



MINUTES

FEBRUARY 26, 2019 – 5:00 P.M.

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

ATTENDANCE - COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT- Committee Chairman Garret McDaniel; Council Committee Members Joe Wood and Jeff Carroll (arrived at 5:01 P.M.).

COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE – None.

COUNTY STAFF- Laurens County Clerk to Council Betty Walsh.

LAURENS COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ATTENDEES – Representing the Laurens County Memorial Hospital Mr. 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 Garrett McDaniel called the February 26, 2019 meeting of the County Council Committee on Health, Welfare and Public Safety order at 5:00 P.M.

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

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

Tommy Johnson, Pharm D., CDE, BC-ADM, FAADE
205 West Walnut Street
Clinton, South Carolina 29325

Term date: October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2022

Randy E. Garrett
109 Maplebrook Street
Laurens, South Carolina 29360

Term date: October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2022

COUNCILMAN WOOD made the MOTION for the Council Committee to make recommendation to the full Council for the nomination / appointment of Mr. Johnson and Mr. Garrett 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 5:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Betty C. Walsh
Laurens County Clerk to Council



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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; Matt Pennington, Director of EMS; Ann Szypulski, Director of the Library; Joey Avery, Director of E/911 – Communications; Tami Hanks, Director of IT; Jim Coleman, Auditor; Andy Howard, Director of Parks, Recreation and Tourism and Dale Satterfield, Director of Public Works.

INVITED GUESTS – Dr. Dave Hargett, Founder, Lake Conestee Foundation; Jonathon Coleman Director, Laurens County Development Corporation; Ann Szypulski, Director of the Library;

PRESS: Vic MacDonald, *The Clinton Chronicle* ; John Clayton, *The Laurens Advertiser* (5:45 P.M.) and Iva Cadmus, WLBG.

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS – FEBRUARY 26, 2019 – 1.) Call to Order – Chairman Pitts; 2.) Invocation – Vice Chairman Wood; 3.) Pledge of Allegiance; 4.) Approval of Agenda – February 26, 2019; 5.) Approval of Minutes - February 12, 2019 ; 6.) Reports To Council; a.) Introduction - First Internal IT Support Personnel - Tammi Hanks; b.) Vision 2040 Chapter 1 part 3 - More Projects Introduction – Administrator Caime; c.) Clinton Library Project; d.) Vision 2040 Chapter 2- Capital Sales Tax Idea- Jon Caime; e.) Update on Lake Conestee Dam, Lake Conestee Foundation; f.) Financial Report – M/7 – Fiscal Year 2019; 7.) Old Business: a.) I-385 Corridor Study Partnership; b.) Resolution #2019-05 – Approval of Bond Anticipation; c.) Public Hearing, Ordinance #858 - MCIP Amendment for BDS Technologies; d.) Third Reading, Ordinance #858 - MCIP Amendment for BDS Technologies; e.) Second Reading, Ordinance #860 - Project X; 8.) New Business: a.) Public Hearing, JDA Bond for Muffin Mam Incorporated; b.) Resolution #2019-04 - Muffin Mam Incorporated, Support Resolution; c.) First Reading Ordinance #861 - Project Needle Punch; d.) Appointment - Laurens County Disability and Special Needs Board; e.) Nomination Approval - Laurens County Health Care System Board; f.) Appointment – Laurens County Gateway; g.) Re – Appointments – Laurens County Library; 9.) Public Comment; 10.) County Council Comments; 11.) Executive Session: a.) Employment Matter - Finance Department; b.) Legal Briefing - Colonial Pipeline; 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 – None

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – FEBRUARY 26, 2019 – Chairman Pitts asked for approval of the agenda with any additions to or deletions.

COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL made the MOTION to approve the February 26, 2019 agenda.
COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDING; VOTE 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 12, 2019 – Chairman Pitts asked for approval of the February 12, 2019 minutes. COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON made the MOTION to approve the minutes with
COUNCILMAN JONES SECONDING; VOTE 7-0.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

INTRODUCTION - FIRST INTERNAL IT SUPPORT PERSONNEL - TAMMI HANKS – Administrator Caime introduced Mrs. Tammi Hanks as the new IT Director for Laurens County.

VISION 2040 CHAPTER 1 PART 3 - MORE PROJECTS INTRODUCTION – Administrator Caime said this is a continuation of the Vision 2040 concept and asked for Ms. Szypulski to come forward with her presentation.

CLINTON LIBRARY PROJECT – Ms. Ann Szypulski, Library Director, approached Council regarding the Laurens County Library in Clinton. Ms. Szypulski said, “I’m only sharing one statistic right now but, I think it’s a powerful one. Four hundred sixty six (466) people come into our libraries or the bookmobile on an average weekday. The current Clinton Library has been at its temporary location for twenty three (23) years. The Clinton Library serves twenty two thousand (22,000) citizens that live in School District #56. Our vision is for a new Clinton Regional Library to serve roughly the School District #56 area of the County. There, people will share space and resources, and we will continue to support the success of our citizens. I’ve had the help of Architect David Moore with these renderings and the photos have features I’ve seen other libraries I have several renditions of what it could look like. It’s a beautiful building, but what I’m interested in is the inside and how we can improve services with a new building. ”.



