



MINUTES
JANUARY 27, 2015
LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE – PUBLIC SQUARE
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT – Councilman Edward McDaniel (illness); Vice Chairman Keith Tollison (work).

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

DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT: Laurens County Human Resources Manager, Debi Parker; Laurens County Finance Director, Lisa Kirk; Laurens County Treasurer, Cindy Burke; Laurens County Registration and Elections Director, Lynn West; Laurens County Emergency Medical Services Director, Chad Burrell; Laurens County Fire Director, Gregg Lindley and Captain Tyson, Detention Center Administrator.

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

SCHEDULED MEETING AGENDA ITEMS - **1.)** Call to Order – Chairman Wood; **2.)** Invocation – Vice Chairman Tollison; **3.)** Pledge of Allegiance – led by the Laurens County 4-H Club; **4.)** Approval of Agenda, January 27, 2015; **5.)** Approval of Minutes – January 13, 2015; **6.)** Laurens County FY 2013 / 2014 Financial Report, Craig Moye, Mauldin & Jenkins, CPA, LLC; **7.)** County Council Committee Assignments, Chairman Wood; **8.)** Overview / Discussion, Capital Improvement Project, New construction for the Laurens County Fire Service Districts - Greg Lindley, Director, Laurens County Fire Service; **A.)** Funding Options - Mr. Theo DuBose, Bond Attorney; Mr. Sandy Cruickshanks, County Attorney and Ernest Segars, County Administrator; **9.)** Administrative Report, Ernie Segars, County Administrator; **10.)** Public Comments; **11.)** Comments from Council Members; **12.)** Adjournment.

MEETING NOTIFICATION - The County Council Members, Department Heads, requested general public and the Press were informed of the budget session meeting in a timely manner.

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 lieu of the absence of Vice Chairman Tollison. The Laurens County 4-H Club scheduled to lead all with the Pledge of Allegiance was rescheduled for a date in February.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Chairman Wood called for approval of the agenda and with any additions.

COUNCILMAN NASH made the MOTION to approve the agenda as presented; COUNCILMAN PITTS SECONDING; VOTE 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to approve the minutes from the January 13th regular session of Council. COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDING; VOTE 5-0.



LAURENS COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2013 / 2014 FINANCIAL REPORT – Mr. Chris

Moye, of Mauldin & Jenkins, CPA, LLC stated, “As an auditing firm, our responsibility is to express opinions on your financial statements as per our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement and involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in your financial statements. In making any risk assessments, we consider internal control as to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements”.

- Page 4 - Financial Highlights - The County's assets exceeded its liabilities at June 30, 2014 by \$66.1 million (net position). Of this amount, \$57.1 million is net investment in capital assets; \$7.5 million is restricted for capital activity, debt service, contingency and public safety, and with unrestricted net position of approximately \$1.5 million. The County repaid \$1.7 million of bond and financing lease payables during the year. The County issued \$4.4 million in new debt during the year. During the year, the County's general fund balance decreased by \$2.3 million. The general fund actual revenues were \$1.8 million greater than budgeted and general fund expenditures were \$2.5 million greater than budgeted.

- Page 10 - Statement of Net Position – Mr. Moye stated that this section was the big picture of the entire County.

	Primary Government		Component Unit	
	Governmental Activities		Laurens County Library	
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	8,049,637	\$	31,673
Investments		5,774,898		20,176
Taxes receivable		1,117,015		-
Accounts receivable		555,542		-
Interest receivable		74,768		-
Due from other governments		1,743,144		-
Prepaid expenses		48,635		19,786
Capital assets, non-depreciable		3,137,973		33,700
Capital assets, depreciable, net of accumulated depreciation		69,898,798		784,441
Total assets		90,390,410		889,776
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable		754,796		7,698
Accrued liabilities		566,192		-
Due to other governments		99,111		-
Unearned revenues		10,013		-
Other liabilities		6,380,134		129,056
Capital leases due within one year		723,717		-
Capital leases due in more than one year		2,395,763		-
Bonds payable due within one year		3,368,176		-
Bonds payable due in more than one year		9,418,214		-
Compensated absences due within one year		413,916		-
Compensated absences due in more than one year		103,479		-
Total liabilities		24,233,511		136,754
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets		57,120,901		818,141
Restricted for:				
Family services		64,573		-
Detention center		300,369		-
Debt service		884,419		-
Public safety		830,709		-
Emergency medical service		3,677		-
Capital outlay		5,394,749		-
Unrestricted		1,557,502		(65,119)
Total net position	\$	66,156,899	\$	753,022

Councilman Pitts questioned the net position of last year (\$71,000,000) versus this year (\$66,000,000) as being a five million dollars (\$5,000,000) decrease.

