



MINUTES
AUGUST 9, 2016
LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE – PUBLIC SQUARE
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ATTENDANCE: **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT-** County Council Chairman Joe Wood and Vice Chairman Keith Tollison; County Council Members: Diane Anderson, Stewart Jones, Garrett McDaniel, David Pitts, and Ted Nash.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

COUNTY STAFF: Laurens County Administrator, Jon Caime; Laurens County Clerk to Council, Betty Walsh and Laurens County Attorney, Sandy Cruickshanks.

DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT: Laurens County Public Works Director Rob Russian; Captain Tyson, Detention Center Administrator; Laurens County Human Resources Manager, Debi Parker; Lisa Kirk, Laurens County Finance Director and Laurens County Fire Director, Greg Lindley.

PRESS: Vic McDonald, *The Clinton Chronicle*; Corey Engle, *The Laurens County Advertiser*, and Ida Cadmus, WLBG Radio.

SCHEDULED MEETING AGENDA ITEMS – AUGUST 9, 2016 – 1.) Call to Order; 2.) Invocation – Vice Chairman Tollison; 3.) Pledge of Allegiance; 4.) Approval of Agenda August 9, 2016; 5.) Approval of Minutes July 26, 2016 Regular Meeting; 6.) Old Business: a.) Public Hearing, Ordinance #821, MCIP, Donaldson Park; b.) Update – Laurens County Fire Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017; 7.) Reports To Council: a.) Financial Report, Fiscal Year 2016-2017, July report; b.) Update – Laurens County Transportation Commission; 8.) New Business: a.) Resolution #2016-21 – BB&T Equipment Financing; 9.) Public Comment; 10.) County Council Comments; 11.) Executive Session - Employment Matter; 12.) Adjournment.

MEETING NOTIFICATION – The requesting general public and Press were informed of the meeting in a timely manner. Postings of the Agenda were posted in County facilities on their bulletin boards and also posted on the County Web Site.

- 1.) **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 5:35 P.M. and invited all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.
- 2.) **INVOCATION** – Vice Chairman Tollison provided the invocation.
- 3.) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by all.
- 4.) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Chairman Wood called for approval of the August 9, 2016 Agenda inclusive of any additions or deletions.

Administrator Jon Caime asked to add a discussion of the Clinton and Fountain Inn Contracts; Major Tyson of the Detention Center and a report from the County Council Committee on Planning and Intergovernmental Affairs.

Chairman Wood requested to add an employment matter to Executive Session. Other items added include the Council Committee report from Councilwoman Anderson and a report from Captain Tyson of the Detention Center.

COUNCILMAN NASH made the MOTION to approve the agenda as presented with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDDING; VOTE 7-0.

- 5.) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON made the MOTION to approve the July 26, 2016 minutes of the regular session of Council with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 7-0.
- 6.) **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a.) **PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #821, MCIP CONTINUING DONALDSON AGREEMENT** – Chairman Wood opened the public hearing at 5:40 P.M.

Attorney Cruickshanks stated, “This deals with the Donaldson Multi County Park Agreement written several years ago and was written to expire in 2015. Laurens County is a one percent (1%) recipient of this Agreement with Greenville County. This Ordinance allows us to extend the agreement for a considerable period of time and allows for Laurens County to continue receiving the one percent (1%) proceeds”.

Having no one wishing to speak, Chairman Wood closed the hearing at 5:41 P.M.

- 1.) **THIRD READING – ORDINANCE #821, MCIP CONTINUING DONALDSON AGREEMENT** – COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION to approve the Ordinance on third reading as presented with VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON SECONDING; VOTE 7-0.
- b.) **UPDATE – LAURENS COUNTY FIRE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017** - Mr. Greg Lindley, Director of Fire Services and Jon Caime, County Administrator provided an update / overview of the fire budget as follows:

Fire General Fund - FY 2016-2017
Overview

- 1.) 18.0 mills
- 2.) Fire Mill = \$134,000.00 as set by County Auditor
- 3.) 1.9 Mills = Reserve Fund
- 4.) 16.1 Mills to operate the County Fire Service = \$2,157,400.00
- 5.) Anticipated carryover from FY 2015 / 2016 = \$100,000.00
- 6.) Projected collections for Fire General Fund = \$2,157,400.00
- at 16.1 mills \$133,750.00 plus carryover of \$100,000.00 = \$2,257,400.00
- 7.) Clinton and Fountain Inn Contracts = \$500,109.72
- includes a \$5,338 increase for both contracts

