



**MINUTES**  
**JULY 24, 2018**  
**LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**HISTORIC COURTHOUSE – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilman Ted Nash (illness).

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

**STAFF ABSENT:** None.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT:** Lisa Inabinett, Magistrate Judge; Lisa Kirk, Finance Director; Debi Parker, Human Resources Manager; Jo y Avery, Director, E-911 / Communications; Andy Howard, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director; Matt Pennington, Director, County Emergency Medical Services; Greg Lindley, Director of Fire Services; Cindy Burke, Laurens County Treasurer; Lynn Lancaster, Clerk of Court; Billy Wilson, Vehicle Maintenance/Procurement Officer and Chuck Bobo, Codes Official.

**PRESS:** Vic MacDonald, *The Clinton Chronicle*; Iva Cadmus, WLBG Radio and John Clayton, *The Laurens County Advertiser*.

**SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS – JULY 24, 2018** – 1.) Call to Order; 2.) Invocation – Councilman Pitts; 3.) Pledge of Allegiance; 4.) Approval of Agenda – July 24, 2018; 5.) Approval of Minutes – July 10, 2018; 6.) Reports to Council – John Lummus - Upstate Alliance; 7.) Old Business: a.) Approval of Resolution #2018-32 Presbyterian College Real Estate Foundation; b.) Public Hearing Ordinance #846 Fiscal Year 2018/2019 – County Budget; c.) Third and Final Reading Ordinance #846 Fiscal Year 2018/2019 – County Budget; d.) Public Hearing Ordinance #847- Fiscal Year 2018/2019 - Fire Service Budget; e.) Third Reading Ordinance #847 - Fiscal Year 2018/2019 - Fire Service Budget; f.) Public Hearing Ordinance #848 – Fiscal Year 2018/2019 - Local Option Sales Tax; g.) Third Reading Ordinance #848 - Fiscal Year 2018/2019 - Local Option Sales Tax; h.) Public Hearing Ordinance #849- Rescinding of Probate Fees Ordinance #482; i.) Third Reading Ordinance #849- Rescinding of Probate Fees Ordinance #482; k.) Ordinance #814 Junk Yards – Update by Planning Commission - Informational Only; 1.) Resolution #2018-33 - Establishing EMS Fund #128 as a Special Revenue Fund; 8.) New Business: a.) Variance Request – Bentley - Kellet Family Land (Planning Commission); b.) Approval - Faulk and Foster Cell Tower (Planning Commission); c.) Approval - American Disability Act Policies and Procedures; d.) Resolution #2018-34 - Abbeville County Joint Development Park Amendment; e.) First Reading - Ordinance #851 amending Ordinance #741 (Flood Prevention); f.) Approval - EMS Health Data Exchange Contract; g.) Clinton Fire Contract; h.) Request to Purchase Fire Rescue Truck (Part of Long Range Cap Plan); i.) Discussion Procurement Card usage, guidelines and online posting - Councilman Jones; 9.) Public Comment; 10.) County Council Comments; 11.) Executive Session: a.) Economic Development - b.) Contractual Matter – Duncan Property; 12.) Adjournment.

**MEETING NOTIFICATION** – The requesting general public, department heads and Press were informed of the meeting in a timely manner. Postings of the Agenda were posted in County facilities on their bulletin boards and also posted on the County Web Site.

**PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN UPS** – 1.) Brenda Stewart; 2.) Lance Robertson; 3.) Jessica Holman.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Chairman Wood asked for approval of the agenda and any additions or deletions from the agenda.

COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to approve the July 24, 2018 agenda with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 10, 2018** - COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL made the MOTION to approve the July 10, 2018 minutes. COUNCILMAN JONES SECONDING; VOTE 5-0.

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL-** Mr. John Lummus, President / CEO, Upstate Alliance, approached Council stating that he would be providing an update on the trends noted in the Upstate.