Pages 11 and 12 – Mr. Moye said, “Pages eleven and twelve represent what the county experienced during the year ending June 30, 2014. This is the full accrual basis as if you were a true business. Governmental



accounting does not work that way; however we are required to report in that manner. Council uses this to make decisions. There are several factors that play in to the \$4.5 million deficit and is not to be considered a true picture”.

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>		
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>
Primary government:				
Governmental activities:				
General government	\$ 9,628,202	\$ 1,764,152	\$ 2,973,239	\$ -
Judicial	1,372,385	-	-	-
Public safety	15,336,741	4,073,209	328,357	712,671
Public works	9,020,323	1,924,380	25,519	1,508,812
Health and welfare	272,912	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	844,904	-	-	-
Housing and development	1,526,050	-	-	743,391
Interest on long-term debt	117,132	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	<u>38,118,649</u>	<u>7,761,741</u>	<u>3,327,115</u>	<u>2,964,874</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$ 38,118,649</u>	<u>\$ 7,761,741</u>	<u>\$ 3,327,115</u>	<u>\$ 2,964,874</u>
Component unit:				
Laurens County Library	\$ 812,939	\$ 44,841	\$ 734,202	\$ -
Total component unit	<u>\$ 812,939</u>	<u>\$ 44,841</u>	<u>\$ 734,202</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</u>	
<u>Component Unit</u>	
<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Laurens County Library</u>
\$ (4,890,811)	\$ -
(1,372,385)	-
(10,222,504)	-
(5,561,612)	-
(272,912)	-
(844,904)	-
(782,659)	-
(117,132)	-
<u>(24,064,919)</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>\$ (24,064,919)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ -	\$ (33,896)
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (33,896)</u>
\$ 19,334,998	\$ -
155,191	4
41	-
<u>19,490,230</u>	<u>4</u>
(4,574,689)	(33,892)
<u>70,731,568</u>	<u>786,914</u>
<u>\$ 66,156,899</u>	<u>\$ 753,022</u>



Page 13 – Governmental Fund Balance Sheet:

ASSETS	Other Governmental Funds			Total
	General	Hillcrest Square		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,724,511	\$ -	\$ 1,325,126	\$ 8,049,637
Investments	5,774,898	-	-	5,774,898
Taxes receivable	896,309	-	220,706	1,117,015
Accounts receivable	554,015	-	1,527	555,542
Interest receivable	74,768	-	-	74,768
Due from other funds	51,457	3,552,636	2,158,342	5,762,445
Due from other governments	1,693,100	-	50,044	1,743,144
Prepaid expenditures	-	-	48,635	48,635
Total assets	\$ 15,769,068	\$ 3,552,636	\$ 3,804,380	\$ 23,126,084
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES				
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 699,228	\$ -	\$ 55,568	\$ 754,796
Accrued expenses	423,442	-	7,308	430,750
Due to other funds	5,710,978	-	51,457	5,762,445
Due to other governments	49,057	-	50,044	99,111
Unearned revenue	-	-	10,013	10,013
Total liabilities	6,882,715	-	174,400	7,057,115
DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES				
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	868,776	-	208,723	1,077,499
Total deferred inflow of resources	868,776	-	208,723	1,077,499
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable				
Prepaid expenditures	-	-	48,635	48,635
Restricted for:				
Family services	64,573	-	-	64,573
Detention center	300,369	-	-	300,369
Debt service	-	-	684,419	684,419
Public safety	133,152	-	697,557	830,709
Emergency medical service	3,677	-	-	3,677
Capital outlay	-	3,552,636	1,842,113	5,394,749
Committed for:				
Demolition projects	32,258	-	-	32,258
Roads and bridges	57,000	-	-	57,000
Parks and recreation	104,854	-	-	104,854
Budgetary stabilization	115,925	-	-	115,925
Capital outlay	48,828	-	-	48,828
Assigned for:				
Computer upgrades	20,000	-	-	20,000
Unassigned (deficit)	7,135,941	-	(51,457)	7,085,474
Total fund balances	8,017,577	3,552,636	3,421,257	14,991,470
Total liabilities, deferred inflow of resources, and fund balances	\$ 15,769,068	\$ 3,552,636	\$ 3,804,380	

