



AGENDA  
OCTOBER 9, 2018



**AGENDA  
LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 9, 2018 – 5:30 P.M.  
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE – PUBLIC SQUARE**

1. Call to Order – Chairman Wood
2. Invocation – Councilwoman Anderson
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda – October 9, 2018
5. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:
  - a) September 25, 2018 Committee on Health, Welfare, and Public Safety
  - b) September 25, 2018 Committee on Planning and Intergovernmental
  - c) September 25, 2018 Regular Session
6. Reports To Council :
  - a) Hurricane Florence
7. Old Business:
  - a) Second Reading Ordinance # 853, Amending Ordinance #830 section 3.3 Detitling Mobile Homes
8. New Business:
  - a) Council Meeting Schedule for November and December
9. Public Comment- Fifteen (15) Minute Period for Public Comment (*Required to sign in prior to the meeting*)
10. County Council Comments
11. Executive Session:
  - a.) Contractual Matter - Solid Waste
  - b.) Employment Matter - Public Works Director
  - c.) Legal Matter – Procurement Cards
12. Adjournment



## MINUTES:

- a) September 25, 2018 - Council Committee  
Health Welfare and Public Safety
- b) September 25, 2018 – Planning and  
Intergovernmental Affairs
- c) Regular Session



**MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 – 4:45 P.M.**

**LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH WELFARE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**HISTORIC COURTHOUSE – COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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**ATTENDANCE - COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**- Committee Chairman David Pitts; Council Committee Members Garret McDaniel and Stewart Jones.

**COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE** – Council Members, Joe Wood and Ted Nash.

**COUNTY STAFF**- Laurens County Administrator Jon Caime; Laurens County Clerk to Council Betty Walsh nad County Attorney Sandy Cruickshanks.

**LAURENS COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ATTENDEES** – Representing the Laurens County Memorial Hospital were Mr. Randy Garrett and Mr. Tommy Johnson. Nominating Committee (Absent - Dr. Kip Watkins and James Latimore).

**PRESS** –No Press

**MEETING NOTIFICATION** - The County Council Committee Members and media 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

**CALL TO ORDER** – County Council Committee Chairman David Pitts called the September 25, 2018 meeting of the County Council Committee on Health, Welfare and Public Safety order at 4:50 P.M.

Committee Chairman Pitts invited all to stand for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Committee Chairman Pitts provided the invocation and all participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Committee Chairman Pitts stated that the purpose of the Committee Meeting was to receive and nominate a re-appointment to the Laurens County Memorial Hospital, Board of Trustees.

On behalf of Hospital Nominating Board the following recommendation to the Committee:

John Jay Peay  
303 West Walnut Street  
Clinton, SC 29325

Term end date – September 30, 2018  
Reappointment  
October 1, 2018 thru September 30, 2022

COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION for the Council Committee to make recommendation to the full Council for the appointment of Mr. Peay with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 3-0. As a motion and a second, Committee Chairman Pitts will present this to the full Council for approval at the next meeting of Council.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Committee Chairman Pitts adjourned the meeting at 4:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Betty C. Walsh  
Laurens County Clerk to Council



MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 – 5:00 P.M.

LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE  
PLANNING AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS  
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE – PUBLIC SQUARE

(ANDERSON, CHAIR – JONES AND PITTS)

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**ATTENDANCE - COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**- Committee Chairman David Pitts; Council Committee Members Garret McDaniel and Stewart Jones.

**COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE** – Council Members, Joe Wood and Ted Nash.

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

**DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT** – Andy Howard, Director, Parks, Recreation and Tourism; Chuck Bobo, Code Enforcement Officer; Joey Avery, Director, E/911 – Communications; Greg Lindley, Director, County Fire Services; Billy Wilson, Director, Vehicle Maintenance / Procurement and Debi Park, Director of Human Resources.

**PRESS** – Iva Cadmus, WLBG-Radio; Vic McDanald, *The Clinton Chronicle*.

**MEETING NOTIFICATION** - The County Council Committee Members and media 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

**CALL TO ORDER** – County Council Committee Chairwoman Diane Anderson called the September 25, 2018 meeting of the County Council Committee on Planning and Intergovernmental Affairs to order at 5:05 P.M.

Committee Chairwoman Anderson omitted the pray and pledge of allegiance due to time restraints.

