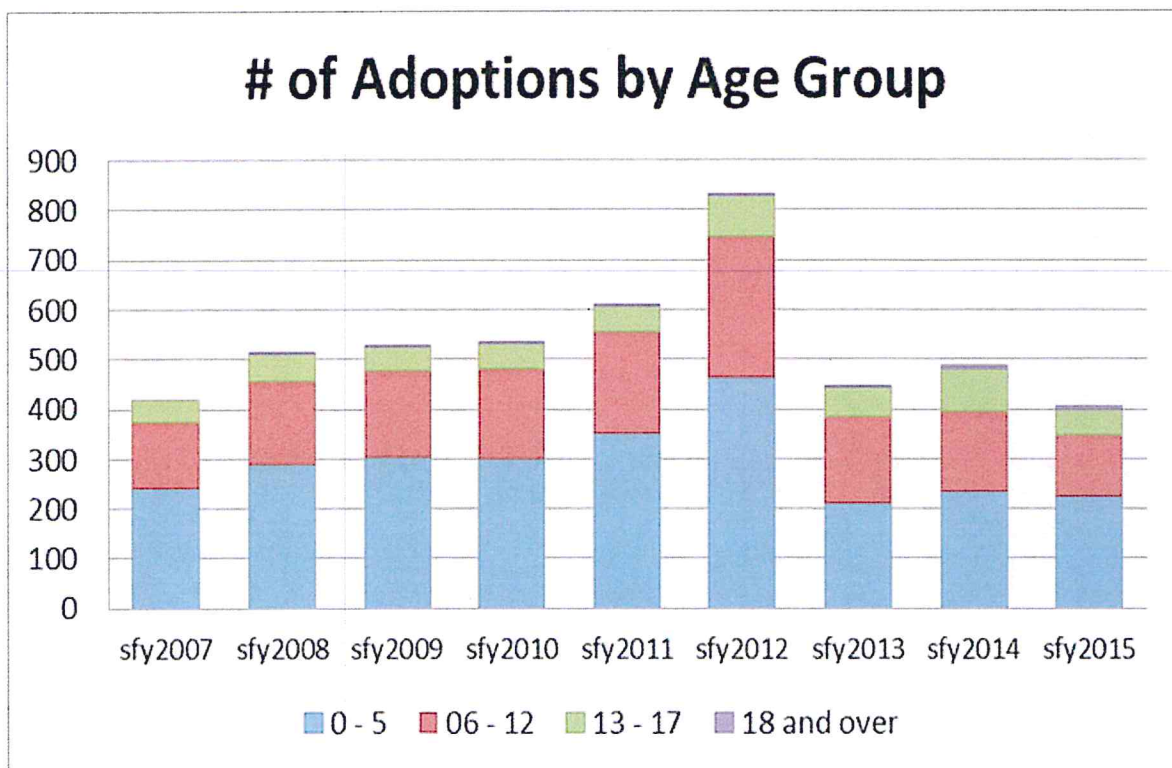
Children in regular foster care	76
Children placed in county	35
Number of current Foster Parents	32
Foster parents needed	44
Percentage of need	58%

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# November National Adoption Month