Mr. Lummus said, “There are three (3) trends noticed within the Upstate. Trend one (1), the size of the projects is noting that major projects are down fifty percent (50%) over the last ten (10) years nationwide. Industry bringing over fifty (50) jobs and millions of dollars have declined. It’s the middle market firms that are creating the new job growth. A comparison is eighty six percent (86%) from 1995 to 2013 were created by firms already located in the Upstate. This is where we will see our future jobs. In 2015 there were five employees per million dollar investments while in 1980 there were twenty five (25) employees. The major industrial investors offer more industry coming towards the supporting clusters of the industry – Automotive – Advanced Materials and Aerospace. Trend two (2) the growing demand for innovation. And trend three (3), the expanding role in the world markets. The upstate share of the foreign jobs is twice the national average. The worlds middle class is growing with eighty percent (80%) outside the United States. The key to our region is marketing ourselves”.

Chairman Wood thanked Mr. Lummus for his time and information.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #2018-32 PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE REAL ESTATE FOUNDATION** – Chairman Wood explained that this was a Resolution of Council supporting the issuance of Jobs Economic Development Revenue Bonds for Presbyterian College in the principal amount of not exceeding sixty million four hundred twenty dollars (\$60,420,000).

COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to approve the Resolution towards Presbyterian College with COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE #846 FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 – COUNTY BUDGET** – Chairman Wood opened the public hearing at 5:50 P.M.

With no one wishing to address Council, Chairman Wood closed the public hearing at 5:51 P.M.

**THIRD AND FINAL READING ORDINANCE #846 FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 – COUNTY BUDGET**

In review Administrator Caime stated, “Following over six (6) meetings and incorporating the necessary changes the budget resulted in no tax increase, a solid waste management increase of five dollars (\$5.00), compensation for our employees. Spending is right at twenty three million dollars (\$23,000,000). The Solid Waste Management increase will not pay for the service but it will help to fill the gap”.

- 1.) A tax of sufficient mills is levied on all taxable property of Laurens County for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.
- 2.) Allowable index is 2.55%
- 3.) General Fund appropriations for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 – Victims Assistance - \$110,817.00
- 4.) Solid Waste Management Fee for each household of \$65.00
- 5.) Laurens County Road Fee for each registered vehicle of \$16.00
- 6.) And other fees as deemed appropriate by Council

7.) Appropriated funds by millage:

- a.) Special Revenue Fund of three hundred forty thousand dollars (\$340,000) to help offset costs and related expenditures associated with collections of delinquent taxes; and, funds within this Special Revenue Fund are to be transferred as established by the requirements of the account.
- b.) Special Revenue Fund of two hundred nine thousand dollars (\$209,000) to offset costs and related expenditures associated with the Detention Center by the Sheriff's Office; and, funds within this Special Revenue Fund are to be transferred from the restricted cost account as established by the requirements of the account.
- c.) Special Revenue Fund of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) for separate accountability to offset the costs and related expenditures associated with the – state drug revenues, federal drug revenues, child support process, scrap metal fees and sec offender registration fees by the Sheriff's Department.
- d.) A tax of sufficient millage equal to eleven million two hundred nineteen thousand seven hundred dollars (\$11,219,700) to fund the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 to be levied on all eligible taxable property.
  - The County Auditor is to recommend to Council, for approval, a sufficient millage levy for the operations and direct expenditures.
  - The County Treasurer is to collect the millage funds from all taxable property.
  - Both the County Treasurer and the County Auditor are directed to fund bond repayment funds for payment of the debt service of the County.
  - All excess revenues are to be retained in the Undesignated Reserve Fund and carried forward from year to year.
- e.) A tax of 1.0 mills is to levied on all eligible taxable property for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 and held in the Laurens Special Revenue Fund for the operations of the University of South Carolina Union at Laurens and Piedmont Technical College with the funds generated, to be allocated as ninety percent (90%) to Piedmont Technical College and ten percent (10%) to the University of South Carolina Union at Laurens. Disbursement of funds are to be made on February 1, 2019 and June 1, 2019. This Special Revenue Fund shall be carried forward from year to year as a fund balance and appropriated at a future budget or budget amendment.
- f.) A tax of 7.32 mills for Laurens County Emergency Medical Service Special Revenue Fund levied on all taxable property. This levy shall be combined with other revenue sources and appropriations for the operations and expenses.
  - The County Auditor is to levy a sufficient millage for the operations and direct expenditures.
  - The County Treasurer is to collect the millage funds from all taxable property.
  - All excess revenues are to be retained in the Special Revenue Fund and carried forward from year to year.
- g.) A tax of 6 mills shall be levied on all eligible taxable property as per Ordinance #654 for the Deficit/Reserve Special Restricted Revenue Fund.