Committee Chairwoman Anderson stated that the purpose of the Committee Meeting was to review and make recommendation to the full Council on the establishment of the County IT and Planning Departments as well of the job descriptions for all.

Continuing Committee Chairwoman Anderson stated that she only wanted the management positions for these two departments to be discussed as she felt that the managers should be the ones to hire and set the job descriptions. There was a COUNCIL COMMITTEE CONSENSUS.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION** – Administrator Caime agreed with the decision to hire the Managers first but I am concerned over the proposed salaries and securing the right people for the jobs. This person would work hand n hand with Mr. Jim Anderson to get up to speed with the program.

- a.) **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY “IT”** - Councilman Jones said, “I am one hundred percent (100%) against adding any new positions that could be outsourced. I like the idea of looking at bids and this has been outsourced by the County for a very long time and its worked. Mr. Anderson has done a great job with managing all the networks and addressing the needs of departments and staff. I do have experience and do know that better resources are there if outsourced. We all know that government positions do not go away”.

Administrator Caime stated, “There is a complexity of what to do here. There are all kinds of software necessary for County Government such as with the State mandates with the Courts, GIS, Assessor, Treasurer and general business within a County. This is a twenty four seven (24/7) and I add caution to the complexity and of losing institutional knowledge which would end up with us not getting the true service that we need from the governmental aspects ”.

Mr. Avery said, “I somewhat agree with Mr. Jones but I also will have to disagree if outsourced. The price tag could skyrocket. I have friends that require one hundred ten dollars (\$110.00) an hour and with some that does not include windshield time in traveling to a destination needing help. I personally feel that Council needs to hire, not outsourcing, and to keep us moving along with in-house IT Department”.

Councilman Jones said, “Most IT is outsourced. My company works with QS1. Outsourcing would eliminate a lot of things such as benefits. The County would be much better off outsourcing. We need to establish a monthly set fee for IT and go with it. A lot of technology can be and is handled remotely”.

Mr. Avery replied, “In my personal opinion, and in my line of work, there is a need for personal contact. My department uses complicated software as does several other departments. Our Department Heads need to be face to face with our IT Department. To attest to the matter, on Sundays and Holidays, I have had to call upon Mr. Anderson to help with matters and he has always been right there with me”.

Committee Chairwoman Anderson said, “With the many classes held through the South Carolina Association of Counties, I have taken several classes on IT. Listening to those representatives speak, from the negative side, most were from larger Counties than Laurens County. And, on the positive side, having IT onsite was the most positive comments. Plus it was decided by this full Council to support having an in-house IT department”.

Councilman Pitts said,”

IT Manager Job Description – Page 5:

- Stated in draft - “Minimum Education and Experience Requirements: Bachelor’s Degree preferred. Alternate education requirements; five to seven years of experience of working with or in tandem with IT management staff or a degree in Information Systems Technology”
- Requested to add to this requirement - “Minimum Education and Experience Requirements: Bachelor’s Degree preferred. Alternate education requirements; five to seven years of **Government IT / Networking** experience of working with or in tandem with IT management staff or a degree in Information Systems Technology”

Councilman Pitts asked if this Council was under the assumption that this Manager would oversee all IT and software, including E911 and GIS? Mr. Avery replied, “Yes, as we take this program and grow it, they would oversee but not to dictate. Review what we have and protect institutionally county government”.

COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to approve the IT Manager job description with the added statement within the job description. COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDING; VOTE 2-1 (Councilman Jones was in opposition).

Councilman Jones again said, “I do not wish to grow government”.

- b.) **PLANNING DEPARTMENT:** Administrator Caime said, “This is a position that Laurens County needs to help control growth especially in the Northern most part of the County. A position with a plan and a vision”.

Councilman Pitts stated that the job description was very thorough.

Councilman Jones stated that he would again be voting against this due to growing government.

COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to approve the Planning Manager job description as noted COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDING; VOTE 2-1 (Councilman Jones was in opposition).

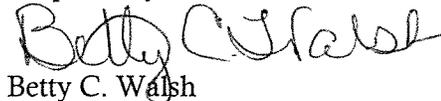
There was a Council Committee MAJORITY CONSENSUS to make recommendation to the full Council for the approval of the two (2) Manager Job descriptions discussed. Considered as a motion and a second from the Committee Chairwoman Anderson will present this to the full Council for approval at the next meeting of Council.

