



Clarendon County Budget Workshop
Monday, April 29, 2024
6:00 PM

Council Chambers, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, SC 29102

Those in attendance:

Chairman Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.
Councilman A.C. English
Administrator Lynden Anthony
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Councilman Billy G. Richardson
Councilman John P. Coker
Deputy Administrator Sharmane Anderson

Absent: Vice Chairman W. J. Frierson, Sr.

Press in attendance: None

Others in attendance included:

David Hilton	Jacqueline Blackwell	Patricia Pringle	Terry Streath
Mike Streath	Kay Jowers	Roger Jowers	Jose Calvo
Maureen Calvo	Shanita Bragman	Cynthia Henry	Willie Briggs
Meesha Witherspoon	Larry Johnson	Sheryl Davis	Clayton Pack
Sylvia Witherspoon	And Other Clarendon County Residents		

Chairman Stewart called the Budget Workshop to order at 6:00 pm. Councilman Richardson led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

1. Approval of the Agenda

On motion by Councilman Richrdson and Seconded by Councilman Coker Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Agenda for April 29, 2024.

2. Presentation – Mr. Lynden Anthony, County Administrator

Chairman Stewart gave comments on how the budget gets money to operation.

Mr. Anthony began his presentation by thanking County Council for the opportunity to present the budget requests to Council and the citizens of Clarendon County.

He stated that the budget deficit came down \$200,000 from first reading but still has a deficit of \$837,170 as it stands today. He continued by stating that in this budget is a \$100,000 Local Option Sales Taxes Credit to be given back to taxpayers. The numbers will continue to change. Fire Rescue has a 2 million dollars increase, and EMS collections are the same as last year and also the Library has a zero-millage increase.

Mr. Anthony stated that health insurance will have a 11.8% increase as of January 1, 2025 and the 1% increase in employer portion of retirement expense to the State, as well as the 1.6% salary step increase.

Mr. Anthony stated that he would like to go through the Budget book by department. He stated that the department increases are the effect of salary and salary related increases like step increase and health insurance increases.

The additions or changes being requested to staffing levels:

Assessor's Office	Request to change the title property inspector to Appraiser I with a salary change. Add a new permanent clerk II position. Also, transfer the GIS responsibilities to our Emergency Management Department.
Auditor's Office	Change title from deputy Auditor to Sr. Deputy Auditor with salary increase.
Sheriff's Department	Increase the department salary from 1.6% step increase to 5%.
Detention	Requesting 9 new officers and 1 captain
Coroner's Office	Requesting a salary increase for the Coroner, salary increase for the deputy Coroner, and a full time Administrative Assistant.
Solid Waste	Requesting to hire a Wastewater Manager
Planning Department	Requesting a change in the Building Inspector's position – from unfunded to Funded
Board of Elections and Voter Registration	Requesting to change the Clerk II position from temporary part-time to permanent part-time.
Information Technology	Requesting a new position – Sr. IT Specialist

CAPITAL REQUEST

Coroner	Refrigerated Transport Van
Emergency Management	New GIS For Entire County
Information Technology	20 – Desktop Computers Network Equipment Replacement Server Hard Drive Replacement New Server to replace old Server Windows server 2022 licenses
Public Works	Jetta Trailer Pipe Cleaner
Library	Automatic Door Openers for Main Branch
Fire Rescue	New Ambulance

AGENCIES

Behavioral Services	\$5,000
Indigent Care	\$38,095
Clemson Extension	\$28,800
SC Association of Counties	\$8,670
Circuit Judge Allowance	\$750
Public Defender	\$158,000
Santee – Lynches COG	\$36,210
Health Department	\$30,000
Solicitor Supplement	\$243,565
Delegation Allowance	\$20,000
Clarendon Soil & Water Cons	\$32,000
Central Carolina Tech.	\$200,000
CCTC Scholarship Fund	\$20,000
CCTC Adult Education	\$28,000
Department of Mental Health	\$15,000

General Fund Revenue

The General Fund budget before you, reflects a zero increase in millage rate. We are assuming that we will experience continued growth in overall assessed values due to continued growth with vehicles and watercraft at a lower 2% assessed value growth.

Our collection of Local Option Sales Tax continues to grow; we are recommending that the LOST credit be given back to our taxpayers.

The Library Special Tax District, we have prepared a balanced budget with zero growth in millage rate.

Chairman Stewart asked if Council had any questions about the budget. He gave closing comments on the budget workshop. He stated that the value of a mil in Greenville is 1.3 million dollars verses Clarendon County value of a mil is 126,000 and we have to buy the same fire truck and equipment as larger counties. Chairman Stewart concluded his comments by asking Lynden Anthony to bring back a balance budget.

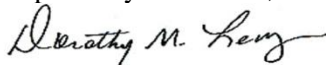
3. Adjourn

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

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman Coker, Council voted Unanimous Approval to adjourn the Special Called Council Meeting – Budget Workshop.

The Budget Workshop adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council, CCC