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	73,026,771
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.	1,077,499
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	(16,558,707)
The net OPEB obligation is not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, is not reported in governmental funds.	(6,380,134)

Net position of governmental activities \$ 65,155,899

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



Page 14 – Changes in Fund Balance:

	General	Hillcrest Square	Other Governmental Funds	Total
Revenues:				
Property taxes	\$ 15,305,144	\$ -	\$ 3,866,861	\$ 19,171,805
Licenses and permits	434,295	-	-	434,295
Intergovernmental	4,301,762	-	1,910,227	6,211,989
Charges for services	5,950,562	-	-	5,950,562
Fines and forfeitures	1,005,883	-	-	1,005,883
Interest	149,027	4,217	1,947	155,191
Other revenues	97,053	-	273,948	371,001
Total revenues	27,243,726	4,217	6,052,783	33,300,726
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	8,059,896	-	-	8,059,896
Judicial	1,372,385	-	-	1,372,385
Public safety	12,044,735	-	2,912,118	14,956,853
Public works	4,258,910	-	-	4,258,910
Health and welfare	255,823	-	-	255,823
Culture and recreation	804,328	-	-	804,328
Housing and development	1,046,993	-	479,057	1,526,050
Capital outlay	-	151,581	1,353,762	1,505,343
Debt service:				
Principal	1,029,831	-	665,082	1,694,913
Interest	195,268	-	264,772	460,040
Total expenditures	29,068,169	151,581	5,674,791	34,894,541
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(1,824,443)	(147,364)	377,992	(1,593,815)
Other financing sources (uses):				
Proceeds from sale of assets	11,626	-	-	11,626
Capital leases	717,000	-	-	717,000
Bond issuance	-	3,700,000	-	3,700,000
Transfers in	-	-	1,198,906	1,198,906
Transfers out	(1,198,906)	-	-	(1,198,906)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(470,280)	3,700,000	1,198,906	4,428,626
Net change in fund balances	(2,294,723)	3,552,636	1,576,898	2,834,811
Fund balances, beginning of year, as restated	10,312,300	-	1,844,359	12,156,659
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 8,017,577	\$ 3,552,636	\$ 3,421,257	\$ 14,991,470

Page 15 – Reconciliation of Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and changes in fund balance – Mr. Moye reported, “The net change in the fund balances in the total government funds was \$2,634,811. Government funds always report capital outlays as expenditures; the difference between a depreciation expense and a capital outlay results in a minus \$4,159,723. With miscellaneous activity towards capital assets increases the net position by \$68,415 and unearned revenues increasing by \$163,193. The net effect of the differences long term debt and related items is minus \$2,722,067. Expenses not reported as expenditures in governmental expenditures \$759,256. All resulting in a \$4,574,689”.

Page 18 – Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and changes in Fund Balance – Budget (GAAP):

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
Expenditures: (Continued)				
Current: (Continued)				
Debt service:				
Principal	\$ 416,066	\$ 416,066	\$ 1,029,831	\$ (613,765)
Interest	39,738	39,738	195,268	(155,530)
Total debt service	455,804	455,804	1,225,099	(769,295)
Total expenditures	26,555,893	26,555,893	29,068,169	(2,512,276)
Deficiency of revenues under expenditures	(1,097,246)	(1,097,246)	(1,824,443)	(727,197)
Other financing sources (uses):				
Proceeds from sale of assets	35,000	35,000	11,626	(23,374)
Capital lease	-	-	717,000	717,000
Transfers out	-	-	(1,198,906)	(1,198,906)
Total other financing sources (uses)	35,000	35,000	(470,280)	(505,280)
Net change in fund balances	(1,062,246)	(1,062,246)	(2,294,723)	(1,232,477)
Fund balance, beginning of year	10,312,300	10,312,300	10,312,300	-
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 9,250,054	\$ 9,250,054	\$ 8,017,577	\$ (1,232,477)



Mr. Moye called Councils attention to the compliance report; “As of the end of the year, the only finding we had was the financial reporting. In prior years, included were various fire houses in the financial report, those were determined not to be a county responsibility and were removed. This was determined by us using a flow chart of what entities need to be determined”. Chairman Wood stated that citizen tax monies are used to support these fire stations and why would it not be included. Mr. Moye replied, “These were entities that have a separate account and actually raised money themselves. A special revenue fund is noted in this audit. Anything tax related is in this audit. When the County gives money to an entity, the County relinquishes control of that money because you gave it to them as a contribution to operate”.

