



MINUTES
JANUARY 22, 2019
LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ATTENDANCE: **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT** - County Council Chairman Joe Wood, and County Council Members: Diane Anderson, Jeff Carroll, Stewart Jones, Garrett McDaniel, David Pitts and Kemp Younts.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT- None.

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; Lesa Inabinette, Judge, Magistrate Courts; Ann Szypulski, Director of the Library; Billy Wilson, Vehicle Maintenance / Procurement Manager; Joey Avery, Director of E/911 – Communications; Andy Howard, Director of Parks, Recreation and Tourism and Dale Satterfield, Director of Public Works.

INVITED GUESTS –

PRESS: Vic MacDonald, *The Clinton Chronicle* and Iva Cadmus, WLBG.

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS – JANUARY 22, 2019 – 1.) Call to Order; 2.) Invocation – Vice Chairman Wood; 3.) Pledge of Allegiance; 4.) Approval of Agenda – January 22, 2019; 5.) Approval of Minutes - January 8, 2019 - Regular Session; 6.) Reports To Council: a.) Laurens County Development Corporation, Year in Review - Jonathan Coleman, Director; b.) Vision 2040 Introduction; c.) Agricultural Center Project Idea; d.) CATE Center Project Idea- School Districts #55 and #56 – Dr. Peters & Dr. O'Shields; e.) Public Interest Foundation – Local Government Fund - Laird Minor, President; 7.) Old Business: a.) Change Order Hillcrest HVAC - Insulation in Ceiling; b.) Resolution #2019-01 Ordinance #782 - Fund Reassignment; c.) Solid Waste Contract with Greenville County – Dale Satterfield; d.) Public Hearing Ordinance #857- Flame Spray; e.) Third Reading Ordinance #857- Flame Spray; f.) Second Reading Ordinance #858 - MCIP Amendment for BDS Technologies, LLC; 8.) New Business: a.) First Reading Ordinance #859 - Conveyance of thirteen (13) Acres of Land to Laurens County Disability and Special Needs Board; b.) Resolution #2019-02 Inducement Resolution “Project X”; c.) First Reading Ordinance #860 – “Project X”; d.) Detention Center (Sheriff) - Request to Fund Body Cams – Sheriff Reynolds; 9.) Public Comment - Fifteen (15) Minute Period for Public Comment; 10.) County Council Comments; 11.) Executive Session: a.) Personnel Matter - Litter and Humane Department; 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 – Jimmy Torrey, Republic.

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Pitts called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. and invited the Clinton Future Farmers to come forward and lead Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice Chairman Wood provided the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – JANUARY 22, 2019 – Chairman Pitts asked for approval of the agenda with any additions to or deletions.

- 1.) Councilman Carroll requested the addition of a Personnel Matter for the Magistrate Office.

- 2.) Vice Chairman Wood asked for the further discussion of a change order for the lights at Hillcrest Judicial / Services Building.
- 3.) Chairman Pitts asked for the addition of a recognition of service.

COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION to approve the January 22, 2019 agenda with the added agenda items. VICE CHAIRMAN WOOD SECONDING; VOTE 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 8, 2019 – Chairman Pitts asked for approval of the January 8, 2019 minutes.

Vice Chairman Wood asked that the personal name be changed on page two (2) paragraph ten (10):

FROM: Chairman Wood said, “This Council is just before facing a lot of challenges with budgets and the continuation of business....”

TO: Chairman Pitts said, “This Council is just before facing a lot of challenges with budgets and the continuation of business....”

This was noted in a discussion later on in the meeting: Vice Chairman Wood questioned the following noted comments in the January 8, 2019 minutes on page five (5) - Change Order, Hillcrest HVAC:

FROM: “It is a two foot by two foot (2’X2’) panel that will provide better white light, reduce electrical costs and will reduce the need for maintenance and changing of the bulbs.”

TO: “It is a two foot by four foot (2’X4’) panel that will provide better white light, reduce electrical costs and will reduce the need for maintenance and changing of the bulbs.”