**CONCLUSIVE COMMITTEE MOTIONS:**

- 1.) **MANAGER(S) JOB DESCRIPTIONS** - Upon the recommendation of Committee Chairwoman Anderson, there was a COMMITTEE CONSENSUS to only review and approve the management positions for these two (2) departments being discussed; as she felt that the managers should be the ones to hire and set the job descriptions.
- 2.) **IT DEPARTMENT** - COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to approve the IT Manager job description with the added statement within the job description. COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDING; VOTE 2-1 (Councilman Jones was in opposition).
- 3.) **PLANNING DEPARTMENT** - COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to approve the Planning Manager job description as noted COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDING; VOTE 2-1 (Councilman Jones was in opposition).

**ADJOURNMENT** – Committee Chairman Pitts adjourned the meeting at 5:27 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted



Betty C. Walsh  
Laurens County Clerk to Council



**MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 25, 2018**  
**LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**HISTORIC COURTHOUSE – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT-** Vice Chairman Keith Tollison.

**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:** Debi Parker, Human Resources Manager; Greg Lindley, Director of Fire Services; Andy Howard, Director, Parks, Recreation and Tourism; Lynn West, Director of Registration and Elections; Joey Avery, Director of E911 and Communications; Jim Coleman, County Auditor; Don Reynolds, Laurens County Sheriff; Lisa Kirk, Director of Finance; Lesa Inabinette, Magistrate Judge; Billy Wilson, Superintendent of Vehicle Maintenance / Procurement 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 –SEPTEMBER 25, 2018** – 1.) Call to Order; 2.) Invocation – Councilman Jones; 3.) Pledge of Allegiance; 4.) Approval of Agenda – September 25, 2018; 5.) Approval of Minutes – a.) September 11, 2018 Council Committee Health Welfare and Public Safety; b.) September 11, 2018 Regular Session of Council; 6.) Reports to Council; 6.) Henry Laurens Award Presentation – Robert Elisha Shortt; 7.) Reports To Council: a.) Credit Card Audit; b.) Proposed Dog Park at County Park; c.) Appointment - Committee on Health, Welfare and Public Safety; 8.) Old Business: None; 9.) New Business: a.) First Reading Ordinance # 853, Amending Ordinance #830, Section 3.3 Detitling Mobile Homes; b.) Nomination approval - Laurens County Water / Sewer Commission; c.) Grant Approval - Fire Assistance to Fires Grant (AFG); 10.) Public Comment; 11.) County Council Comments; 12.) Executive Session, Employment Matter, Public Works Director; 13.) Adjournment.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN UPS** – Laurens County Museum Representatives, Mrs. Carolyn Shortt and Debi Vaughn.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. Councilman Jones provided the invocation and all were invited to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA –SEPTEMBER 25, 2018** – Chairman Wood asked for approval of the agenda and any additions or deletions from the agenda. Administrator Caime asked to add the County Council Committee on Health, Welfare and Public Safety under reports to Council. COUNCILMAN NASH made the MOTION to approve the September 25, 2018 agenda with the addition and COUNCILMAN JONES SECONDING; VOTE 6-0

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- **SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, WELFARE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** - COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to approve with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.
- **SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 – REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL** – COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION to approve with COUNCILMAN PITTS SECONDING; VOTE 6-0

**HENRY LAURENS AWARD PRESENTATION – ROBERT ELISHA SHORTT** – Chairman Wood presented Mr. Shortt with the Henry Laurens Award and a signed resolution by Council.

Mr. Shortt thanked Council for honoring him with this extreme honor.