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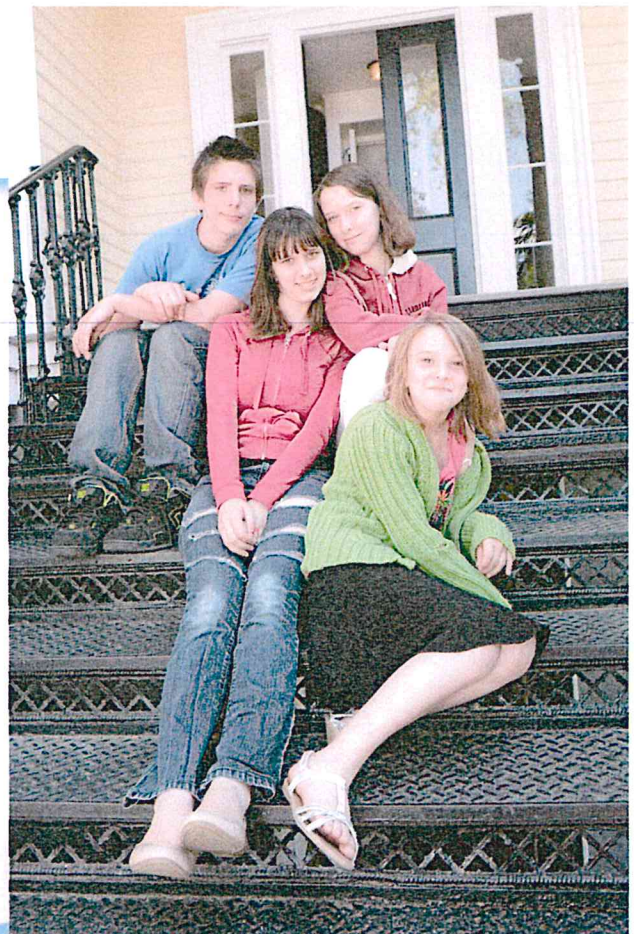


# WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

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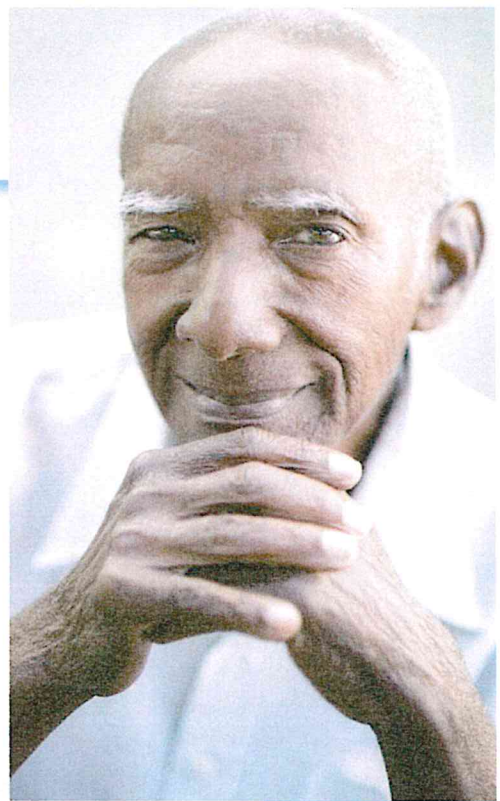
## What Can You Do To Help?

- Become a foster or adoptive parent
- Be a good neighbor and take interest in the family next door
- Engage your church and civic groups to collect and donate needed items to children in care.



# What Can You Do To Help?

- Support your local foodbank
- Support Goodwill
- Support Local Community Services
- Encourage eligible people to apply for services
- Be a good neighbor



DSS



# For more information

- [www.dss.sc.gov](http://www.dss.sc.gov)



- [www.scfamilies.org](http://www.scfamilies.org)



DSS

Questions?



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# Thank you

The logo for DSS (Department of Social Security) is located in the bottom right corner. It consists of a blue triangular shape pointing to the left, with the letters 'DSS' in white. A small white crescent moon symbol is positioned to the left of the 'D'.

‘ DSS

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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 #: 6E (County Clerk will insert this)

DEPARTMENT / AGENCY: Admin Date of Request: 2/7

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED: Approve or render opinions for the record on the 4 items presented in the attached.

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)



## MEMORANDUM

Jon Caime,  
County Administrator  
February 7, 2017

RE: Retiree Health Insurance

A proposal to eliminate Laurens County taxpayer paid retiree health insurance for future hires was proposed in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2016. That issue was not addressed by County Council for now. However there appears to have been a misunderstanding of our existing policy from our prior manual. I am requesting County Council render an opinion on each of the numbered situations below. In total these represent a 48% reduction in the true cost for County paid lifetime health insurance program.

**1. Coverage for retirees (est. overpayment by taxpayers of \$107,585 in 2017)**  
*Individual coverage premiums and any spouse or family coverage must be paid by the retiree as set forth by the State Health Plan in such amounts as may be in effect at the time of retirement. (existing policy from prior policy manual).*

Currently we have 37 retirees where the Laurens County taxpayers pay the FULL single coverage premium for. For working employees we cover the employer portion (\$453/month) and the employee pays \$122/month. For retirees we pay the full \$575 per month. Policy is clear that the retiree should be paying the \$122/month.