Continuing, Ms. Szypulski provided comments as to what they need and don’t have in the current buildings as:

- Plenty of room for self-directed learning activities targeted at different ages;
- Collaboration rooms for small group get-togethers;
- Comfortable seating areas or maybe a quiet room;
- A floor plan with furniture to provide accessibility and comfort for senior citizens;
- Comfortable areas for parents and grandparents to enjoy being with the children;
- Need small private study rooms for tutors, people studying or working on projects together;
- Place for children and families for learning and entertainment;
- An outdoor space - garden or an amphitheater;
- A space for emerging technology such as 3D printers, videoconferencing, virtual reality, robotics;
- With books still a core function, and with an emphasis on quality and accessibility - display space, room to organize logically, ADA compliant and good light;
- Meeting room seating about eighty five (85) - not only for library programs, but also for community meetings and business training;
- Need an area for technology access and assistance. Existing computers are used for just about everything from writing resumes, making menus, or doing a church bulletin.

- Need a room for story time – with at least two programs a week, a good safe room that supports what we are trying to do, getting them ready for 4k as well as modeling learning and teaching behaviors for parents.

In Laurens, we have monthly teen programs and we've been doing escape rooms. They work in teams for 4 or 5 teens, they get problems that they have to solve using science or library resources. They have to work out the clues to escape the room. It's educational- It's difficult-It's timed, and they absolutely love it. We can't do this Clinton because of no room and you have to have a room to escape from.

This is just one possibility. You may have read the City of Clinton has appropriated money for a study for another possibility in downtown Clinton. They may make a presentation to you at a later date. Both types of libraries could theoretically work. We need a comfortable, safe space with plenty of parking with a focus on the inside and how services can be improved.

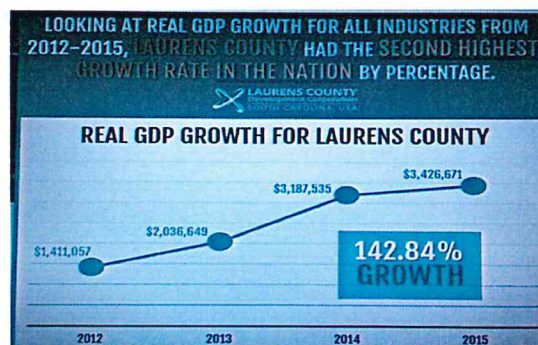
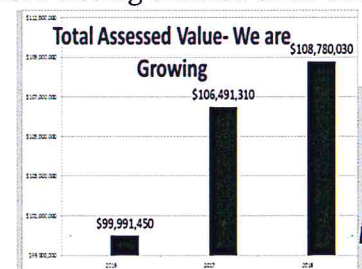
The Laurens Library is 30 years old this coming fall. Looking back at statistics, I did a rough estimate -- 2 million 4 hundred thousand visits to this library. I don't know of another building in the county - except maybe some schools -- that is thirty years old, has had over 2 million visits without a major remodel.

The major needs at the Laurens Library is the front entrance. The outside of the building still looks great. The door, even though we added an automatic opener, it is not friendly to wheelchairs, strollers, or walkers.

2,548 is the number of Laurens County residents who have active Greenville County Library Cards. Most all from the northern part of the County. Why are they going to Greenville County? Our staff is smarter and more friendly. Our books are just as good. They're going only because it's a nice building much closer than Laurens.

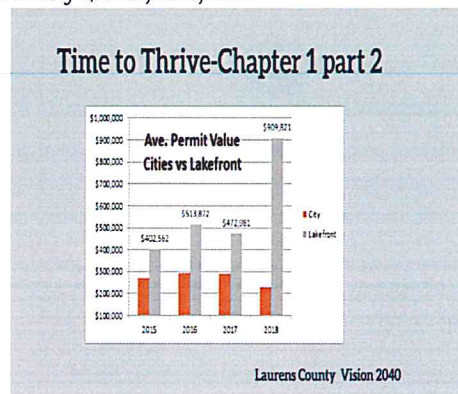
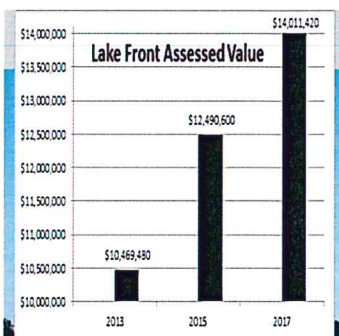
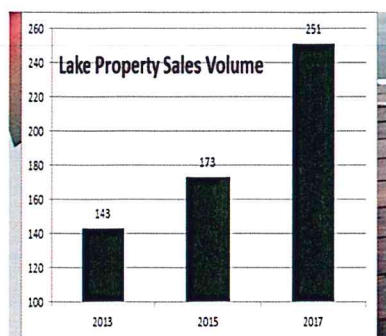
A library can be the next concrete block in building a successful economic center in the Gray Court/Hickory Tavern areas. We would like to be proactive and start looking at options for a Gray Court or Hickory Tavern branch.