Page 31 – Exceeded Expenditures:

Chairman Wood asked for an explanation of page thirty one (31) involving expenditures.

For the year ended June 30, 2014, expenditures exceeded as follows:

<u>Fund/Department</u>	<u>Excess</u>
General Fund:	
Administrative	\$ 17,883
County council	5,697
Human resources	616
Registration and elections	18,050
Purchasing	170
Risk management	2,335
Benefits and insurance	130,635
Equipment	703,363
Clerk of court	54,667
Probate court	328
Sheriff	444,558
Public works grants	671,536
Buildings and grounds	103,178
Social services	93,528
Veterans affairs	2,710
Airport	41,484
Special appropriations	10,000
Technical education	174,620
Debt service	769,295

Mr. Moye said, “Council budgeted for general fund operations while grants were non budgeted funds. If budgeted in the general fund, you have to display it as paid from the general fund. The excesses will be accounted for next year”.

Councilman Pitts asked, “If we add up all the items it totals three million two hundred forty four thousand six hundred fifty six dollars (\$3,244,650). To a bond rating agency, they would think we were in excess of three million dollars. What I hear you saying is that all of these items should be listed as a line item in our budgets. I cannot understand debt service as being a line item in a budget”. Mr. Moye replied that in general, for accounting principles require that you budget for debt service funds.

Councilman Pitts stated that he had talked with the County Treasurer and as of June 30th the County was in the black as much as eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000). Mr. Moye stated that the deficit was just in the budget and if it had been included, this would not be represented as is.

Councilman Pitts asked for Bond Attorney Theo DuBose to respond to the question would an audit noting this on page thirty one, would it affect the County overall bond rating. Mr. DuBose replied, “I have herd tonight that there are several ways of reporting debt service. If this is where we stand, then I do not think it to be an issue at all”.

Administrator Segars asked for Mr. Moye to declare the financial shape of Laurens County. Mr. Moyer replied that the County is in very good financial shape.



Following a brief discussion, there was a COUNCIL CONSENSUS to hold a budget review session to better understand the audit process as it relates to County budgeting on February 3, 2015 at 5:30 P.M.

COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBER ASSIGNMENTS - Chairman Wood reviewed the assignments of Council Members to various standing Council Committees as being:

LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE	COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS
Committee on Budget and Finance	Edward McDaniel, Chairman Keith Tollison David Pitts, IC
Committee on Economic Development	Joe Wood, Chairman Keith Tollison Edward McDaniel
Committee on Public Works	Stewart Jones, Chairman Edward McDaniel Ted Nash
Committee on Health and Emergency Services	David Pitts, Chair Diane Anderson Stewart Jones
Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety	Keith Tollison, Chairman Ted Nash David Pitts
Committee on Parks, Recreation & Tourism and Natural Resources	Ted Nash, Chairman Diane Anderson Stewart Jones
Committee on Planning / Intergovernmental Affairs	Diane Anderson, Chairman Ted Nash David Pitts

Chairman Wood commented that in the absence of Councilman McDaniel as the assigned Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, he would sit as Chairman of the Committee.

Councilwoman Anderson stated, "To assign yourself as Chairman is wrong because you are considered an Ex-Officio for all of the Council Committees. I would like to participate on this Committee and request that you include me as a member of the Budget and Finance Committee until Councilman McDaniel returns".

Chairman Wood agreed to include Councilwoman Anderson on the Committee and appointed Councilman Pitts as Chairman of the Committee.

