



MINUTES
JUNE 11, 2019
LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE

ATTENDING COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS – Chairman David Pitts and Vice Chairman Joe Wood; Council Members Diane Anderson, Jeff Carroll, Garrett McDaniel and Kemp Younts.

ABSENT COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS – District #4, Stewart Jones (Elected to South Carolina House).

ATTENDING ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF – County Administrator Jon Caime, Betty Walsh, Clerk to Council and County Attorney Sandy Cruickshanks.

ABSENT ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF - None

ATTENDING DEPARTMENT HEADS - Laurens County Finance Director, Lisa Kirk; Billy Wilson, Superintendent Laurens County Vehicle Maintenance / Procurement; Chuck Bobo, Codes Enforcement Official; Andy Howard, Director of Laurens County Parks, Recreation and Tourism; Tim Stoddard, Supervisor, Laurens County Roads and Bridges; Nick Nickels, Coroner and Geoffrey Brown, Director, Laurens County Litter Humane.

INVITED GUESTS – Family of Andy Howard – Kristen (wife) and twins – Abigail and Caleb.

ATTENDING PRESS – Laurens County WLBG Radio, Iva Cadmus; *The Laurens County Advertiser*, John Clayton and Vic McDanald, *The Clinton Chronicle*.

AGENDA ITEMS – JUNE 11, 2019 – 1.) Call to Order – Chairman Pitts; 2.) Invocation, Councilman Younce; 3.) Pledge of Allegiance; 4.) Approval of Agenda – June 11, 2019; 5.) Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings; May 28, 2019 – Regular Session and June 4, 2019 – Budget Session #4; 6.) Reports To Council: a.) Update - Inspections and Code Enforcement; b.) Review – Re-Establishment of Greenville / Laurens County lines – County Attorney; 6.) Old Business: a.) Self Funding Plan for Solid Waste Transfer and Capital; b.) Award Transfer Station; c.) Approval for Solid Waste Transfer Station Rolling Capital Equipment Purchases; d.) Lease / Purchase - Fire Equipment Bid Award; 7.) New Business: a.) Memorandum of Understanding - Upper Savannah COG, Workforce Development; b.) Oath of Office Litter Humane Officer, Nicole Morin; c.) Coroner Office Vehicle Purchase with 2019 Lease/Purchase; 7.) Public Comment; 8.) County Council Comments; 9.) Executive Session – none; 10.) Adjournment.

MEETING NOTIFICATION – The requesting general public, department heads and Press were informed of the meeting in a timely manner. Postings of the initial Agenda and the Amended 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 invocation provided by Councilman Younts.

Chairman Pitts informed all that a new tradition is beginning tonight in honor of our veterans. At each meeting, a designated Veteran from Laurens County will be leading all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Honored – Andy D. Howard, Laurens County Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director – Mr. Howard served on active duty in the United States Marine Corps From December 1996 to December 2004. while in the Marine Corps he served on the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit and the 26 Marine Expeditionary Unit. He Was a member of the 2nd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion Stationed at Cherry Point North Carolina. Most of his time was spent abroad on various deployments including various Peace keeping missions. His last duty was Recruiting duty where he was assigned to Marine Corps Recruiting Station Columbia and his primary area was recruiting substation Spartanburg. He was honorably discharged at the rank of Sergeant. He has a Bachelors of Science in Parks & Recreation with an emphasis on Tourism. He came to work for the County in April 2008.

On September 11, 2001 Andy was in Greece. His unit was deployed immediately to respond to the attacks on America while on his last Marine Expeditionary Unit Special Operations Capable.

Mr. Carey Bolt, Veterans Officer, said, “As Chairman Pitts noted, this is to become a new tradition for Council, inviting Laurens County Veterans to attend the Council meetings and to lead all in the Pledge of Allegiance. I have with me tonight forms that can be obtained at the VA Office to informally nominate someone to participate. I think that we should start with World War II Veterans”.