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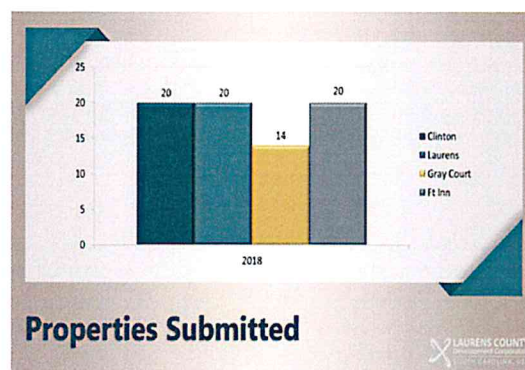
FROM: “We would be replacing twenty five (25) with only twelve (12) panels”.

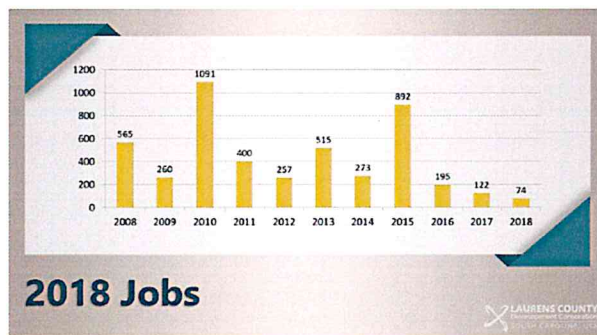
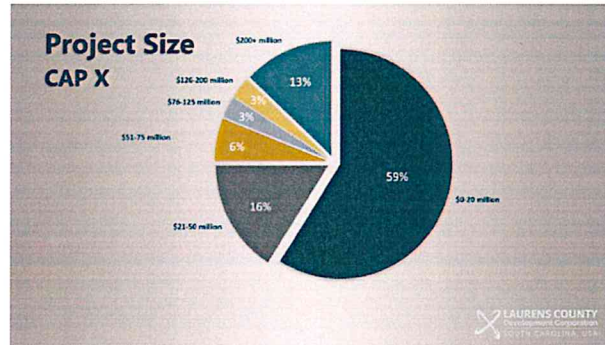
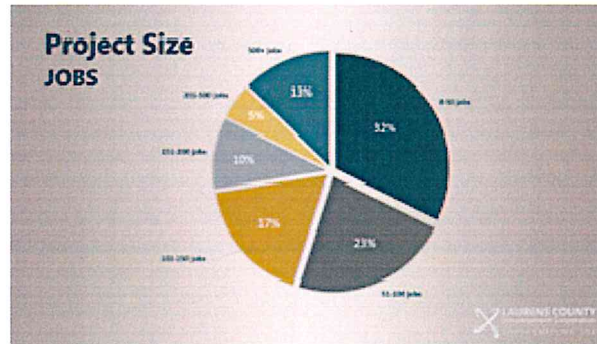
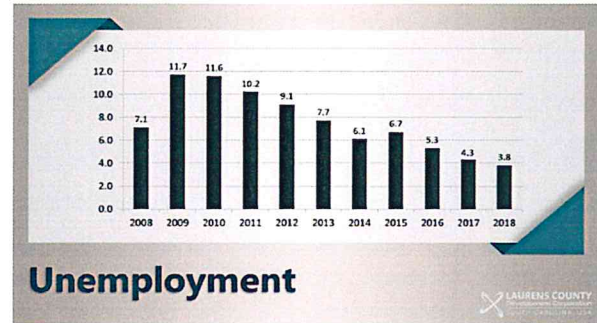
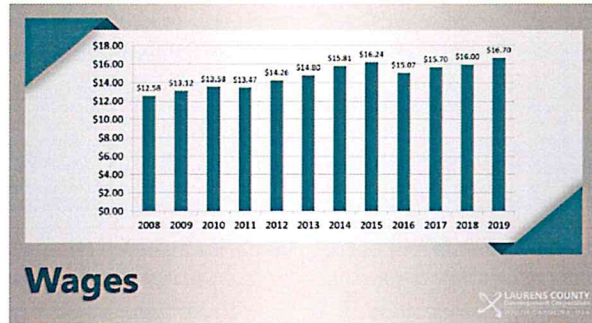
TO: “We would be replacing nine hundred (900) panels”.

COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION to approve the minutes with the corrections noted. COUNCILMAN CARROLL SECONDING; VOTE 7-0.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

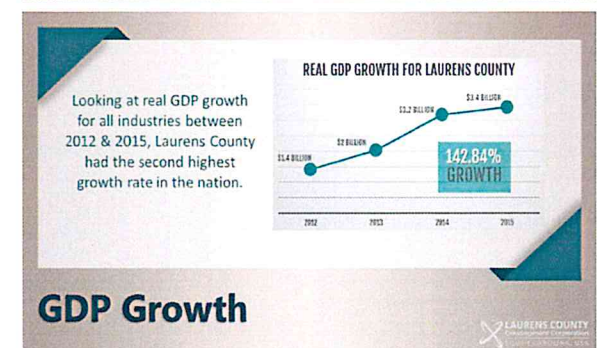
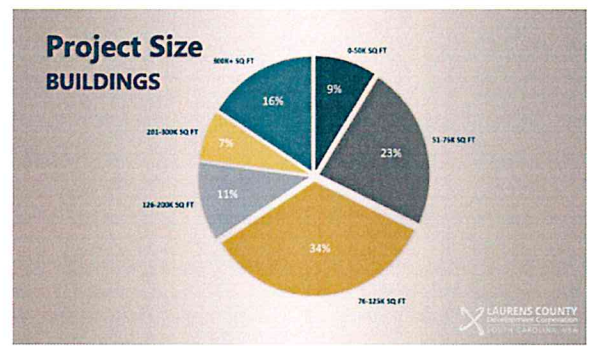
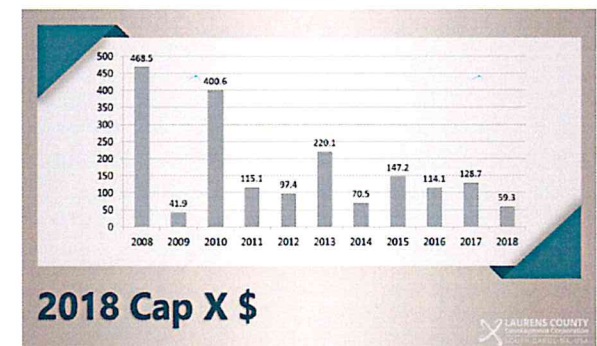
LAURENS COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, YEAR IN REVIEW - Jonathan Coleman, Director, Development Corporation provided Council with statistics from last year as follows in the graphs:





COMPANY	JOBS	CAPITAL INVESTMENT
BD's Technologies, LLC	44	\$17,265,000
Birdseye Energy	0	\$35,000,000
Brawo USA	10	\$3,000,000
FlameSpray	20	\$4,000,000
TOTAL	74	\$59,265,000

2018 Announcements



Product Development

- Two new Speculative Buildings
- New 450-acre Connexial Center that can house 3 million square feet of industrial space

Connexial Center

Industrial Space Building

LAURENS COUNTY



VISION 2040 INTRODUCTION – Administrator Caime noted that the theme is “Survive to Thrive” and gave a brief history of the many closings of industrial plants – Laurens Glass Plant, Torrington Company in 2010 loosing over four thousand (4,000) jobs. Administrator Caime also addressed the need for a CATE Center with possible location behind the hospital on county owned land and an Agricultural Center on county owned property between the Airport and the County Park.

