



BUDGET SESSION MINUTES #6
JUNE 12, 2018 – 8:00 P.M.
HILLCREST SQUARE - CONFERENCE ROOM
LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT – Councilman Ted Nash (left following the County Council meeting).

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

DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT: Laurens County E-911/ Communications Director, Joey Avery; Laurens County EMS Director, Matt Pennington; Laurens County Public Works Director, Rob Russian and Billy Wilson, Laurens County Vehicle Maintenance / Procurement Superintendent.

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

PRESS: NONE.

SCHEDULED MEETING AGENDA ITEMS – 1.) Call to Order – Chairman Wood; 2.) Fund 110-537-Planning; 3.) FILOT Higher Ed Funds (fund 342) For Future Scholars; 4.) Road Department Request for moving 2 PT Positions to FT; 5.) Road Department Pay Plan Approval; 6.) Solid Waste Department Pay Plan Approval; 7.) Fund 600- Capital Fund.

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 bulletin boards and also posted on the County Web Site.

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Wood called the budget meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

Administrator Caime said, “Council, we are going to need four (4) votes for this budget to pass on July 26th. The very last thing with capital is costly and I feel that it may stall us. We need to wrap the budget up. We are already a month behind on the budget and all of the improvements for the employees is being delayed at least one pay period”.

FUND 110-537- PLANNING – Again, Administrator Caime discussed a Planner for the County and said, “You only get one first chance to make a good impression. Unfortunately our first impression does not lend itself too well. Especially in the two (2) corridors coming into Laurens County. A lot of growth is coming our way from Greenville County. In Laurens County in Fountain Inn last month, there was two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in new construction in a new subdivision with twenty (20) lots, they have sold them all and have not even cut the road in yet. We have been working with Mr. Bobo to clean up a lot of the ghettos within Laurens County and worked on subdivision regulations. Work was done at Exit #9 and unfortunately the City of Laurens has not fulfilled the agreement we have with them as to maintenance. It sickens me to see all of that investment grown up into weeds now. We will be bringing to you another beautification project on exit #60 in Clinton. Also on Exit #19 close to ZF, we would like to put a welcome to Laurens County there. We have brought the branding to you for a unified county identity. This is things that we have done to draw attention to the County. The next steps are very clear; we need that vision as the first piece. A vision of what we want this County to be like in 2040. It’s the people of this County that need to come forward to make it happen. After the vision, we need to determine a plan on getting there. The third step will be to break into goals of how to start heading in that direction. Rob Russian and I have done a lot of work with the Planning Commission. Also all of the plats Rob has to approve, he can’t get some of his work done for that. This is why Im asking for a Planning Department and why we need help with the visioning process”.

Chairman Wood asked if there was a job description for a Planning Director. Administrator Caime replied that he would bring Council a job description.

Vice Chairman Tollison asked if this was the same position as was a couple of years ago for a Project Manager. Administrator Caime said that it was last year when I was trying to figure out how to conquer many things with one move. Greenwood County has five (5) Planners jointly with the City of Greenwood.

Councilwoman Anderson said that Laurens County does need to plan for the growth of the County.

Chairman Wood said, “I don’t think this is the time to grow government at ninety six thousand dollars (\$96,000). We don’t even have the monies to approve for the other departments with things they need much less hold our head above water. We need patrol cars and ambulances. We could best use this ninety six thousand dollars (\$96,000) in other ways right now. I’m not going to say that I don’t disagree with a planning director. It is just not the time to do this. This is the first year in many that we have come out with some revenue. Postponing for twelve (12) months is not going to hurt anything.”

Councilman Jones said, “I too can see the benefit but I also I cannot vote to add any more additional employees at this time. One recommendation that I will make is for taking that ninety six thousand dollars (\$96,000) from the funding that goes to the LCDC. The way I look at it is that the County is subsidizing the LCDC three hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$360,000) a year for industrial development. This would put us in a different kind of position towards more residential and commercial. I also like getting things outside of government and can benefit from that. Exit #9 was mentioned earlier is a good example. The bids and what we were looking at for this exit was totally different. Our Parks and Rec took that and in my opinion, I just don’t like it. I’ll vote for this if we will take that money to fund it”.