Chairman Pitts noted that this is a small way to acknowledge and honor our Veterans in Laurens County.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – JUNE 11, 2019 – Chairman Pitts asked for approval of the amended agenda with any additions to or deletions.

COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON made the MOTION to approve the June 11, 2019 regular session agenda with the deletion of agenda item 8/c concerning the lease purchase of a vehicle for the Coroners. The MOTION DIED due to the lack of a second.

Councilwoman Anderson said, “I believe this to be a budget item and it should be discussed as such. It is a capital item and should be added to the agenda with the other capital items in budget discussions. Keeping it in that sequence maintains creditability as such”.

VICE CHAIRMAN WOOD made the MOTION to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of a Resolution for Employee Appreciation Week. COUNCILMAN CARROLL SECONDDING; VOTE 4-0-1 (Councilwoman Anderson abstained).

As a MOTION Chairman Pitts asked for the addition to the agenda for a Resolution acknowledging the week of June 24th thru 28th as Employee Appreciation Week. VICE CHAIRMAN WOOD SECONDDING; VOTE – 5-0.

VICE CHAIRMAN WOOD made the MOTION to approve the agenda with the addition. COUNCILMAN CARROLL SECONDDING: VOTE 4-01 (Councilwoman Anderson abstained).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Chairman Pitts asked for the approval of the following minutes:

- a.) May 28, 2019 – Regular Session – COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON made the MOTION to approve with COUNCILMAN CARROLL SECONDDING; VOTE 5-0.
- b.) June 4, 2019 – Budget Session #4 - VICE CHAIRMAN WOOD made the MOTION to approve with COUNCILMAN CARROLL SECONDDING; VOTE 5-0.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

UPDATE - INSPECTIONS AND CODE ENFORCEMENT – Codes Official, Chuck Bobo reviewed with Council the following information regarding permits and the demolition program within Laurens County. Mr. Bobo also introduced two (2) employees from his office – Joey Meadows and Madge Byrd.

