



**MINUTES
BUDGET WORKSESSION
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
APRIL 30, 2015**

Present: Carolyn B. Robinson, Mary Lynn Kinley, Kamau Marcharia, Marion B. Robinson, Dan W. Ruff, Billy Smith, Walter Larry Stewart, Council Members; J. Milton Pope, County Administrator; Davis Anderson, Deputy County Administrator; Shryll M. Brown, Clerk to Council; Laura Johnson, Comptroller; Anne Bass, Deputy Comptroller; Sheila Pickett, Procurement Director

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 other individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INVOCATION

Council Member Marion Robinson led in the invocation.

**3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
FY 2015-2016 Budget**

- Chairman Robinson stated she received a call from Solicitor Newman, and she invited him to make a short presentation about his program as well as outline some numbers that they are actually dealing with for Fairfield County.
 - Sixth Circuit Counties are Lancaster, Chester and Fairfield.
 - Solicitor's Office receives funding from the State based on a per capita basis.
 - Sixth Circuit is smallest in the State, population-wise.
 - Fairfield pays \$2.67 per capita, which is too low in the funding.
 - Fairfield has 463 cases pending. Of those, 197 are over 545 days old.
 - The State wants 80% of all cases moved within a one year time period.
 - Three positions (Deputy Solicitor, Assistant Solicitor and Victims Advocate) in Fairfield. \$64,000.00 does not pay for one attorney position. Asking Council to cover the Deputy Solicitor position. Victims Advocate position has traditionally been grant funded; however, that grant is running out. Asking for \$22,593.00 more than received last year, for a total ask of \$86,593.00, which will cover the Deputy Solicitor's salary, as well as one-third of the grant currently receiving.
 - The request will bring the Office up to \$3.75 per capita.
- Mr. Pope gave a follow up from the Budget Work Session I:
 - Staff has not changed any numbers on Council's documentation since the first budget work session; however, based upon some of the questions asked, there are going to be some changes in the documentation once it is re-printed because there are changes in some of the line items.

- This budget recommendation is a no-tax-increase budget for the general fund or debt service based on initial estimates from the Auditor on reassessment year.
 - The allowable CPI is 1.62%. Fairfield County did not have a growth factor for a millage increase.
 - Airport Budget. The question was asked what type of activity has been at the airport. An airport master record, which is documentation from the FAA, is available for review. Air taxi occurrences - 500; General aviation activity - 11,200 (within 25 mile radius); General aviation itinerant (more than 25 mile radius) - 5,000; Military was 300. A component within the Airport Master Plan is an update on the forecasting for the airport for the next 25 to 30 years.
 - Pagers in Sheriff's Office. The nomenclature of the account was not changed. This account has been renamed to mobile Wi-Fi throughout the budget.
 - Employee insurance information in all accounts. Staff rechecked all of those. There were some changes, i.e, Road Maintenance and Coroner.
 - Software Maintenance Agreement. Staff had to go back and adjust those upwards \$7,947.00. A breakdown of all of those can be provided.
 - All changes, based upon the questions, that were made was a \$61,838.00 decrease in the overall funding for County budgets.
 - Road Maintenance Fee Proposal. The fee would be for the enactment of providing road maintenance activities for the improved County roads, as well as surface treatment or dirt roads. It would not be used for any type of personnel subsidy. There are 21,648 personal vehicles registered and 1,515 commercial vehicles registered. Calculating the \$5.00 for personal vehicles would equal \$108,420.00 and for the \$10.00 recommended for commercial vehicles would be \$15,150.00, for a total of \$123,570.00. This number has not been rolled into the budget; therefore, you will not see this revenue number. That recommendation is there; however, if Council approves the recommended, at third reading, it would be incorporated into the revenue accounts.
 - Contractual arrangements regarding reconciliation at Treasurer's Office. The company that provides the service has had some recent personnel changes. Had conversation with Treasurer today. There is an expectation or plan to continue to provide those services, and staff would recommend that Council continue to provide such services. No change is needed; however, it is already incorporated into the budget.
- Review of Major Capital Items:
 - > Data Processing - Mr. Marvin Allen
 - Virtual Machine. Several servers need to be replaced. They have either reached end of life or nearing end of life. At a close point in cost of replacing them conventionally or replacing them in the virtual market. The hardware is cheaper long-term and it serves the County better in the way it can recover from disasters of crashed servers and implement changes in the server environment if a server needs to be upgraded. Virtual environment helps where several computers can be placed in one piece of hardware, rather than each server having its own piece of hardware.
 - Document management package, Finance package, Master Appraisal package, Probate and civil processing package would be moved to the virtual environment. Would this be State contract vendor or bid out? Explain what the additional amount of money will do for the County in the future versus now. Is this something that will work with the judicial program that Justice Toal has sent down to the Magistrates? Were the CISCO switches installed at the Courthouse?