Councilman McDaniel asked what was exactly phase 1 at thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000)? Administrator Caime replied that it was to hire a professional moderator to help plan and one who knows how to go out there and get it done.

Vice Chairman Tollison asked what was the difference in the Planner and hiring a professional moderator at thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000).

COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL made the MOTION to pull the thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for phase 1 for a moderator with COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDING for discussion.

Councilman Pitts asked Administrator Caime for clarification towards Phase 1 and thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) as this being the most important piece. Administrator Caime stated that a professional moderator is needed because the visioning is the important part. If I don’t have a professional moderator come in to do, then I will have to figure out for somebody to do it. Maybe we are moving too fast, I don’t know. You brought me here to move you forward and I am going to keep pushing ya’ll. The moderating piece is not the most important piece, the visioning is the most important piece. We want people to fill proud of this place and we have got the potential. We can’t let those people in the past dictate to what we need for the future.

Councilman Pitts said, “I really don’t know what a Planner does. I think I know though. With that I really don’t know what that person would do. From my vantage point, this position will only be as good as the person you hire. In my mind, could this be a joint position – Planner / Assistant Administrator. You have to grow your own and we will eventually be back facing where we were when Mr. Segars left. I really don’t know if this position lends itself to that or not”. Administrator Caime replied that he did not think that Council would be getting the quality of a person needed if you did that.

Councilman Pitts asked, what would this person do other than a visioning process? Administrator Caime referenced the data Council received several meetings ago and that there are a lot of problems that need to be addressed. Its marrying all the data that exists and putting it all together in a visioning plan.

Councilman Pitts asked if this was in the budget now. Administrator Caime replied that it was.

Chairman Wood said, “A person is going to live where he wants to live. You can’t make a person live in Laurens County if he doesn’t want to. How many Planners does Greenville County have? They didn’t do too good of a job on Woodruff Road did they? With that, what can one Planner do for us”.

Administrator Caime said, “If Council is not ready now and its too early, that fine. I will keep preaching to you and get you converted in the next twelve months”.

Councilman Pitts said, “I will say this, I see both sides and will cast my vote for it. I am hesitant to do this. Ill be the first one to tell you that I will be watching closely and will hold your feet to the fire”.

Chairman Wood said, “If approved, Council will be deeper in funding this because they will need clerical help, a car with a gas allowance, computers and telephones. It will be never ending”.

COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON AMENDING the MOTION to hiring a Planner for the upcoming year as requested. The AMENDED MOTION DIED due to the lack of a second.

COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL made the MOTION to pull the thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for phase 1 for a moderator with COUNCILMAN PITTS SECONDING; VOTE 4-2 (Council Members Jones and Wood were in opposition).

Fund: 110 General Fund
Department: 537 Planning

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Dept/Agency Number & Name	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Budget	FY18 YTD Actual	FY18 Project	FY 2019 Request	FY 2019 Recc	FY19 Final	Incr 18-19
11000 Salaries- NEW POSITION						0	45,000	45,000		
21000 Health Ins Employer Share						0	5,588	5,588		
21040 Travel Allotment						0				
21050 Cell Phone Reimbursement						0	420	420		
22000 FICA						0	3,443	3,443		
23000 Retirement						0	6,543	6,543		
26000 Workers Compensation						0	1,670	1,670		
30000 Professional Services			6,087	13,000	8,215	12,322				
Branding Initiative			5,000			0				
Branding carryover FY17				5,000	0	5,000				
Long Range Strategic Plan Phase 1							30,000	30,000		note 1
44020 Equipment Maintenance						0				
44030 Copier Lease						0				
53090 Telephone						0				
54000 Advertising Notices						0				
56050 Memberships/Dues						0				
57080 Training						0				
57092 Travel/Meetings				1,000	308	1,000	1,000	1,000		note 2
61040 Computer Supplies						0				
61500 Branding Expenses					331	497				
61700 Office Supplies					31	47	1,500	1,500		note 2
61800 Postage						0	1,000	1,000		note 2
Subtotal Salaries	0	0	0	0	0	0	45,000	45,000	0	
Subtotal Benefits	0	0	0	0	0	0	17,663	17,663	0	
Subtotal Operating	0	0	11,087	19,000	8,885	18,866	33,500	33,500	0	
				0						
TOTALS	0	0	11,087	19,000	8,885	18,866	96,163	96,163	0	

note 1: requested from the funds transferred from COC FY16 \$93,762 balance
 note 2: for planning commission

