

**Clarendon County Special Called Meeting
Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 9:30 am
Council Chambers, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, SC**

Those in attendance:

Chairman, Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.
Councilman, Billy Richardson
County Administrator, David W. Epperson

Vice Chairman W.J. Frierson, Sr.
Councilman, Benton Blakely
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Absent: Councilman, A.C. English, Jr.

Media: None

Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony Ted Felder Meesha Witherspoon Larry Johnson, Sr.

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 9:30 am and led the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

I. Ordinance 2022-04

Administrator Epperson presented Council with Ordinance 2022-04 – An Ordinance Providing Authorization for the County of enter a Lease-Purchase or Other Similar Agreement, and Other Related Matters. He stated that every July the County look at purchasing-leasing vehicles for the Sheriff’s Department. The vehicles area available now at a reasonable price so we would like to go ahead and purchase 6 law enforcement vehicles for the Sheriff’s Department and 1 transport van for the Coroner’s Office.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the First Reading of Ordinance 2022-04 – An Ordinance Providing Authorization for the County to Enter a Lease-Purchase or Other Similar Agreement; And Other Related Matters.

II. Clarendon County Transportation Committee (CTC)

Chairman Stewart stated that the CTC meeting is now is session. The CTC meeting began at 9:33 am.

1. Administrator Epperson presented Council with a request from SCDOT requesting approval to add S-14-426 (Short Sheet) and S-14-300 (Brunson Street) in the City of Manning to the project list at an estimated cost of \$107,002.80.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the request from SCDOT requesting approval to add S-14-426 (Short Street) and S-14-300 (Brunson Street) in the City of Manning to the project list at an estimated cost of \$107,002.80.

2. Administrator Epperson presented Council with a request for Authorization of approval for repairs to I-95 Lake Marion Bridge at an amount not to exceed \$192,997.20. He stated that there was an accident on I-95 several months ago which included a big fire and a portion of I-95 was damaged so SCDOT made a temporary repairs and now wants to make the repairs permanent. Administrator Epperson continued by stating that this would come from the State portion of C-Funds.

- Councilman Blakely stated that this would take all of the C-Fund that the County has.
- Administrator Epperson stated that this is an emergency nature and the local office do not have the funds and Clarendon County can get it approved much quicker and it would be a good position to take on our part because a lot of traffic travels I-95 that runs through Clarendon County.
- Councilman Blakely stated that the State should have a lot of funds to fix roads and would the County be reimbursed.
- Administrator Epperson stated that he will follow up with SCDOT to see if we can get reimburse and the contractors are read. He also stated that the state will have funds coming down for roads repairs.
- Vice Chairman Frierson stated that he just hopes that SCDOT remembers that Clarendon County fixed I-95.
- Chairman Stewart stated that if something goes wrong on the Interstate, its affects Clarendon County.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the request from SCDOT for Authorization to Approval for repairs to I-95 Lake Marion Bridge at an amount not to exceed \$192,997.20.

The CTC closed at 9:41 am

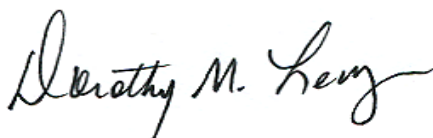
III. Adjourn

Chairman Stewart stated that we have exhausted our agenda and asked for a motion to adjourn the Special Called Council Meeting.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to adjourn the Special Called Council Meeting.

The Special Called Council Meeting adjourned at 9:41 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council