AGRICULTURAL CENTER PROJECT IDEA – Administrator Caime led the lead for Mrs. Annette Bodie, Agricultural Education Teacher for District #56, to address the Agricultural Center. Mrs.. Bodie said, “We presently do not have any facilities to hold any events. We used to be able to use the Exchange Club building but it really was not designed for livestock like the old fair grounds used to have”

Mrs. Bodie provided the following in a PowerPoint presentation:

BACKGROUND

1. Currently we have no facilities in Laurens County to hold a horse show, livestock show, or other agriculture training events.
2. Our current parks and recreation facilities cater to the youth that are involved in athletics.
3. There are facilities in our state that offer places for other youth such as in the Lexington area they have Parks and Recreation areas that have horse and cattle show arenas as well as dirt bike tracks.
4. Facilities that offer areas for showing livestock and horses would bring in people to our county that would spend money in our county at hotels, restaurants, etc.
5. Horse people spend money!!!! We currently can not have a horse show in Laurens County.

Investing in 4h and FFA membersthey are our future leaders

Proposed facility

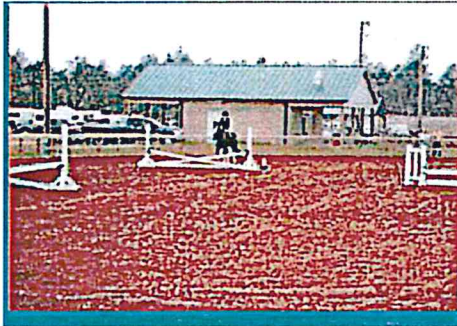


Proposed location between Laurens County Airport and the County Park

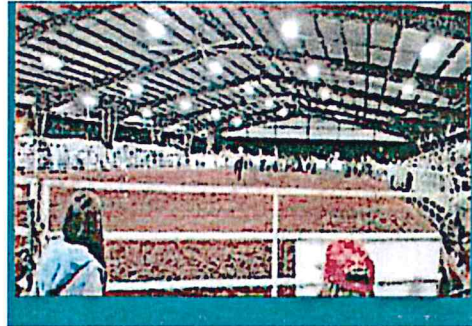


Other arenas in South Carolina

Red Bank Arena (not covered)



Crescent High School Arena



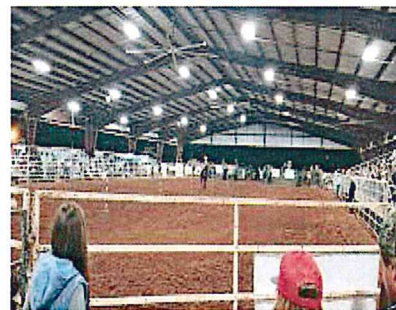
FFA and 4H contests are now held here but there are lots of complaints of how this location is not accessible from interstate and not centrally located in the state

T. Ed Garrison in Clemson

Separate show barns for horses and livestock - Camper hook ups, bathhouse, etc.



Aiken and Camden area – specific to horses



Background –

2017 Laurens Livestock Shows

Beef Cattle – 90 participants
Dairy Cattle – 36 participants
Dogs – 10 participants
Rabbits – 21 participants
Goats – 106 participants
Poultry – 7 participants
Swine – 29 participants (held at Laurens Livestock)

2018 Laurens Livestock Shows

Approximately 250 Exhibitors
Beef Cattle – 39 Exhibitors, 60 head of cattle
Dairy Cattle – 39 Exhibitors 36 head of cattle
Rabbits - 8 Exhibitors and 24 rabbits
52 Exhibitors, 116 show goats
Swine - 30 participants
21 Counties represented

Goals of the Ag Center: Multipurpose arena that could be used for - Horse Shows, Livestock Shows, Training (Master Gardener, 4H Clinics, FFA Contests; Host events such as rodeos, livestock judging contests, etc.; Exhibit areas (flower shows, etc; Dog Shows; Clemson Extension Training Areas.

Vice Chairman Wood stated that he did not feel like that was a good location due to the roofs and other items on the property created a shine / glare as it relates to the airport. Andy Howard, Director, County Parks Recreation and Tourism stated that that was not necessarily so as the colors could be changed and heights could be monitored.