Issued Permits Laurens County

07/01/2018 - 06/04/2019

	Permits Issued	Valuation	Fees Paid
Commercial Alteration	8	\$724,745.00	\$10,522.01
Commercial Addition	23	\$3,582,718.62	\$17,826.28
Commercial Alteration	1		\$206.00
Demolition Permit - Commercial	32	\$4,307,463.62	\$28,554.29
Subtotals:			
Commercial New	Permits Issued	Valuation	Fees Paid
Accessory Structure - Commercial	3	\$64,740.00	\$520.00
New Commercial	26	\$11,404,815.39	\$62,783.81
Commercial Shell Permit	2	\$823,000.00	\$5,263.33
Site Grading	4	\$1,400,100.00	\$1,363.00
Subtotals:	35	\$13,692,655.39	\$69,930.14
Commercial One Stop	Permits Issued	Valuation	Fees Paid
Electrical - Alteration Commercial Permit	4	\$23,200.00	\$314.15
Occupancy Permit	5	\$225.00	\$475.00
Electrical - Miscellaneous	11	\$194,673.00	\$1,442.67
Electrical - New Commercial Permit	8	\$93,000.00	\$807.61
Mechanical - Commercial Permit	8	\$74,248.00	\$747.05
Miscellaneous - Commercial	5	\$14,350.00	\$336.15
Subtotals:	41	\$399,696.00	\$4,122.63
One Stop	Permits Issued	Valuation	Fees Paid
Mobile Home Moving	71	\$110,975.00	\$1,778.00
Re-Roof EPDM/TPO- Permit	4	\$603,003.00	\$2,061.70
Replacement Windows/Doors	20	\$92,819.33	\$1,453.55
Re-Roof Asphalt	126	\$883,036.76	\$10,521.50
Sign Permit	1	\$8,000.00	\$131.31
Subtotals:	222	\$1,697,834.09	\$15,946.06
Other	Permits Issued	Valuation	Fees Paid
Code Enforcement - Dumpster	4	\$550.00	\$50.00
Code Enforcement - Exterior Premises	2	\$0.00	\$0.00
Code Enforcement - Meth Lab Clean Up	2	\$100.00	\$200.00
Subtotals:	8	\$650.00	\$250.00
Planning	Permits Issued	Valuation	Fees Paid
Special Events Permit	1		\$75.00
Subtotals:	1		\$75.00
Residential Alteration	Permits Issued	Valuation	Fees Paid
Demolition Permit - Residential	10	\$4,400.00	\$500.00
Residential Addition	31	\$793,341.47	\$7,335.05
Residential Alteration	89	\$1,349,496.27	\$14,151.89
Carport/Patio Cover Permit	1	\$3,231.00	\$65.00
