



**MINUTES**  
**APRIL 24, 2018 - 5:30 P.M.**  
**LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**HISTORIC COURTHOUSE – PUBLIC SQUARE**  
**COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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**ATTENDANCE:**

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilman Keith Tollison, Vice Chairman (work related) and Councilman Ted Nash (hospitalization).

**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 Magistrate Judge, Leesa Inabinette; Laurens County Communications / E911 Director, Joey Avery; Laurens County Fire Service Director, Greg Lindley; Laurens County; Laurens County Finance Director, Lisa Kirk; Laurens County Assessor, David Satterfield and Laurens County Human Resources Manager, Debi Parker.

**PRESS:** Iva Cadmus, WLBG Radio; Vic McDonald, *Clinton Chronicle*.

**SCHEDULED MEETING AGENDA ITEMS** – 1.) Call to Order – Chairman Wood; 2.) Invocation – Vice Chairman Tollison; 3.) Pledge of Allegiance; 4.) Approval of Agenda – April 24, 2018; 5.) Approval of Minutes April 10, 2018 regular session and April 10, 2018 Budget Session #1; 6.) Reports To Council: a.) Project Update - Exit #9 Landscaping; b.) Laurens County Museum; c.) Update - Risk Management Driver Training, Debi Parker, HR Director; 7.) Old Business: a.) Public Hearing Ordinance #837- Referendum, Alcoholic Beverage Sunday Sales; b.) Third Reading Ordinance #837 - Referendum, Alcoholic Beverage Sunday Sales; c.) Second Reading, Ordinance #842 - Project Yorkshire; 8.) New Business: a.) First Reading Ordinance #846 FY19 Budget; b.) First Reading Ordinance #847 FY19 Fire SPTD Budget; c.) Resolution #2018-20 - Dissolution of Spartanburg County Enoree/Lanford Fire SPTD; d.) First Reading of Ordinance #845 Project Lime; e.) Consideration of Auditing Services Contract Extension; f.) Approval of EMS Mass Casualty Grant; g.) Allocation Approval – Laurens County Accommodation Tax Committee; h.) Approval of Building Purchase for Airport; i.) Approval of Master Service Agreement with AECOM for GIS Technical Services; 9.) Public Comment- Fifteen (15) Minute Period; 10.) County Council Comments; 11.) Executive Session – None; 12.) 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 bulletin boards and also posted on the County Web Site.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Wood called the meeting to order and invited all to stand for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Wood provided the invocation in the absence of Vice Chairman Tollison.

**PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-UPS** – None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA – APRIL 24, 2018** – Chairman Wood called for approval of the agenda with any additions or deletions. COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION to approve the agenda with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 5-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - APRIL 10, 2018 REGULAR SESSION AND APRIL 10, 2018 BUDGET SESSION #1** - COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL made the MOTION to approve the April 10, 2018 regular session minutes with COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDING; VOTE 5-0. COUNCILWOMAN

ANDERSON made the MOTION to approve the April 10, 2018, #1 Budget Session Minutes with COUNCILMAN JONES SECONDING; VOTE 5-0.

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL:**

a.) **PROJECT UPDATE – EXIT #9 LANDSCAPING -**

Account	Account Description	Posting Date	Reference	Fund Posting Amt
	Beginning Balance	9/13/16	Per Resolution #2016-22	
330-800-80000-80029	Econ Dev - Claims Authorized	6/30/17	Correct Post 10/16/16 Seamon	\$2,631
330-800-80000-80029	Econ Dev - Claims Authorized	6/30/17	Correct Post 01/03/17 Seamon	\$4,000
330-800-80000-80029	Econ Dev - Claims Authorized	6/30/17	Correct Post 1/20/17 Seamon	\$2,000
330-800-80000-80029	Econ Dev - Claims Authorized	6/30/17	Correct Post 2/22/17 Seamon	\$2,021
330-800-80000-80029	Econ Dev - Claims Authorized	6/30/17	Correct Post 3/14/17 Chronicle	\$61
330-800-80000-80029	Econ Dev - Claims Authorized	6/30/17	Correct Post 5/4/17 Roebuck	\$14,071
330-800-80000-80029	Econ Dev - Claims Authorized	6/30/17	Correct Post 5/17/17Roebuck	\$21,021
330-800-80000-80029	Econ Dev - Claims Authorized	6/30/17	Correct Post 6/15/17 United Ren	\$4,691
330-800-80000-80029	Econ Dev - Claims Authorized	6/30/17	SITE ONE LANDSCMULTI CO PARK	\$13,721
330-800-80000-80029	Econ Dev - Claims Authorized	8/3/17	VERDIN'S FARM AEXIT 9	\$4,501
330-800-80000-80029	Econ Dev - Claims Authorized	8/11/17	ACE HARDWARE EXIT 9	\$1,151
	Remaining Project Balance	4/13/18		