Currently we have 12 retirees who we pay the spousal premium for at \$824/month. Policy is clear that the retiree should be paying the spousal coverage and we should only be paying the \$435 individual coverage.

**2. Coverage for 2 retirees (est. overpayment by taxpayers of \$10,863 in 2017)**  
Currently we have 2 retirees who do not meet the county policy where the Laurens County taxpayers pay the employer portion (\$453/month). Policy does not provide for this exemption. We have no record of County Council permitting deviation from this policy to cover these retirees.

**3. Dental Coverage for retirees (estimated cost of \$8,088 in 2017)**  
Our policy does not specifically address dental coverage for retirees. We ask CC for a ruling on if we should continue this coverage.

**4. Dental Plus Coverage for 1 retiree (estimated cost of \$312 in 2017)**  
Our policy does not specifically address dental coverage for retirees. If this coverage is continued we should not be providing the extra level of coverage. We do not pay employees dental plus coverage.

**Current Policy (from prior policy manual)**

*1.2 Employees retiring with 28 or more years of service or employees retiring with 20 years or more of service and who are at least 60 years of age, may elect to remain in the county health insurance group. Also, employees retiring with 15 years or more of service and who are at least 62 years of age, may elect to remain in the county health insurance group. **Individual coverage premiums and any spouse or family coverage must be paid by the retiree as set forth by the State Health Plan in such amounts as may be in effect at the time of retirement.** Upon Medicare eligibility, each retiree must convert to Medicare with supplemental coverage paid by the County. Any spouse of a retiree may remain in the County plan until Medicare eligibility, provided all premiums are paid by each individual. Cash in lieu of coverage shall not be option. Any deputized officer determined totally disabled as a result of the performance of his duties, shall qualify for these s benefits with 15 years of service regardless of age.*



**AGENDA ITEM – REQUEST SHEET – COUNTY COUNCIL**

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Agenda Item #: \_\_\_\_\_ (County Clerk will insert this)

DEPARTMENT / AGENCY: Building Codes Date of Request: 1/19/17

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED: Permit fee Waiver

Short Description of Item for Consideration: Waive permit fee for new homes built for speculation for a trial period to try to stimulate new home growth in the County.

More Detailed Description (if needed): \_\_\_\_\_

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FINANCIAL AMOUNT REQUESTED None

SOURCE OF FUNDING: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE – attach subject matter document pages as necessary)





# Laurens County Building Codes

100 Hillcrest Square, Laurens SC  
P.O. Box 815, Laurens, S.C. 29360,  
Office (864) 984-6659,  
Fax (864) 984-1502

Jan 19 2017

I would like to propose to Council to consider waiving new home permit fees for homes built for speculation only. We have only 13 homes in three years built for speculation. We had 283 custom homes were built in the last 3 years. We need to think of ways to get the ball rolling. I would like to suggest offering up to ten no cost building permits to each builder that is willing to take a chance on building and selling houses in the free market for the remainder of 2017. Below is the permit and annual property tax cost for:

### Gray Court / Fountain Inn area

\$100,000 home	\$200,000 home
Permit \$460	Permit \$760
Property taxes \$630	Property taxes \$1200

### Lake area

\$100,000 home	\$200,000 home
Permit \$460	Permit \$760
Property taxes \$630	Property taxes \$1200

### Hwy 308 / 385

\$100,000 home	\$200,000 home
Permit \$460	Permit \$760
Property taxes \$734	Property taxes \$1408

As you can see the permit cost is far below even one year property taxes. If we can encourage Local or new builders to take a chance on Laurens County by my department losing a one-time permit fee but build the tax base for generations we all can be winners.