FILOT HIGHER ED FUNDS (FUND 342) FOR FUTURE SCHOLAR - Chairman Wood stated that he would like to skip over this and leave it like it is because I do not want to take anything from Piedmont Tec. Administrator Caime has derived that the twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) could come from the monies given to Piedmont Tec. Administrator Caime said, “The FILOT monies are distributed based on the pro ratio of the millage. One (1) mill of tax is designated for Higher Education at a ninety / ten (90/10) disbursement. The FILOT monies is actually included in this. Maybe this Council did not intend for this to be the case. This is how the FILOT monies have been distributed for years. Some of the monies from Greenville County will also be shared. That is the forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) in FILOT monies. My suggestion was rather than taking it from the general fund. Right now the forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) is in there at a ninety / ten (90/10) split less FILOT funds. What I am trying to do is to move the Future Scholars from the general fund over to the Higher Educational fund. This will reduce the monies for Piedmont Tec from the FILOTS. Both Piedmont Tec and USC Union at Laurens have told me that future scholars is important. In my opinion, we are solving many Said, problems in doing this. Moving it from the general fund to an area that is should be in”.

Councilman Pitts asked, if there is one hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000) for one (1) mill of tax, ninety percent (90%) is going to Piedmont Tec and ten percent (10%) is going to USC Union at Laurens. Where was this other twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) coming from? Administrator Caime replied that another forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) was on top of that.

Chairman Wood said, “The monies we took from Greenville County was supposed to be split among several departments”. Administrator Caime replied, “That is not completely correct but the monies that came from Greenville County is a portion of the FILOTS. The FILOTS are always distributed pro-rata. So if there is one hundred (100) mills total and one (1) mill was associated with fund #342, when the FILOTS came in, they broke out the percentage, which is one percent (1%) of one hundred (100) and gave it to the 342 account. You are correct on the monies that we got from Greenville County. I am not seeing it in the numbers because it is going out to these different entities and is not just going to the general fund”.

Councilman Pitts said, “Now I understand this to be still tax dollars but is coming from a different line item like FILOT”. Administrator Caime confirmed.

COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL made the MOTION to move the Future Scholars to the #342 Educational Fund Account. COUNCILMAN PITTS SECONDING; VOTE 3-2-1 (Council Members Tollison and Jones objected with Council Chairman Wood abstaining)

Chairman Wood was confused with his actual vote as he was thinking that abstaining also was considered a vote in opposition.

After further clarification of his vote, CHAIRMAN WOOD declared the previous voting call as a null and void and called for another vote of the EARLIER MOTION. COUNCIL VOTED 3-3 (Council Members Tollison, Jones and Wood were in opposition). The motion died due to a tie vote.

MINUTES – JUNE 12, 2018
 FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET #6
 LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL

Fund: 110 General Fund
Department: 563 Special Appropriations

Dept/Agency Number & Name	8					FY18 YTD	FY18 Project	FY 2019 Request	FY 2019 Recc	FY19 Final	Incr 18- 19
	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Budget	FY 2018 Actual						
56025 Literacy Council	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	3,750	5,000	5,000				-100%
56035 G.L.E.A.M.N.S.	9,500	9,500	9,500	9,500	7,125	9,500					-100% Note 1, 2
56042 Laurens Fed./Blind	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	3,750	5,000	10,000				-100%
56058 Humane Society	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	3,750	5,000	5,000				-100%
56059 Museum	15,000	0		0			25,000				
56060 Crimestoppers	0	0	1,000								
56061 Bridging the Gap	0	0									
Future Scholars							10,000				
Greenwood Connect							10,000				
56065 Disabilities and Special Needs	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	0%
56075 Piedmont Aging	3,850	7,700	7,700	7,000	5,250	7,000	6,500				-100%
Subtotal Non.-Pers. Serv.	53,350	42,200	43,200	41,500	33,625	41,500	81,500	10,000	10,000	10,000	-76%
TOTALS	53,350	42,200	43,200	41,500	33,625	41,500	81,500	10,000	10,000	10,000	-76%