Councilman Carroll asked if the proposed structures would fit on the land and still provide parking. Mrs. Bodie stated that the drawings were designed for the property and noted that the proximity to the interstate was ideal.

Councilman Jones thanked Mrs. Bodie for the concept and stated that it could be a positive for the County. Councilman Jones asked if the costs of operating were available and if grants had been researched.

CATE CENTER PROJECT IDEA – Collectively, Dr. David O'Shields, Superintendent, School District #56 and Dr. Stephen Peters, Superintendent, School District #55 presented a proposed career center for the County as a whole.

Why does Laurens County need a career center?

Increases economic development by ensuring qualified workforce availability.
Promotes program expansion of course offerings that presently we cannot offer
Creates multiple pathways for a variety of careers
Provides more specialized training in entry-level workforce
Enhances the quality of life for communities, school districts and families

Laurens County is one of the few counties without a career center. We are the only County in the Greenville Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) and the Upper Savannah Workforce Area without a career center.

Dailey – 6,982 leave Laurens County to go to work in Greenville County. Conversely on 2,241 leave Greenville County to come into work in Laurens County

Dailey – 1,805, leave Laurens County to go to work in Greenwood County. Conversely on 723 leave Greenwood County to come into work in Laurens County

Dailey – 6,982 leave Laurens County to go to work in Spartanburg County. Conversely on 556 leave Spartanburg County to come into work in Laurens County

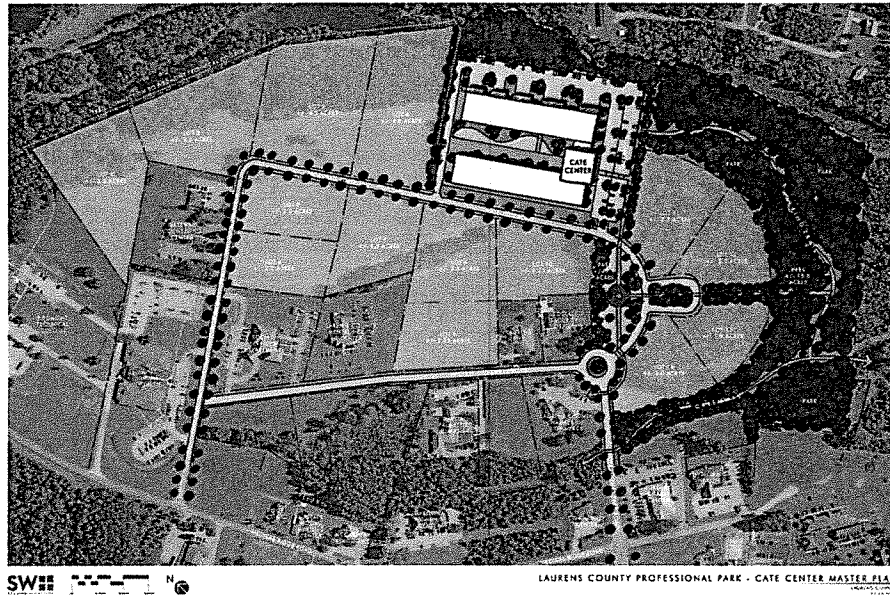
In Commuters	32.5%
Out Commuters	43.7%
Work and Live in Laurens County	23.8%

Supporting Data

- With the County having two (2) comprehensive high schools, there is often a duplication of services with courses being offered.
- Need replacement workers to sustain industries – 22.5% of workers in all industries are older than 55; almost 50% are over 45.
- IGP cluster and post-secondary plan counts indicate that 40% of Laurens #56 students are interested in entering the workforce or attending a two year technical college upon graduation.

