



**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
MAY 23, 2011**

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

**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 individuals.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ferguson called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

**2. INVOCATION**

Council Member Kinley led in the invocation.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*It was moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Council Member Trapp to approve the minutes of the budget worksession of May 2, 2011; regular meeting of May 9, 2011; budget worksession of May 9, 2011 and worksession of May 11, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.*

**PUBLIC HEARING**

An Ordinance To Establish Operating And Capital Budgets For The Operation Of The County Government Of Fairfield County For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2011; To Provide For The Levy Of Taxes For Fairfield County For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2011; To Provide For The Expenditure Of Tax Revenues And Other County Funds; To Provide For Other County Purposes; To Provide For Certain Fiscal And Other Matters Relating To County Government; and Other Matters Related Thereto. *Chairman Ferguson opened public hearing at 6:16 P.M. {Mr. Steven Gaither gave a presentation on the grant process}. Hearing no other comments, the Chairman closed public hearing at 6:29 P.M.*

**PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITION**

Mr. Jake Gaston and Mr. Steven Gaither recognized the students who were winners of the Fairfield County Recycling Poster Contest. They represented grade levels K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and overall winner.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

*At this time, Council Member Brown moved, with a second by Council Member Trapp to allow Mr. Hinely to add an additional person to the grants department sometime during this year. He pointed out that this would not be an increase in the budget, as funds are already available in the personnel account. The motion carried unanimously.*

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

**A. Third and Final Reading: Ordinance No. 588 - An Ordinance To Establish Operating And Capital Budgets For The Operation Of The County Government Of Fairfield County For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2011; To Provide For The Levy Of Taxes For Fairfield County For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2011; To Provide For The Expenditure Of Tax Revenues And Other County Funds; To Provide For Other County Purposes; To Provide For Certain Fiscal And Other Matters Relating To County Government; and Other Matters Related Thereto.** *It was moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Vice Chairman Perry to approve Third and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 588. {Council Member Marcharia commented that over the period Council had its budget hearings, he asked questions; however, he voiced that he does not have a notion of where, specifically, the nine million dollars (in grants) went. He maintained he has asked for things for the rural area in the county; however, it appeared most of the money in the budget continuously go to the same places. He said he asked issues about the nuclear plant, in terms of if something really happens, how are people notified if there are no phones or other means of communication. He concluded saying, in his opinion, some of the funds distributed to various districts have not been distributed fairly and leaves a lot to be desired}. The motion carried 6-1. {Council Member Marcharia voted nay}.*

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

None.

## 8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

**a.** At last election, three individuals were not successful in their bid; consequently, they sued the county (through the elections office). They appealed to State Supreme Court and were turned down. The county asked the court to give attorney fees. The county received a check for \$1,000.00 from each of the individuals—for a total of \$3,000.00

**b.** Congregate meals site was closed in western side of county. Council Member Marcharia expressed his church might have some interest in this matter. Mrs. Angi Connor has contacted Pastor D. S. President and seems to be encouraged.

**c.** Explained what the Council prescribed in the budget as an incentive for the firemen. {Council Member Marcharia inquired about the changed protocol for using the forestations}.

**d.** Mr. Anderson was asked to elaborate on the safety aspect at V. C. Summer plant.

## 9. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT

**a.** Referenced two informational letters that were attached to agenda package.

## 10. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

Provided as information.

## 11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Water meeting re-scheduled for Wednesday, May 25, 2011 @ 6:30 P.M.

## 12. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Perry: Announced that beginning in June, the Hospital has decided to move its monthly meeting from the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday.

**13. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 P.M. upon the unanimous approval of Council.

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SHRYLL M. BROWN  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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DAVID L. FERGUSON, SR.  
CHAIRMAN