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL:**

- a.) **CREDIT CARD AUDIT** – Administrator Caime thanked those that submitted the FOI request towards credit card use and getting involved. Continuing, Administrator Caime said, “One thing that concerns us is that with posting these online, many things can become taken out of context and does not tell the whole story behind the transaction. The volume of work completed here was very extensive and time consuming by many individuals. There were twenty one thousand (21,000) total transactions, one thousand eight hundred (1,800) sheets and forty thousand (40,000) documents. I personally did not have the time to look through each and every transaction but I did look at and evaluate some of the most questionable ones. The top five (5) with the most usage was the Detention Center, EMS, Roads and Bridges, Buildings and Grounds and the Sheriff. With each transaction there should be accompanying details about the transaction. I clearly saw where more description was needed. There were several departments that had many small multiple transactions (ie. plumbing purchases, screws and nails. Filling out the data base for these would be very time consuming for every transaction. I have recommended that for multiple transactions like this, that an accompanying description be attached. Also, placing the credit card transaction online creating more transparency and each card user would be aware that each transaction would be placed on line. Here is where purchases would be taken out of context due to the descriptions used on the card invoice. A prime example would be the purchases made at Hobby Lobby. This was for purchases of orange card stock that is used in building codes for posting notices in front of the property to be able to tell that construction is going on at this location. I understand that the supply was depleted within the County at the time. Another was for Tractor Supply and Dollar General. This was for an emaciated cow that was actually transported in the front passenger seat of a Humane Officers truck – cleaning supplies and food”.

Mrs. Autumn Taylor, Clerk, Public Works Department, approached Council saying, “I am Autumn Taylor and am presently a Clerk in the Public Works Department. I have a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration from Lander University. Out of this audit, there was approximately eighty nine percent (89%) of the questionable charges having creditable documentation towards the purchases and eleven percent (11%) did not. From this, I created a database. This resulted in several questionable purchases. An example is the card purchase by Chairman Wood when he does not even have a card. This should have been applied towards Haley Spencer Wood in the Treasurers Office. Of the two hundred seventy nine (279) questionable charges, forty three (43) of those had similar mistakes. I recommend that all of the documentation be turned in with the statement in the future. Missing statements was another issue that we have. Of the one hundred sixty five (165) statements that were pulled towards questionable charges, eighteen (18) were not found but descriptions on the Bank of America web

site, descriptions were noted. There was one hundred forty four (144) travel charges. Twenty one (21) of those did not have accompanying details attached”.

Continuing Mrs. Taylor listed several means of improvements – holding employees accountable for statements, all travel charges should have proof of travel and an agenda; employee training for the card as well as signing a policy, those that sign off on the card purchases should be held responsible for documentation of the purchases and employees encouraged to retain a copy of the statement and charges”.

Administrator Caime said, “We conclude with no outright evidence of fraud. Just sloppy accountability. The net results are positive. As we all know things at Hilton Head are expensive and this is where Council attends the South Carolina Association of Counties yearly conference. No alcohol was or will be covered in the travel policy. Laurens County does have policy and procedures and I recommend updating to clarify certain areas”.

Chairman Wood assigned the County Council Committee on Planning and Intergovernmental Affairs – Diane Anderson, David Pitts and Stewart Jones.

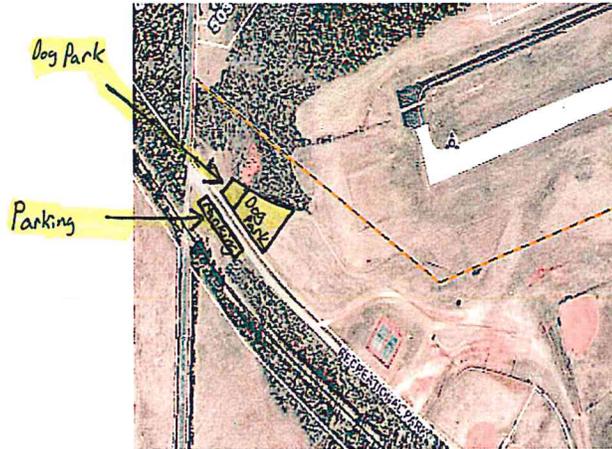
Councilman Jones thanked all involved towards coming to a conclusion of the Freedom of Information request. Councilman Jones asked if the orange card stock was efficient use of county tax money when going to different places to retrieve. Administrator Caime noted that the employee that purchased this, did the purchasing on his own time.

Councilman Jones stated that that was another question, why not buy it from a local vendor or buy online.... “It needs to be done a lot more efficiently. Ultimately the taxpayers are the watchdogs of how their tax money is spent. By putting this online they do become the watchdogs. Some of the expenses that stand out to me that are improper are the charges for night clubs at Myrtle Beach, Medieval times and airfare. There is questions with hotels and travel. There is excessive travel by some of our offices and reimbursement”.