- Of the 16 career clusters, Clinton High School is only able to offer 9 of them to students. The following clusters are not offered at Clinton High School. Architecture/Construction, Finance, Hospitality/Tourism, Human Services, Information Technology, Marketing and Transportation/Logistics
- Laurens District high School does not offer courses in Transportation, Distribution and logistics, Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security and Hospitality and /Tourism

This can happen with a joint venture between Laurens County, Laurens School Districts #55 and #56 and the citizens. We must better prepare our students for the future by making sure they are ready to enter the workforce with employability skills and credentials. Studies have shown that students having opportunities for exposure to career and technical course are more likely to graduate from high school, find suitable employment and earn higher wages.



Administrator Caime thanked the school districts and the Agricultural Community for presenting their visions for the future of Laurens County and added that this was one (1) of three (3) projects to be presented.

PUBLIC INTEREST FOUNDATION – LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND – LAIRD MINOR, PRESIDENT

– This item was not discussed due to Mr. Minor not present.

ADDED AGENDA ITEM – RECOGNITION - Chairman Pitts asked for all Council to come up front. Chairman Pitts presented to Vice Chairman Wood a gavel replica for recognition of his previous years of service as Chairman of the County Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

CHANGE ORDER HILLCREST HVAC - INSULATION IN CEILING – Mr. Billy Wilson, Superintendent of Vehicle Maintenance / Procurement, addressed Council on the concept of savings over adding more insulation to ceiling at Hillcrest. Mr. Wilson said, “I have spoken to four (4) engineers about cost savings of adding insulation and none are able to provide a number on the true savings if applied. Yes, we are losing heat through the ceilings. Bedded insulation on top of the dropped ceiling is what we are looking at. A rate of return can not be determined. What I have been able to find out is, with the new HVAC units, the new roof and lighting. We have got already the biggest bang for our buck. We are looking at a ten (10) year return on this money spent. If we are lucky. In November of 2018, Hillcrest Square had a bill from the CPW of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) that includes water, sewer, gas, night lights and power. The Engineer has

calculated that with the LED upgrades, we should get one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) back per month. The Seer ratings on the HVAC, another twenty five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) per month. The roof reflection – white material – and the R-value another eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) per month can be expected. In my honest opinion there really is no return on the dollars invested in insulation”.

Administrator Caime stated, “That is what doesn’t seem to make sense. You have thirteen feet (13’) of space between the ceiling and the roof. The ceiling having an R-value of one (1), the R-value of the roof and according to Chuck, the R-value going out the wall. Common sense will tell you that it makes sense to insulate and conserve the heat n cool losses”. Mr. Wilson added that they have taken into consideration of all the people going in and out all day long.

Vice Chairman Wood said, “It costs sixty five thousand dollars (\$65,000) to install over a seventy five thousand (75,000) square foot building. This is just a drop in the bucket. At what point now could it be installed?” Mr. Wilson replied, “After the tiles go in. And Council needs to consider that there is no insulation in the exterior concrete walls”.

Councilwoman Anderson noted that savings was going to be incurred with the new lighting and HAVAC systems.

Councilman Jones asked if spray foam insulation could be considered. Mr. Wilson replied that that was not recommended for the ceiling and only for walls.

COUNCILMAN CARROLL made the MOTION to allow the change order for insulation at a cost of sixty five thousand dollars (\$65,000). Mr. Wilson noted that that was just one quote and that we would have to go out to bids to have this done. COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECOND the MOTION.

COUNCILMAN CARROLL cancelled his motion until more information was provided. COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON agreed.

RESOLUTION #2019-01 ORDINANCE #782 - FUND REASSIGNMENT – Attorney Cruickshanks reported that this Resolution allows for the reassignment of the balance of the funds from Ordinance #782, allowing the Treasurer to retain remaining funds – five hundred three thousand four hundred four dollars and ninety four cents (\$503,404.94) for specific capital improvements to the facilities of the Fire District.

COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL made the MOTION to approve the Resolution with COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDING; VOTE 7-0.

