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AGENDA

LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL –APRIL 14, 2015 – 5:30 P.M.
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE – COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - PUBLIC SQUARE

5:30 P.M.....Call to Order – Chairman Wood
Invocation – Councilman Pitts (everyone invited to stand)
Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of Agenda – April 14, 2015
Approval of Minutes –March 24, 2015

- 1.) “Connect Lake Greenwood” (CLG) – Jimmy Peden, Chairman.
- 2.) Upper Savannah Workforce Development Area Designation Petition and Consortium Agreement, Sandra Johnson, Workforce Development Administrator, Upper Savannah Council of Governments.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 1.) Resolution #2015-04 – “Declaring April as Fair Housing Month”.
- 2.) Resolution #2015-05 – “Designating the Week of April 12-18th as Telecommunicators Week:.
- 3.) Resolution #2015-06 – “A Resolution Supporting the South Carolina Prescribed Fire Councils Land Management Tools As it Relates Towards The Stewardship of Natural Resources” – Mr. David Coggins, Commission Member, Laurens County Soil and Water Commission
- 4.) Resolution #2015-07 – “Supporting State Efforts towards Solutions to Funding Needs for State Maintenance and Operated Road and Bridges Without Transferring The Burden to Local Governments And Opposing Any Actions Taken By the General Assembly That Through Lack of State Funding Will Lead to Increased Taxes on the Citizens of Laurens County”
- 5.) Appointment(s) to the Gateway of Laurens County (former Alcohol and Drug Commission).

EXECUTIVE SESSION – One (1) Employment Matter; One (1) Legal Briefing; One (1) Economic Development Matter

- 6.) Resolution #2015-08 – “A Resolution Authorizing (1) The Execution and Delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement by and Between Laurens County, South Carolina (The “County”) And a Company Identified For The Time Being As “Project Needle”, Acting For Itself, One Or More Affiliates Or Other Project Sponsors (The Company”), Pursuant to Which The County Shall Covenant To Accept Certain Negotiated Fees In Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes With Respect To The Establishment And / Or Expansion of Certain Facilities In the County (Collectively By The Project) (2) The Benefits of A Multi-County Industrial Or Business Park To Be Made Available To The Company And The Project; (3) Certain Special Source Revenue Credits In Connection With The Project; And (4) Other Matters Relating Thereto”.

- 7.) Laurens County Ordinance #784, (By Title Only) “An Ordinance Authorizing (1) The Execution and Delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement by and Between Laurens County, South Carolina (The “County”) And a Company Identified For The Time Being As “Project Needle”, Acting For Itself, One Or More Affiliates Or Other Project Sponsors (The Company”), Pursuant to Which The County Shall Covenant To Accept Certain Negotiated Fees In Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes (Negotiated FILOT) With Respect To The Expansion OF Certain Facilities In the County (The Expansion Project) (2) The Benefits of A Multi-County Industrial Or Business Park To Be Made Available To The Company And The Expansion Project; (3) Certain Special Source Revenue Credits In Connection With The Project; (4) The Conversion And Re-Documentation of an Existing Lease Purchase Agreement By And Between The County And The Company (As Successor In Interest To a Company Known For the Time Being As Project Needle Predecessor Company) Pertaining To The Company’s Existing Negotiated FILOT Arrangements With Respect To Certain Existing Facilities Located In The County; And (5) Other Matters Relating Thereto”.
- 8.) Laurens County Ordinance #787 – “Am Ordinance to Amend Ordinance #465 Providing For The Use of The Maximum Legal Percentage of Local Option Sales Tax Funds For the Fiscal Year 2015-2016; And To Further Use And Apply These Funds For The Purpose of Revenue Shortfalls In Laurens County And Other Matters Appertaining Thereto”.
- 9.) Laurens County Ordinance #788 – Laurens County FY 2015-2016 Budget (By Title Only)
- 10.) Administrative Report - County Administrator Ernie Segars
- 11.) 6:00 P.M. (time approximate) - 15 Minute Period for Public Comment (not to exceed five minutes per topic)
- 12.) Comments from Council Members.

SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETINGS: Historic Courthouse at 5:30 P.M: – April 28,2015, May 12, 2015 and May 26, 2015

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