



**MINUTES
BUDGET WORKSESSION
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
APRIL 12, 2016**

Present: Carolyn B. Robinson, Mary Lynn Kinley (arrived 7:35 p.m.), Marion B. Robinson, Billy Smith, Walter Larry Stewart, Council Members; J. Milton Pope, County Administrator; Davis Anderson, Deputy County Administrator; Shryll M. Brown, Clerk to Council

Absent: Kamau Marcharia, Dan W. Ruff

Other Staff: Laura Johnson, Anne Bass, Sheila Pickett

In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80 (e), as amended, the following persons and/or organizations have been notified of the time, date, and location of this meeting: The Herald-Independent, The State, and Winnsboro Cablevision, and one hundred fifteen other individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. INVOCATION

Council Member Smith led in the Invocation.

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. FY 2016-2017 Budget

Mr. Pope set forth that Administration is pleased to present its plan for the upcoming year regarding expenditures and other items important for council's consideration.

- Mr. Pope read into the record the **Administrator's budget letter** (attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and is also placed on the County's website). Also placed on the County's website is the summary budget information.
- Mr. Pope set forth that the County has to abide by the legal requirements and with the media with the proposed budget, which has already been posted by the Clerk's office for Administration. The proposed total estimated revenues for the operating budget for the upcoming fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2016 are \$33,335,417.00. The proposed total expenditures for the operating budget are \$33,335,417.00. The estimated percentage between the 2015-2016 fiscal year and the 2016-2017 fiscal year operating budgets for revenues is a decreased of 4.13% and for expenditures, a decrease of 4.13%. The current operational millage rate for the 2015-2016 fiscal year is 181.8. 160.0 of that is for the general fund, and 21.8 is for all other funds. The millage is not finalized until October; however, based upon the budget recommendation, Administration is using the existing revenues and are not requesting Council to consider any use of increasing the millage.
- Have provided to Council in their notebooks the following information. There has been a great deal of discussion about the total amount of revenue that the County receives and how those dollars are being used. The Treasurer's Allocation Report is based upon cash, and in looking back at the last fiscal year of 2014-2015, wanted to keep the information consistent with what Council had been given previously. Total Receipts Of All Sources - all receipts and sources coming into the County. On

the right hand side of the document is County Only, which are funds or cash that only relate to the County. Bottom line for Total Receipts Received Through The Treasurer's Office for 2014-2015 was \$96,337,328.57 (all receipts coming through the Treasurer's Office). Those things that are attributable to the County are only \$40,703,784.29. Out of that \$40,703,784.29, not all of those things are ad valorem property taxes--some are "Attributable To The County", i.e.: CTC Road Program, Tax Collector Trust Account, Airport Grant. A large line share of that money is going to the School District.

- Overview Of All County Revenue And Revenue That Comes Through The County, Administrator's Recommended Budget, Major Budget Drivers:
 - Page 1: **Budget Drivers** (attached hereto as **Exhibit B**)
 - Page 2: **General Fund Revenue Summary** (attached hereto as **Exhibit C**).
 - Pages 3-6: **Revenue Summary Detail** (attached hereto as **Exhibit D**).
 - Page 7: **Local Option Sales Tax Calculation** (attached hereto as **Exhibit E**).
 - Page 8: **New Positions Requested** (attached hereto as **Exhibit F**).
 - Page 9: **Cost Of Compensation And Class Study Implementation And COLA** (attached hereto as **Exhibit G**).
 - Pages 10-12: **Expenditure Budget Variance Analysis** (attached hereto as **Exhibit H**).

{Recess: 7:55 - 8:10 P.M.}

- Discussion of Community Liaison Department (100-148). Consensus of Council was to hear a report back from the office of Vocational Rehabilitation.
- Page 19: **County Allocations Budget** (attached hereto as **Exhibit I**). Mr. Pope pointed out that, based upon the direction Council had given to Administration from the Planning Session/Retreat, current funding was maintained on all of the County allocation departments, except for Midlands Technical College, which is based upon a formula that was agreed upon years ago.
 - Discussion of Solicitor's Office allocation. Solicitor's Office requested \$150,000.00; recommendation is to fund at the level of \$77,000.00.
 - Discussion of Clemson Extension allocation. Consensus of Council to start at zero (\$0) funding and to receive a detailed report of the hours and who actually came to Winnsboro and what program they were here for.
 - Behavioral Health Services asked for same funding amount; however, in the request, they asked for the Council's consideration of funding capital related to a building.
- Pages 20-25: **Special Revenue Funds And All Other Funds** (attached hereto as **Exhibit J**). Specific dollars earmarked for these particular funds.

{Recess: 9:10 - 9:25 P.M.}

- Pages 26-27: **Capital Budget Requests** (attached hereto as **Exhibit K**). Mr. Pope stated that some of the requests that were for small dollar amounts were worked out with the department where they can actually purchase those items in this budget year.