VISION 2040 CHAPTER 2 - CAPITAL SALES TAX IDEA – Administrator Caime said, “We have survived and now it's time to thrive. The Laurens Glass Plant when opened in 1911 was just before closing because of no skilled work force. Now two (2) and three (3) generations have worked there. In 1930 during the Depression era, the Glass Plant expanded. It closed its doors in 1990. Many other plant closures have happened resulting in five thousand (5,000) jobs lost since 1995, one thousand eight hundred seventy five (1,875) textile related. Now, it is time to thrive. Since 2005, four thousand (4,000) jobs have been added with a one billion three hundred forty three million, twenty five hundred dollars (\$3,343,025,000) of announced investments”.



Stats introduced by Administrator Caime were as follows:

The majority of us eat our of county as well as shop out of county - Approximately \$153,208,451



Capital Sales Tax

Department of Revenue estimates - \$5,398,033 per year

In eight years it would generate - \$43,184,264

Administrator Caime explained that should County Council allow a one cent sales tax by referendum in 2020, the County Council would create a six member Commission with three from the County and three from the municipalities. State law, section 4-10-330 would provide for highways, roads, streets, bridges, public parking, courthouses, hospitals, fire stations and much more.

Vice Chairman Wood said, “This Council tried four times for the Local Option Sales Tax until it won with one hundred percent going back to the citizens. Council has for several years taken twenty nine percent of this. I did not vote for this and it is going to be hard to pass in Laurens County. Plus there is no sunset clause”. Administrator Caime replied that there would be a sunset clause as set by law. Vice Chairman Wood said, “I don’t disagree that this would do great things for Laurens County”.

Councilwoman Anderson stated, “This will not be just taken from the people here but everyone that buys here. All other County’s around us are doing it. I favor this and do want to explore the options”.

Councilman McDaniel said, “Any tax is too much tax. But this is a fair tax and visitors to Laurens County help. I too favor and want to explore options”.

Councilman Carroll said, “I agree a lot of projects could be implemented. This Council needs to put the options on the table and let the citizens give their opinions”.

Chairman Pitts said, “We do represent seventy thousand citizens plus and we as Council need to authorize for the next general election in 2020”.

UPDATE ON LAKE CONESTEE DAM, LAKE CONESTEE FOUNDATION – Mr. Dave Hargett, Executive Director of the Lake Conestee Foundation approached Council providing information on the current status of the lake and dam as follows:

STEPS TO ADDRESSING “THE LAKE THAT NO ONE WANTED”- LAKE CONESTEE

Conestee Foundation (501(c)(3)) was chartered as a Non Profit Organization in 1999 to be “Non-Responsible Party”. Acquired in September of 2000 with funds from the State’s Colonial Pipeline Settlement.

- Voluntary Cleanup Contract with SC DHEC – 2000



- Investigation of Contamination Conditions – 2000-2008
- Funding by U.S. EPA via TBA Program
- Collaboration with SCDHEC, Corps-Charleston District
- Risk Review w/ SCDHEC, ATSDR, & USEPA
- Restrictive Covenant - 2007
- Long-Term Care Plan – “Unfinished Business”

TYPES OF CONTAMINANTS DETECTED
(EXTENSIVELY AND WELL ABOVE SCREENING STANDARDS)

PAHs - Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons - Found in coal tar, coal oil, coal gas, creosote, road and roofing tar, asphalt, petroleum distillates.

PCBs - Polychlorinated Biphenyls - Used in electrical transformers and capacitors and in gas pipeline systems. The sale and new use of PCBs was banned in 1979.

Pesticides - Substances intended to kill or control pests such as weeds, insects, rodents, fungi, bacteria or other organisms.

Metals - Used in various industries including Textiles, Electroplating and Metal Finishing.

CONCLUSIONS FROM TBA INVESTIGATIONS 2000 - 2008

Extensive quantities of legacy chemicals exist in sediments of former Lake Conestee, exceeding screening criteria

Water quality only marginally impacted, by metals only. No threat to human health by limiting exposure
Site managed to minimize disturbance of sediment Ecological exposures to natural resources are significant and require monitoring

Dam functions as a waste containment structure and must be maintained to prevent contaminant releases

Lake Conestee is an “NPL-caliber” waste site requiring perpetual care

STATEMENT OF NEED

The 127-yr old Lake Conestee Dam is steadily disintegrating (Dams don’t last forever!)