Points on budget presented:

- 1.) The value of a mill increased from \$133,750.00 per mill to \$134,000.00;
- 2.) Insurance Premiums for Fire Service will remain the same as the FY 2015-2016 but with the addition of stations there might be a slight increase before fiscal year end. The upgrades of some stations may help to balance out the premiums or reduce them;

LAURENS COUNTY FIRE SERVICE FIRE GENERAL FUND - PROJECTIONS - FY 16/17							
Fund: 123							
Account Number	Account Description	FY 15/16	FY 15/16	FY 15/16	FY 16/17	FY 16/17	FY 16/17
		Admin	Balance	Date	Dept	Admin	Balance
	16.1 Mills @ 134,000,00 per Mill	Recom		Date 05/18/16	Request	Recom	
	Projected Revenues for FY 16/17	\$2,153,375.00	\$2,153,375.00		\$2,157,400.00	\$2,157,400.00	\$2,157,400.00
	Carryover from FY 15/16	\$55,000.00	\$2,208,375.00		\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$2,257,400.00
11000	Salaries (FT - Div Chiefs, 2151)	\$178,336.48	\$2,030,038.52	\$178,336.48	\$185,432.00	\$185,432.00	\$2,071,968.00
13000	Overtime	\$0.00	\$2,030,038.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,071,968.00
21000	Health	\$26,897.70	\$2,003,140.82	\$31,582.36	\$26,897.70	\$26,897.70	\$2,045,070.30
22000	FICA	\$14,524.33	\$1,988,616.49	\$14,524.33	\$15,357.76	\$15,357.76	\$2,029,712.54
23000	Retirement	\$24,378.09	\$1,964,238.40	\$24,378.09	\$27,583.77	\$27,583.77	\$2,002,128.77
11010	PT Mechanic, PT Maint Tech	\$33,062.04	\$1,931,176.36	\$33,062.04	\$34,776.33	\$34,776.33	\$1,967,352.44
21051	Education Credit	\$8,000.00	\$1,923,176.36	\$8,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$1,955,352.44
52050	George Johnson Insurance	\$123,000.00	\$1,800,176.36	\$124,147.00	\$130,000.00	\$130,000.00	\$1,825,352.44
26000	Workers Compensation	\$71,693.00	\$1,728,483.36	\$77,455.50	\$71,693.00	\$71,693.00	\$1,753,659.44
14040	Accident and Sickness Insurance	\$9,500.00	\$1,718,983.36	\$9,419.00	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$1,744,159.44
61850	Uniforms for Personnel	\$4,000.00	\$1,714,983.36	\$3,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,740,159.44
56010	Clinton Contract	\$283,940.00	\$1,431,043.36	\$283,940.00	\$289,278.07	\$289,278.07	\$1,450,881.37
56012	Fountain Inn Contract	\$205,493.65	\$1,225,549.71	\$205,493.65	\$215,767.65	\$210,831.65	\$1,240,049.72
56014	Rural Fire District Contracts	\$141,500.00	\$1,084,049.71	\$141,500.00	\$133,870.00	\$132,670.00	\$1,107,379.72
56013	Laurens County FD	\$353,403.35	\$730,646.36	\$340,000.00	\$375,435.63	\$375,435.63	\$731,944.09
61911	Rural Fire Fuel	\$80,000.00	\$650,646.36	\$35,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$651,944.09
72000	Building Repairs	\$30,000.00	\$620,646.36	\$10,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$621,944.09
74200	Vehicle Purchase/Lease Purchase	\$153,000.00	\$467,646.36	\$153,000.00	\$153,000.00	\$153,000.00	\$468,944.09
44030	Copier Lease	\$4,400.00	\$463,246.36	\$5,000.00	\$4,400.00	\$4,400.00	\$464,544.09
62025	Rural Fire Utilities	\$120,000.00	\$343,246.36	\$110,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$344,544.09
74555	Capital Purchase (Equipment) FDs	\$237,101.17	\$106,145.19	\$230,000.00	\$244,293.86	\$244,293.86	\$100,250.23
61900	Vehicle Maintenance Program	\$60,000.00	\$46,145.19	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$40,250.23
43030	Annual Flow Tests/Ladders/Cascades	\$16,000.00	\$30,145.19	\$16,069.79	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$15,250.23
80083	Tax Rebate to Volunteers	\$8,000.00	\$22,145.19	\$7,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$7,250.23
61040	Computer Supplies			\$1,436.62			
74170	Machines and Equipment		\$22,145.19	\$488.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
80040	Contingency		\$22,145.19	\$3,028.00	\$17,926.30	\$17,926.30	\$7,250.23

Municipal Fire Contracts:

Clinton: There was not a representative from the City of Clinton available.