COUNCILMAN JONES made a MOTION to have the check registry, credit card statements posted immediately on the website. The MOTION DIED due to the lack of a second. Chairman Wood stated that that was another thing that he expected the County Council Committee to come back to Council with recommendations.

- b.) **PROPOSED DOG PARK AT COUNTY PARK** – Andy Howard, Director of Parks, Recreation and Tourism approached Council identifying a proposed Dog Park to be located at the Laurens County Park on Calvin Bridges Road.

Mr. Howard said, “This project is proposed to be located at the entrance of the Park and will have ample parking (noted by the insert). This will not cost the County anything as a donation of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) will be made by a local family in honor of the memory of a family member. The details of the donation will need to be legally worked out. I am asking for Council approval to move forward with this project at the County Park”.



COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to approve the Park project with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

- c.) **COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, WELFARE AND PUBLIC SAFETY - RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE LAURENS COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL** – Committee Chairman Pitts informed the full Council that the Committee had met before the Council meeting and is recommending the re-appointment of Mr. John Jay Peay for another four years on the Hospital Board. As a MOTION and a SECOND from the Committee, COUNCIL VOTED 6-0 to approve.
- f.) **ADDED AGENDA ITEM – COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS – ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNTY IT AND PLANNING JOB DESCRIPTIONS** – Committee Chairwoman Anderson informed Council that the Committee had met prior to this regular session of Council to discuss job descriptions for the proposed positions within the IT Department and Planning Departments.

Continuing Committee Chairwoman Anderson stated that there was a Council Committee consensus to only discuss the management positions for these two departments and that the managers should be the ones to hire and set the job descriptions.

IT MANAGER - There was one (1) addition to the IT Manager job description that served as a MOTION and a SECOND from the COMMITTEE as follows:

IT Manager Job Description – Page 5:

- Stated in draft - “Minimum Education and Experience Requirements: Bachelor’s Degree preferred. Alternate education requirements; five to seven years of experience of working with or in tandem with IT management staff or a degree in Information Systems Technology”
- Requested to add to this requirement - “Minimum Education and Experience Requirements: Bachelor’s Degree preferred. Alternate education requirements; five to seven years of **Government IT / Networking** experience of working with or in tandem with IT management staff or a degree in Information Systems Technology”

PLANNING DEPARTMENT: No changes were recommended from the Committee and the Committee they recommended approval of the Planning Manager job description as presented.

As a MOTION and a SECOND from the Committee, COUNCIL VOTED 5-1 (Councilman Jones was in opposition). Councilman Jones' opposition was stated as he did not want to add government at the time.

Councilwoman Anderson noted that this was for the job descriptions for managers and that the money was already there as approved by Council during budget deliberations.

**OLD BUSINESS - NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

a.) **FIRST READING ORDINANCE # 853, AMENDING ORDINANCE #830, SECTION 3.3 DETITLING MOBILE HOMES** – COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION with COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

b.) **NOMINATION APPROVAL - LAURENS COUNTY WATER / SEWER COMMISSION** – COUNCILMAN NASH asked for Council nomination approval of Mr. Sam Peden of Fountain Inn to the Water/Sewer Commission. COUNCILMAN JONES SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

Administrator Caime noted that this appointment would require Mr. Peden to resign from the County Planning Commission.

c.) **GRANT APPROVAL - ASSISTANCE TO FIRES GRANT (AFG)** – Director Gregg Lindley approached Council informing them of two (2) approved Assistance to Fire Grants (AFG) that have been awarded to the Sandy Springs and Western Laurens Volunteer Fire Departments. A five percent (5%) match is required by the County at a total of six thousand one hundred ninety dollars (\$6,190.00). The funds would come from the current Fire Reserve Fund.

Sandy Springs Volunteer Fire Department	Western Laurens Volunteer Fire Department
\$70,000 AFG - \$3,333.00 5% match	\$60,000 AFG - \$2,857.00 5% match
Cascade Unit, Gear Washer/Extractor/Dryer	Fixed and Mobile Cascade Unit

COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON made the MOTION to approve the grant match monies with COUNCILMAN PITTS SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

Councilman Jones asked Mr. Lindley what was the current amount of monies in his account. Mr. Lindley replied approximately six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000).

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1.) Representing the Laurens County Museum were Mrs. Debi Vaughn and Mrs. Carolyn Shortt. They approached Council informing of several upcoming events and invited all to attend. But, mostly they addressed Council with their appreciation for the funding provided during budget discussions.