NOTE 1; REQUEST COPY OF AUDIT BEFORE WE CONSIDER FUNDING THEM
 Note 2: No request submitted

342 Educational - Tech/USC

Dept/Agency Number & Name	8					FY18 YTD	FY18 Project	FY 2019 Request	FY 2019 Recc	FY19 Final	Incr 18- 19
	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Budget	FY 2018 Actual						
GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES - 342-311											
31110 Current Real Property	105,471	111,013	109,049	109,049	96,485	109,000	109,000	109,000	109,000	109,000	0%
increase millage per 388 cap- NEW											can incre:
31111 LOST Credit-Real	23,623	20,213	24,666	25,000	24,821	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	0%
31120 Delinquent Real Property	13,506	8,155	8,325	6,500	2,974	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	0%
31121 LOST Credit-Delinquent	1,979	1,716	1,813	1,500	812	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0%
31130 Vehicle	19,337	21,282	22,071	20,000	14,341	21,512	22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000	10%
31131 LOST Credit-Vehicle	4,705	4,104	4,267	4,200	3,013	4,520	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	7%
31140 FILOT	20,846	27,027	33,020	34,000	39,629	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	18%
31141 LOST Credit-FILOT	236	175	0	0		0					#DIV/0!
31151 Prior Year Refunds	(1,327)	(1,474)	(4,146)	(4,451)	(1,224)	(1,836)	(1,836)	(1,836)	(1,836)	(1,836)	-59%
Subtotals:	188,375	192,211	199,066	195,798	180,852	206,196	206,664	206,664	206,664	206,664	6%
TOTAL REVENUE AVAILABLE	188,375	192,211	199,066	195,798	180,852	206,196	206,664	206,664	206,664	206,664	6%

Dept/Agency Number & Name	8					FY18 YTD	FY18 Project	FY 2019 Request	FY 2019 Recc	FY19 Final	Incr 18- 19
	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Budget	FY 2018 Actual						
USC							60,000	18,666	20,666		
Piedmont Tech							705,969	167,998	185,998		
Future Scholars								20,000			
80029 Claims Authorized	208,152	167,872	199,974	195,798	0						-100%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	208,152	167,872	199,974	195,798	0	0	765,969	206,664	206,664	206,664	6%

REV-EXP	(19,777)	24,339	(908)	0	180,852	206,196	(559,305)	0	0
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set by annual ordinance subject to 388 cap

ROAD AND BRIDGES DEPARTMENT REQUEST - MOVING TWO (2) PART TIME POSITIONS TO FULL TIME POSITIONS – Public Works Director, Rr. Russian began by saying, “Currently the Roads and Bridges Department has thirty three thousand dollars (\$33,000) budgeted for part time employees on a lump sum basis. The hourly rate is eight dollars and seventy three cents (\$8.73). The part time employees were traditionally seasonal employees who worked eight to nine (8-9) months a year to mow grass on the County roadsides. Due to the difficulty filling these positions, as well as poor upkeep of the equipment they were operating, it was decided to use these part time positions purely as laborers. Currently, two of the three PT positions are vacant due to lack of applicants. The third position is being utilized as a Clerk to assist with payroll, work requests, and better organization of the department. We even utilized some of the part time budget to hire an intern from Presbyterian College to assist with building the road asset inventory. I am requesting that Council allow this Department to discontinue the use of part time labor and hire two (2) full time employees to be classified as laborers. The current laborer hourly rate is ten dollars and fifty cent (\$10.50) an hour. The increase required now in the department would be ten thousand six hundred eighty dollars (\$10,680) more per year plus benefits”.

Councilman Jones asked what the current budget estimate? Administrator Caime replied that he was not sure at this point but that even with the changes made thus far we are still balanced and sitting on a slight budget surplus.