Subtotals:	131	\$2,150,468.74	\$22,051.94
Residential New	Permits Issued	Valuation	Fees Paid
Accessory Structure - Residential	69	\$1,684,782.58	\$13,728.34
Pool/Hot Tub Permit	10	\$487,975.25	\$2,816.57
Agricultural Permit - Residential	12	\$439,252.00	\$1,946.15
Agricultural Permit <5 acres-Residential	6	\$134,110.00	\$346.50
Deck/Patio Permit	6	\$107,759.00	\$836.20
New Residential Building	7	\$411,186.00	\$2,608.60
Single Family Dwelling	128	\$18,237,348.63	\$102,612.09
Solar Groundmount - Residential	7	\$212,577.75	\$1,814.00
Solar Roof Installation - Residential	13	\$257,231.70	\$3,084.75
Subtotals:	258	\$21,972,222.91	\$129,793.20
Residential One Stop	Permits Issued	Valuation	Fees Paid
Camper Decal Permit	22	\$120,950.00	\$911.50
Electrical - Miscellaneous	230	\$140,383.00	\$12,021.40
Electrical - New Residential Permit	17	\$13,380.00	\$1,071.45
Mechanical - Residential Permit	63	\$312,066.50	\$4,648.60
Mobile Home Change of Ownership	183	\$1,802,563.45	\$10,520.40
Mobile Home Disposal	15	\$3,675.00	\$750.75
Mobile Home License Permit Only	1		\$0.00
Mobile Home Replacement Decal	4	\$870.00	\$81.50
Mobile Home Set-up Permit - Existing	75	\$608,319.00	\$18,845.00
Mobile Home Set-up Permit - New	91	\$6,903,881.36	\$32,337.75
Plumbing - Residential Permit	4	\$6,650.00	\$236.95
Electrical - Alteration Residential Permit	35	\$34,167.88	\$2,067.20
Gas Permit - Residential	21	\$24,947.00	\$1,142.10

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Miscellaneous - Residential	11	\$70,802.00	\$1,450.55
Mobile Home De-Title	92	\$308,075.23	\$6,906.00
Moving a Structure	17	\$75.00	\$425.75
Subtotals:	881	\$10,350,805.42	\$93,416.90
Totals:	1609	\$54,571,796.17	\$364,140.16

add projected June fees \$27,000 \$391,140.16
add \$23,490 for pending fee for Muffin Mam \$414,630.16

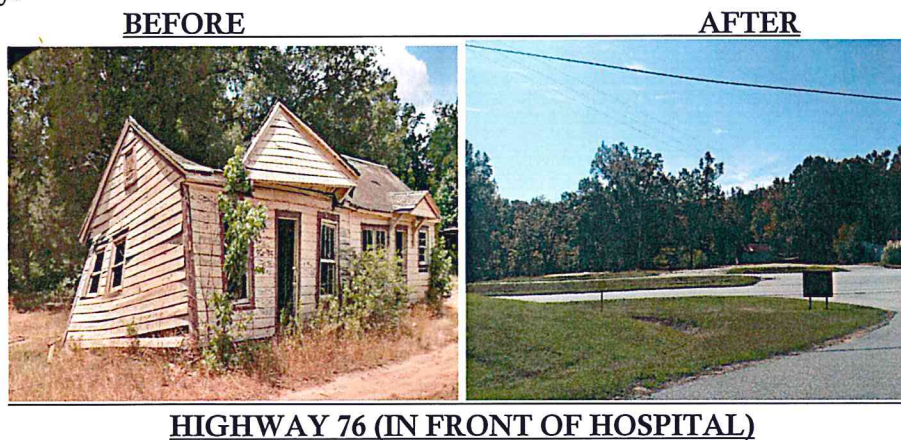
Total fees collected from City of Laurens permits \$58,219.00