<u>Committee on Budget and Finance</u>	
Anderson to serve in place of McDaniel Pitts to serve as Chairman until McDaniel returns	Edward McDaniel, Chairman Keith Tollison David Pitts, <i>Interim Chairman</i> Diane Anderson



OVERVIEW / DISCUSSION – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS – LAURENS COUNTY FIRE SERVICE – The following is a condensed form of the PowerPoint presentation that Director Lindley used to review and brief Council:

A.) TIMELINE OF EVENTS:

- Early 2012 – The Fire Service Office and Council Members received call from taxpayers about their homeowners insurance going up to the ISO rates across the County.
- Midyear 2012 – The Director of Fire Services began discussing options with ISO representatives
- Late 2012 – The rural fire departments ISO ratings were due for re-inspection with grading. The staff began preparing for a countywide grade that included a plan of consolidation and implementing a countywide ISO rating.
- January 29, 2013 – A planning session was held to review the major needs of the County that resulted in the need to build additional fire stations to overcome the ISO ratings.
- June, 2013 – ISO Representatives began assigning tasks for staff to gather departmental data and water shuttle sites identified.
- July / August, 2013 – Staff began water shuttle testing with tankers at all thirty six (36) sites.
- September 26, 2013 – ISO grading began.
- January 27, 2014 – Official Countywide ISO rating received – ISO Class 5/10. This meaning that all residences and businesses in the rural fire district area would be a Class 5 unless they are in a Class 10 area. This deleted all of Class 9 areas in all districts.
- March 25, 2014 – Request to County Council for emergency repairs to the Durbin Creek Fire Department.
- March 2014 – County Administrator requested that all fire stations be inspected by the County Fire Marshal and Building Codes Inspector.
- April 8, 2014 – County Council Resolution #2014-06 allocation of funds for Durbin Creek discussed.
- April 22, 2014 – County Council Resolution #2014-06 approved for \$57,000 in repairs.
- June 10, 2014 – County Council review of existing fire stations /and new construction with a bond proposal of \$3,650,000.
- September 23, 2014 – County Council Committee on Health, Welfare and Public Safety report to full Council recommending the full Council on the decision of the fire bond.
- November 11, 2014 – County Council first reading of Ordinance #780 to create a unified fire district. A revised bond proposal was presented due to a change with ISO and the reduction of funds needed for new apparatus. The new proposed bond is now \$2,398,608. A reduction of \$1,251,392 – 34% savings on bond.
- December 9, 2014 – County Council – Second reading ordinance #780
- January 13, 2015 – County Council – public hearing and third reading ordinance #780

B.) KEY ISSUES:

- Near Term – within six (6) month of bond issuance 5% or \$125,000 must be obligated
- Long Term – within three (3) years, all bond fund must be used.



C.) REPAIRS TO EXISTING STATIONS:

1.) REPAIR CATEGORIES:

Building Code	\$	15,150.00
Energy Code (Infrared Heaters / Thermostats)	\$	58,000.00
Fire Code	\$	168,000.00
Maintenance	\$	158,415.00
Mechanical	\$	12,750.00
OSHA	\$	5,000.00
Plumbing	\$	12,250.00
Projects	\$	226,775.00
TOTAL	\$	656,340.00
Contractor Fee 20%	\$	137,268.00
Omission and Errors 5%	\$	30,000.00
TOTAL COST OF REPAIRS	\$	823,608.00
Does not include Sandy Springs repairs to roof	\$	58,000.00
TOTAL ALL REPAIRS, UPGRADES & ROOF	\$	881,608.00

2.) NEW STATION CONSTRUCTION COSTS:

Station Location	Fire District	Approximate Costs
Neeley Ferry Road / Deer Valley	Waterloo / Ekom	\$ 220,000.00
Highway #76 West	Hickory Tavern	\$ 220,000.00
Highway #92	Youngs	\$ 220,000.00
Milam Road Area	Mountville	\$ 400,000.00
Durbin Road	Gray Court	\$ 400,000.00
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION		\$ 1,460,000.00

3.) TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED:

Totals for Category	Bond Request	Revised Bond Request
Repairs to existing stations	\$ 943,000.00	\$ 881,608.00
Repairs to Durbin Creek (Reimburse)	\$ 57,000.00	\$ 57,000.00
New Station Construction / Land	\$ 1,460,000.00	\$ 1,460,000.00
New Apparatus for Stations	\$ 1,190,000.00	\$ -
TOTAL FUNDS NEEDED	\$ 3,650,000.00	\$ 2,398,608.00