Charles Bobo  
Building Official Laurens County



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

DEPARTMENT / AGENCY: Admin/Finance Date of Request: 2/7

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED: Approve revised 654 resolution

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)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF LAURENS

**A RESOLUTION OF LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL**  
) TO ASSIGN, TRANSFER, AND RELEASE ALL FUNDS  
ACCUMULATED IN THE FUND CREATED BY ORDINANCE 654  
AS OF JUNE 30, 2016, AND COMBINE THE BALANCE TO THE  
UNASSIGNED AND/OR UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS FUNDS  
OF LAURENS COUNTY -REVISED

**WHEREAS**, the Laurens County Council established and adopted legislation for reserve funds, as well as for possible deficits, through Ordinance 654; and

**WHEREAS**, the Laurens County Council has used and applied various amounts of accumulated funds from this legislation in order to offset various deficits over the years; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislation provides that the accumulated funds from the implementation of the legislation may be used, transferred, assigned, released, or expended by a majority vote of the Laurens County Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Laurens County Council, by this Resolution, takes the following action:

1. The purpose of this Resolution is to assign, transfer, and release the balance of all funds previously accumulated pursuant to Ordinance 654 as of June 30, 2016, and combine said balance to the unassigned and/or unappropriated surplus of the County. The assigned balance pursuant to Ordinance 654 is hereby set at \$0.
2. Beginning July 1, 2016, accumulated funds as defined in Ordinance 654 shall be reported to the Laurens County Council at least quarterly.
3. All other aspects and/or functions related to or provided for under Ordinance 654 shall remain in full force and effect.
4. Should any part or portion of this Resolution be deemed unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such finding shall not affect the remainder hereof, all of which is hereby deemed separable.
5. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon enactment by a majority vote of the County Council.

BE IT SO RESOLVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

(Signature page attached)



## MEMORANDUM

Jon Caime,  
County Administrator  
February 8, 2017

RE: 654 Fund

One of the first financial issues I was presented with was the use of what I call the "654 funds" (named after ordinance 654). Apparently we were budgeting for these funds as current year revenues. In addition we were not tracking the excess/deficit of these funds as required by this ordinance.

To be compliant with our own ordinance we adopted a resolution on October 25, 2016 setting the starting balance as of the FY15 audit at \$1,346,018. In review of the calculations used to get to this value it appears as though there were errors. The actual value as of the FY16 audit for the calculated 654 reserves is negative however the value for the accumulated reserves cannot be negative so the accumulated reserves have been set at \$0.

In FY17 we again budgeted based on the 654 6mils estimated for the current year. This budgeting practice may not be compliant with Ordinance 654 so for FY18. Revenues received for 654 in the current year must be applied to the prior FY deficit.

One root of the problems with our 654 funds is that our external auditors do not recognize these funds per our Ordinance 654. Currently the 654 revenues are bundled into our GF and a component of our GF FB (even though they are a negative balance at this point). It would be more preferential if the 654 funds were established as restricted funds however the external auditors have not recognized these funds as restricted. Therefore we have established our own internal financial tracking system for these 654 funds.

A new problem surfaces now that we have restated our 654 reserves with a \$0 balance as of FY16. We are required by the State Constitution to have a balanced budget. Because our external auditors track our 654 revenues not congruent with our 654 Ordinance the actual calculations are complicated.

For FY15 our external auditors reported that we ran an audited deficit of \$1,442,316 which included current year 654 revenues of \$1,067,879 for a true net deficit of \$2,510,195. This deficit is then offset by the \$1,142,909- 654 revenues received in FY16. The FY15 654 millage of \$1,067,879 actually has to be applied to the FY14 deficit. That millage is combined with the carryover 654 FY14 reserves balance of \$108,061.

Therefore it is estimated that we actually balanced our budget as required by the State Constitution using GF FB reserves in FY15 with real deficit spending for the first time in recent history beginning in FY15. We repeated this deficit spending in FY16 drawing down our GF FB reserves even further by balancing the budget for FY16 using GF FB reserves. Quantification of the actual amount of deficit spending for FY15 and FY16 has not yet been calculated.