Councilwoman Anderson questioned, “You had three (3) part time laborer positions and you put a Clerk in to one of these positions. Mr. Russian replied, “Yes, Mr. Stoddard is currently utilizing one of the positions as a part time Clerk doing routine office work. What we would like to do is to take that position, which I don’t think is a full time position, and make it a laborer position and allowing laborer work as well”. Councilwoman Anderson as for confirmation that the department would now be removing the Clerk. Mr. Russian replied that was correct and would now be making it a laborer position. Councilwoman Anderson noted that Mr. Avery began budget discussions requesting two (2) part time positions that he agreed to remove simply because he could not fill the part time positions and that she felt he should do the same. Mr. Russian replied “We are not full now and just not enough people to do the work. We have seventeen (17) people to take care of four hundred (400) miles of road and all of the other things we get involved in for the county like grading land, the fire project, taking out trees and so on. This department seems to be a catch-all for all else that we have to do in the County”. Mr. Time Stoddard, Foreman for Roads and Bridges said, “If I had one to two (1-2) more people on staff full time, I could have another crew that I could complete work orders in a timely manner. Right now the work orders received are completed within a month or two from when received.”

Councilman Jones asked if benefits were included in the numbers and how much would it increase by moving to full time positions? Administrator Caime replied that he felt ninety percent (90%) would be a good estimate.

CHAIRMAN WOOD made the MOTION to accept the Departments request as presented with COUNCILMAN PITTS SECONDING for discussion. Councilwoman Anderson reminded Council that here again we are growing government. Vice Chairman Tollison asked for confirmation of a statement made earlier of saving on maintenance costs by pulling these people off of our equipment and saving from rehiring because someone got hurt. Mr. Stoddard replied, “Yes”. Councilman Pitts stated that the caliber of employee will make the difference. COUNCIL VOTED 5-1 (Councilwoman Anderson in opposition).

APPROVAL – PAY PLAN – ROADS AND BRIDGES DEPARTMENT – Administrator Caime stated, “This proposal creates a career ladder of needed and required skill levels. I was shocked to see that we have nine (9) laborers in this department. We don’t need nine (9) laborers. What we need skilled equipment operators that are hard to find. What we are doing is bringing in unskilled laborers to run weed eaters and so on. We are training them and spending all of this money on them only to lose them to higher paying jobs. If they don’t have the skill levels we need, I want them gone”.

COUNCILMAN PITTS made a MOTION to approve this request as presented with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING for discussion.

Public Works Director Rob Russian addressed Council informing them that the Roads and Bridges Department has fifteen (15) full time positions and three (3) part time positions. Currently two (2) part time positions and one (1) CDL position are vacant. This department has seen an extreme turnover with only four (4) of the current employees have been with the county for more than five years.

The suggested job descriptions for these position is as follows:

Current Titles	New Titles
Foreman/FT	Supervisor
Assistant Foreman/CDL	Foreman
Mechanic/Operator/CDL	Heavy Equipment Operator
CDL/Operator (Crew Chief)	CDL Driver / Operator
Laborer/FT	Light Equipment Operator
Laborer/CDL Driver	Laborer
Laborer	
Clerk PT Seasonal / R&B	
Laborer - Seasonal	

New Titles	Pay Grade	Base Pay
Supervisor	N/G	
Foreman	19	\$ 17.10
Heavy Equipment Operator	14	\$ 14.40
CDL Driver / Operator	12	\$ 13.40
Light Equipment Operator	10	\$ 11.25
Laborer	9	\$ 10.50

- 1.) **JOB TITLE:** Laborer
JOB SUMMARY: This position is responsible for carrying out general maintenance tasks on roads. Duties include, but not limited to, operating weed eaters, operating chain saws, moving signs, driving a pickup truck, cleaning up behind mowing tractors, moving trees and debris, flagging traffic, and helping service equipment.
- 2.) **JOB TITLE:** Light Equipment Operator
JOB SUMMARY: This position is responsible for operating a variety of light equipment to maintain department facilities as well as county roads and right of ways.
- 3.) **JOB TITLE:** CDL Driver / Operator
JOB SUMMARY: This position is responsible for operating a CDL vehicle to transport material. This position may also operate light equipment as well as a variety of laboring tasks.
- 4.) **JOB TITLE:** Heavy Equipment Operator
JOB SUMMARY: This position is responsible for operating and maintaining a variety of heavy equipment to maintain county facilities, roads and rights of way

COUNCIL VOTE 6-0

SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT PAY PLAN APPROVAL – Administrator Caime informed Council that he is not ready to discuss Solid Waste Department and will come back to Council on this.

Mr. Russian stated that the biggest issue he has is the CDL pay. We had a plan for Roads and Bridges but not yet for Solid Waste.