Lake Conestee is filled with millions of tons of sediments contaminated with industrial toxins accumulated over a century

Not just a beautiful historic dam, but a waste containment structure

Failure of the dam would threaten downstream Reedy River, and Greenwood’s water supply, catastrophically impact natural resources, and affect hundreds of properties

Failure would endanger downstream mill structures and Conestee Road

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT LAKE CONESTEE DAM ?

Deterioration of stone masonry

Lake Conestee Dam is structurally unstable

Lake Conestee Dam is far below current design standards

Classified as Significant hazard due to contamination risk (potentially HIGH HAZARD)

Continuous unpermitted releases of toxic substances
Recent inspections by DHEC and private dam engineers confirms Lake Conestee Dam is in poor condition
This dam holds back millions of pounds of heavy metals, organic toxins, pesticides, & PCBs
Without action, Failure is Certain

2019 – WHAT HAS CONESTEE FOUNDATION DONE TO SUSTAIN THE DAM?

Acquired Lake Conestee and Lake Conestee Dam in 2000
Conestee Foundation is a Non-Responsible Party – VCC (2000-2007)
Dam was in failure in 2000 – Conestee Foundation fixed it in 2001

Partnered with DHEC, Corp of Engineers, NRCS, EPA and other agencies to assess Lake Conestee and improve Lake Conestee Dam

Engineering assessments in 2008, 2012 and 2019
Critical repairs in 2001 and 2011-2012
Annual maintenance, woody debris removal, vegetation control, and inspections
Conestee Foundation has spent \$500K on assessments, repairs, maintenance, safety, emergency planning

Have complied with regulatory requirements; But, Lake Conestee Dam is still 127-years old, and is disintegrating

CONSEQUENCES OF LAKE CONESTEE DAM FAILURE

Potential damage / closure of Conestee Road
Lake Conestee & Reedy River downstream for miles would likely be reclassified as Federal Superfund Site
Deposition of contaminated sediments to Boyd Mill Pond & Lake Greenwood
Threat & stigma over Greenwood / Laurens Water Supply
Extensive litigation
Fish, wildlife, and ongoing ecological damages
Impacts to recreation at Cedar Falls, Boyd Mill Pond, & Lake Greenwood
Economic development cloud over lower Reedy River Basin
Full remediation prohibitively expensive
Even with advance warning government will have failed to protect public interests

PRESENT ENGINEERING STUDY

Rigorous, independent, and objective engineering study

Engage an exceptionally qualified dam engineering firm – with an Objective of “Final Pre-Design Study for the Rehabilitation and/or Replacement of the Lake Conestee Dam”

Evaluate all viable alternatives

Lake Conestee Dam not just a hydrologic feature, but must be a highly reliable and robust waste containment structure

Design criteria, construction features, estimate of construction costs, and long-term care costs

Beyond standard-of-care solution to address dam safety, waste containment, DHEC, EPA, & Corps requirements

Identify “The Recommended Alternative” (i.e. *the solution* that will perform for 100+ years) Design / Regulatory Principles*

Unacceptable options - No Action – Not Allowed; No continuation of unpermitted releases - No Dam Removal, resulting in massive contaminant releases - No increase in 100-year flood elevation upstream - Compliance with Restrictive Covenant (2007) - Rehabilitation of Existing Dam – Not Possible due to leakage, age, and structural instability

Flood control is impossible due to hydraulics/hydrology conditions
Upstream Dam not viable – contaminated sediments, topography
New Dam is required – must be downstream • 100+ year design performance
Minimize leakage/seepage
Stable under conservative seismic & flow conditions
Structural integrity to safely allow passage of PMF event
Serviceable, secure, and optimally safe

CONSIDERATIONS FOR LAURENS & GREENWOOD COUNTIES

Rehabilitation / Replacement of the Lake Conestee Dam, is a major issue affecting the lower Reedy River basin all the way to Lake Greenwood

Particular risks to downstream interests including Laurens & Greenwood Counties

Concerns for Greenwood CPW, others dependent on Lake Greenwood for water supplies hundreds of downstream property owners could be affected

Failure of the Lake Conestee Dam would likely result in a watershed-scale Federal lead Superfund site, including Lake Conestee, and many miles of the Reedy

Conestee Foundation has done what no other entity would do, ownership, assessment, identified solution, develop support - all a 20+ year process

Conestee Foundation needs downstream partners (Laurens & Greenwood) to step up and help drive upstream partners and Responsible Parties to implement the solution (build a dam)

FINANCIAL REPORT – FISCAL YEAR MONTH 7 – FISCAL YEAR 2019 – Mrs. Kirk approached Council to offer any comments about the budget. Chairman Pitts asked to begin review with the revenues.