**General Fund 6 Mill Reserve Account**

ORDINANCE #	FY 2016 Balance 654	FY 2015 Balance 654	FY 2014 Balance 654	FY 2013 Balance 654	FY 2012 Balance 654	FY 2011 Balance 654	FY 2010 Balance 654	FY 2009 Balance 654	FY 2008 Balance 654
110-313-31160-31160 Audited	\$1,141,870	\$1,066,840	\$1,067,589	\$1,074,703	\$1,058,293	\$1,030,959	\$965,361	\$984,768	\$953,864
110-311-31160-31160	\$1,039	\$1,039	\$2,765	\$1	\$1,835	\$10,307	\$8,840	\$1,155	\$0
<b>6 Mills Collected FY Totals</b>	<b>\$1,142,909</b>	<b>\$1,067,879</b>	<b>\$1,070,354</b>	<b>\$1,074,704</b>	<b>\$1,060,129</b>	<b>\$1,041,267</b>	<b>\$974,201</b>	<b>\$985,923</b>	<b>\$953,864</b>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses per Audited Financial Statements</b>	<b>(\$422,562)</b>	<b>(\$1,442,316)</b>	<b>(\$1,824,443)</b>	<b>(\$913,458)</b>	<b>(\$732,800)</b>	<b>(\$1,969,284)</b>	<b>\$1,495,526</b>	<b>\$725,185</b>	<b>\$3,190,902</b>
<b>Less 6 Mills Revenue Collected</b>	<b>(\$1,142,909)</b>	<b>(\$1,067,879)</b>	<b>(\$1,070,354)</b>	<b>(\$1,074,704)</b>	<b>(\$1,060,129)</b>	<b>(\$1,041,267)</b>	<b>(\$974,201)</b>	<b>(\$985,923)</b>	<b>(\$953,864)</b>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over Expenses with 6 Mill Revenue Deducted</b>	<b>(\$1,565,471)</b>	<b>(\$2,510,195)</b>	<b>(\$2,894,797)</b>	<b>(\$1,988,162)</b>	<b>(\$1,792,929)</b>	<b>(\$3,010,551)</b>	<b>\$521,325</b>	<b>(\$260,738)</b>	<b>\$2,237,038</b>
<b>Beginning 6 Mill Reserve Balance</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$108,061</b>	<b>\$1,025,869</b>	<b>\$1,744,094</b>	<b>\$3,694,516</b>	<b>\$2,653,249</b>	<b>\$1,939,787</b>	<b>\$953,864</b>	<b>\$953,864</b>
<b>6 Mill Reserve Annual Collections</b>	<b>\$1,142,909</b>	<b>\$1,067,879</b>	<b>\$1,070,354</b>	<b>\$1,074,704</b>	<b>\$1,060,129</b>	<b>\$1,041,267</b>	<b>\$974,201</b>	<b>\$985,923</b>	<b>\$953,864</b>
<b>Prior FY Deficit</b>	<b>(\$2,510,195)</b>	<b>(\$2,894,797)</b>	<b>(\$1,988,162)</b>	<b>(\$1,792,929)</b>	<b>(\$3,010,551)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$260,738)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>6 Mill Running Balance</b>	<b>(\$1,367,286)</b>	<b>(\$1,718,857)</b>	<b>\$108,061</b>	<b>\$1,025,869</b>	<b>\$1,744,094</b>	<b>\$3,694,516</b>	<b>\$2,653,249</b>	<b>\$1,939,787</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Ending Fund Balance Per Audited Financials**