D.) PROJECTED TIMELINE:

- April 2015 – Start Project
- May 2015 – RFP for station repairs advertised
 - Repairs implemented in five (5) phases:
 - Phase I – Laurens County Fire Department
 - Phase 2 – Northern Division
 - Phase 3 – Eastern Division
 - Phase 4 – Western Division
 - Phase 5 – Space Ray Heater Project
- June 2015 – Bids received and awarded
- August 2015 – Substation construction bid process
- September 2015 – Aware Substation contracts

E.) CONTINUED FIRE SERVICE PROJECT - FUNDING OPTIONS / BONDING:

LAURENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
MILLAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR \$2,400,000 /\$2,440,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
(LAURENS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT), SERIES 2015

Calendar Year	Mill Value	2.50%		3.00%		3.50%	
		10 Year Bond Estimated Debt Service	10 Year Bond Estimated Millage Requirement	15 Year Bond Estimated Debt Service	15 Year Bond Estimated Millage Requirement	20 Year Bond Estimated Debt Service	20 Year Bond Estimated Millage Requirement
2016	\$125,784	\$267,563	2.1	\$204,775	1.6	\$170,613	1.4
2017	125,784	257,563	2.0	202,725	1.6	171,550	1.4
2018	125,784	267,250	2.1	203,600	1.6	173,313	1.4
2019	125,784	271,625	2.2	199,400	1.6	169,988	1.4
2020	125,784	275,750	2.2	200,125	1.6	171,575	1.4
2021	125,784	279,625	2.2	200,700	1.6	172,988	1.4
2022	125,784	278,313	2.2	201,125	1.6	174,225	1.4
2023	125,784	276,875	2.2	206,325	1.6	170,375	1.4
2024	125,784	280,250	2.2	206,300	1.6	171,438	1.4
2025	125,784	278,438	2.2	206,125	1.6	172,325	1.4
				(continues 5 years)		(continues 10 years)	

Note: No growth in mill value is assumed for the estimates shown above.

LAURENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
MILLAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR \$1,500,000 /\$1,540,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
(LAURENS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT), SERIES 2015

Calendar Year	Mill Value	2.50%		3.00%	
		10 Year Bond Estimated Debt Service	10 Year Bond Estimated Millage Requirement	15 Year Bond Estimated Debt Service	15 Year Bond Estimated Millage Requirement
2016	\$125,784	\$150,563	1.2	\$131,625	1.0
2017	125,784	148,438	1.2	127,675	1.0
2018	125,784	160,375	1.3	125,125	1.0
2019	125,784	167,000	1.3	127,500	1.0
2020	125,784	173,375	1.4	129,725	1.0
2021	125,784	179,500	1.4	126,875	1.0
2022	125,784	180,438	1.4	128,950	1.0
2023	125,784	181,250	1.4	125,950	1.0
2024	125,784	186,875	1.5	127,875	1.0
2025	125,784	187,313	1.5	124,725	1.0
				(continues 5 years)	

Note: No growth in mill value is assumed for the estimates shown above.

Calendar Year	Mill Value	3.00%		3.50%		4.00%	
		10 Year Bond Estimated Debt Service	10 Year Bond Estimated Millage Requirement	15 Year Bond Estimated Debt Service	15 Year Bond Estimated Millage Requirement	20 Year Bond Estimated Debt Service	20 Year Bond Estimated Millage Requirement
2016	\$125,784	\$282,075	2.2	\$209,913	1.7	\$175,900	1.4
2017	125,784	268,075	2.1	209,450	1.7	173,800	1.4
2018	125,784	276,700	2.2	209,813	1.7	175,500	1.4
2019	125,784	279,950	2.2	210,000	1.7	177,000	1.4
2020	125,784	282,900	2.2	210,013	1.7	178,300	1.4
2021	125,784	285,550	2.3	209,850	1.7	179,400	1.4
2022	125,784	282,975	2.2	209,513	1.7	175,400	1.4
2023	125,784	280,250	2.2	213,913	1.7	181,200	1.4
2024	125,784	282,300	2.2	213,050	1.7	181,700	1.4
2025	125,784	279,125	2.2	212,013	1.7	182,000	1.4
				(continues 5 years)		(continues 10 years)	

Note: No growth in mill value is assumed for the estimates shown above.