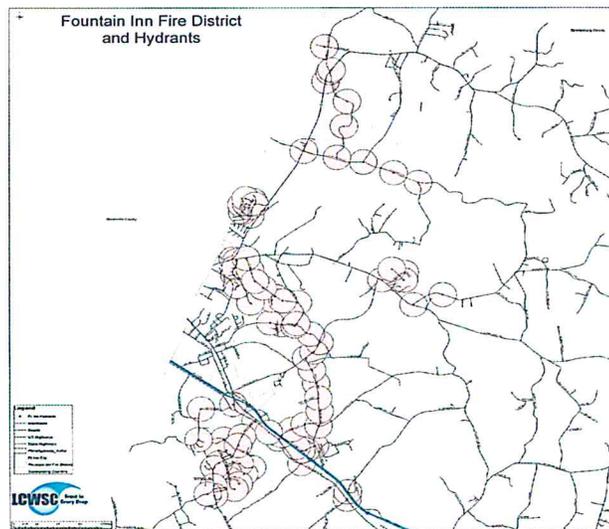
Fountain Inn: Mr. Eddie Case, City Administrator, appeared before Council and said, “We appreciated the opportunity to have had a long relationship with Laurens County. We have built up a great fire station over the years. I just wanted to clear up things by saying that we are not requesting a two (2) year contract but a two (2) year notice before pulling out of the contract. We are asking for a five percent (5%) increase this year because we have not had an increase since 2013 and we fielded eighteen percent (18%) of the call volume in Laurens County. We responded to two thousand two hundred three (2,203)”.

Councilman Jones asked what types of calls they responded to. Mr. Case said that he did not have that information with him but, could obtain it.

Fiscal Year	Requested Increase	Amount	Provided Increase
2006-2007	3.40%	\$ 189,000.00	
2007-2008	1.50%	\$ 189,000.00	0%
2008/2009	4%	\$ 196,560.00	4%
2009/2010	No Request	\$ 196,500.00	0%
2010/2011	5%	\$ 202,456.00	3%
2011/2012	2.75%	\$ 202,456.00	0%
2012/2013	4.53%	\$ 202,456.00	0%
2013/2014	1.50%	\$ 205,493.65	1.50%
2014/2015	5%	\$ 205,493.65	0%
2015/2016	7%	\$ 205,493.65	0%
2016/2017	5%		

Councilman Pitts asked for confirmation that this was the operating budget and not dealing with the bond monies and why some of the departments were requesting less monies this year. Mr. Lindley replied that it was only the operating budgets for the rural fire departments for this Fiscal Year and that basically the departments are on a rotation basis for funding requests.

Thompson Road – Proposed Fire Station:



Operating Costs:

Fountain Inn Substation					
Program: 42000 Public Safety					
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	PROPOSED FY BUDGET	DATA			
Salaries (3) 24 hr FFs	\$ 88,670.58	\$ 29,556.86	Base		3 -Personnel
Overtime	\$ 9,000.00				
FICA -7.65%	\$ 6,613.26	\$ 2,204.42			
PORS - 13.74%	\$ 11,592.63	\$ 3,864.21			
Health	\$ 12,689.37	\$ 4,229.79			
Part-time Firefighters	\$ 52,560.00	\$12.00 per hr (12 hrs per day)			6-PT Personnel
FICA -7.65%	\$ 4,020.00	7 Days a week (7am - 7pm)			

Equipment Maintenance	\$ 1,500.00		
Maintenance Contracts	\$ 500.00		
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ -	No increase in maintenance	
Telephone	\$ 1,450.00		
Membership/Dues	\$ -		
Training	\$ -	paid from training budget	
Building Maintenance	\$ 500.00		
First Responder Supplies	\$ 250.00		
Janitorial Supplies	\$ 300.00		
Office Supplies	\$ 1,250.00		
Postage	\$ -		
Uniforms	\$ 6,000.00		
Utilities	\$ 4,625.00		
Books/Publications	\$ -		
Office Furniture	\$ 2,000.00	1% funds can help pay for this	
Building Acquisition	\$ -	Fire Bond paying for station	
Machines/Equipment	\$ -		
Vehicles/Apparatus	\$ -	None needed	
Firefighting Equipment	\$ -	PPE and equipment covered	
Subtotal Salaries	\$ 185,145.84		
Subtotal Operating	\$ 18,375.00		
Subtotal Capital Outlay	\$ -		
TOTALS	\$ 203,520.84		

Chairman Wood asked for a motion towards moving forward with the Thompson Road Fire Station.