- The County Auditor is to levy a sufficient millage for the operations and direct expenditures.
- The County Treasurer is to collect the millage funds from all taxable property.
- All revenues collected are to be retained in the Special Restricted Fund and carried forward from year to year as a fund balance with appropriations made by County Council.

8.) All capital projects and multi-year appropriations made by a prior year ordinance where monies were obligated or encumbered are carried forward and re-appropriated. Unexpected appropriations for uncompleted capital projects and multi-year grants are carried forward as part of the budget. All unexpended appropriations, except those carried forward shall lapse with monies reverted to the fund balance from which appropriation originated.

9.) Capital Lease/Purchase not to exceed \$1,033,900.00.

- The County Auditor is to levy a sufficient millage levy.
- The County Treasurer is to collect the millage funds from all taxable property.

10.) The County is mandated by the State of South Carolina to appropriate approximately one hundred ninety four thousand dollars (\$194,000) in additional funding for the pension program. To pay this the funds shall be the general fund reserves

COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON made the MOTION to approve Ordinance #846 upon third reading with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING for comments from Council.

Councilman Jones noted that he would approve the budget, as he sees more good than bad with what has been presented.

COUNCIL VOTED 5-0-1 (Chairman Wood abstained).

**PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE #847- FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 - FIRE SERVICE BUDGET -**  
Chairman Wood opened the public hearing at 5:54 P.M.

With no one wishing to address Council, Chairman Wood closed the public hearing at 5:55 P.M.

**THIRD READING ORDINANCE #847 - FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 - FIRE SERVICE BUDGET -**  
COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON made the MOTION to approve Ordinance #847 upon third reading with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING for discussion.

- 1.) The Auditor and Treasurer are requested to levy twenty (2) mills for the operational budgets for the County Fire Service.
- 2.) The percentage increase is one percent (1%).
- 3.) Fiscal Year Budget 2018-2019 allows the following:
  - a.) Funds generated by 18.1 mills for Directors Office operations;
  - b.) Funds generated by 1.9 mills will be for the Fire Capital Fund and carried forward year to year;
  - c.) Capital project are budgeted per projects and may be carried forward from year to year;
  - d.) A three million dollar (\$3,000,000) budget.

COUNCIL VOTED 6-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE #848 – FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 - LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX -**  
Chairman Wood opened the public hearing at 5:56 P.M.

With no one wishing to address Council, Chairman Wood closed the public hearing at 5:57 P.M.

**THIRD READING ORDINANCE #848 - FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 - LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX -**  
Chairman Wood stated that this Ordinance amends and directs the allocation of up to twenty nine percent (29%) of the Local Option Sales Tax. Also, this will be reviewed and presented to Council before September 1, 2018 to determine the actual percentage to be used.

VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON made the MOTION to approve Ordinance #848 upon third reading with COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDING.

COUNCIL VOTED 6-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE #849- RESCINDING OF PROBATE FEES ORDINANCE #482**  
Chairman Wood opened the public hearing at 5:58 P.M.