- Dell Precision T1700 Small Workstations. How old are the workstations they are on now. Can the warranty be extended to recognize some cost savings? All working environment is currently Windows 7. Who will handle server migration of Onbase system?
- > Detention Center - Ms. Teresa Lawson
 - Roof repair. Hope to have assessment information prior to the end of this fiscal year so as to cover the roof repair with this amount of dollars in the budget. Does this include going back to square one--re-doing the engineering drawings, or the roof repair itself?
 - Walk-in cooler. What size is it? What is making it so expensive? What is the cost to lease?
 - Staff to provide back-up information.
- > E911 - Mrs. Phyllis Watkins
 - Intrado Viper - Furniture. Certain furniture that this equipment has to fit it.
 - Intrado Viper - Upgrade. Required by the FCC. Also receive 80% credit through tariff fees. County can only use tariff monies for replacement of capital equipment.
- > EMS - Mr. Mike Tanner
 - Ambulance replacement. What is expected to get for the one being replaced?
 - Extrication Equipment for Rescue Truck. What will happen to old equipment? Does Fire Department have a Jaws of Life and a package life this?
 - Advanced Training Simulators. Only one Advanced Training Simulation lab in the State, which is in Richland County. This package gives the County the ability to train everyone in the County with an adult mannequin for medical, an adult for trauma, a child for trauma and for medical. What is the County paying to send people now? Is there a maintenance fee on the computer programs that operate this equipment?
 - Staff was requested to provide additional information on how many simulators are in the State and how are the other counties handling their training? Have we looked at a cooperative agreement with the other counties to share this equipment?
 - Southeastern substation. Recommended \$400,000.00. Included two fire stations and EMS station in the planning portion of Recreation Plan. What is the real need for the County to have a new EMS substation opposed to the current one? What would the new facility be like?
- > Fire Board - Mr. Tony Hill
 - 5 brush trucks (Greenbrier and Lebanon) and 4 service trucks (Greenbrier and Ridgeway). Recommendation was for half of that. Administration's plan was to fund half in this budget year and plan for the other half in the next fiscal year. How far along does this proposal take you to upgrading the old trucks? Are we doing anything as far as upgrading/improving the other buildings? Are there any plans to work on the Southeastern station? Is there anything else the County needs to do to help the Fire Board and volunteers improve fire service? Will the clean up continue behind the Southeastern station?
- > Maintenance
 - HVAC repairs (DSS and Judicial). \$75,000.00 for three units on two different buildings. These were placed out for bid. One response was received, which exceeded the budget. Will go back out for bid. What size units are these?
- > Public Works - Mr. Billy Lucas
 - Recommending funding on a Backhoe. Current Backhoe is 2006 model and not suitable for everyday use. Requesting consideration on a Lowboy Trailer. Lowboy Trailer was in previous year's budget; however, during the year, a priority changed

where a forklift needed to be replaced, and was not able to replace the lowboy at that time. What will the Backhoe be used for? How often has the 2006 Backhoe at the Wood Chipping facility gone down? This is not the Backhoe at the Wood Chipping facility? Have we ever looked at availability and cost of getting used equipment?

> Solid Waste

- Purchase of 1 Roll-off Truck; Four 30-yard containers; 1 Cardboard Trailer. The County took this operation over and saved much money by doing this in-house. The County also bought equipment from Waste Management years and years ago and the equipment is now at end of life. The request for roll-off containers are for replacement of some of the original ones purchased. They are scrapped in the County's Recycling Center once they are no longer repairable. The containers at the schools, does the County get paid for those or is there any cost sharing on that service?