**COUNTY COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

1.) Councilman Jones asked when the Council Committee would be meeting. It was discussed and noted that Mrs. Walsh would secure the best date and time with the Council Members from the committee.

2.) Councilman Nash stated that a lot can be accomplished when all work together.

3.) Councilman McDaniel expressed his appreciation towards the citizens and the staff.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Upon a MOTION by COUNCILMAN PITTS and a SECOND from COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL; VOTE 6-0, Council moved into Executive Session at 6:47 P.M. to discuss an employment matter regarding the Public Works Director open position.

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

Chairman Wood reported that no action was taken on the employment matter, Public Works Director.

**ADJOURNMENT** – By CONSENSUS the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty C. Walsh".

Betty C. Walsh

Laurens County Clerk to Council



REPORT TO COUNCIL  
HURRICANE FLORENCE



**FIRE CHIEF**  
Doug Eggiman  
**ASSISTANT CHIEF**  
James Crawford

## Midway Fire Rescue

Post Office Box 86  
Pawleys Island, South Carolina 29585  
843-545-3620



**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**  
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September 18, 2018

Mr. William "Jon" Caime  
County Administrator  
Laurens County, South Carolina  
100 Hillcrest Square  
Laurens County, SC 29360

Dear Mr. Caime,

From the moment Hurricane Florence was identified as a named storm, our team began preparation for a potential landfall. Weather events which impact our area bring with them a unique and unknown set of challenges for our department, and Hurricane Florence was no exception. The evacuation of both of our local hospitals and our regional trauma center was unprecedented in the history of Midway Fire Rescue. The Executive Staff from Midway Fire Rescue realized early on into our planning process, that the magnitude of this event, combined with lengthened transport times, had the potential to overwhelm our resources. We reached out through the Georgetown County Emergency Operation Center with a Statewide Mutual Aid request for additional Advanced Life Support staffed transport units. This request was filled, and our department had the pleasure of receiving these resources from Laurens County EMS.

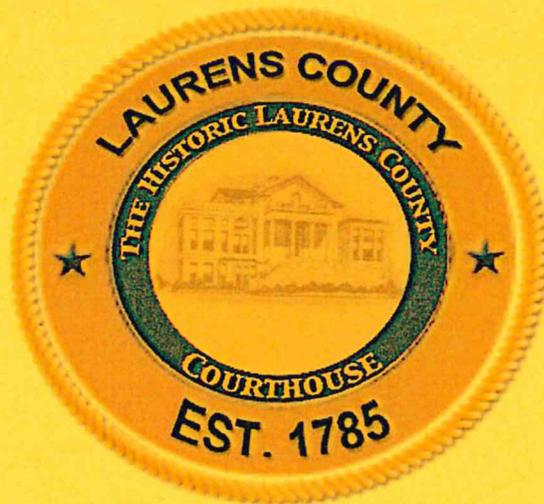
Your four members, Jesse Carl, Rick Hequembourg, Apryle James, and Jenna Sotomayor, were assigned to Midway Fire Rescue Station 81 for the entire deployment. I wish I could tell you we provided "Four Star" accommodations, but that would be a stretch. These members slept on air mattresses in cramped quarters, shared fire rescue station facilities with upwards of 40 other members, and were consummate professionals throughout the entire deployment.

Speaking for our entire Midway Fire Rescue family, and the citizens we protect, please share our sincere gratitude for their professionalism and dedication; they truly made a positive impact on our community. If there is anything our organization can do to assist you, or Laurens County, SC, please do not hesitate to reach out. Be Safe, and may God Bless each of you.

Sincerely,

Doug Eggiman  
Chief of Department  
Midway Fire Rescue

South Carolina's 2011 Small Emergency Medical Service System of the Year  
SERVING PAWLEYS ISLAND, LITCHFIELD BEACH, DEBORDIEU COLONY



## OLD BUSINESS

- a) Second Reading Ordinance # 853,  
Amending Ordinance #830 section  
3.3 Detitling Mobile Homes



**AGENDA ITEM - REQUEST SHEET – COUNTY COUNCIL**

ALL REQUESTS should be submitted by 1:00 P.M. on the Wednesday prior to the Tuesday meeting of Council. All other requests not submitted by the deadline will be retained and scheduled for the next meeting of Council