2018 \$365,524.00
2017 \$297,000.00

Fees peaked in 2005 \$384,025.00

Code Enforcement	
New cases 2019	78
New cases 2018	88
New cases 2017	79
Dilapidated homes demolished	10
Dilapidated Commercial structures demolished	3
Dilapidated Mobile Homes demolished	11

Mr. Bobo also provided a visual concept of the progress towards the demolition / clean up process within the County.



BEFORE



AFTER



HIGHWAY #14 – GRAY COURT (NEXT TO GENERAL DOLLAR STORE)

BEFORE



AFTER



JOANNA MILL - 2016

BEFORE



AFTER



LUCAS AVENUE (BETWEEN FORD SCHOOL AND P&T HARDWARE)

BEFORE

AFTER



HAPPY VALLEY ROAD (DURBIN ROAD AREA)

BEFORE

AFTER



RELAX STREET

BEFORE

AFTER



SOUTH MAIN STREET – FOUNTAIN INN

BEFORE



AFTER



SALUDA RIVER TRUCK STOP (ACROSS FROM LEE’S BBQ)

BEFORE



AFTER



BEFORE



AFTER



JOANNA COMMUNITY BUILDING

NEXT PROJECT



ORA - OLD SCHOOL HOUSE / COMMUNITY HOUSE

REVIEW – RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF GREENVILLE / LAURENS COUNTY LINES – Mr.

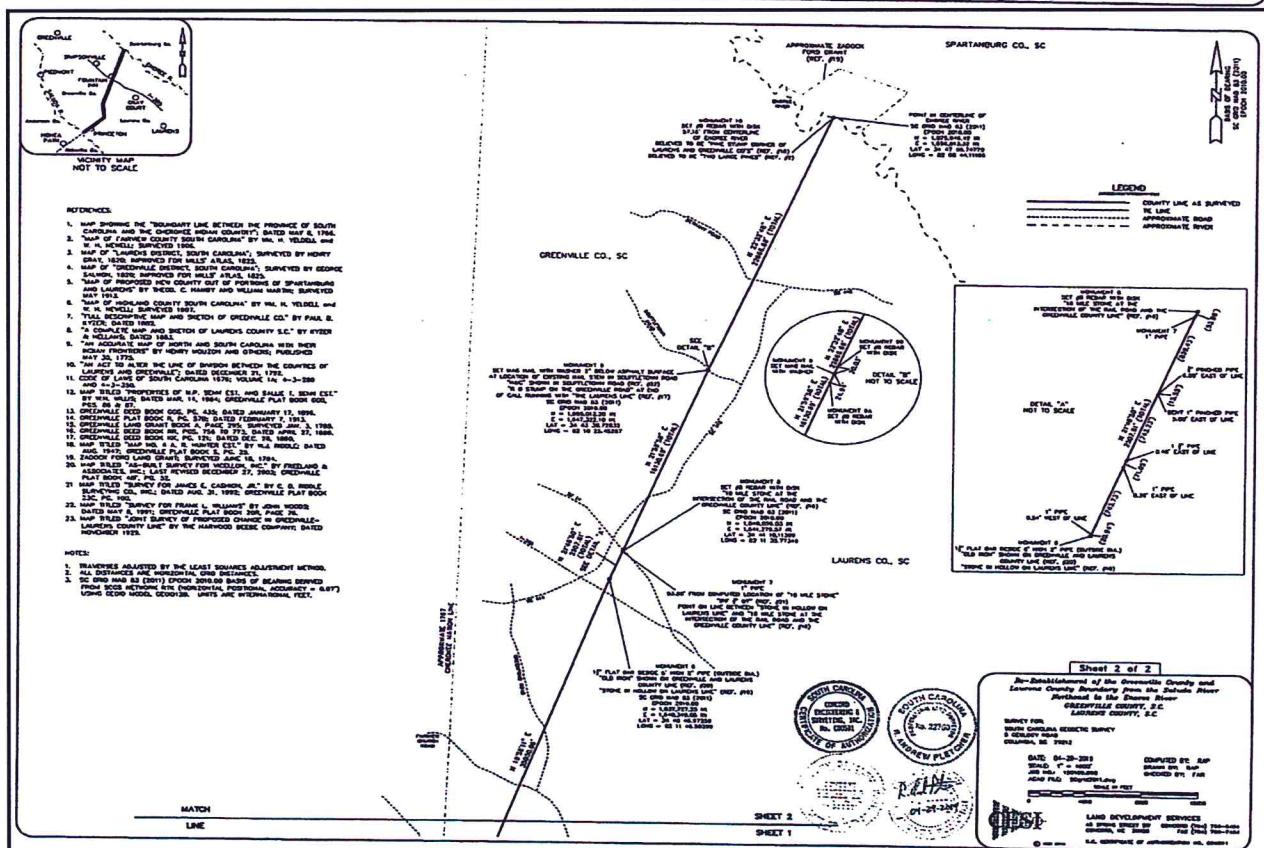
Cruickshanks said, “The South Carolina Geodetic Survey was implemented by the South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office to re-establish County boundaries within South Carolina. Part of this survey included the Greenville and Laurens County boundary lines. This Council has sixty (60) days to appeal the changes. I think this to actually be a fair swap as we actually loose land but gain residential areas. Changes will affect the voting districts and schools. What has happened is that over the years, developers have moved the lines around. yThis is provided to Council for consideration and discussion”.