With no one wishing to address Council, Chairman Wood closed the public hearing at 5:59 P.M.

**THIRD READING ORDINANCE #849- RESCINDING OF PROBATE FEES ORDINANCE #482 –**  
Attorney Cruickshanks stated that this is to repeal and rescind Ordinance #482 and directs that the adoption of such fees and charges to be approved by Resolution with direction of the County Probate Judge.

COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL made the MOTION to approve with COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDING for discussion.

Councilman Pitts asked for clarification as to what the fees are for geological research. Attorney Cruickshanks replied that it is all in the Resolution.

VOTE 6-0.

**ORDINANCE #814 JUNK YARDS – UPDATE BY PLANNING COMMISSION - INFORMATIONAL ONLY-** Administrator Caime informed Council that this is provided as information only at this time for Council review and that it had already had two readings. The Planning Commission has again reviewed the Ordinance making changes in red.

Chairman Wood noted that he did not have any problems with the Ordinance as to the way it was written.

Vice Chairman Tollison asked about the grandfathered section of section four (4) that talks about the screening and allowing a one (1) year to secure the screening. He said that he felt that was too long of a period for this requirement.

Referring to section eight (8), Vice Chairman Tollison stated that he did not understand the citation / violation...is it a fine or a written violation with a slap on the wrist. Attorney Cruickshanks replied that it was a ticket noting a court process with a hearing and if found in violation of the ordinance, your will be fined.

Councilman Jones said, "I like a lot of the changes. Some of the things that I thought were way over reaches before was out of line. I am now in favor of this".

Chairman Wood asked for the staff to schedule a public hearing and third reading.

**RESOLUTION #2018-33 - ESTABLISHING EMS FUND #128 AS A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND –**  
Administrator Caime said, “The purpose of this Resolution is to establish a Special Revenue Fund for EMS. Any funds accumulated in this fund will be reported to Council on a quarterly basis”.

COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION to approve the Resolution towards establishing an Emergency Medical Services Special Revenue Fund with VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON SECONDDING; VOTE 6-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**VARIANCE REQUEST – BENTLEY - KELLET FAMILY LAND (PLANNING COMMISSION)**  
Administrator Caime said, “This was brought to Council due to the lack of a quorum with the Planning Commission. The Ordinance in place does not allow this as a normal practice and requires an approved variance. This is family land – a one (1) acre tract and as it is now does not meet the Roads Standards”.

Councilwoman Anderson said, “I have no problem doing this as it is family land. I want the Planning Commission completely informed of this. This Ordinance needs to be reviewed with any revisions necessary”.

VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON made the MOTION to approve the variance request for the Bentley / Kellet family land with COUNCILMAN PITTS SECONDDING; VOTE 6-0.

**APPROVAL - FAULK AND FOSTER CELL TOWER (PLANNING COMMISSION)** – Administrator Caime stated, this is being brought to Council due to a non-quorum status of the Planning Commission.

Chairman Wood noted that all paperwork seems appropriate and is per the ordinance.