SOLID WASTE CONTRACT WITH GREENVILLE COUNTY – Mr. Dale Satterfield approached Council saying that he had been in discussion with Greenville County to come under contract using the Twin Chimneys Landfill for our solid waste. Costing seventeen dollars (\$17.00) a ton. Mr. Satterfield asked for approval to execute the contract.

COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION to approve the contract with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE #857- FLAME SPRAY – Chairman Pitts opened the public hearing at 6:55 P.M. Having no one wishing to address the Ordinance, Chairman Pitts closed the public hearing at 6:56 P.M.

THIRD READING ORDINANCE #857- FLAME SPRAY – Attorney Cruickshanks reported that this was a five million dollar (\$5,000,000) increase in their investment.

COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION to approve with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 7-0.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE #858 - MCIP AMENDMENT FOR BDS TECHNOLOGIES, LLC – Attorney Cruickshanks reported that this was adding property to an existing Multi County Industrial Park Ordinance #510, thus allowing the full Fee In Lieu of Tax for the industry.

COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL made the MOTION to approve with COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDING; VOTE 7-0.

ADDED AGENDA ITEM – CHANGE ORDER FOR HILLCREST – Vice Chairman Wood questioned the lighting approved to be installed by reading the minutes: *Mr. Drummond said, “The present panels are twenty plus (20+) years old. The panel I am proposing has a twenty five (25) year service warranty. It is a two foot by two foot (2’X2’) panel that will provide better white light, reduce electrical costs and will reduce the need for maintenance and changing of the bulbs”.* Vice Chairman Wood asked is it a two by two (2X2) panel? Mr. Wilson replied that it is a two by four (2X4) panel. A two by two (2X2) panel was brought as a demonstration.

The minutes from the January 8, 2019 meeting stand corrected to reflect the two by four (2X4) panel.

NEW BUSINESS:

FIRST READING ORDINANCE #859 - CONVEYANCE OF THIRTEEN (13) ACRES OF LAND TO LAURENS COUNTY DISABILITY AND SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD – Attorney Cruickshanks said that Council just received an agreement from 1983 where the Laurens County Council at that time was dealing with the Laurens County Mental Retardation Agency which is now the Disability and Special Needs Board. This agreement has been in effect for thirty six (36) years regarding this approximate thirteen (13) acres. The County allowed them to place a building on the property. Now the Board is going to spend almost a half a million dollars (\$500,000.00) towards improvements and additions. They have maintained it for all these years. What we are proposing is to deed the property to the Disability and Special Needs Board with a reverter clause. This will relieve the County of any liabilities”.

VICE CHAIRMAN WOOD made the MOTION to approve with COUNCILMAN JONES SECONDING; VOTE 7-0.

RESOLUTION #2019-02 INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION “PROJECT X”- Attorney Cruickshanks reported that this represents a modified agreement for twenty million dollar (\$20,000,000.00) expansion of an existing industry with fourteen (14) new jobs.

COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION to approve with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 7-0.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE #860 (by title only) “PROJECT X” - COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION to approve with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 7-0.

DETENTION CENTER (SHERIFF) – REQUEST TO FUND BODY CAMS – Sheriff Don Reynolds and Kathy Tucker Administrator, Detention Center, approached Council requesting the purchase of body cams for the Detention Center Officers and using the Inmate housing monies for the purchase.

Sheriff Reynolds said, “Our Detention Officers interact with inmates on a daily basis. During these interactions, there are things said and done that may come in to play later when inmates accuse officers of violating their rights or officer policy. These body cams help with investigations of these allegations and help to protect the officers as well as the County with lawsuits. They also insure that the officers are following policy. Both inmates and officers are more prone to follow rules when they know actions are recorded. There was a total of one hundred forty eight thousand four hundred dollars collected. The cost of the body cams totals sixteen thousand seven dollars (\$16,007.00)”.