There was a COUNCIL CONSENSUS (5-0) to take it as information tonight and to discuss in more detail at the next meeting of Council.

SECTION 4-3-350. Laurens County.

Laurens County is bounded as follows: on the southwest by the Saluda River by which it is separated from Abbeville and Greenwood Counties; on the northwest by Greenville County from which it is divided by a line commencing at the mouth of Line Creek, where it enters the Saluda River, and running 5 miles and 45 chains to a water oak, marked "L. G." on the Reedy River; thence N. 4° W. 3 miles and 45 chains to a point; thence N. 17° E. 11 miles and 60 chains, to the ford on Enoree River opposite Zadock's Ford; on the northeast by the Enoree River which separates it from Spartanburg and Union Counties; on the southeast by Newberry County from which it is divided by the old road leading from Odel's Ford on the Enoree River, to Island Ford on the Saluda River.

HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 14-80; 1952 Code Section 14-80; 1942 Code Section 3005; 1932 Code Section 3005; Civ. C. '22 Section 697; Civ. C. '12 Section 615; Civ. C. '02 Section 555; G. S. 424; R. S. 483; (4) 661; (5) 220, 545; 1898 (22) 897.

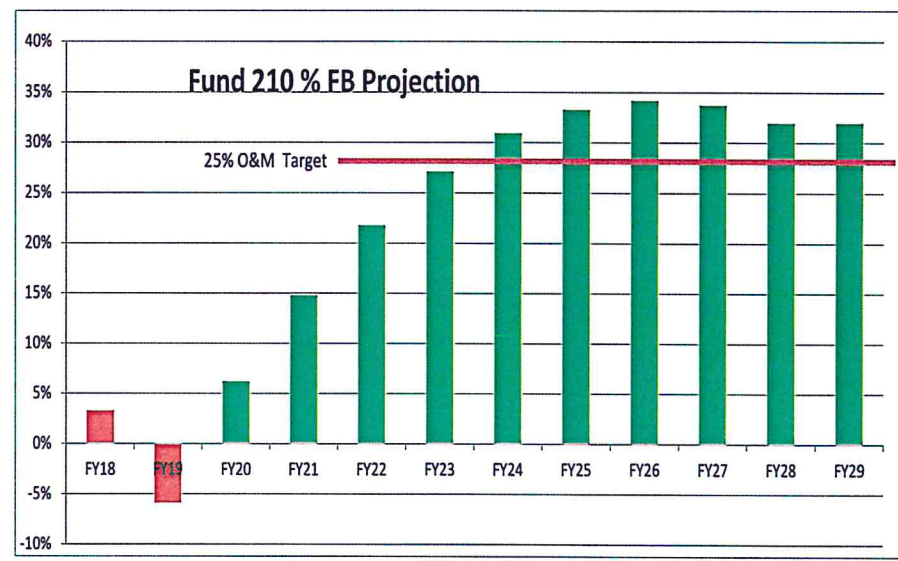


OLD BUSINESS:

SELF FUNDING PLAN FOR SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION AND CAPITAL EQUIPMENT -

Jon Caime, County Administrator provided Council with an overview of the plan and how it would work by saying, “Due to the conditions put upon us by Republic, we now have to build our own transfer station and purchase necessary equipment. The City of Laurens is now using Waste Management and the City of Clinton is transporting their own to Twin Chimneys. In the process of owning and operating our own transfer station, we will not need to increase the household fee as thought. I feel that we need to consider borrowing from ourselves from the general fund with payments coming from the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund. This avoids paying the high interest rates to the loan companies but, allows a 2.4% interest on the funds from the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund to the County General Fund. There will be sufficient revenue coming in for Solid Waste too cover this debt. Once we close out the fiscal year, we will have a better picture”.

The following chart shows a growth in the fund balance using this payment plan over a five year payback on the equipment and ten years on the station.



VICE CHAIRMAN WOOD made the MOTION to approve the self funding loan up to \$1,375,000 for the structure and \$500,000 for equipment from the County General Fund for the Solid Waste Departments Enterprise Fund with an interest rate of 2.4%. COUNCILMAN YOUNTS SECONDING for discussion.

Chairman Pitts said, “A part of me does not see charging ourselves interest if we have the money. I understand the concept. But, it is less interest rate than what would get from a third party vendor; yes”.

Councilwoman Anderson asked for clarification / confirmation that, we will loan the money from the general fund with the Solid Waste Enterprise fund repaying the general fund over a number of years with the 2.4% interest. Administrator Caime confirmed.

Councilman Carroll questioned the amount in the present fund balance. Administrator Caime replied that there was approximately \$6.3 million and I anticipate the fund balance to grow again once we close out this fiscal year.

Solid Waste Director Chris Gurga said, “This is a great step for Laurens County towards handling solid waste for years to come”.

Council VOTED 5-0.

AWARDING OF BID FOR TRANSFER STATION – Mr. Wilson, Procurement Officer said, “The bidding process included advertising and sending out six (6) bid packages to known Contractors. We only received three (3) back. I request Council approval for Sossman Construction of Gaffney with the bid of one million three hundred seventy five thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,375,500)”.

BID TABULATION SHEET

ITEM: Laurens County Transfer Station

DATE: 5-21-19

TIME: 10:00 AM

	NAME	ADDRESS	BID AMOUNT
1.)	BWC	PO Box 65, Gaffney SC 29342	\$1,496,528.00 Unit Cost Concrete \$5.50/sq ft Unit Cost Gravel \$1/sq ft
2.)	Sossaman	510 Old Post Rd, Gaffney SC 29341	\$1,375,500.00 Unit Cost Concrete \$ 7.65/sq ft Unit Cost Gravel \$ 38.40/ton
3.)	Solid Structures	PO Box 3078, West Columbia, SC 29171-3078	\$2,430,154.00 Unit Cost Concrete \$9.36/sq ft Unit Cost Gravel \$46.04/ton

Vice Chairman Wood questioned the actual design of the facility. Mr. Wilson replied that it was a design build and that we had looked at others in the area for ideas. This also includes office space and storage.

Vice Chairman Wood stated that the Council needs to see the design and stats before awarding the bid. Administrator Caime stated that the facility is the same as the one Council viewed at an earlier meeting.