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REVENUE & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
01/01/2019 To 01/31/2019

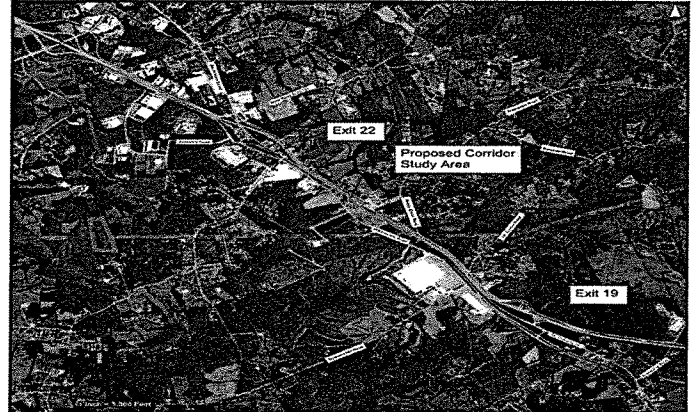
LAURENS COUNTY GOVERNMENT
FY 2018-2019

Account	Budget (\$)	Current Period (\$)	YTD (\$)	Remaining Balance (\$)	% Used	Prior Year Period (\$)	Prior Year YTD (\$)
110 General Fund							
Revenue							
110 General Fund							
311 General Property Taxes							
110-311-31110-31110 Current Real Property	7,399,700.00	4,052,062.76	6,290,776.96	1,108,923.04	85	2,924,883.88	5,931,790.82
110-311-31110-31111 LOST Credit - Real Property	1,700,000.00	842,151.88	1,362,262.56	337,737.44	80	636,620.08	1,584,801.78
110-311-31120-31120 Delinquent Real Property	400,000.00	3,054.93	171,688.83	228,311.17	43	2,548.04	189,626.49
110-311-31120-31121 Lost Credit - Delinquent	120,000.00	1,065.89	47,214.93	72,785.07	39	640.92	51,689.73
110-311-31130-31130 Vehicle	1,400,000.00	111,506.03	837,620.05	562,379.95	60	111,900.40	800,654.00
110-311-31130-31131 LOST Credit - Vehicle	300,000.00	20,980.10	163,135.52	136,864.48	54	24,264.40	170,657.24
110-311-31140-31140 FILOT	2,900,000.00	1,685,508.59	2,582,275.09	317,724.91	89	1,638,825.27	2,530,811.09
110-311-31140-31141 LOST Credit - FILOT	0.00	11,637.38	12,094.12	-12,094.12	0	0.00	0.00
110-311-31150-31151 Prior Year Refunds	-100,000.00	-4,906.54	-133,279.88	33,279.88	133	-2,708.24	-77,287.73
311 General Property Taxes Subtotal	\$14,119,700.00	\$6,723,061.02	\$11,333,788.18	\$2,785,911.82	80	\$5,336,974.75	\$11,182,543.42
313 Reserve Millage							
110-313-31160-31160 6 Mill Reserve	1,035,000.00	619,561.30	1,044,660.90	-9,660.90	101	491,531.03	1,031,413.88
313 Reserve Millage Subtotal	\$1,035,000.00	\$619,561.30	\$1,044,660.90	-\$9,660.90	101	\$491,531.03	\$1,031,413.88
314 Local Option Sales Taxes							
110-314-31300-31301 Local Option - 29% Operations	840,000.00	72,140.59	361,843.30	478,156.70	43	135,598.50	399,507.07
314 Local Option Sales Taxes Subtotal	\$840,000.00	\$72,140.59	\$361,843.30	\$478,156.70	43	\$135,598.50	\$399,507.07
320 License & Permits							
110-320-32100-32110 Utility Franchise Fee	210,000.00	50,356.89	101,026.93	108,973.07	48	48,414.37	53,193.50
110-320-32200-32210 Building Permits	300,000.00	21,349.95	184,274.98	115,725.02	61	23,406.99	172,821.67
110-320-32200-32211 Mobile Home License (Sticker)	2,000.00	0.00	140.00	1,860.00	7	75.00	465.00
110-320-32200-32212 Mobile Home Permit - Inspect	60,000.00	7,145.00	41,634.00	18,366.00	69	7,875.00	38,455.00
320 License & Permits Subtotal	\$572,000.00	\$78,851.84	\$327,075.91	\$244,924.09	57	\$79,771.36	\$264,935.17
330 Intergovernmental Revenue							
110-330-33200-34115 Federal Funds - Vehicle DOA	12,000.00	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	0	0.00	0.00
330 Intergovernmental Revenue Subtotal	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00