Verizon Site Name: GREEN PEA

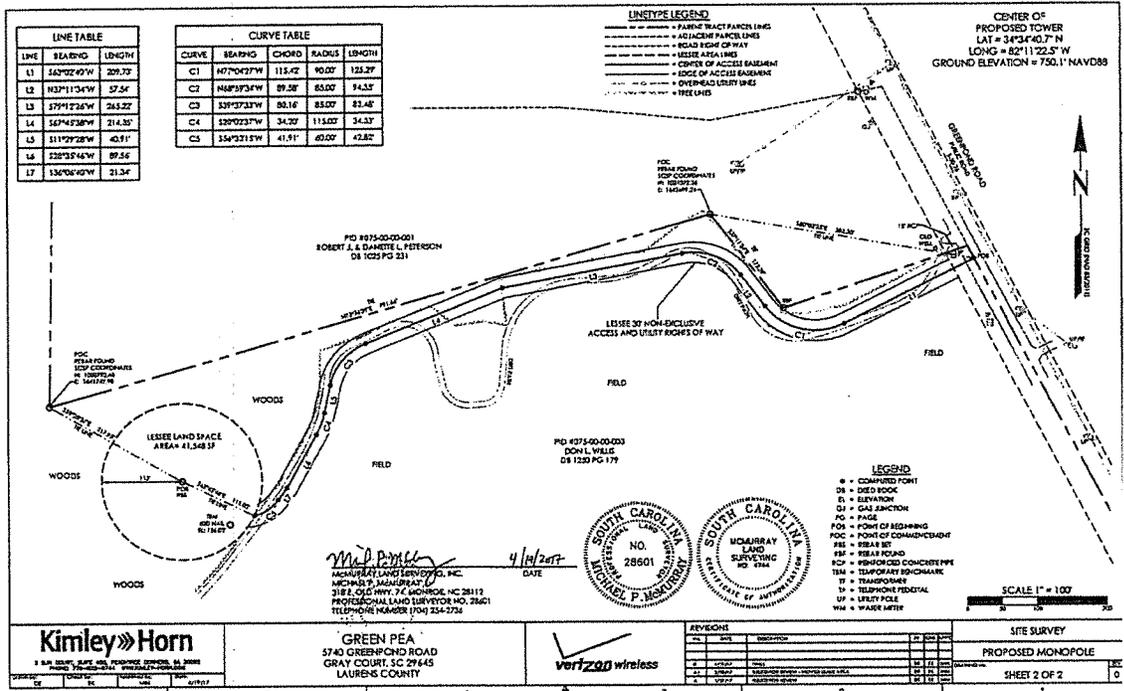
Project Description: Verizon proposes to place a 225' monopole tower with a 5' lightning arrester and associated 12' x 30' equipment pad, with outdoor equipment, within a 60' x 60' fenced compound on a 100' x 100' leased area. (See enclosed drawings for details (Exhibit A)). This tower will have provisions on the tower for multiple carriers.

Parcel Address: 5740 Greenpond Road, Gray Court, SC 29645

Property Owner: Don Willis, 1520 Greenpond Rd, Fountain Inn, SC 29644

Zoning:





COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION to approve the cell tower for Faulk and Foster with VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

**APPROVAL - AMERICAN DISABILITY ACT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES** – Administrator Caimie informed Council that this was an update in accordance with Section 35 106 of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) as to an Accommodation Policy, Grievance Procedure and a Compliance verification that will be signed by Mrs. Debi Parker. Attorney Cruickshanks stated that he too had reviewed it for Mrs. Parker.

ADA Coordinator, Laurens County  
 100 Hillcrest Square, Laurens, SC 29360  
 864-681-3160 (Voice) or 711 Teleprinter (TTY)

COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON made the MOTION to approve the American Disability Act Updates as presented with COUNCILMAN PITTS SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

**RESOLUTION #2018-34 - ABBEVILLE COUNTY JOINT DEVELOPMENT PARK AMENDMENT-** Attorney Cruickshanks informed Council that this was a Resolution to amend a previous park agreement from November 28, 2008 for industrial park development in Abbeville County. This will involve ACS Manufacturing, Incorporated and DVK Properties, LLC.

VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON made the MOTION to approve the Resolution towards expanding an industrial park in the County of Abbeville with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

**FIRST READING - ORDINANCE #851 AMENDING ORDINANCE #741 (FLOOD PREVENTION)** – Chairman Wood stated that he understood this to only include an amendment towards raising the flood zone from one (1) foot to three (3) foot for structures within a flood zone and that this will reduce homeowners

insurance by fifty percent (50%). Also, it includes utilities at the one (1) foot height and excludes beach zones because it is not applicable for Laurens County.