Councilman Pitts said that his earlier motion was to include all CDL Drivers and asked if that was not true. Administrator Caime stated that in a way Council has approved several positions here. Mr. Russian replied that the Litter and Human Department has not even been addressed yet. Administrator Caime asked, “Your motion was to include and mirror all even on the Solid Waste side would solve your problem”.

COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to pay all CDL Drivers the same. COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; 6-0.

ADDED AGENDA ITEM – SOLICITOR – Chairman Wood stated that the Solicitor had called him last week and asked if Council would reconsider his funding since more Members of Council are in attendance.

Councilwoman Anderson stated that the Council needed to take a little more time and discuss this matter and let him come back at another meeting.

COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to increase the Solicitor funding to three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000). COUNCILMAN JONES SECONDDING; VOTE 5-1 (Councilwoman Anderson in opposition).

FUND #600 - CAPITAL FUND – Administrator Caime reviewed data as follows:

Fund 600 Capital Millage	
REVENUES	
existing 6 mills capital	1,035,000
EXPENSES	
Mandatory FY19- Capital Millage	
2018 L/P Rolling Stock Final Pa \$	187,000
2017 L/P Patrol Cars Final Payr \$	263,000
	\$ 450,000
6Mills Minus M \$	585,000

All of the following can be placed under a Lease/Purchase:

Requested FY19- POTENTIAL SOURCES

CAP MILLAGE			
513 Airport	Tractor	\$36,000	
513 Airport	Mower	\$18,000	
516 Buildings	Tractor	\$11,300	
523 Det Ctr	Vans	\$40,000	\$80,000 requested consider
526 EMA	Haz Mat trailer	\$10,000	
535 PRTM	Truck	\$47,000	
541 Roads	Side Mower	\$20,000	
541 Roads	Tractor	\$57,000	
541 Roads	Track Hoe	\$95,000	
541 Roads	Mulching Head	\$30,000	
542 SO	8 Patrol Cars	\$140,000	2 new 4 used
532 Inspections	Vehicle	\$22,500	
128 EMS	QRV	\$37,100	
128 EMS	Ambulance	\$215,000	
128 EMS	Ambulance	\$215,000	
128 EMS	Ambulance	\$215,000	
		\$ 1,208,900	
	13 Mon L/P	\$ 521,500	
	25 Mon L/P	\$ 353,100	
Remaining Cash	13 Mon L/P	\$ 63,500	
Remaining Cash	25 Mon L/P	\$ 231,900	

Administrator Caime noted that there were two (2) models that the staff actually looked at – a two (2) year and a three (3) year plan.

Councilwoman Anderson questioned the vans at the Detention Center. Sheriff Reynolds asked what exactly she wanted to know. Administrator Caime informed Council that they had requested eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) for two (2) and staff is recommending only one (1) at forty thousand dollars (\$40,000). Mr. Billy Wilson, Vehicle Maintenance / Procurement Superintendent, stated, “I understood that these were more for transport and that we were supposed to look for good used ones from the State”.

- As for the record, no decision / vote was made individually.

Councilman Jones asked if three (3) ambulances were really needed. Mr. Matt Pennington, EMS Director replied that there were well over two hundred thousand (200,000) miles on two of existing ambulances and four hundred thousand (400,000) on others now.

Councilman Jones said that he is trying to figure out a way to fund the 800 radio replacements and questioned patrol cars. Sheriff Reynolds stated that he is now seeing where someone is proposing two (2) new and four (4) used patrol cars. New cars is what these guys need when they are running up and down these roads all the time.

Councilman Jones asked Mr. Avery if all of the radios needed were a priority. Mr. Avery replied, “This will be discussed shortly and that as of December 31st they will be reaching their end of life on repairs. The three and a half million dollar (\$3,500,000) request handed out at the last meeting was the total cost of all of the replacements: the radio replacements / consoles for E-911; the fire service to improve their fire coverage; the 800mhz radios. We do not need to spend the whole amount now, but we do need to put a plan in place for funding for when they do breakdown”.

Chairman Wood asked what had happened to the former listing for EMS monitors. Administrator Caime indicated that Mr. Pennington had pulled it.