Account	Budget (\$)	Current Period (\$)	YTD (\$)	Remaining Balance (\$)	% Used	Prior Year Period (\$)	Prior Year YTD (\$)
110-330-33500-33511 Accommodations Taxes	90,000.00	0.00	11,395.73	78,604.27	13	0.00	13,223.92
110-330-33500-33515 DSS Reimbursement	60,000.00	0.00	-20,405.64	80,405.64	-34	0.00	0.00
110-330-33500-33517 Environmental Control Penalty	20,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	19,000.00	5	0.00	0.00
110-330-33500-33519 Local Government Fund	2,633,655.00	0.00	640,862.36	1,992,792.64	24	640,862.36	1,281,724.72
110-330-33500-33521 Merchants Inventory Exemption	41,000.00	12,293.91	36,881.73	4,118.27	90	0.00	24,587.81
110-330-33500-33523 Registration Board	60,000.00	2,625.00	42,099.03	17,900.97	70	0.00	5,777.76
110-330-33500-33524 Salary Supplements	45,000.00	0.00	1,576.00	43,424.00	4	1,576.00	1,576.00
110-330-33500-33525 Veterans Services Officer	46,500.00	1,342.69	2,685.38	43,814.62	6	1,342.69	2,685.38
110-330-33502-33512 Child Support - Clerk Unit Cost	150,000.00	15,344.96	125,637.74	24,362.26	84	47,168.36	134,815.18
110-330-33502-33514 COC - Incentive Fund	12,000.00	1,073.91	34,322.18	-22,322.18	286	1,073.91	6,495.28
110-330-33505-33531 E911 State Reimbursement	145,000.00	0.00	0.00	145,000.00	0	0.00	-3,687.00
110-330-33800-33810 1% Received	40,000.00	2,858.55	2,889.50	37,110.50	7	9,217.18	10,527.32
110-330-33800-33811 Laurens & Clinton PD for Comm	71,400.00	5,950.50	23,802.00	47,598.00	33	5,950.50	23,802.00
110-330-33800-33813 Laurens/Clinton/Cross Hill - Magist	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0	0.00	625.00
110-330-33800-33814 Coop Capital Credit Distribution	5,300.00	0.00	5,357.99	-57.99	101	0.00	5,236.17
110-330-33800-33815 Inmate Housing - Newberry County	0.00	26,950.00	148,400.00	-148,400.00	0	0.00	0.00
110-330-33800-33817 Municipal Inmate Housing	1,500.00	0.00	2,940.00	-1,440.00	196	0.00	770.00
110-330-34202-34221 CMRS Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	50,842.93	-50,842.93	0	0.00	50,699.90
110-330-42022-33113 DOJ - Vests Grant	0.00	2,105.00	2,105.00	-2,105.00	0	0.00	0.00
110-330-42200-33603 LEMPG Grant	60,512.00	6,579.17	15,165.74	45,346.26	25	0.00	6,938.50
330 Intergovernmental Revenue Subtotal	\$3,496,367.00	\$77,123.69	\$1,127,657.67	\$2,368,809.33	32	\$707,191.00	\$1,565,797.94

OLD BUSINESS:

I-385 CORRIDOR STUDY PARTNERSHIP – Mr. Jonathon Coleman, Director of the Laurens County Development Corporation, approached Council stating that he is requesting funds to conduct a I-385 Corridor Study along Old Laurens Road and Highway #14 between Exit #22 and Exist #19. Mr. Coleman said, “The roads are bad and we need a study of the area. This would be a fifty-fifty (50/50) split between the County and the Laurens County Development Corporation”.



Councilman Jones asked how much was presently in the fund. Administrator Caime replied that he did not know the exact amount but did think it was in the six figures.

Vice Chairman Wood asked why was the request a fifty-fifty (50/50) split between the County and the Laurens County Development Corporation? Chairman Pitts replied that this was a request from the Laurens County Development Corporation. Vice Chairman Wood commented that we already give them three hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$360,000) a year.

COUNCILMAN CARROLL made the MOTION to approve the request of funds with COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDDING for further discussion.

Vice Chairman Wood said, “I feel this to be a waste of money that does not need to be spent on this study”. Councilman Carroll replied that he constantly gets call from those that live in that area.

Councilman Younts said, “Doesn’t the Department of Transportation have people that can do this and not cost the County?” Mr. Coleman replied that they had asked and they won’t do it.

Councilman Younts asked if construction would be followed up once the study is done? Mr. Coleman replied that they will use it to go to the Department of Transportation to discuss.

Councilman Jones said, “There are major economic and logistical issues here. This is much more in-depth than traffic counts. This will help with the growth coming in in this area”

COUNCIL VOTED 5-2 (Council Members Younts and Wood were in opposition).

The following are excerpts from the documents provided.

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 26, 2019
LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Thomas & Hutton shall perform engineering services for the preparation of a proposed Corridor Study along Old Laurens Road and South Carolina Highway 14 between Exit 22 and Exit 19 along I-385, near Gray Court, in Laurens County, South Carolina.