	FY 2016 Balance	FY 2015 Balance	FY 2014 Balance	FY 2013 Balance	FY 2012 Balance	FY 2011 Balance	FY 2010 Balance	FY 2009 Balance	FY 2008 Balance
<b>Non-Spendable</b>	\$555,884	\$0		\$138,325					
<b>Reserved for</b>									
Debt Service									
Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,536,363	\$ 1,501,835	\$ 4,714,105	\$ 4,092,923	\$ 745,434	\$ 170,000
Contingency				\$ 6,073,148	\$ 4,998,425	\$ 3,938,296	\$ 2,913,987	\$ 1,939,786	
<b>Restricted</b>	\$ 598,183	\$ 460,255	\$ 501,771						
<b>Committed</b>	\$ 82,034	\$ 678,259	\$ 358,865						
<b>Unreserved</b>									
General Fund Designated (Assigned)	\$ -	\$ 3,171	\$ 20,000	\$ 1,610,582	\$ 537,854	\$ 79,000	\$ 658,060	\$ 560,257	\$ 144,610
General Fund Excess (Deficit) Undesignated (Unassigned)	\$ 4,212,720	\$ 5,064,661	\$ 7,136,941	\$ 953,882	\$ 4,187,644	\$ 5,648,057	\$ 5,176,617	\$ 4,614,584	\$ 6,470,203
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 5,448,821</b>	<b>\$ 6,206,346</b>	<b>\$ 8,017,577</b>	<b>\$ 10,312,300</b>	<b>\$ 11,225,758</b>	<b>\$ 14,379,458</b>	<b>\$ 12,841,587</b>	<b>\$ 7,860,061</b>	<b>\$ 6,784,813</b>
<b>Change in Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ (757,525)</b>	<b>\$ (1,811,231)</b>	<b>\$ (2,294,723)</b>	<b>\$ (913,458)</b>	<b>\$ (3,153,700)</b>	<b>\$ 1,537,871</b>	<b>\$ 4,981,526</b>	<b>\$ 1,075,248</b>	<b>\$ 3,699,050</b>

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNTY OF LAURENS



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Diane B. Anderson  
Stewart O. Jones  
Garrett C. McDaniel  
Ted G. Nash  
David A. Pitts

**ADMINISTRATION**

Jon Caime, Administrator  
Betty C. Walsh, Clerk to Council

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

Over the past several months, Laurens County Council has received information and listened to presentation both for and against the location of a natural gas pipeline for Dominion Carolina Gas Transmission. While there appears to be some financial benefits to Laurens County through taxation of the pipeline, the accessibility of the natural gas transmitted, for or by local natural gas providers is significantly restricted and probably non-existent according to the information provided by Dominion therefore there is no direct benefit to Laurens County residents. According to information provided by Dominion, the location and placement of the new lines will encroach upon and directly impact about twenty seven (27) miles of privately owned property. Access roads will likely double that figure. We further understand that it will be necessary to cross many waterways and wetlands in the County.

Laurens County is very blessed to have two (2) interstate highways as well as many rivers and other natural resources. There are existing rights of ways which are likely adequate to accommodate this pipeline without disturbing or encroaching upon additional private lands. We would encourage this company to give serious consideration to the use of existing rights-of-way or other corridors that are currently in use. While the initial costs to Dominion may be greater, the long term accessibility to their lines without disturbance of private properties or natural resources such as forest, croplands, rivers and streams far outweighs the initial costs. To choose the route proposed will disrupt long standing forestry programs as well as other agricultural or industrial uses and these disruptions will be significant to the private land owners. If the rights-of-way are obtained through litigation, Dominion will have the right to place other users in these areas for their own financial benefit without further compensation to the landowner. Laurens County Council insists that landowners be properly and adequately compensated for the direct and indirect impact to their land.

Laurens County Council is not opposed to growth or development in this county, however the residents and taxpayers must derive benefits of a better quality of life, protection of the environment or greater access to low costs natural gas. In the instance of Dominion's pipeline project, the immediate and long term financial impact as pale in comparison to the impact upon the private property owners, the environment and the future usage of the property. Further subdivision of long standing farm lands and timber lands can and will diminish the future value of these lands, restrict the usage and provide only nominal monetary benefits to the land owners and to Laurens County.