Chairman Wood asked Council for what they wished to do and that the more money we tie up this year, the less we will have next year. Administrator Caime stated that this Council does have the option to raise the millage. Council Members Pitts and Jones both agree that that was not an option they wished to consider.

Chairman Wood asked if Council would allow to remove one (1) ambulance and add one (1) patrol car back on.

Councilman McDaniel asked if the one hundred forty thousand was based on the two (2) new and four (4) used. Mr. Wilson replied that it was based on the new and used. The new ones would cost forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) each, fully dressed and used ones at fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000) from state surplus.

Sheriff Reynolds stated that his department needs the cars and that they could use some of the inmate welfare monies to work on the kitchen. Administrator Caime said, “The road patrol is still in good shape but will catch up with us later. Our fifteen (15) new cars every three (3) years is not working. I have the data to show you. I fully support the Sheriff on Road Patrols”. Councilman Pitts stated that he was not in favor of buying all new SUV’s versus purchasing cars. Councilwoman Anderson agreed on the purchasing of cars. Mr. Wilson did say that the Tahoe’s were pricey and in the range of seventy five to eighty five thousand dollars (\$75,000 to \$85,000) new.

Mr. Wilson suggested purchasing four (4) new ones at one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) and leave off the used ones. That would be giving one (1) new vehicle per shift.

Chairman Wood asked Council for a vote on his previous motion to remove one (1) ambulance at two hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$215,000) and add one (1) patrol car back on. Administrator Caime said that there was now an extra one hundred thirteen thousand dollars (\$113,000). COUNCIL VOTED 5-1 (Councilwoman Anderson in opposition).

The following question was posed as to what amount of time for the lease / purchase options. Administrator Caime stated that if we go with the thirteen month lease / purchase there will not be that much left. We now have one hundred forty thousand dollars (\$140,000) to go with the following items requested. If with the twenty five (25) month lease purchase there would be three hundred fifty three thousand one hundred dollars (\$353,100) and for thirteen (13) month one hundred forty thousand dollars (\$140,000).

Mr. Wilson added that before Council met, he had received notification from Andy Smith of BB&T had ran the numbers again that it should be one million twenty nine thousand (\$1,029,000) instead of one million two hundred and ninety thousand dollars (\$1,290,000). Administrator Caime said that based on that error, the

numbers should be twenty five (25) month lease purchase there would be three hundred fifty three thousand one hundred dollars (\$353,100) and for thirteen (13) month five hundred twenty one thousand five hundred (\$521,500). Leaving two hundred thirty two thousand do complete the following items.

There was a COUNCIL CONSENSUS to approve the twenty five (25) month lease purchase option.

The following are capital items not included in the above and are requests made towards the six (6) mill capital expenses:

NOT INCLUDED ABOVE			
Cash from 6 mill			
516 Buildings	Hillcrest Womens	\$35,000	
516 Buildings	Extension Roof	\$20,000	
524 911	console replacem	\$38,000	based on \$190,000 cost 8C
526 EMA	Haz Mat	\$35,000	
533 Library	Carpet/flooring	\$72,141	
535 PRM	Maint Building	\$45,000	
542 SO	Tasers	\$15,000	
542 SO	IT Network	\$46,500	
542 SO	Computers-deskt	\$17,500	
542 SO	Computers-laptop	\$52,000	
		\$376,141	

Administrator Caime asked to jump ahead and noted that DSS has not paid us in over three (3) years, I don't think we should fund a state function. There was a COUNCIL CONSENSUS (6-0).

UNFUNDED STATE PROGRAMS

515 Bdgs	DHEC flooring	\$100,000
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Administrator Caime asked the Sheriff if not the inmate funds could be used for these two items. There was a COUNCIL CONSENSUS (6-0).

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523 Det Ctr	Kitchen Upgrades	\$70,000
523 Det Ctr	Outdoor are upgrades	\$30,000

516 - Buildings and Grounds - Hillcrest Women's restrooms - \$35,000 – Administrator Caime asked if this could not be upgraded using the bond. There was a COUNCIL CONSENSUS (6-0) to use the bond monies for upgrades.

516 - Buildings and Grounds - Extension Roofing -\$20,000 - There was a COUNCIL CONSENSUS (6-0) that this was needed.