1. **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

A. **General Study/Report Phases**

1. **Data Collection**

Peak hour traffic counts (morning and afternoon) will be obtained at up to 10 intersections; 24-hour bidirectional tube counts will be obtained at up to 3 locations. We will also gather background information on the area, surrounding roadway network, planned roadway improvements, other recent studies, and potential traffic growth.

2. **Access Land Use Plan on Corridor**

Using procedures from the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Trip Generation, 9th Edition, traffic generated by the proposed land use plan (to be provided by Thomas & Hutton and approved Laurens County Development Corporation) will be estimated. Trips will be estimated for up to three interim Phases of development as agreed upon with the Owner. Design volumes for each phase will be estimated.

Capacity analyses will be performed for each intersection for each of the three phases. Analyses will consider delays, queue lengths, lane requirements, and potential signal locations. Based on the anticipated volumes in each phase, impacts to the intersections and roadway will be quantified and determinations will be made regarding the need for improvements.

As this area grows, it is also important to continue to account for future planning, regarding safe access to the interstate, including improvements along Old Laurens Road and South Carolina Highway 14, for ensuring safe transport from industrial sites to the interstate. As the Town of Gray Court and its surrounding areas continue to grow, urban areas will begin to intermingle with the existing industrial corridor area. As that progresses, the importance of implementing safety measures and mobility options for freight traffic, auto traffic, and pedestrians will be imperative. The goal is to enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system in this area for people and freight, through effective system management and operation. To that end, LCDC is proposing to prepare a Corridor Study, that will be prepared in accordance with South Carolina Department of Transportation guidelines, that will address major intersections and development entry points along Old Laurens Road and South Carolina Highway 14 between Exit 22 and Exit 19 along I-385, and the recommended improvements that will be required to meet those goals.

Based on the above information, an access plan will be prepared in accordance with SCDOT access management guidelines.

3. **Analysis and Report**

A draft summary report will be prepared to recommend intersection and roadway configurations and outline the expected operational conditions along the corridor, including existing or new interchange recommendations. The report will contain typical roadway sections and proposed improvements for each of the three phases of development analyzed above. Cost for the improvements will be included in the summary report as well for each of the alternatives. The report will be submitted to LCDC and County for review and comment. Comments will be addressed and the final report submitted to LCDC and County.

The traffic analysis portion of the project will be completed based on a lump sum fee for the scenarios described above. If the Owner requests additional scenarios or development plans be reviewed after the analysis has been initiated these reviews can be completed as an additional service. Meetings and coordination phase are included in the Lump Sum up to 3 meetings, kickoff meeting, one progress meeting, summary meeting.

The exhibits associated with the traffic analysis and others may be associated with development layouts for properties along the corridor. Estimated construction costs for roadway improvements will be included with the exhibits prepared as a part of this phase.

B. **Exclusions**

Items not included in the scope of services are as follows:

- Archaeological survey and report
- Wetland delineation, surveys, or permits
- Geotechnical investigation or report
- Phase One or Phase Two Environmental Assessments
- Endangered species survey and report
- Telephones, cable television, gas, and power distribution systems
- Off-site work unless specifically covered in the scope of services
- Approvals or permits other than those related to the scope of work covered by this contract
- Act as an expert witness for legal activities
- South Carolina Department of Transportation permits or approvals
- Construction management or administration
- Preparation of contract documents

These items can be coordinated or provided, if requested by the Client in writing.

PERIODS OF SERVICE

After receipt of a written notice to proceed from the Client, Consultant will commence and complete work upon a mutually agreed upon schedule between Client and Consultant.

Roads Project: I-385 Corridor Study:

There is a process by which road projects are funded. The first step is to have preliminary engineering studies conducted to quantify the projects needs (scope), costs, phases, and net impacts. Ideally we would have a comprehensive plan addressing all our local transportation needs where we have already conducted those studies and prioritized our needs locally in Laurens County. I can find no such planning here.

Those preliminary engineering studies are used to plug projects into a comprehensive plan for the funding agencies. Those agencies then have to prioritize regional needs to determine the priorities of all the projects in the region. As funding for construction is available the priorities are then addressed. This is a long term effort taking many years to actually get from conception of project to actual construction.

Without this corridor study and without other long range plans we will not be able to push for funding of millions of dollars in investment in Laurens County. Without a corridor study and preliminary cost estimates (as well as phasing options) will have a hard time getting Federal and State funding for roads. This corridor study must be addressed. With the completion of this corridor study, we will have projects we can then push through for funding.

We will partner with the LCDC to fund this project with the County's portion coming from the newly created (FY18) FILOT special projects fund (fund 156). Fund 156 was established from FILOT revenues so that the Council can invest in projects that promote economic activity.