Calendar Year	Mill Value	3.00%		3.50%	
		10 Year Bond Estimated Debt Service	10 Year Bond Estimated Millage Requirement	15 Year Bond Estimated Debt Service	15 Year Bond Estimated Millage Requirement
2016	\$125,784	\$159,675	1.3	\$141,063	1.1
2017	125,784	155,125	1.2	134,788	1.1
2018	125,784	166,450	1.3	131,813	1.0
2019	125,784	172,400	1.4	133,750	1.1
2020	125,784	178,050	1.4	135,513	1.1
2021	125,784	183,400	1.5	132,188	1.1
2022	125,784	183,525	1.5	133,775	1.1
2023	125,784	183,500	1.5	130,275	1.0
2024	125,784	188,250	1.5	131,688	1.0
2025	125,784	187,775	1.5	128,013	1.0
				(continues 5 years)	

Note: No growth in mill value is assumed for the estimates shown above.

Ten year borrowing amount assumed to be \$2,400,000. Borrowings for 15 and 20 years are assumed to be \$2,440,000. Additional amount is to cover additional issuance costs, including preparation of disclosure documents and bond rating fees.

Ten year borrowing amount assumed to be \$1,500,000. Borrowing for 15 years is assumed to be \$1,540,000. Additional amount is to cover additional issuance costs, including preparation of disclosure documents and bond rating fees.



LAURENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
 MILLAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR \$925,000/\$965,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
 (LAURENS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT), SERIES 2015

Calendar Year	Mill Value	2.50%		3.00%	
		10 Year Bond Estimated Debt Service	10 Year Bond Estimated Millage Requirement	15 Year Bond Estimated Debt Service	15 Year Bond Estimated Millage Requirement
2016	\$125,784	\$102,969	0.8	\$131,625	1.0
2017	125,784	100,250	0.8	127,675	1.0
2018	125,784	103,188	0.8	125,125	1.0
2019	125,784	106,000	0.8	127,500	1.0
2020	125,784	108,688	0.9	129,725	1.0
2021	125,784	101,375	0.8	126,875	1.0
2022	125,784	104,063	0.8	128,950	1.0
2023	125,784	106,625	0.8	125,950	1.0
2024	125,784	109,063	0.9	127,875	1.0
2025	125,784	111,375	0.9	124,725	1.0

(continues 5 years)

Note: No growth in mill value is assumed for the estimates shown above.

Calendar Year	Mill Value	3.00%		3.50%	
		10 Year Bond Estimated Debt Service	10 Year Bond Estimated Millage Requirement	15 Year Bond Estimated Debt Service	15 Year Bond Estimated Millage Requirement
2016	\$125,784	\$75,588	0.6	\$141,063	1.1
2017	125,784	81,925	0.7	134,788	1.1
2018	125,784	80,275	0.6	131,813	1.0
2019	125,784	83,550	0.7	133,750	1.1
2020	125,784	81,750	0.6	135,513	1.1
2021	125,784	79,950	0.6	132,188	1.1
2022	125,784	83,075	0.7	133,775	1.1
2023	125,784	81,125	0.6	130,275	1.0
2024	125,784	79,175	0.6	131,688	1.0
2025	125,784	82,150	0.7	128,013	1.0

(continues 5 years)

Note: No growth in mill value is assumed for the estimates shown above.

Ten year borrowing amount assumed to be \$925,000. Borrowing for 15 years is assumed to be \$965,000. Additional amount is to cover additional issuance costs, including preparation of disclosure documents and bond rating fees.

Mr. Theo DuBose, Bond Attorney addressed the clarity of granting the bond proceeds by determining certain conditions such as the stations be owned by the County; titles to the properties be in good standings; to be not used as a commercial property, but allowing them to be used as polling places for elections and civic activity; keeping the property properly insured and up to code. If not properly conducted, the departments would have to repay the monies.

Councilman Jones asked if the Explorer Program would still be in place and what is the projected costs in hiring the paid employees?

Chairman Wood explained that this discussion had nothing to do with the hiring of employees that it only consisted of bonding for the properties and reducing the ISO ratings for the citizens.

Councilman Jones stated that he was in complete support of the plan but was concerned over any tax increases and the need to look at the project long range.