Laurens County Council wishes to go on record as opposing any strong arm tactics by Dominion in the acquisition of property and further strongly opposes the use of eminent domain to forcibly acquire lands, rights-of- ways, access roads or other pipeline related matters from property owners in Laurens County. Laurens County Council encourages the use of existing corridors and rights-of way for these purposes so as to protect the environment while respecting private property owners' current and future usage of their property. Your urgent consideration of this request will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Laurens County Council Members in support of this request:

Joe E. Wood, Jr., Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Garrett C. McDaniel, Council Member \_\_\_\_\_

Diane B. Anderson, Council Member \_\_\_\_\_

Ted G. Nash, Council Member \_\_\_\_\_

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Stewart O. Jones, Council Member \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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Jon Caime, Administrator  
Laurens County, South Carolina

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



## AGENDA ITEM – REQUEST SHEET – COUNTY COUNCIL

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DATE OF REQUEST: February 7, 2017

DEPARTMENT / AGENCY: Laurens County Parks, Recreation and Tourism

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT MATTER REQUESTED (please be as specific as possible): Appointment of Bud Marchant to the PRT Commission

Mr. Marchant will be replacing Mr. Jimmy Webb from Council District #7.

FINANCIAL AMOUNT REQUESTED - NA -

SOURCE OF FUNDING: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE – attach subject matter document pages as necessary)

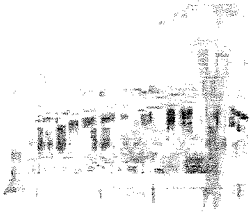
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REQUEST ASSIGNED TO: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF ASSIGNMENT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF AGENDA: 02/14/2017

DATE RESPONSE DUE: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL ACTION: \_\_\_\_\_



**APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON LAURENS COUNTY  
BOARD, COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION**

**APPLICANT MUST RESIDE IN LAURENS COUNTY AND BE A REGISTERED VOTER**

NAME OF COMMISSION / BOARD APPLYING FOR: Laurens County Parks & Recreation Commission

NAME: T. Eston Marchant "Bud"

HOME ADDRESS (please use your new E-911 address):

705 Calvert Ave. Clinton, SC 29325

WORK ADDRESS (please use your new E-911 address):

1105 Kelly Dr. Sanford, NC 27330

E-MAIL ADDRESS: bmarchant72@gmail.com VOTER REGISTRATION NUMBER: 306024461

TELEPHONE: Home- (864) 833-2335 OFFICE - (919) 356-2007

EMPLOYER: CCCC FAX - N/A

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND: College President

COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT: 7

WHAT INTEREST / EXPERTISE DO YOU HAVE TO OFFER FOR THIS BOARD / COMMISSION?

Member of Laurens County Trails Association

Supporter Clinton Canopy committee

OTHER BOARDS AND / OR COMMISSIONS SERVED ON AND DATES SERVED: \_\_\_\_\_

No county boards

PRESENTLY SERVING ON WHAT BOARD / COMMITTEE - INCLUDE NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD PER YEAR AND THE NUMBER OF MEETINGS THAT YOU ATTENDED:

City of Clinton Planning Commission

City of Utility Rate Commission



LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL  
Application for Boards, Commissions and Committees

**APPLICANT MUST RESIDE IN LAURENS COUNTY AND BE A REGISTERED VOTER**

NAME OF COMMISSION / BOARD APPLYING FOR: LAURENS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

NAME: Rob Roper

HOME ADDRESS: 519 Roper Rd Laurens S.C. 29360

E-MAIL ADDRESS: dogwoodridgefarmllc@gmail.com VOTER REGISTRATION NUMBER: 6 017 223

TELEPHONE: Home- (864) 923-3098 Office - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell - 923-3098

EMPLOYER: Self E-MAIL ADDRESS - \_\_\_\_\_

WORK ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND: Owned & operated Dogwood ridge farm for 11 years

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME OTHER THAN A MINOR TRAFFIC VIOLATION? No

(If so, please give details.\*) \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT INTEREST / EXPERTISE DO YOU HAVE TO OFFER FOR THIS BOARD / COMMISSION?

Self employed in Agriculture and can bring light on most of the <sup>problems</sup> ~~meth~~ and questions.

OTHER BOARDS AND / OR COMMISSIONS SERVED ON AND DATES SERVED: Laurens County

Spotlight on Ag. 2010 until present

PRESENTLY SERVING ON WHAT BOARD / COMMITTEE - INCLUDE NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD PER YEAR AND THE NUMBER OF MEETINGS THAT YOU ATTENDED:

Spotlight on Ag. 10 meetings a year & attend at least 8

COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4 COUNCIL MEMBER SIGNATURE [Signature]

\*Please note that information provided in this application may be subject to SC Freedom of Information disclosure. Information provided in response to question numbers 11-26 that the applicant may wish not to be released subject to SC Freedom of Information Act may be cited in a separate document that will accompany this application.