Administrator Caime asked for a point of order and said that Council needs to approve the contracts with the final reading and public hearing being at the next Council meeting. Chairman Wood stated that Thompson Road has nothing to do with the contracts but only involves the bond monies. Administrator Caime stated, “The operation of the Thompson Road station will not take place for another two (2) years with the Fountain Inn contract transitioning out”.

Chairman Wood explained that by motion Council will be giving Mr. Lindley permission to move forward with the Thompson Road Station within two (2) years.

VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON made the MOTION to approve the Thompson Road Fire Station with a two (2) year plan of implementing full operations with equipment and staffing. COUNCILMAN NASH SECONDING for discussion.

Councilman Jones stated that he was pleased with Council planning for this move well in advance.

Councilman Pitts asked if the staffing salary numbers were correct using the one hundred eighty two thousand one hundred forty five dollars (\$182,145.00). And that he quickly determined that that would be about twenty one dollars (\$21.00) an hour. Mr. Lindley replied that it was correct.

Councilman Pitts asked if the area continues to grow with housing, can we provide the services needed with the proposed one (1) or three (3) staffed firefighters; would we still depend on the assistance from Fountain Inn and really who would provide the better service? Councilman Pitts continued and stated, “I, in good judgement cannot support the discontinuing of the Fountain Inn service at this time”.

Mr. Lindley reviewed the present staffed stations within Laurens County and the automatic aid received from the City of Laurens and Clinton. Mr. Lindley stated that he has no doubt in his mind that Thompson Road can be run with the budget presented.

Councilman Pitts added as a point of clarification, “I am not saying this Council should not build and staff the Thompson Road Station but only that I have concerns with discontinuing the Fountain Inn contract in two (2) years”.

Chairman Wood said, “I too have concerns with the staffing a budget for this station but on the other hand it will allow for lower insurance rates and better response times for the citizens”.

COUNCIL VOTED 6-1 (Councilman Pitts objected).

VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON made the MOTION to accept the contract, for one (1) year with the Cities of Fountain Inn and Clinton, applying a five percent (5%) increase for both. Included that Mr. Lindley to continue the dialogue with Fountain Inn. COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 7-0.

7.) **REPORTS TO COUNCIL:**

a.) **JON CAIME, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR** – Addressing Council, Mr. Caime informed them of the following:

- Financial Report Fiscal Year 2016 / 2017 – July – Report #1 – Administrator Caime stated “The report Council has is just a summary report. The process is not as fast as I would like it to be because the work at the end of a month within the Treasurer’s Office is not complete enough to provide an accurate picture. I am focused on getting a report out to Council every month by our first meeting of the month. Unfortunately with the work the Treasurer has to do, it looks like it will be the second meeting of Council that a good report will be provided. At the next Council meeting we will have for you a more detailed report. I also will provide to you a final fiscal year report 2015-2016 ”.
- Recent activities / meetings:
 - Met with the Greenville Hospital System to discuss the perceptions of the Laurens Memorial Hospital; if something is wrong then how to fix it?
 - Attended a Clinton Grand Opening;
 - Met with local Realtors to discuss why development is not coming to the County and how to enhance the growth for the County;
 - Met with strong opponents of the County towards zoning and was very encouraged with the outcome;
 - Attended a Library Board meeting and learned of a three (3) year plan for a new Clinton Library.

b.) UPDATE - ROB RUSSIAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR – COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Russian said, “The County Transportation Committee (CTC) is appointed by the Delegation and is funded with a portion of the state gas tax. They are tasked at determining how to spend the monies within Laurens County on roads”.

Mr. Russian proved the following Street / Road names as targets for this years resurfacing:

Sandy Springs Road (north of SC 308)	Equinox Drive	Donna Road
Pasture Drive	Simmons Street	Quarry Road
Tractor Drive	Barnyard Road	Plow Road
Wanna Drive	Tallwood Drive	Enchanted Oaks
Townsend Street	Pasture Court	Barnyard Court

Panagakos Asphalt was awarded the bid at a cost of \$652,616.00 with work beginning next month.

- c.) Captain Tyson, Detention Center Administrator informed and invited Council to the first GED graduation ceremony held at the Detention Center for inmates. Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.