523 – E/911 – Console Replacement - \$38,000 -

542 – Sheriff's Office – Computers / desks - \$17,500 – Sheriff Reynolds said to reduce to eight thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$8,750). There was a COUNCIL CONSENSUS (6-0) to reduce to eight thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$8,750).

542 – Sheriff's Office – Computers / laptops - \$52,000 - Sheriff Reynolds said to reduce to twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000). There was a COUNCIL CONSENSUS (6-0) to reduce to twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000).

542 – Sheriff's Office – IT Network - \$46,500 - Sheriff Reynolds agreed to make it forty thousand dollars (\$40,000). There was a COUNCIL CONSENSUS (6-0) to reduce to forty thousand dollars (\$40,000).

542 – Sheriff's Office – Taser's - \$15,000 - There was a COUNCIL CONSENSUS (6-0) to leave as is.

535 – Parks, Recreation and Tourism – Maintenance Building - \$45,000 - There was a COUNCIL CONSENSUS (6-0) to leave but reduce to thirty five thousand dollars (\$35,000).

533 – Library – Carpet / flooring - \$72,141 - There was a COUNCIL CONSENSUS (6-0) to leave. ** SEE NOTE BELOW.

526 – Emergency Management – Haz Mat - \$35,000 – Mr. Avery agreed to reduce to thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000). There was a COUNCIL CONSENSUS (6-0) to reduce to thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000).

524 – E/911 – Console Replacement - \$38,000 – Mr. Avery said that he would actually know more about this next week as he was going to a trade show. Base on talking with vendors now, the one hundred ninety thousand dollars is the rate and we will get eighty percent (80%) back from the State with a County funding at thirty eight thousand dollars (\$38,000). There was a COUNCIL CONSENSUS (6-0) to leave.

Administrator Caime indicated that another thirty two thousand dollars (\$32,000) needed to be cut to balance.

Councilman McDaniel asked if the Library could be cut in half doing half this year and half next year. Administrator Caime said if Council goes forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) with that, we are done.

533 – Library – Carpet / flooring - \$72,141 – After further review, there was a COUNCIL CONSENSUS (6-0) to reduce it to forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for half this year. ** SEE NOTE ABOVE.

There was a COUNCIL CONSENSUS to not approve but to delay for further discussion:

DELAY FOR LONGER TERM SOLUTION		
516 Buildings	SO HVAC	\$345,000
521 Coroner	Carpet	\$4,000
521 Coroner	Paint	\$3,000
542 Coroner	Carpet	\$10,000

519 – Proposed new fee on tax bill - Radio Replacement - \$3,500,000 – Mr. Avery reviewed the previous conversation with Council of the total costs at three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000). This does not need to be allocated today but a plan does need to be put in place to pay for it. I propose to put it into a 600 fund that would be managed by Billy Wilson where the requests can be made to with purchase orders initiated. There are four (4) possible components to this: 1.) line item in the capital budget; 2.) a millage increase; 3.) implement a fee county wide; 4.) a one cents (.01) capital sales tax to be in place until 2020.

Chairman Wood asked how much of a fee would be required. Mr. Avery replied about twelve dollars (\$12.00) per residence, of which there are twenty nine thousand nine hundred fifty (29,950) residences. There are a number of Counties doing this now and the people have to vote on this action.

Councilman Pitts asked if some of the new FILOT monies could not be part of resolving this situation of an infrastructure bank.

CHAIRMAN WOOD made the MOTION to use five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) of the FILOT monies with COUNCILMAN JONES SECONDDING for discussion. Administrator Caime said that a debt would only be created in doing this. COUNCILMAN JONES REMOVED HIS SECOND TO THE MOTION.

COUNCILMAN MCDANNIEL made the MOTION to add a one (1) mill of tax on personal property for the necessary radios and sunset it after one (1) years. COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDDING. COUNCIL VOTED 3-3 (Council Members Anderson, Wood and Jones were in opposition).

COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to carry forward the eighty eight thousand dollars (\$88,000) remaining in the contingency account. COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDDING; VOTE 6-0.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND DIALOGUE – No additional discussions were held.

ADJOURNMENT – With no further action required by Council, Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty C. Walsh". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Betty C. Walsh
Laurens County Clerk to Council