**LAURENS COUNTY MUSEUM** – In attendance and representing the Museum were, Mrs. Debbie Vaughn, Mrs. Carolyn Shortt, Roxanna Burns and Ernie Segars. Mrs. Short stated that the mission of the Museum is to preserve the history of Laurens County as a whole body by establishing and operating a museum devoted to acquiring and exhibiting artifacts and items that pertain to the County’s heritage and development.

Mrs. Short provided a brief update on the Museum as noted in the points below:

- a.) Laurens County Museum Association is currently in the process of renovating the Witherspoon Building on the Square in Laurens.
- b.) The Witherspoon Building, with 21,000 square feet of space, will house the museum’s extensive collection of artifacts related to the history of Laurens County.
- c.) Collection highlights include the Crawford Collection of Native American artifacts, a Laurens Glass collection, a unique collection of memorabilia from Laurens County’s textile mills, and many others.
- d.) To date, the Museum Association has raised \$650,000 in donations for the renovation project. Current needs include installing an elevator to make the building ADA compliant, which will require an estimated \$175,000, and finishing the building build-out, and purchasing quality display cases for the items in the collection.

- e.) The Witherspoon Building has a much-needed event/meeting space upstairs, The Magnolia Room, a 7,000-square-foot space that county residents already are booking for wedding receptions, family reunions, corporate training, and other events.
- f.) Summer 2018, the Museum Association will repeat its highly successful “History Camp,” which is designed to teach young people about the history of Laurens County and the surrounding region. The museum also has hosted classes based on the “Discovering Laurens County” book series in conjunction with USC-Union. The museum has sponsored many other events, including a health fair with the Presbyterian College Pharmacy School, programs about Textile League Baseball, antique appraisals, book signings by local authors, and artifact identification events.
- g.) The museum contributes to the county’s tourism efforts. The Museum hosts an estimated 3,000 guests each year, some of whom are from other states and foreign countries.
- h.) The Museum Association has a solid financial track record and is debt-free.

Mrs. Vaughn concluded the update by asking Council to remember the Museum during the budget deliberations for fiscal year 2018-2019. Mrs. Vaughn also noted that neighboring cities and counties, including Newberry, Greenwood, Spartanburg, and Greenville invest often, significant amounts of money (\$200,000 in Greenwood County and \$2 million in Newberry County) in their local museums because of their missions to preserve the history and the heritage of their communities and because of their contribution to tourism.

Chairman Wood asked if the Hunter Park funds could be used to accommodate the Museum in the 2018-2019 budget. Attorney Cruickshanks replied that he felt like it could as long as the County Council approved. Councilman Jones noted that he thought the Council had used the Hunter Funds before with the Museum. Finance Director Lisa Kirk confirmed that the hunter Funds had been used before for the Museum.

**UPDATE - RISK MANAGEMENT DRIVER TRAINING** - Mrs. Debi Parker, Human Resources Director informed Council of the April eighteenth (18<sup>th</sup>) recent driver training held for County employees. Mrs. Parker noted that forty nine (49) attended with a two hundred twenty six dollar (\$226.00) cost to the County.

Councilman Pitts asked if the EMS, Fire and Sheriff were included with this training. Mrs. Parker replied that their training is through the Coaching the Emergency Vehicle Operator (CEBO).