▪ {10-Minute Break}

> Recreation - Mrs. Lori Schaeffer

- Mr. Pope provided some historical information on concessions.
- Has the Council ever considered portable snack trucks and letting them come out to provide refreshments, so the County will not have to. This could eliminate what goes into a building if this is turned over to somebody else. Has there ever been a problem in the past with Church groups not showing up? What kind of rental fee do they pay?
- Resurfacing Basketball Courts: Centerville, Lake Monticello, Airport, Shelton, Rufus Belton. Does the Maintenance Department have anything to do with recreation? If the parks can't be maintained any better than they are, what is the consideration for resurfacing them? Putting concrete on top of cracked concrete will crack again. Since the County has acquired some of the basketball courts, it appears the County has not taken care of them properly.
- Park Improvements. What does this involve? Two sets of football bleachers, picnic tables, over-seater piece of equipment, renovation of bathroom at Willie Lee Robinson park. Materials of fertilizer, lime and seed could actually be placed in operation instead of capital. Have there been any picnic tables stolen from some locations? Maybe they need to be bolted down to the concrete. Is the Rufus Belton basketball court drained properly? The lights have been out at Lake Monticello Park for a number of years. Do we carry adequate insurance to cover activities at the parks, the concession areas and the participants? What is behind the basketball court at Rufus Belton Park that looks like the foundation of an old mobile home?
- Lights At Lake Monticello Park. Are there lights there now, but not working? Is it because of the bulbs or other problems? This is the cost of new bulbs, poles, etc.
- Drainage Concerns At Drawdy Park. Reduced back from \$200,000.00 to \$50,000.00. Needed two connection boxes to cover and take water from the opposite side of the road. Piping would have to be buried and taken down to the old press box area. Do not have the in-house staff to do this kind of work.
- Replace Shelter At Rufus Belton Park And Centerville. County Maintenance staff will do some of the work on this project. This amount was reduced from \$40,000.00 to \$20,000.00 based upon what the County Maintenance staff could do. What is the real need to tear the existing ones down and put new ones up? Consider repairing the shelter at Rufus Belton Park rather than replacing.
- Replace Lights In Gym At Recreation Center. Cost of replacing bulbs.

- Repair Roof/Window At Willie Lee Robinson Concession. Cost lowered. Building Maintenance will do the work.
- Repair Siding, Floor And Roof Of Press Box At Garden Street Park. How often is the press box used. Is there a need to spend money on something not very often used? Are the restrooms in the bottom? The dugout needs upfitting more.
- Replace Siding/Flooring At Lake Monticello Concession. Where is the concession stand? The top is used for janitorial storage.
- Repair Siding/Roof/Bathroom At Garden Street Concession. How much is the concession stand used? This one is used during adult softball leagues and churches use it during baseball season. There is equipment stored there also.

Summary of Outstanding Questions:

- Relook at shelters at Rufus Belton Park and Centerville Park, as well as Garden Street press box.
 - Look at basketball courts to be sure they are going to hold up.
 - Football field lights will be handled through the bond.
 - Find a way to scale back cost to repair bathrooms at Garden Street Park.
- > Sheriff
- Sheriff's Department originally requested five positions with associated equipment. Met with the Sheriff; was able to provide funding for two positions and the funding associated. One of the major items was for the Evidence Room, which could be funded by other methods.
 - No new positions were added. Used existing County positions to be able to fund those items.
 - 18 ft. Console Patrol Boat/Motor. When did the Sheriff's Department start patrolling the lake? How much is the boat used? Check to ascertain if there is currently a new motor on the boat. Where is the boat housed? Are we getting a new boat or a motor? Should look for a cheaper alternative. Will certainly follow up with Council's questions. The Sheriff requested five new positions? Which two out of the five is being provided?
- > Tax Assessor
- Requesting a Colorado 4 x 4; replacing a 2001 Ford Taurus station wagon. The vehicle is coming from State contract. Has the County looked at swapping with another department? Does the County ever look at purchasing slightly used trucks and vehicles?
- > Vehicle Maintenance
- Roll Doors For Wash Bay.

Summary:

These Capital expenditures are one-time capital expenditures, which are very key to the budget because they are not reoccurring costs. These are possible investments to infrastructure, buildings and rolling stock and will not have to worry about funding those items in next year's budget.

- {Recess: 9:20 P.M. - 9:55 P.M.}
- Review of County Allocations - This year's recommendation: \$949,157,00. The County is not required to fund them; however, they provide a safety net to citizens in the community and add to the quality of life to those who are not able to take care of themselves.