Administrator Caime inserted that the Laurens County Planning Commission had reviewed the Ordinance and endorses these changes. Mr. Chuck Bobo, Codes Department said that it is not mandatory as one can build in a flood zone but it would require more engineering and insurance costs would be higher for the homeowner.

Vice Chairman Tollison asked how this would affect the foundation of mobile homes. Mr. Bobo replied that this refers to all residential construction except for utilities.

VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON made the MOTION to approve the requested Ordinance #851 that amends Ordinance #741. COUNCILMAN PITTS SECONDING; VOTE 5-1 (Councilman Jones in opposition).

**APPROVAL - EMS HEALTH DATA EXCHANGE CONTRACT** – Matt Pennington, EMS Director, said, “I ask for Council approval on the Health Data Exchange Contract with ESO Solutions of Austin, Texas. This allows for the execution of the contract towards the exchange of data of patients and insurance billing information between all hospitals and EMS. This is an aid in helping improving patient care when called upon”.

Chairman Wood asked Mr. Pennington if he had the funds required to enter into this contract? Mr. Pennington replied that he does in his technology account (\$995.00).

COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION to approve the contract with ESO Solutions with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 6-0. A copy of this “Master Subscription Contract” is attached and is to be considered as part of these minutes.

**CLINTON FIRE CONTRACT** – Mr. Greg Lindley, Director of Laurens County Fire Service brought to Council a request from the City of Clinton to increase their contract by 2.1%. Mr. Lindley added that the contract for the City of Clinton allowed for a 1.31% increase in the budget and that their current contract amount is at two hundred ninety three thousand and sixty eight dollars (\$293,068).

Councilwoman Anderson said, “At this point all have guidelines and all budgets have been recognized”.

Councilman Pitts inserted that he was aware that their call volume has increased especially on the Interstate.

Vice Chairman Tollison said, “I have no doubt that their call volume is up and asked if there was a representative present at the meeting (no one was present). In that case, I can not see reason to honor this if no one is here to address in more detail why”.

COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to approve the 2.1% increase requested by the City of Clinton. The MOTION DIED from the lack of a second.

Chairman Wood asked that Mr. Lindley to convey the actions of Council with the City of Clinton.

**REQUEST TO PURCHASE FIRE RESCUE TRUCK (PART OF LONG RANGE CAPITAL PLAN)** – Mr. Greg Lindley, Director of Fire Service said, “This is a request to purchase a new rescue truck for the Greenpond Fire Department and is in line with the Long Range Strategic Plan for the County Fire Service. The price of the truck is one hundred thirty three thousand, one hundred eighty four dollar (\$133,184). We are requesting one hundred twenty five thousand (\$125,000). The Greenpond Fire Department will pay the balance”.

COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to approve the request for the purchase of a rescue truck VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

**DISCUSSION PROCUREMENT CARD USAGE, GUIDELINES AND ONLINE POSTING -**

Councilman Jones began by saying, “About this same time last year, there was a question as to allowing part time employees the use of purchasing cards. I asked the question several months ago as to how many purchasing cards were in service with the County. I was told forty five to fifty (45-50). Several weeks later we were advised that there were actually more than one hundred one (101) cards issued. This in itself has raised serious questions and needs to be more accountable. My take on this is if a government is going to be more transparent, it will be more accountable. What has happened here is after asking for these statements to be online, a group of citizens, by means of a Freedom of Information Request, the Finance Department was asked to provide with the transactions from the last two (2) years. This group looked at trends and questionable charges”.

Councilman Jones noted that two (2) from the group - Brenda Stewart and Rick Shealy – are here tonight and asked if they could address this with Council. Chairman Wood declined it as this was a Council matter at the moment and noted Mrs. Stewart had signed up for public comments.

