



**MINUTES
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORKSESSION
APRIL 23, 2012**

Present: David L. Ferguson, R. David Brown, Mary Lynn Kinley, Kamau Marcharia, Dwayne Perry, Carolyn Robinson, Council Members; Philip L. Hinely, County Administrator; Davis Anderson, Deputy County Administrator; Shryll M. Brown, Clerk to Council.

Absent: Mikel R. Trapp

Staff Present: 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 fifty-nine other individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:50 P.M.

2. INVOCATION

Council Member Kinley led in the invocation.

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. FY 2012-2013 Budget

- Christmas Holiday
 - Result of survey done by Mr. Anderson indicated 83% of the counties in the state allow the extra day off for Christmas.
 - It was consensus of Council to leave the three (3) Christmas holidays in place.
- Fire Service Presentation
 - New Deputy Director position will upgrade safety, training, equipment and recruitment.
 - Must recruit younger people in fire service.
 - Chairman Ferguson talked with School District about putting fire service curriculum in at the Career Center. This new person could alleviate the School District having to hire additional personnel to teach fire service.
 - Is there a proposed job description available for this new position?
 - A member of the Fire Commission talked with a member of the School Board regarding getting another county to come to teach fire service in the school system and share it, and the School Board member was willing to take it to the entire School Board. Mr. Anderson was asked to ascertain which counties have the fire service curriculum.

- Dutchman Creek Substation will be complete May 10, 2012. Mr. Lucas will be asked to come in and grade it and improve it otherwise. Mr. Gwin has asked for a proposed date of June 3, 2012 for ribbon cutting and grand opening.
- Greenbrier station pumper is back in; getting serviced and equipment placed on it. Expecting to have it in 7-10 days. The 2001 pumper is going to Blackstock/Woodard, which will replace the 1989 model. The 1989 Mac will become a spare, and the current spare will go to auction.
- Saluda County's fleet is much older than Fairfield's fleet. *It was consensus of the Council that if Mr. Hill can locate a county that could use any of Fairfield County's old trucks that will be transferred out, for Mr. Hill to work this process out with Mr. Anderson and Mr. Hinely.* Can a small amount be charged so it will not be "given" to them? When the trucks are transferred out to another county, what is the value of the trucks?
- The county has been adhering to its replacement plan.
- S. C. Firefighters' Association has a website for a clearinghouse for counties to take advantage of fire trucks and equipment no longer utilized by another county.
- Relocation of Jenkinsville Fire Station. Funds would have to become available to build the new station. Have not received written permission to put a fire station there.
- Discussed ISO ratings at various departments.
- Healthcare situation in Jenkinsville still an ongoing saga. Setting up a meeting with the appropriate officials to determine how the county can take advantage of that piece of property.
- Line Item 5956: Request to increase by \$400.00—bringing total allocation to \$4,000.00. Mr. Hinely was asked to look at this line item and bring a recommendation to the next budget worksession on April 30, 2012.
- Line Item 5907: Highway Patrol Reimbursement.
- Worksession scheduled for April 25, 2012, 6:30 P.M. for purpose of discussing rezoning request off Horsecreek Road.

4. ADJOURN

The budget worksession was adjourned at 9:05 P.M., upon unanimous approval by Council.

SHRYLL M. BROWN
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DAVID L. FERGUSON, SR.
CHAIRMAN