- > 035-5906 - Good Samaritan House. Provides funding activities to individuals in need in Fairfield County. Recommending slight increase from \$25,000.00 to \$27,500.00. What was reason for increase? Demonstrated or suggested a need for the food program. They have assisted individuals who have been referred to them. What is the Building Maintenance repair for \$4,800.00? Do they get money from Christ Central?
- > 035-5909 - Fairfield County Health Department. Recommending level funding at the same level.
- > 035-5910 - Fairfield Board of Disabilities And Special Needs. Recommending increasing their funding from \$32,000.00 to \$43,000.00. The request was for \$55,000.00. What was reason for increase? It seems the request for increase is tied up in salaries and fringe. Does the State funding for those homes not inside Fairfield County cover all expenses?
 - o Staff will provide Council with additional information.
- > 035-5911 - Columbia Are Mental Health. Recommending level funding.
- > 035-5912 - Clemson Extension. Recommending level funding. Have a problem with the adult programs. Every time something is advertised, travel for it is outside the County lines. There is nothing local. Suggest having Ms. Leggett come to make a presentation to Council. Why was there an increase of approximately \$4,000.00 in last year's budget?
- > 035-5913 - Behavioral Health Services. Recommending level funding.
- > 035-5915 - Fairfield Rescue Squad. Recommending level funding. There is no information completed on the Expenditure Projection sheet. Would like to know more information about where the expenditures are broken out. What is the distinction between Rescue Squad and Rescue Squad - Fuel? What happens if they go over \$2,100.00?
 - o Staff will follow up to get the completed information on the Expenditure Report.
- > 035-5916 - Solicitor - 6th Circuit. Solicitor made a presentation tonight. While Council has a right to make adjustments during the process, at this particular point, Council is \$61,000.00 under what was initially. If Council desires Administration to look at possible additional funding, no increases would need to be made or cut somewhere else to do that. Think this is one area Council can increase its contribution, as it will save on the back end. What is the policy on first-time offenders?
 - o Administrator was asked to give recommendation for increase.
- > 035-5918 - Department of Health and Human Services - Indigent Care. Controlled by formula. After initially submitting a budget recommendation, the actual number came in from Medicaid, which is \$44,917.00, instead of \$80,299.00. This amount was included in the \$61,838.00 reduction amount.
- > 035-5919 - Public Defender. Recommending increase funding due to them having to hear or participate in magistrate-level courts, which they have not had to do before. The State passed legislation that this is one of those agencies where their funding cannot be reduced; therefore, whatever level of funding it is, it cannot be regressed.
- > 035-5920 - Midlands Technical College. Recommending increase for the requested amount for Fairfield County. Fairfield County students are allowed to attend MTC and are charged the in-county versus out-of-county rate.
- > 035-5921 - Sistercare. Supports abused women. Funding was increased last year and was kept flat at this rate. This is a very well organized group and would like to see the Council increase funding some. What all are they doing in Fairfield County? What is the domestic abuse rate in Fairfield County? The funds are used for emergency shelter rooms and food for County battered women and children. Who are they paying the funds to for those services?
 - o Consensus of Council to increase the funding amount to \$7,000.00.

- > 035-5925 - Council on Aging. Recommending level funding. Was there a mistake on their form on the actual funding line?
 - > 035-5936 - Eau Claire Cooperative Health Center. Is \$10,000.00 of that for dental care and the remainder for supplies and equipment? Their budget request letter stated of the \$40,000.00 budget request, \$10,000.00 of that would be dedicated to Pediatric care. This agency needs to come give a report of the expenditures. Did the agency ask Council to increase the dental funding? How many of these services are provided in Fairfield County?
 - o Administrator was asked to contact the Agency to inquire how they have spent the money received from the County and how do they project what they are requesting this year.
 - > 035-5937 - Fatherhood Coalition. Recommending level funding for this program, which provides quarterly updates to Council. They service women as well. Why is there such an expense for food? Parent/Child Relationship Building went from \$725.00 to \$2,500.00.
 - o Administrator was asked to request for additional information on the food expense.
 - > 035-5944 - Central SC Alliance. The difference in the funding level from last year to this year is the deal bibles (reporting material provided on annual basis). This is actually coordinated through the Economic Development Department.
 - > 035-5951 - Transitions. Homeless shelter in downtown Columbia. Request made last year and they provided documentation about homeless individuals from the Fairfield County zip code area. Transitions is a regional partnership funded by Richland, Lexington and Fairfield counties. What was the reason for the increase? It seems they are doing some of the same things the Good Samaritan House is doing.
 - > 035-5953 - Midlands Education Business Alliance. Recommending level funding. The Agency works with the School District, the Hospital and several industries in helping individuals with soft skills. Does the School District help fund MEBA? This organization seems to be top heavy in administration, salaries and fringe, and less in programming.
 - > 035-5954 - American Red Cross. Recommending increase from \$3,750.00 to \$5,000.00. ARC helps citizens, primarily those burned out of homes, with shelter. Do we know if the money spent they reported on was in Fairfield County or the central region?
 - > 035-5956 - Harvest Hope Food Bank. Nothing in the prior year's budget. This group has a relationship with many churches that they supply food to. Recommending funding of \$5,000.00. Harvest Hope has a lot of paid people and the Food Bank in Winnsboro is run by volunteers. Good Samaritan is connected with Harvest Hope; we are not doubling up, are we?
 - > 035-5957 - Chameleon Inspirations Learning Center. Recommending level funding. They had requested more funding than what is being recommended. Mrs. Vanessa Hollins was present in the audience and was asked to give Council an overview of what her program does. Council should be willing to consider the \$6,400.00 funding level.
 - > 035-5959 - Boys and Girls Club of the Midlands. Is the School District giving them any money now? Do we know what the School is charging the Boys and Girls Club?
 - o Administrator was asked to inquire of the School if it would consider partnering with the County regarding the Boys and Girls Club.
 - > 035-030 - Soil and Water Conservation District. Moved to its own department.
 - > 035-032 - Historical Museum. Moved to its own department.
 - > 035-033 - Summer Youth Program. Moved to its own department.
- Prior to the recess, Chairman Robinson asked if there were any more questions on the budget.