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE #837 – “AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR A REFEREDNUM TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE MAY ISSUE TEMPORARY PERMITS TO ALLOW FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOMIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISES AND OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION ON SUNDAYS IN THE COUNTY OF LAURENS –**  
Chairman Wood opened the Public Hearing at 5:52 P.M. Having no one wishing to address the Ordinance, Chairman Wood closed the Public Hearing at 5:53 P.M.

**THIRD READING ORDINANCE #837 - “AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR A REFEREDNUM TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE MAY ISSUE TEMPORARY PERMITS TO ALLOW FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOMIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISES AND OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION ON SUNDAYS IN THE COUNTY OF LAURENS –**  
COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON\_made the MOTION to approve Ordinance #837 upon third reading as presented. COUNCILMAN JONES SECONDING; VOTE 4-0-1 (Councilman McDaniel abstained).

**SECOND READING, ORDINANCE #842 – “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 44 OF TITLE 12, SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, 1976, AS AMENDED, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LAURENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND YOORSHIRE HOLDINGS LLC AND CERTAIN AFFILIATES AND MATTERS**

**RELATING THERETO** – Attorney Cruickshanks noted that this was for a thirty five million dollar (\$35,000,000,000) project.

COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION to approve Ordinance #842 with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**FIRST READING ORDINANCE #846 – BY TITLE ONLY - “AN ORDINANCE TO IMPLEMENT THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 LAURENS COUNTY BUDGET PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-9-140 AND/OR SECTION 4-9-130 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, 1976 AS AMENDED”** - COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL made the MOTION to approve Ordinance #846 upon first reading, by title only. COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDING; VOTE 3-2 (Councilmen Jones and Pitts were in opposition).

**FIRST READING ORDINANCE #847 – BY TITLE ONLY - “AN ORDINANCE TO IMPLEMENT THE FY 2018-2019 FIRE SPECIAL PURPOSE TAX DISTRICT BUDGET”** - COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON made the MOTION to approve Ordinance #847 upon first reading, by title only. COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 3-2 (Councilmen Jones and Pitts were in opposition).

**RESOLUTION #2018-20 – “A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DISSOLUTION OF THE ENOREE/LANFORD FIRE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-11-290 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMEMDED”** – Attorney Cruickshanks noted that this is basically a Resolution to clean-up of an Ordinance from 1983 as it relates to a special purpose fire district in the Enoree / Lanford community within Spartanburg County. This district never really functioned as a fire district.

COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON made the MOTION to approve the Resolution as presented with COUNCILMAN JONES SECONDING; VOTE 5-0.

**FIRST READING – ORDINANCE #845 – “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE EXISTING MASTER AGREEMENT GOVERNING THE OCTAGON INDUSTRIAL PARK BY AND BETWEEN LAURENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND GREENVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ENLARGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE INDUSTRIAL PARK TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PROPERTY NOW OR TO BE HEREAFTER OWNED AND / OR OPERATED BY A COMPANY IDENTIFIED FOR THE TIME BEING AS PROJECT LIME, LOCATED IN LAURENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND AUTHORIZING OTHER RELATED MATTERS”** – Attorney Cruickshanks stated that this was an amending ordinance that deals with the existing master agreement allowing to add another to the Octagon Park Agreement.

COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION to approve Ordinance #845 as presented with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF EXTENSION OF AUDITING SERVICE CONTRACT** – Finance Director, Lisa Kirk approached Council requesting their approval of extending the Auditing Services Contract with Mauldin and Jenkins as the current year of fiscal year 2018 is the last year of the contract implemented in 2014.

The following schedule was presented by Mauldin and Jenkins for consideration:

- June 30, 2018 - \$42,500 – (New OPEB & Pension & Debt & Omnibus Standards Effective)
- June 30, 2019 - \$43,000 – (New ARO Standards Effective)
- June 30, 2020 - \$45,000 – (New Fiduciary Activities Stand Effective)
- June 30, 2021 - \$46,000 – (New Leases Standard Effective)
- June 30, 2022 - \$46,500

Chairman Wood reminded Council that audit services were in excess of one hundred forty thousand dollars (\$140,000) and is now closer to the forty thousand dollar (\$40,000) range.