\*\* Applications for service on Laurens County Boards and Commissions remain on file for two (2) years. If you have not been appointed to serve on a board/commission within that timeframe you may wish to re-submit your application.

To: Laurens County Council  
Attn: Betty Walsh  
P.O. Box 445  
Laurens, S.C. 29360

1/31/17

Dear members of Laurens County Council,

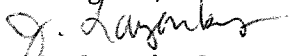
The Upstate SC Green Party, a chapter of the South Carolina Green Party, extends its thanks and commends you for your recent 5-0 vote to have staff and counsel write a letter regarding the eminent domain issue with the planned Dominion Transco National Pipeline project. Upstate SC Greens have been following this story through Upstate Forever's postings and *The Clinton Chronicle's* reporting, and were thrilled to learn that Laurens County Council made a positive step in the best interest of private land and its owners, clean water, wildlife, farming, and forests.

The South Carolina Green Party and all of its current chapters (Upstate, Midlands, and Charleston Area) adhere to the Four Pillars of the National Green Party and its Ten Key Values. Our Third Pillar is Ecological Sustainability, and the third of our Ten Key Values is Ecological Wisdom. We back decision-makers from the grassroots level by way of calls, letters, and peaceful demonstrations whenever and wherever possible. We wholeheartedly believe that the Dominion Transco National Pipeline will not serve Laurens County's residents in any positive way by cutting through the land. We see the negative impact of these pipelines on every facet of their surrounding environments year after year, and the effects of a spill in our small state would be, to say the least, devastating. We have written to Sen. Graham and placed calls to Jeff Duncan and Trey Gowdy regarding this pipeline plan, and we will continue to follow this story and act accordingly.

While we realize there is a long road ahead in the fight against this pipeline's placement and the federal issue of eminent domain, we hope that Laurens County Council and the constituents who could be affected by lawmakers' decisions will continue to fight as well.

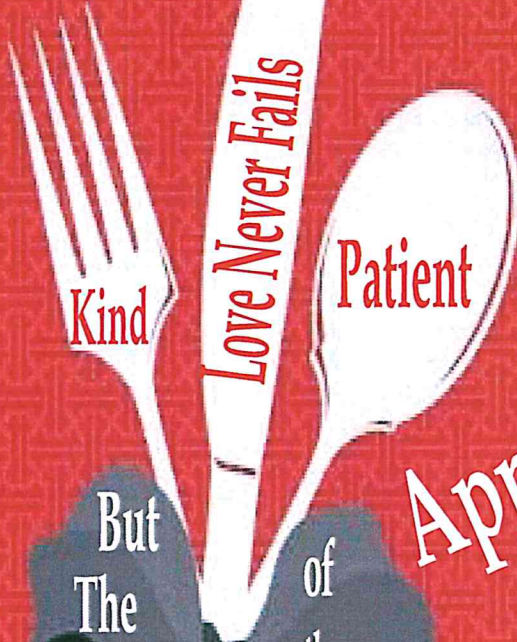
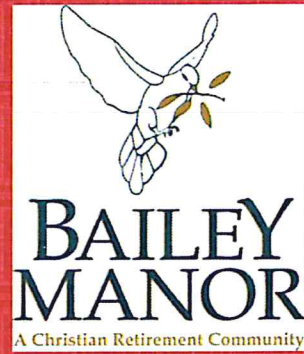
If we can ever be of any service to the citizens of Laurens County or to County Council, please contact us at the information below.

Kind Regards,

  
Jessica Lazenby, Secretary  
Upstate S.C. Greens



Celebrating Love Our Neighbors Week



But  
The  
Greatest  
of  
these  
is Love

# Appreciation Luncheon

Thursday, February 16, 2017

12 Noon

Bailey Manor

Main Dining Room

1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 13

RSVP by Friday, February 10, 2017

864-833-3425