**MAY 7, 2015
BUDGET WORKSESSION
RECONVENED AT 4:00 P.M.**

Present: Carolyn B. Robinson, Mary Lynn Kinley, Kamau Marcharia, Marion B. Robinson, Dan W. Ruff, Billy Smith, Walter Larry Stewart (arrived 4:57 P.M.), Council Members; J. Milton Pope, County Administrator; Davis Anderson, Deputy County Administrator; Shryll M. Brown, Clerk to Council; Laura Johnson, Comptroller; Anne Bass, Deputy Comptroller

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robinson reconvened the Budget Work Session at 4:00 P.M., from the recess of April 30, 2015.

2. INVOCATION

Council Member Marion Robinson led in the invocation.

**3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
FY 2015-2016 Budget**

- Summary Of Adjustments (\$61,838.00).
- 225 Accounts. Administration went back with the Recreation Department and made changes based on the discussions had with Council Members. Administration went back out and reassessed those.
 - > Resurfacing of Basketball courts: Taken out altogether
 - > Replace Shelter at Rufus Belton Park and Centerville: Significantly reduced from \$20,000.00 to \$3,400.00 for the purpose of renovating those two areas.
 - > Repair Press Box at Garden Street Park: Looked at this site. The top cannot be taken off this facility. It really needs stripping of all of the siding and replacing it; other repairs and other equipment. Reduced from \$25,000.00 to \$13,200.00.
 - > Renovate Garden Street concession Stand With Restrooms: Need a solid partition between the two. Reduced based upon Council's input and Administration going back out to look at the facilities. Can the top of that dugout be scaled off? Might be cheaper to demolish and replace the dugout? On Park Improvements, it was discussed that was primarily for bleachers and picnic tables? What park would the bleachers be for? Could this be cut in half from \$40,000.00 to \$20,000.00?
 - Administration could look at the cost of demolishing it.
- Other Discussions From Previous Work Session
 - > Sixth Circuit Solicitor: Solicitor discussed County formula and Circuit formula. Council had asked the Administration to make a recommendation. Administration is recommending a \$12,000.00 increase, which would make that per pupil number 3.21 and the highest percentage in the Circuit. It does not go to the 3.75 that the Solicitor had asked, which would equate to \$89,000.00; however, it would make Fairfield the highest per capita in the Circuit. The \$12,000.00 would also equate the same increase that the County is giving to the Public Defender. This would not change the budget situation to an increase because there was a further reduction in all the other changes.

> Council Decision:

Sistercare. Increase from \$6,500.00 to \$7,000.00.

- o Consensus of Council to increase the funding to \$7,000.00.

Eau Claire. Had discussions with Eau Claire, as well as with the Hospital and received a little more history. There is a considerable issue with dental concern in the County. Eau Claire does not have an issue with designating or earmarking the \$10,000.00; however, they indicated, more importantly, they have a sliding scale pay system depending on the person's income that they use for dental services. The main focus is they will not turn anyone away for services. Out of the \$40,000.00 being provided by the County, those services go toward all of the needs. Mr. Ron Scott was in the audience, and was asked to speak on this matter. This went from a \$40,000.00 recommendation to \$55,000.00? \$10,000.00 is designated within the \$40,000.00. Last year, the County provided \$55,000.00. There was a consideration of exploring an additional \$5,000.00 to go toward the dental, which would be \$45,000.00. In the packet, Eau Claire requested \$40,000.00. Opined that general sense of Council would not be provide more than what was requested. This was brought back in the motions list to allow Council to decide on these matters, so as to have correct numbers by Second Reading. Clarification that dental has never been requested by Eau Claire, but by an individual Council Member.