Councilman Pitts stated that he has always thought that it was a good business practice to request bids every three (3) years and that one was not required to take the lowest bid offered. Councilman Pitts said, “I would like to see this go back out for quotes”.

Councilman Jones agreed and said, “Request for quotes are always a good practice especially when dealing with tax payers money”.

COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to extend the present contract out for one (1) more year with COUNCILMAN JONES SECONDING; VOTE 4-1 (Councilwoman Anderson in opposition).

**APPROVAL – EMS MASS CASUALTY GRANT** – EMS Director Matt Pennington approached Council saying, “Laurens County had been awarded grant monies to purchase a mass casualty unit not exceeding sixty nine thousand three hundred seventy five dollars (\$69,375.00). This unit would be considered a statewide asset used as needed with state and surrounding counties in times of mass casualty situations. This unit is one hundred percent reimbursable by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. The County just needs to provide the upfront monies for purchase”.

Councilman Jones stated that he thought this to be an excellent grant and asked for confirmation that this is truly one hundred percent reimbursable by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. Mr. Pennington confirmed.

COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION to approve with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 5-0.

Councilman Pitts said, “I thank you and all of the first responders for your service. Your leadership is phenomenal and has proven that the dollars were not the driving factor in maintaining employees, that it is leadership”.

**ALLOCATION APPROVAL – LAURENS COUNTY ACCOMMODATION TAX COMMITTEE** – Mr. Andy Howard, Laurens County Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director, approached Council asking for approval of the following agency allocation requests from the Accommodation Tax. Mr. Howard went on to say that both the County Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission and the Accommodation Tax Advisory Committee had approved the allocations at their meetings.

AGENCY	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED ATAX & PRT COMMISSION
Clinton Economic Development Corporation	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Laurens County Museum	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Main Street Laurens	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Town of Waterloo	\$ 2,000.00	No funding *
Laurens County 4-H	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
PAIA Cherokee	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Ware Shoals Catfish Festival	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Parks, Recreation and Tourism	remaining funds	Remaining Funds**

\* - The Town of Waterloo was denied because of the typical Cotton Festival Day, they asked for funding for a Community Picnic. The picnic does not lend itself to attracting nor supporting tourists.

\*\* - The County Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department will use the remaining funds to purchase billboards / banners that will emphasize visit Laurens County and also be pursuing a visit Laurens county website highlighting our events, festivals and parks, natural resources such as lakes and rivers.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASE - AIRPORT BUILDING** – On behalf of the Laurens County Airport, Mr. Andy Howard, Director of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, requested Council approval of a metal building to store the maintenance equipment used for the Airport grounds. Mr. Howard explained that it would be a forty by thirty (40X30) metal storage building with rollup doors costing no more than twenty two thousand dollars (\$22,000) and being paid for using the Airport Commission funds.

Councilman Pitts said, “In addition to this request, I would like to say that I learned at the recent aviation meeting that all of the hangars at the Airport are full with a waiting list. We need to find funding to possibly build more to support this need”. Mr. Howard added, “There is a request of sixteen (16) to twenty (20) on the waiting list”.

Attorney Cruickshanks asked for confirmation that this would be purchased by the Airport Commission using their funds from rental and gas sales and that they Airport Commission would be granting the building to the County. Mr. Howard confirmed.

COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to approve with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 5-0.

**APPROVAL - MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH AECOM FOR GIS TECHNICAL SERVICES -**

COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON made the MOTION to approve with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 5-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – No one had signed up to address Council.


**COUNTY COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- a.) Councilman McDaniel asked for all to keep Councilman Nash in prayer during his illness and thanked the County EMS for their due diligence.
- b.) Chairman Wood echoed the same sentiments towards keeping Councilman Nash in prayer. And, noted the recent tour of the Charles Duckett home that was restored by former Councilman Edward McDaniel and family and asked those present from the County Museum to get with Councilman McDaniel and discuss the addition of the home into the County History.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None

**ADJOURNMENT** – With no further business to conduct, Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Betty C. Walsh  
Laurens County Clerk to Council