Mr. Wilson added that the general contractor is Saussman and that the engineering part is going on now.

Vice Chairman Wood asked if they had already submitted a design to us. Mr. Wilson replied that they had.

Chairman Pitts asked for the staff to provide a design to Council at the next meeting. Mr. Wilson replied that this company actually has the contract for the EMS station at ZF.

COUNCILMAN CARROLL made the MOTION for Council to approve the bid from Saussmans and to allow the Administrator to move forward with the contract for the transfer station. COUNCILMAN YOUNTS SECONDED for discussion

Vice Chairman Wood again stated that he wanted to see the details and design before voting on the bid.

Councilman Carroll asked if what they submitted meets our requirement if accepting the bid. Mr. Wilson replied that there were DHEC requirements and County requirements and that the only things we questioned were the timeframes.

COUNCILMEN CARROLL and YOUNTS withdrew their earlier motions.

Vice Chairman Wood also stated that he wanted to see the bids and the required stats from the County.

Councilman Younts asked if the three bids were for the same specs with the same structure. Mr. Wilson replied that it was.

APPROVAL FOR SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION ROLLING CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASES – Mr. Wilson said that this is for the rolling stock to begin the operation of the new transfer station.

Transfer Station/Solid Waste 3 Year CAP

<u>Budget Year</u>	<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Deprec. Yrs</u>	<u>Cost/ea.</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Total Budget Yr.</u>
2019-20	Transfer Station Construction	30	\$1,375,500	\$1,375,500	<u>\$1,375,500</u>
	Compactors for Convenience Sites X 8	10	\$19,800	\$158,400	
	Preowned Loader w/ tires	8	\$120,000	\$120,000	
	Rebuilt Road Tractors for Trailers	10	\$50,000	\$50,000	
	Roll Off Truck for Open Tops X 1	12	\$95,000	\$95,000	<u>\$423,400</u>
2020-21	Solid Waste Office/Scale House(Commercial)	25	\$170,000	\$170,000	
	Roll Off Truck for Open Tops X 1	12	\$180,000	\$180,000	
	Litter Humane Trucks X 1	5	\$25,000	\$25,000	<u>\$375,000</u>
2021-22	Roll Off Truck for Open Tops X 1	12	\$185,000	\$185,000	<u>\$185,000</u>

COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON made the MOTION to approve for the equipment purchases as presented **SECONDED** by **VICE CHAIRMAN WOOD**; **VOTE 5-0**.

LEASE / PURCHASE - FIRE EQUIPMENT BID AWARD –Mr. Lindley was not able to attend the meeting to present this as he had had a death in his immediate family. Mr. Wilson proceeded by saying, “Mr. Lindley had presented the intimal request several weeks ago for pumper/tankers and rescue trucks. It is my understanding that three (3) separate quotes for the lease / purchase were received and that the HGAC Cooperative Agreement was accepted to present to Council. This is a request to spend \$3.5 million on a ten year lease to purchase the equipment”.

Compound Period – Annual
Nominal Annual Rate – 2.75%
Loan – September 1, 2019 for \$3,500,000

Payment – September 1, 2020 for \$405,089.02 in ten installments with an end date of September 1, 2029

VICE CHAIRMAN WOOD made the MOTION to approve the lease purchase request with **COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON** **SECONDDING** for discussion.

Councilman Carroll asked if there would be any overlapping of the current lease payment. Mr. Wilson replied stated that this would not start until after the current leasing is completed.

Vice Chairman Wood stated that this is using monies that we already have from the unincorporated areas and will not have to raise the taxes to accomplish.

VOTE 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - UPPER SAVANNAH COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT - Mr. Billy Morgan, Upper Savannah Council of Governments approached Council asking for the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with Laurens County and the Upper Savannah Council of Governments Workforce Development program.

COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON made the MOTION to approve with COUNCILMAN CARROLL SECONDING; VOTE 5-0

OATH OF OFFICE LITTER HUMANE OFFICER, NICOLE MORIN – Attorney Cruickshanks swore in Ms. Morin as an official County Litter / Humane Officer.