- o Consensus of Council to provide the additional \$5,000.00.

Chameleon Inspirations Learning Center. Administration recommended \$4,000 level funding. The request was for \$6,500.00.

- o Consensus of Council to increase funding to \$5,250.00.

- o Council asked that all Agencies that receive allocations provide a quarterly report to the Council.

▪ Updates:

- > Virtual Machine. If the Council were to approve the budget recommendation because the dollar amount was not change, the administrative part of that is that it would be bid out, and not to just accept the State contract amount, but would be included for comparable purposes.
- > Detention Center Freezer. Estimates are available. There are some settling issues on the floor, and Administration will attempt to address that before the close of this fiscal year.
- > EMS. Administration will explore the cooperative regional training opportunity; however, EMS will continue to do those things in conjunction that are beneficial to the County and cost effective.
- > HVAC Tonnage. 5-ton unit for Magistrates Office; 5 and 10-ton unit for DSS.
- > Recreation. Talked about those changes earlier tonight. Staff made adjustments.
- > Sheriff's Office. Boat request. Staff physically looked at the boat. From a Sheriff's Office standpoint, they do have some issues with that particular boat. Due to larcenies and break-ins, the boat allows access that cannot be done by vehicle. The visibility of knowing the Sheriff's Office is patrolling by lake is a deterrent to illegal activity. Part of the Homeland Security agreement with V. C. Summer during the different threat assessment levels, boat patrol security along the buffer zone at Lake Monticello must be provided. The Sheriff's Office also assists DNR with search and rescue missions of missing boaters and swimmers. They use the State contract price for police equipment. The motor was not a new motor. Does that cost include siren and lights? Where is the boat kept?

- > Rescue Squad. Budget detail furnished to Council. Travel is for Rescue Squad training. They do have fund raisers to help defray costs. Cost for equipment was for several hydraulic tools.
- > Solicitor. Based upon the figures provided by the Solicitor, Fairfield County will be at the top of the Circuit with 3.21 dollars per capita. Budget amount will be \$77,000.00.
- > Fatherhood Coalition. Detail outlines different events to help the parenting situation to tie the family back together.
- > Boys And Girls Club. Superintendent was not aware that the School was charging the Boys and Girls Club for their services. Am sure he has followed up with the School. Notified the Director of Boys and Girls Club that the Superintendent would be contacting him.
- > Road Maintenance Fee. If Council desires to move forward and have it in the numbers for Second Reading, staff would need Council's affirmation. No employees will be funded from the fee. In the entire budget, there are no requests for no positions. How will it be determined how the fee will be used. It will be done by so many miles per district and as needed. District 6 representative offered to transfer unused funds in that district to another more needy district.
- Special Revenue:
 - > Fund 201 - Tourism Promotion. Accommodations Tax that is controlled by State law regarding how the County uses the money for tourism. Fund the Chamber of Commerce and Lode English Tourism District.
 - > Fund 202 - Tourism Related. Funding for Railroad Museum.
 - > Fund 205 - Sheriff Child Support. One position serves the papers and all of the fees from this supports that position.
 - > Fund 206 - Fairfield County Transit Department. Separated into four sub-departments: Administration, Operations, Capital, Medicaid. The County receives a 5311 Rural Transit Grant through SCDOT. The money is allocated in the grant document as to how much will be received for each sub-department. Those expenses are reported to SCDOT each month in order to receive reimbursement. The State has a contract with Logisticare for Medicaid patients. Transit files claims with Logisticare to get reimbursed for ridership. Enough money is not supplied under the grant to cover all of the costs of the Transit Authority, so a local match is put into the Transit Department. The County is supplementing that Department about 63% with local funds. Mr. Anderson delineated the ridership numbers. Is there an open season where the contract can be modified?
 - > Fund 210 - Used Oil Grant. State grant received. No local matching funds required. On a reimbursement basis. Funds used for oil, gas, mixture tanks and supplies for oil spill kits.
 - > Fund 211 - Waste Tire. State grant. No local match required. Allows for tire disposal and some travel funds for the Recycling Director to attend training.
 - > Fund 214 - Railroad Track Maintenance. When Mack Truck was here, there was a railroad spur that the County maintains for any possible clients that may be a large user of rail for the Guardian Building.
 - > Fund 216 - Clerk of Court IVD Funds. Controlled and used totally by the Clerk of Court. Used for Family Court purposes based on a formula.
 - > Fund 220 - Victim Assistance. The County receives a small portion that is used for Victim Assistance Advocate, who notifies victims of crime and before bond hearings. Works through the Sheriff's Department and in concert with the jail. Two other entities funded: SCVAN and Palmetto Citizens Against Sexual Assault. Why are the

Magistrate's fees down from \$51,893.00 to \$35,000.00? What are the County allocations that went from \$5,000.00 to \$11,283.00?