Councilman Jones said that he is of the understanding that this will be a cost increase of ten to twenty dollars (\$10 to \$20) per property. Mr. DuBose replied that on a one hundred thousand dollar (\$100,000) home it would be about a four dollar (\$4.00) increase.

Addressing insurance costs, Councilman Jones said that he had contacted all of the insurance agencies in the County as to how this would affect their costs. I learned that State Farm does not follow the ISO ratings, but has their own grid system and there would not be a cost differences for them.



Councilman Pitts said, “I have continued to be opposed of the construction of new fire stations. I understand the maintenance perspectives of these buildings. However we are currently in a deficient budget for this County and last year we added over three million in bonds; this is why I am not in support of this”.

Councilwoman Andersons said, “I am in total support of the project for the betterment of the citizens of Laurens County”.

Chairman Wood said, “The return to the taxpayer will far out way the costs with the savings on insurance and a possible lower ISO rating countywide”.

The Council will hold first reading on the ordinance for this project at the first meeting in February.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Chairman Wood opened the floor for public comment at 6:30 P.M.

1.) Laurens County Disability and Special Needs - Jason Tavenner acknowledged and invited Council to on February 5, 2014 at at the Laurens County Higher Education Center.

2.) Citizen – Jeffrey Thomas from the Hickory Tavern Community approached Council saying, “I am sure Council is aware of the industry coming into Hickory Tavern and reminded that there is no zoning in Laurens County. The residents consider this to be God’s country. This industry is placing ocean box containers in a residential neighborhood and making it look like a port yard junkyard. I have talked with the industry owner and he informed me that there would more like eight hundred (800) containers being placed on the property. The owner also asked if fencing or leland cypress trees be offensive to the residents. The residents are concerned of what the community could look like with the momentum continuing to grow with this project”.

Chairman Wood asked Mr. Marvin Moss, Executive Director of the Laurens County Development Corporation, to offer any comments about the subject matter.

Mr. Moss said that the project – Project Zeus – is a company that will be making storage tanks and selling domestically as well as shipping internationally. Mr. Moss stated that this was the first he had heard of this and that he was not certain of the eight hundred (800) containers but would check into the matter.

Having no one wishing to address Council, Chairman Wood closed the session at 6:45 P.M.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

1.) Administrator Segars reminded all of the March 30th Ethics reporting deadline and that it is now required to be conducted completely online.

2.) Administrator Segars informed Council that the use of Hunter Fund Monies Council approved earlier to be fronted towards engineering costs for “Project Circle” have now been reimbursed and applied to the fund account

COUNTY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1.) Councilman Jones thanked all in attendance and that he was glad to see the progress made with the Fire Department to protect properties in the County.

2.) Councilman Nash stated that he was proud of the progress being made in the County and the related growing pains.



3.) Chairman Wood noted the push for change from the state about H3374 – Local Government Fund - noted in the *Friday Report* from the South Carolina Association of Counties; that stated the Counties did not need any more funding.

Chairman Wood corrected the recent post by a local newspaper that he appointed himself to the Laurens County Economic Development Corporation; it should have read that he had appointed Councilman Pitts to the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION for Council to move into Executive Session at 6:47 P.M. to discuss an Economic Development matter-“Project Laurel”; COUNCILMAN JONES SECONDING; VOTE 5-0.

There was a COUNCIL CONSENSUS to reconvene in open session at 7:05 P.M.

A.) **FIRST READING (BY TITLE ONLY) - ORDINANCE #781 - AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO AN ASSIGNMENT OF INTERESTS UNDER VARIOUS INCENTIVE AGREEMENTS WITH LAURENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA BY UNISCITE, INC., PROJECT FLEX, LLC, AND GLAD SHINE INTERNATIONAL, LLC TO PROJECT LAUREL; AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THAT CERTAIN A INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AGREEMENT DATED JANUARY 1, 2012 BETWEEN LAURENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND UNISCITE, INC., PROJECT FLEX, LLC, AND GLAD SHINE INTERNATIONAL, LLC, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO** – COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to approve Ordinance #781 upon first reading by title only; COUNCILMAN JONES SECONDING; VOTE 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT – With no further action required by Council, Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting at 7:08 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Betty C. Walsh". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Betty C. Walsh
Laurens County Clerk to Council