CORONERS OFFICE VEHICLE PURCHASE WITH 2019 LEASE/PURCHASE FUNDS – Mr. Wilson reviewed with Council that during last year, there was a lease purchase agreement for \$1,035,000. All equipment was purchased except for one Hazmat trailer. Taking this trailer out at ten thousand dollars we now have forty one thousand dollars left over. There has been some discussion with EMS and the Coroners Office about moving bodies from a scene. The Coroner said that they could actually move the bodies and we have looked at several of the EMS trucks with as much as one hundred eighty thousand miles. The equipment needed by the Coroner will cost about six thousand dollars. I am here to ask Council approval to use up to thirty four thousand dollars of these monies to purchase another truck with equipment.

VICE CHAIRMAN WOOD made the MOTION to approve under the conditions that this is what Coroner Nickles wants - the purchase of a truck using the left over lease purchase monies from last fiscal year up to thirty four thousand dollars. SECONDED by COUNCILMAN YOUNTS.

Chairman Pitts stated that the striping not be made to look like the Litter Humane trucks.

Coroner Nickles recognized three of his Deputy Coroners – Vickie Cheek, Robin Morse and Rodney Hartsell. I thank Council for all that you have done to correct the misgivings within the Coroner's Office.

Councilwoman Anderson posed the question of moving the remaining monies from the previous fiscal year lease purchase to some of this years requests to help finance their needs.

VOTE 4-0-1 (Councilwoman Anderson abstained).

PUBLIC COMMENT - FIFTEEN (15) MINUTE PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

COUNTY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- 1.) Chairman Pitts reviewed the proposed Employee Appreciation Celebration, prompted by the reclassification and savings on Workman Comp claims,: Tables and Chairs will be provided by School District #56; food, cooked and served by County Council, will be provided for the employee and their family; bounce house and slip n slide. The employee will be allowed to leave work early to attend.

RESOLUTION – DECLARING JUNE 24TH THROUGH 28TH AS LAURENS COUNTY EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK – COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON made the MOTION to approve the Resolutions with COUNCILMAN YOUNTS SECONDING. VOTE 5-0.

AUTHORIZATION TO SPEND UP TO FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS – COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON made the MOTION to approve the expenditure of up to five thousand dollars from the Council Special Events line item with COUNCILMAN YOUNTS SECONDING for discussion.

Vice Chairman asked if there was not a company that could come in and provide the tents, tables and chairs and food needed.

Mr. Howard replied that there are some companies that do this and we can look into the matter. Vice Chairman Wood asked if the motion could be amended to include any extra costs.

COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON AMENDED her earlier MOTION to state that five thousand dollars plus could be used to provide this event. COUNCILMAN YOUNTS AGREED. VOTE 5-0.

Chairman Pitts added that a head count needs to be determined in order to know how much food to order and that he would like to see the offices be closed at noon to allow participation.

CHAIRMAN PITTS made the MOTION to close the County Offices at noon with VICE CHAIRMAN WOOD SECONDING for discussion.

Attorney Cruickshanks reminded Council that there were some offices that could not close because Council does not have the authority to close.

Declared as a SECONDARY MOTION, COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON AMENDED the earlier MOTION to allow time for all employees to leave work and to come to the park for lunch. COUNCILMAN YOUNTS SECONDING.

Councilman Carroll said that if this intended to be a family fun day as well, I really don't think allowing the employee to be allowed to just come to lunch and then go back to work misses the whole idea.

COUNCIL VOTED 2-3 (Council Members Pitts, Carroll and Younts disagreed to Anderson's motion).

Back to the original motion made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Vice Chairman Wood to allow closure of the County Offices – VOTE 4-1 (Councilwoman Anderson is objecting).

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

ADJOURNMENT – There was a COUNCIL CONSENSUS (5-0) to Adjourn at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Betty C. Walsh

Laurens County Clerk to Council