



**MINUTES
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORKSESSION
MAY 16, 2011**

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

Staff: Laura Johnson, 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 other individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

2. INVOCATION

Council Member Kinley led in the invocation.

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. FY 2011-2012 Budget Presentation

• Collection And Transportation - Davis Anderson

- In 2006, the county was approached about starting its own Transportation Department, whereby solid waste would be taken from the recycling centers to the Transfer Station.
- The county was spending \$464,000 to Waste Management for them to pick up the containers and take them to the Transfer Station. The solid waste was then transported to Screaming Eagle Road.
- The county formed its own department in 2007. Had an initial start up fee for equipment; but only spent \$187,000; \$185,000 in 2008; \$179,000 in 2009 and \$102,000 to date.
- Solid Waste account was \$47.19, per ton, at that time. The county spent \$1.4 million to Waste Management for them to haul the waste. That amount drastically reduced in 2007; continued to drop in 2008. The amount was \$840,000 in 2009 and \$500,000 to date.

• Emergency Management - Becky Spence

- Sit behind locked doors. Glass doors inside of the department and exterior door marked "Authorized Personnel Only" because of national crime computer that is housed.
- Answer phones; gather information; getting information out to responders; customer service.
- Communicators work with multiple screens.
- Take non-emergency and 911 calls. When 911 calls come in from a landline, it shows name, address and phone number and also pulls up the mapping system.
- Can get good latitude and longitude coordinate from a cell phone call.
- TTY for hearing impaired or deaf.
- Have replay feature which allows the telecommunicator to listen to phone calls after the caller has hung up.
- Newest system is an upgraded version of computer aided dispatch. It is the information tool to collect information and keep up with personnel.
- 911 calls automatically plot. Have electronic and wall maps.
- Emergency Management listens to Sheriff's Office, Public Safety, Rescue, EMS, Fire and Highway Patrol channels.
- Call guide - when not sure what questions to ask for certain type of calls.
- Prior calls from address history.
- Can put alerts on specific address (i.e., if aggressive animals might be a hazard to responders).

- Search criteria tool.
- CAD system interfaces with Sheriff's Office information.
- NCIC system (capability to run tags, licenses, wanted people, cars, guns and hits from other agencies).
- Weather computer has software that is data from the XM radio (real time weather information).
- Have hotline phones to VC Summer, EMS headquarters and Lifeline.
- Video is running 24-7. Courthouse cameras play live.
- Recording system. Can go back at least 6 months. Every radio and phone channel is recorded.
- Database Room. Location information that comes up with 911 call is housed and updated every day.
- Calls For Service: As Of 5/12/2011. 6601 calls.
- Severe Storm: As Of 5/11/2011. Processed 145 calls between 0139 – 0900 hours.
- 2011 Call Data (approximately 34,000 calls).

Questions:

- ? How do you handle callers who do not speak English?
- ? There is information circulating in the community about the nuclear plant, after the demise of Bin Laden, that there were 10 nuclear plants in the United States and V. C. Summer was one of them. Does that type of information filter in or is that something that people need to be concerned about? Is there any validity to that?
- ? How many people work per shift?
- ? Do we update maps as things change with the county, i.e., renaming? How often is this updated?

• Grants Update – Steven Gaither

- Grants Coordinator Overview
- Current Projects Of Fairfield County: Edward Byrne Grant (JAG), Direct Justice Assistant Grant (JAG), Direct JAG Grant, Department of Homeland Security/SC Justice Department, US Justice Department, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), SCDHEC Used Oil Grant, SCDHEC Waste Tire Grant, Fairfield County Museum Grant SC Budget & Control Board Energy Grant, SC Department of Transportation, County Transportation Committee (CTC), Water Projects (Ridgeway, Jenkinsville, Mitford, Mid-County), Fairfield County Airport Project, Federal Aviation Administration, SC Aeronautics Commission, SC Commerce, Peach Road Industrial Park, Fairfield County Quick Jobs
- Proposed Projects: EMS DUI Grant, Waste Tire Grant, Used Oil Grant, SCDOT 5311 Rural Transportation Grant, US Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Department of Energy, SC Department of Transportation 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Application, 5317 The New Freedom Application, CDBG Community Infrastructure; CDBG Ready to Go, U.S. Economic Development Grant, Center for Prevention & Disease Control (Public Health Preparedness Grant), Department of Homeland Security (Emergency Management Performance Grant), Fairfield County Fire Stations Project, Multi -Purpose County Facilities (Libraries, Community Centers, Recreation Buildings)
- Referral Projects: Hospital Grant, Hospital Improvement & Services Grants, Hospital Youth Grant, Panera Bread Cares & Non-profit Cafés
- The total revenue generated was approximately \$9,750,326.00 over the past 24 months

Questions:

- ? How far does the Ebus go? 40 or 50 miles?
- ? Need quality housing built in Fairfield County. How does the county go about doing this? Do we have to go out and get developers who are interested? Do we have to find money?

• FY 2011-2012 Budget Discussion

- Are we interested in bringing the Animal Control/Litter Officer, which is currently under the Sheriff's Department, back under the county?
- Would like to have a report from the Sheriff's Department once a quarter.
- In listening at the reports and money that was saved as it relates to rehabbing of buildings such as Courthouse and other major buildings, and in looking at money that was dispensed for sidewalks and the streets and roads in Winnsboro and urban areas. How do we start focusing on taxpayers' money for the rural areas?
- Have we heard from the CTC about the road paving list?

4. ADJOURN

The budget worksession was adjourned at 8:46 P.M., upon unanimous approval by Council.

SHRYLL M. BROWN
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DAVID L. FERGUSON, SR.
CHAIRMAN