8.) NEW BUSINESS:

- a.) Resolution #2016-21 – BB&T 2016/2017 Equipment Financing – Council postponed this discussion item until it could be better reviewed with Council.

- b.) County Council Committee on Planning and Intergovernmental Affairs – Committee Chair, Diane Anderson reported that the Committee had met prior to the regular session of Council to discuss the following items and to make recommendations to the full Council:

- Advise of a process for the Planning Commission to move forward with Laurens County Enforcement Ordinances – Committee Chairwoman Anderson said that there was a unanimous decision for the Planning Commission to move forward with the revisions necessary to the enforcement ordinances for Laurens County.
- Review of the proposed Junkyard Ordinance from the Planning Commission with recommendations to the full Council – Committee Chairwoman Anderson reported said that with the proposed Junkyard ordinance there seemed to still be questions as it relates to those that are considered grandfathered junkyards and that no action was taken by the Committee at this time. The Committee will meet again to discuss in more detail.
- Discuss the requested Resolution from the Dogwood Alliance towards the pellet industry, Eniva. - Committee Chairwoman Anderson said that due to no motions, no action was taken by the Committee.

Vice Chairman Tollison asked for clarification towards the recommendations from the Committee. Committee Chairwoman replied that presently they have two (2) vacancies and need to be fully staffed with the required necessary training.

Vice Chairman Tollison stated, “From the comments here, there still is not a clear direction for the Planning Commission. I’m not certain that we are clearly stating what we want them to do”.

Administrator Caime said, “What we have here are more than eight hundred fifty (850) ordinances. Mrs. Walsh has gone through these ordinances and has come up with a variety of enforcement ordinances. One coming to Laurens County wanting to set up a business has to go

through these eight hundred fifty (850) ordinances to find out how to do your business. We have many ordinances that were created early on and have since the origination of the ordinance has been amended on various occasions. Its these enforcement ordinances that the Planning Commission will be focused on attempting to consolidate and bringing back to the full Council to approve”.

Council Chairman Wood asked for a motion. With the MOTION and a SECOND coming from the Council Committee, COUNCIL VOTED 6-0 to approve their recommendations. (Councilman Pitts left the meeting at 6:50 P.M.

- 9.) **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Chairman Wood opened the floor for public comment at 7:15 P.M.
- a.) Mr. Sam Wilton, a resident of Laurens County, spoke briefly addressing the implied industry of Eniva establishing in Laurens County . Mr. Wilton said, “The only good from this industry is as it relates to economic development. There are more bad issues than good – the quality of life for those living around a plant of this nature; the cutting of trees; noise; property values and pollution. This industry is just bad for the environment. Fairfield County banned this industry to coming to there location”.
 - b.) Ms. Morgan Rowden, representing the Dogwood Alliance said, “I am disappointed that the Resolution was not approved by Council as there is a movement to stop this industry establishing here and we will keep on working the community”.

Having no one else wishing to address Council, Chairman Wood closed the session at 7:16 P.M.

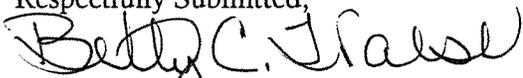
- 10.) **COUNTY COUNCIL COMMENTS:**
- a.) Councilman Nash stated that this meeting has proved to be very interesting and quite diverse.
- 11.) **EXECUTIVE SESSION – EMPLOYMENT MATTER** – COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON made the MOTION to move into Executive Session at 7:32 P.M. for an employment matter with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

By CONSENSUS Council reconvened in open session at 7:42 P.M.

CHAIRMAN WOOD stated that no action was taken.

- 12.) **ADJOURNMENT** – With no further action required by Council, Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting at 7:44 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Betty C. Walsh

Laurens County Clerk to Council



PUBLIC COMMENT
SIGN IN SHEET

DATE: 2.9.16

Limited to fifteen (15) minutes, with five (5) minutes per subject matter / topic
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Agenda Specific pellet issue Subject Matter: _____

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Agenda Specific wood pellet mill Subject Matter: _____

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~~Agenda Specific DET. CENTER NEWS Subject Matter: FED GRADUATION~~

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Everyone speaking before Council will be required to so in a civil manner.
 Council will hear comments as information only; no dialogue by Council Members is to be expected.
 Council will not tolerate personal attacks on individual Council Members, County Staff or any person or group.
 Racial slurs will not be permitted. Council's priority is to conduct business for the citizens of this County.