Councilman Jones said, “What I am basically asking from this is, one, I want to address a couple of issues. Today, I received a number of calls from local businesses. There appears to be a rumor going around that this is targeting those businesses. That is completely untrue. The things that raise questions to me are golf resorts, just charges that I don’t know why taxpayers are paying for these things. Excessive Beach trips and things of that nature. I would like to see this go to a committee to review these findings and to review the policy and procedures for these cards. I also ask that Mr. Caime and Mrs. Kirk to meeting with the group and with the Department Heads”.

Chairman Wood assigned the County Council Committee as a Whole the task of reviewing the current status of the cards in service.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** Chairman Wood opened the floor at 6:45 P.M. for those that had signed up to address Council to come forward one at time to speak.

1.) Brenda Stewart – Mrs. Stewart said, “I too want to clarify what Councilman Jones said The FOI request was not made to plot but was to review any unnecessary debited purchases. There are too many cards issued. There were some of the same stores used three or four times a day. There should be contracts in place that make things more competitive. Greenwood County has a policy with the local vendors that they can be as much as five (5) percent above box retail prices. The purchasing card is the most convenient place for excessive use to be. Vendors used and questioned were those such as Hobby Lobby, Sharon’s Flowers, Cabela’s, Apple iTunes, family video, Academy Sports. Hobby Lobby was in three different locations in the same day. There were entertainment studios at the beach that were very inappropriate. There were six (6) months of golf resorts by one department. We do not support the reimbursement checks. We reviewed the purchase patterns. Local meals and travel were another review category. We support the actual transparency of the actual bills and credit card statements and not just the reports that the finance director implements. This that I will be providing you copies of is not targeting these vendors. It is only showing you the volume of some and that Council needs to get competitive pricing”.

2.) Lance Robertson – Noted that he owns a local hardware store and that he appreciates the business from the County instead of going out of county for merchandise.

Continuing, “In the hardware business, plumbers don’t start a job in the middle of the afternoon because there would not be enough time to make the trips that you need on a job. We have several people in this

room that make several visits to our store in a day. It is almost an impossible task to get everything done in one trip for the multiple jobs and repairs that that person might be charged with. So yes, you will see multiple charges on that list for ace Hardware in a day. That is just the nature of the business that the County conducts. The larger purchases that the County makes with me are small engine parts. That pricing will be the same just about anywhere. What we allow for the County is a twenty (20) percent discount.

- 3.) Jessica Holman - “Holman Printing has been detailing for the County for many years and we took care of the County. We spent many late hours and long weekends to fulfill the needs of the County. Some of this has recently been taken away by the Sheriff’s Department. I invite all to come and look at the invoices if it will resolve any of these issues”.

With no one else wishing to address Council, Chairman Wood closed the session at 6:55 P.M.

**COUNTY COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- 1.) Councilman Pitts said, “I support moving to posting of the check register online as the school district has implemented this as well. I assure all that the issues will be addressed. I am sure the intent was not as it appears. There are over four hundred fifty (450) employees of this County. We are all human and mistakes can be made. The misuse is where this Council charges the County Administrator with handling it”.
- 2.) Chairman Wood said, “This not only concerns County Council but all of the County employees whether you are elected or not. If you carry a County credit card, you are involved with this”.

Continuing, Chairman Wood said, “On another note, I was contacted by another Councilman from Greenville County about a geological survey that is being conducted where County boundary lines are being change. Changes have been made between Anderson and Pickens County that is resulting in someone living in Pickens County one day and in Anderson County the next. All the while will be paying more taxes. By saying this, it is coming to Laurens County with it being the upper part of Laurens County and the Southern part of Greenville County involving as much as over one hundred households”.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON made the MOTION for Council to move into Executive Session at 7:00 P.M. to discuss a.) Economic Development matter, b.) Contractual Matter – Duncan Property. VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON SECONDDING; VOTE 6-0.

There was a COUNCIL CONSENSUS to reconvene in open session at 7:40 P.M.

Chairman Wood reported that no action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT** – By CONSENSUS the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Betty C. Walsh  
Laurens County Clerk to Council