NEWBERRY COUNTY HOUSING OF INMATES

August, 2018

Total Inmates Housed - 70

Total Number of Days Housed – 1,290

1,290 days housed at \$25.00 per day = \$32,250.00

September, 2018

Total Inmates Housed - 42

Total Number of Days Housed – 1,246

1,246 days housed at \$25.00 per day = \$31,150.00

October, 2018

Total Inmates Housed - 89

Total Number of Days Housed - 1,166

1,166 days housed at \$25.00 per day = \$29,150.00

November, 2018

Total Inmates Housed - 65

Total Number of Days Housed – 1,156

1,156 days housed at \$25.00 per day = \$28,900.00

December, 2018

Total Inmates Housed - 78

Total Number of Days Housed – 1,078

1,078 days housed at \$25.00 per day = \$26,950.00

TOTAL \$148,400.00 (as of December, 2018)

COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION to approve the expenditure of not exceeding sixteen thousand seven dollars (\$16,007.00) from the revenue collected from the Newberry inmate housing. COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING for discussion.

Chairman Pitts asked how the videos would be archived. Kathy Tucker replied that each cam has their own docking station located on the server at the Sheriffs Department.

Councilman Younts questioned the terms and conditions under numbers four (4), five (5) and six (6). Attorney Cruickshanks stated that number nine (9) needed to be deleted.

COUNCILMAN JONES AMENDED his earlier motion to also address the deletion of number nine (9). COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL ACCEPTED the amended motion; VOTE 7-0.

Attorney Cruickshanks stated that in number eleven (11), changes need to be made to state South Carolina. Not the federal courts of the state of Kansas.

Again, COUNCILMAN JONES AMENDED his second amending motion to address the changes of federal courts to the State of South Carolina not Kansas. COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL ACCEPTED the amended motion; VOTE 7-0.

Sheriff Reynolds also added that a new generator needs to be purchased for his office building. Chairman Pitts asked that this be discussed at another time as this Council needs to move on with this agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Chairman Pitts called for public comments.

- 1.) Jimmy Torrey, General Manager of Republic Services approached Council saying, “We have been partners with the County and Municipalities for over ten (10) years. Since April of last year, we have

been in negotiations with the County for collection, disposal services. In the recent months, we have even looked at leasing to the County the Transfer Station for zero dollars (\$0.00) and in addition to that all of our assets and equipment to the County. We are waiting to see what the County wishes to do since we were looking towards closing it down. We have tried to work with Laurens County with this and I will admit that I am a bit disappointed with what I read this morning regarding a contract agreement with Greenville County. At this point we are still operating only because of the agreement with the County”.

COUNTY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- 1.) Vice Chairman Wood noted the large crowd in attendance for tonight’s meeting.
- 2.) Councilman Jones said that he enjoyed hearing the ideas presented tonight to Council.
- 3.) Chairman Pitts informed Council of the following placed at their seats: a.) A summary of all Boards and Commissions – Chairman Pitts requested for all to move forward with any appointments that they wished to make; b.) A listing of all County Council Committees, and requested for all to indicate what Committee they wished to serve on. A final copy of assignments will be provided to the full Council at the February meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION to move into executive session at 7:28 P.M. to discuss a Personnel Matter - Litter and Humane Department and An ADDED discussion item concerning a Personnel Matter of the Magistrates Office. COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 7-0.

Chairman Pitts declared a five (5) minute break.

Council went into Executive Session at 7:34 P.M.


There was a COUNCIL CONSENSUS to reconvene in open session at 7:50 P.M.

PERSONNEL MATTER - LITTER AND HUMANE DEPARTMENT Chairman Pitts reported that no action was taken.

ADDED – PERSONNEL MATTER – MAGISTRATES OFFICE – COUNCILMAN CARROLL made the MOTION to approve the request to change a part time position in to a full time position with COUNCILMAN JONES SECONDING; VOTE 6-1 (Councilwoman Anderson was in objection).

ADJOURNMENT – There was a COUNCIL CONSENSUS to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M

Respectfully Submitted,


Betty C. Walsh
Laurens County Clerk to Council