- > Fund 224 - Vehicle Replacement Fund. Covered in the Capital Budget.
- > Fund 225 - Capital Improvement Fund. Covered in the Capital Budget.
- > Fund 229 - 911 Tariff. \$.62 on all cell phones; \$1.00 on all landlines. The remainder of the funding funds 911 operations.
- > Fund 241 - Workforce Investment Act. The change in the budget numbers is the salary and fringe increase. A few weeks ago, Council voted to move forward with the plan of the transition from WIA to WIOA. There will be another adjustment as soon as the final paperwork is received from the State on the WIOA program.
- > Fund 301 - Debt Service. All General Obligation Bonds. Presently have 4 GO Bonds. The principal and interest total on the bonds for the upcoming year is \$1,193,801.00. The 2016 recommendation is \$1,194,902.00, which is a difference of \$1,100.00 for annual administrative fees. This is tied into the debt service number on the tax bill--the level of 10.4 mils. The County committed to keeping that level of handling the debt service of not raising taxes. The 2010 bond will be paid off in 2020; General Obligation Bond paid will off in 2021; the \$1,156,000.00 to be paid off in 2021; the \$306,000.00 GO Bond will be paid off in 2023.
- > Fund 404 - Capital Project Building Contingency Fund. Previously Discussed.
- > Fund 406 - Capital Project Walter Brown Industrial Park. Utilities and portion of landscaping contract in this number.
- > Fund 413 - Capital Project Public Works. Previously Discussed.
- > Fund 414 - Capital Project Solid Waste. Previously Discussed.
- > Fund 507 - Hospital Emergency. Administration's recommendation is to keep level funding in the budget at \$1,043,000.00.
- > Fund 509 - Fireboard Capital. Previously Discussed in the Capital Budget. Administrator and Deputy met with Council Member Stewart and Fire Chief Clowney regarding a brush truck and the policy and procedures surrounding the possible purchase. Did they leave the meeting with the understanding that Administration will be looking more into this. Did you look at what other counties do in comparison to Fairfield? Did they get a clear understanding of how fire calls are assigned?
- > Fund 801 - Library. Based on the Library's request, the County has tried to fund them, as well as additional tax dollars that have come in for the Library. It is helping the County from a taxation standpoint in not having to levy additional millage to get to the desired dollar amount. How many libraries are there in the County? Are the facilities up to date with Wi-Fi and internet?
- > Fund 803 - Fireboard Operations. Firefighters received an annual incentive. In the past, they were receiving 1099's and not in the personnel line item budget. The volunteer firemen are now on the payroll, resulting in a line item move from non-payroll to personnel services. Are the number of volunteer firemen going to factor in to the total County employees headcount? Are they receiving standard withholding and W-2's?
- > Council has covered the "Motion Items". Staff is asking if there are changes that needed to be made, to handle those in the same way as the "Motion Items" were made, and if there are anything by consensus that Council desires to do, staff is asking for leeway to see if Council has any further reductions or additions by dollar amounts Administration can take the time to address how this can be accomplished.

- Comments And Questions {Primarily} From Council Member Smith {Along With Comments From Other Members Of Council}:
 - > Would like a follow up on the trash service, i.e., to determine what the cost would be (including fuel cost, manpower, trucks, etcetera).
 - > Internet/Phone Line Items in the Budget. Was discussed in the past, and it was said the reason most of those have gone up and the recommendation of what they had been in previous years was because the County had actually shifted those cost figures from other areas into the individual departments. Was there one specific area that most of that in the past was tied into that we broke it out from? What is the Internet service that is being provided to fire departments; what is it being used for?
 - > Roof Replacement for Detention Center. Looking at \$500,000.00 for that; however, in one of the bids received (for the assessment), the estimation by one of those companies was \$375,000.00 for that replacement. Why are we budgeting \$125,000.00 more than that?
 - > Spoke at one of the other meetings about the Cost of Living Increase Adjustment for certain individuals. One of those of concern is COLA Adjustments for those who are either Elected Officials as well as for staff and department heads that are State-mandated. What would sense of Council be in regard to this item? Don't have a problem with the staff of those Elected Officials; however, regardless of the Consumer Price Index, they knew what the salary was when they ran and they don't have to run again. What is the dollar value of the 2% COLA for Elected Officials and for regular employees?
 - Sense Of Council For Elected Officials To Receive COLA: *No* (Kinley, M. Robinson, Ruff, Smith, Stewart); *Yes* (Marcharia, C. Robinson)
 - > Community Enhancement Grants. Were they in the budget this year?
 - > Would like for Council to consider cutting out Council Members' cell phones and Internet being provided by the County.
 - Sense Of Council To Consider Cost Sharing (50/50) Of Council Members' Cell Phones And Internet: *Consensus Of Council to leave this up to the individual member of Council.*