Compensation Breakdown	Fee Structure	Fee or Time & Expense Budget
Data Collection:	Lump Sum	\$ 11,500.00
Access Land Use Plan on Corridor:	Lump Sum	\$ 15,500.00
Analysis and Report:	Lump Sum	\$ 42,500.00
Additional Services:	Time & Expense – See Consulting Services Rate Sheet	

RESOLUTION #2019-05 – APPROVAL OF BOND ANTICIPATION – Attorney Cruickshanks stated that this Resolution allows for the recovery of funds for project related expenditures from the general fund.

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

PUBLIC HEARING, ORDINANCE #858 - MCIP AMENDMENT FOR BDS TECHNOLOGIES - Chairman Pitts opened the public hearing at 7:08 P.M. With no one wishing to address Ordinance #858, Chairman Pitts closed the public hearing at 7:09 P.M.

THIRD READING, ORDINANCE #858 - MCIP AMENDMENT FOR BDS TECHNOLOGIES – COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL made the MOTION to approve Ordinance #858 upon third reading with COUNCILMAN JONES SECONDING; VOTE 7-0.

SECOND READING, ORDINANCE #860 - PROJECT X – Attorney Cruickshanks noted that this was a twenty million dollar (\$20,000,000.00) project.

COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION to approve Ordinance #860 upon second reading with COUNCILMAN CARROLL SECONDING; VOTE 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING, JDA BOND FOR MUFFIN MAM INCORPORATED - Chairman Pitts opened the public hearing at 7:10 P.M. With no one wishing to address the public hearing, Chairman Pitts closed the public hearing at 7:11 P.M.

RESOLUTION #2019-04 - MUFFIN MAM INCORPORATED, SUPPORT RESOLUTION - COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON made the MOTION to approve Resolution #2019-04 with COUNCILMAN JONES SECONDING; VOTE 7-0.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE #861 - PROJECT NEEDLE PUNCH - Attorney Cruickshanks noted that this was a twelve million dollar (\$12,000,000.00) expansion with twenty five (25) new jobs for an existing industry.

COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION to approve Ordinance #860 upon second reading with COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDING; VOTE 7-0.

APPOINTMENT - LAURENS COUNTY DISABILITY AND SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD – COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION to reappointments to the following to the Disability and Special Needs Board approve the following re-appointments to the Disability and Special Needs Board: Joyce Rambo, Peter Littlefield. And, the new appointment of Lisa Nicole Firmin in the At-Large position. COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDING; VOTE 7-0.

There was much confusion as to the reappointment of Ms. Tiller; she finally decided to not request reappointment due to conflicts with meeting times.

NOMINATION APPROVAL - LAURENS COUNTY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM BOARD - Councilman McDaniel informed Council that the County Council Committee had met prior to the Council meeting and as a MOTION and a SECOND, the Committee submits the following for re-appointment: Randy E. Garrett and Tommy Johnson. COUNCIL VOTED 7-0.

APPOINTMENT – LAURENS COUNTY GATEWAY - COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON made the MOTION to approve the following re-appointments to the Gateway Board: Terry Grubbs, Jimmy Garrett and Keri Hanselman. And, the new appointment of Oscar Tribble. COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 7-0.

RE – APPOINTMENTS – LAURENS COUNTY LIBRARY – COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION to approve the following re-appointments to the Library Board: John W. Womack, MD; Ms. Velma Austin and Mrs. Rose A. Blackstone. COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 7-0.

In another matter, Councilwoman Anderson asked about the C-Fund Committee and its current functioning. Attorney Cruickshanks noted that it was appointed by the County Delegation.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Chairman Pitts called for public comments. No one had requested to address Council.

COUNTY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- 1.) Councilman Jones requested that Boyds Mill be one of the focus points for clean-up during the scheduled March County Clean-up Day.
- 2.) Chairman Pitts recognized Amanda Munyan, Director of the Chamber of Commerce, for the recent Chamber Banquet.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION to move into executive session at 7:21 P.M. to discuss: a.) Employment Matter - Finance Department and b.) Legal Briefing - Colonial Pipeline, COUNCILMAN CARROLL SECONDING; VOTE 7-0.

Chairman Pitts declared a five (5) minute break.

Council went into Executive Session at 7:30 P.M.

There was a COUNCIL CONSENSUS to reconvene in open session at 8:00 P.M.

Chairman Pitts reported:

- a.) Employment Matter - Finance Department – No action taken.
- b.) Legal Briefing - Colonial Pipeline – COUNCILMAN CARROLL made the MOTION to allow the County Attorney to offer the engagement letter with the Parker Poe Law Firm in Columbia for the legal issues. COUNCILMAN JONES SECONDING; VOTE 7-0.

Chairman Pitts assigned the new members of the Budget and Finance Committee the task of continuing with the remaining two (2) reviews of the Compensation Plan.

ADJOURNMENT – There was a COUNCIL CONSENSUS to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 P.M

Respectfully Submitted,



Betty C. Walsh
Laurens County Clerk to Council