DATE OF REQUEST: September 28, 2018 (FOR OCTOBER 9, 2018 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING)

DEPARTMENT / AGENCY: LEGAL

NAME: A. "SANDY" CRUICKSHANKS, IV, LAURENS COUNTY ATTORNEY

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: 

SUBJECT MATTER REQUESTED (please be as specific as possible):

2<sup>ND</sup> READING - ORDINANCE 853 – AMENDING ORDINANCE 830 BY *DELETING* THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE FROM SECTION 3.3: "Home must be underpinned with brick, masonry, or concrete, which is supported by a continuous footing as required in the most recently adopted International Residential Code."

STAFF RECOMMENDS SECOND READING APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 853.

FINANCIAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: SEE THE ATTACHED

SOURCE OF FUNDING: SEE THE ATTACHED

(PLEASE – attach subject matter document pages as necessary)

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

REQUEST ASSIGNED TO: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF ASSIGNMENT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF AGENDA: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE RESPONSE DUE: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL ACTION: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 )  
COUNTY OF LAURENS )

ORDINANCE #853

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 830 BY DELETING CERTAIN  
LANGUAGE CONCERNING DETITLING MANUFACTURED HOMES

WHEREAS, Laurens County Council on April 25, 2017, enacted Ordinance 830 which established regulations regarding the parking, location, and permitting of manufactured homes and the penalty for violations thereof for Laurens County, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and by the provisions contained therein, Laurens County Council is vested with the powers and the authority to enact amendments for the continued enforcement and execution of the intent and purposes of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Laurens County Council has determined that certain language should be deleted from Ordinance 830 to allow for easier detitling of manufactured housing allowing the home to become a permanent part of the real property and the owner to begin paying *ad valorem* taxes on the structure, as well as the land.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL, duly assembled, pursuant to the authority granted by the laws of the State of South Carolina and further pursuant to the provisions for amendments as set for in the legislation of this body, Ordinance 830 is hereby amended as set forth herein below:

1. PURPOSES: It is the stated purpose of this Ordinance to protect the general health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Laurens County, South Carolina, and to set forth specific elements of Ordinance 830 and the enforcement therein contained with the ultimate goal of replacing the existing ordinance with a consolidated and updated ordinance.
2. AUTHORITY: This amending Ordinance, together with the original Ordinance 830, is adopted under the authority and process granted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina and the Constitution of the State. Jurisdiction is exclusively within Laurens County.
3. APPLICABILITY: The provisions of this amending Ordinance, together with the original Ordinance 830, shall apply to all unincorporated areas of Laurens County, South Carolina, and those municipalities which, by written agreement, contract to have these provisions administered within their municipal limits.
4. LANGUAGE: The language used in the amendment, being consistent with the language used in the original Ordinance 830, if used in the present tense, shall include the future tense. Words used in the singular shall include the plural, and the plural the singular, unless, however, the context clearly indicates the contrary. The use of the word "shall" is mandatory and the word "may" is permissive.

5. AMENDMENT: The following language shall be deleted from Ordinance 830 Section 3.3:

*Home must be underpinned with brick, masonry, or concrete, which is supported by a continuous footing as required in the most recently adopted International Residential Code.*

6. REAFFIRMATION: Except as herein amended, changed, altered, or modified, the provisions of Ordinance 830 are hereby restated and reaffirmed, unless hereinafter repealed or replaced as set forth herein..

7. SEVERABILITY: Should any paragraph, clause, phrase or provision of this Ordinance or Ordinance 830 be judged invalid or held unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not effect the validity of any other section of the Ordinance as a whole or any part or provision thereof, other than the part so decided to be invalid or unconstitutional. Interpretations shall be pursuant to the laws of the State of South Carolina.

8. GENERAL PROVISIONS: Whenever the provisions of this Ordinance impose a more restrictive standard than are required in or under any other law, regulation or ordinance, the requirements herein contained shall prevail. This Ordinance may be amended as prescribed by law.

BE IT SO ORDAINED, by Laurens County Council.

2nd Reading 2018-10-09



**NEW BUSINESS:**

Council Meeting Schedule for  
November and December

# NOVEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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# DECEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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		C. E. O. 24	CHRISTMAS			
30	31	NEW YEAR				
		NEW YEAR DAY				

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