Chairman Robinson asked if there were any more questions on the budget.

- Recap:
 - > From this discussion, staff will be able to have the actual numbers for Second Reading; however, this began as a no-tax-increase budget; and the budget has actually been reduced further based upon going through the budget, but Administration will vet out those additional questions on trash service, etc., to be able to have that as information.
 - > Statement for the Record from Council Member Stewart: "We are on a strict time line for approval of the budget for Fairfield County, and as required by State law, we must have a finalized and approved budget no later than June 30, 2015, that will take effect July 1, 2015. A continuing resolution is not allowed by State law. I was not an original participant in the group that gave budget guidance. My constituents in District 3 have directed that spending be reduced and monies be shifted to support the fire departments, EMS, services for our seniors and particularly, the road maintenance to fix all those many potholes; however, it is too late to change that original guidance at this time to meet that deadline. During the remaining time period, we must pass a balanced budget as required by State law; after which, we can look at freezing selected portions or items of that budget. This needs to be done to meet the request of our citizens to whom we are here to serve."

BUDGET WORKSESSION - RECESSED AT 6:00 P.M. (UNTIL 5:00 P.M. ON MAY 11, 2015)

**MAY 11, 2015
BUDGET WORKSESSION
RECONVENED AT 5:00 P.M.**

Present: Carolyn B. Robinson, Mary Lynn Kinley, Kamau Marcharia, Marion B. Robinson, Dan W. Ruff, Billy Smith, Walter Larry Stewart, Council Members; J. Milton Pope, County Administrator; Davis Anderson, Deputy County Administrator; Shryll M. Brown, Clerk to Council; Laura Johnson, Comptroller; Anne Bass, Deputy Comptroller; Sheila Pickett, Procurement Director

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 other individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robinson reconvened the Budget Work Session at 5:00 P.M., from the recess of May 7, 2015.

2. INVOCATION

Council Member Marion Robinson led in the invocation.

**3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
FY 2015-2016 Budget**

▪ Recap And Follow-Up Questions From Last Discussion:

- > Park Improvements. Bleachers are to be located at Drawdy Park at the football field. Staff is obtaining the estimates on the replacement of the dugouts based upon those cost estimates that are coming in, which has to be brought back to Council.
- > Information Technology. Virtual Machine. It was agreed upon, by consensus, that if, in fact, the Council moves forward with the recommended budget, that this would be solicited publicly to include State contract prices as well as other potential vendors that would bid on this technology.
- > Road Maintenance Fee. The fee has been included and will be used for maintenance only (County maintained roads and County improved roads).
- > Elected Officials' Pay. Staff excluded from the Second Reading budget amount the Elected Officials' 2% COLA, as directed by Council. After expressing concern to not do this, have reconsidered because the Council needs to keep a good relationship with the Elected Officials. Have asked for information from surrounding counties and comparable size counties whether they do this or not. Asked Council to consider postpone this matter until May 28, 2015 when another work session could be scheduled. Would like to also have a report of what the salaries of other Elected Officials are in surrounding counties.
- > Trash Service Cost. Staff provided information to Council regarding the County's cost of providing free services to schools, hospital and the Town.
- > Notification to all Allocation Agencies. Per the directive of Council, all County Allocation agencies and departments will provide written quarterly updates to Council regarding their services to the County and make Council aware of how the County dollars are being used. Will try to come up with some type of format to ensure the information received is consistent and brief.

- > Budget Ordinance. All of the changes made thus far are incorporated into the Second Reading of the document.

Chairman Robinson asked if there were any more questions on the budget.

4. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 P.M., upon unanimous approval of County Council.

SHRYLL M. BROWN
CLERK TO COUNCIL

CAROLYN B. ROBINSON
CHAIRMAN