

AGENDA

ANDERSON COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday September 8, 2020 10:00 a.m.

101 South Main Street, Anderson SC

Second Floor, Administrator's Conference Room

Chairman Brett Sanders, Presiding

Tommy Dunn
Chairman
Council District 5

Brett Sanders
Vice Chairman
Council District 4

Craig Wooten
Council District 1

Gracie S. Floyd
Council District 2

Ray Graham
Council District 3

Jimmy Davis
Council District 6

M. Cindy Wilson
Council District 7

Lacey Croegaert
Clerk to Council

Rusty Burns
County Administrator

1. Call to Order
Chairman Sanders
2. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance
Honorable Ray Graham
3. Approval of January 31, 2020 Minutes
Chairman Sanders
4. Discussion of Proposed FY 21 Operating & Capital Budget
Ms. Rita Davis
5. Approval of Tax Year 20 Millage
Ms. Rita Davis
6. Executive Session – Contractual Matters Regarding Health Insurance Plan
Ms. Rita Davis
7. Citizens Comments
8. Adjourn

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

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Minutes

Finance Committee Meeting Friday, January 31, 2020

The Finance Committee Meeting of Friday, January 31, 2020 was called to order at 10:30 am by Chairman Brett Sanders. Ms. M. Cindy Wilson and Mr. Ray Graham were in attendance for the Finance Committee meeting. The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was provided by Ms. M. Cindy Wilson.

The following items were considered by the committee:

3. Approval of November 25, 2019 Finance Committee Minutes:

Ms. M. Cindy Wilson made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected and a second from Mr. Ray Graham, the committee voted unanimously to recommend to Full Council.

4a. Solid Waste Capital, One Pre-Crusher Unit for Whitefield Convenience Center, Mr. Greg Smith:

This bid is for one Pre-Crusher Unit for the Whitefield Convenience Center. Whitefield is the busiest convenience center in the County. One Compactor container will be hauled in place of four 40- yd. containers reducing cost with a \$400 savings. The staff looked at this unit in service in Spartanburg. The staff is recommending Bakers Waste Equipment with cost of \$44,365.41 with tax included.

Ms. M. Cindy Wilson made the motion to accept the bid as presented and a second from Mr. Ray Graham, the committee voted unanimously 3-0 to recommend to Full Council.

4b. Solid Waste Capital, Three Trash Compactors, Mr. Greg Smith:

These trash compactors will be used for cardboard at the sites. The Agnew, Townville and, Craytonville sites overflow on Saturdays. A space is ready to add a concrete pad and the compactors. The staff recommends Bakers Waste Equipment with a total cost of \$44,619 for the 3 trash compactors. Bakers Waste Equipment will provide a one year warranty for labor and parts.

Mr. Ray Graham made the motion to accept the purchase of the three compactors with a second from Ms. M. Cindy Wilson, the committee voted unanimously 3-0 to recommend to Full Council.

5a. Grants, Undiscovered SC Grant for Green Pond Landing, Steve Newton

This is a new grant program that came out this year and this is the County's first chance to apply. The funding will help cover work that is included in the package of alternates that are currently in Phase II the construction contract for work at Green pond. The contractor has agreed to hold price of the alternates until March we find out if we have received this grant. The official grant request submitted was in the amount of \$105,729.05. Anderson County's share if awarded would be in the same amount of \$105,729.05. These funds would cover the alternate part of the original construction contract. The source of the funding could come from Accommodations tax, PARD money or additional grants that could be used for a match. The total project cost would be \$211,000. The grant request was revised to include work that is available to do right now. Mr. Steve Newton is requesting permission to proceed.

Mr. Ray Graham made the motion to move forward to full council with a second from Ms. M. Cindy Wilson, the committee voted unanimously 3-0 to recommend to Full Council.

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5b. Grants, Land Conservation Fund for Piedmont River Park, Steve Newton

The County received a notice for the first time in ten years that the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant was being made available for local governments to apply for projects. The property is currently going through the environmental process. There was a tight time frame to send in a letter of intent for the Land and Water Conservation funding. The Land and Water Conservation funding can be used for initial development at a newly purchased site. Mr. Steve Newton presented the preliminary budget estimate of \$835,000 for the long term development at the new Piedmont facility. For the Land and Water Conservation fund the County can work with the engineer to scale down to a Phase 1 project that will make the facility useable. The possible match sources PARD Grants, Water Recreation Resource Fund. The Duke Natural Resources Foundation expressed interest with helping with this project. With the permission of Council Mr. Newton will work with staff on developing a formal cost estimate for Phase I and he will continue to prepare and put together a formal grant package for LWCF that will be brought back to the Finance Committee before submitting. The County cannot do anything until there is full control of the property. There is an upper and lower portion on the property. The first step would be to develop the lower end to allow the public to have immediate access and amenities and in the future the development of Phase II would include the upper portion.

Ms. M. Cindy Wilson made the motion to recommend to full council move forward on the grant proposal with a second from Mr. Ray Graham, the committee voted unanimously 3-0 to recommend to Full Council.

6. Veterans Affairs Van, Mr. Matthew Muth, Veterans Service Officer

In Anderson County there are lots of veterans who need transportation to the clinics. The Anderson County clinic does not cover all services that are available. The Greenville Clinic van only goes to Columbia and the Anderson Clinic has a van that runs to Columbia one day a week. The veterans cannot be seen when they can't get transportation. The Anderson Transit Authority does allow veterans to ride the bus for free. The bus didn't originally run to Anderson but now runs one up that way. There was a discussion on Meeting veterans at the office or pick-up them up and take to those appointments. To get to Columbia Appointments Midafternoon van comes back at specific time even if appointment is finished. The Veterans affairs office is looking into getting a van to run 2-3 times a week. Then we can provide transportation. There is some funding in the budget to cover the cost of maintenance but wasn't used. There is some Money in budget that is received from state funding that can be used for van purposes. For the first 6 months the van can be ran with volunteers until next budget year. MR. Matthew Muth has a meeting set up with Vets Helping Vets to find volunteers out of that group. He talked to other counties about vans and how their systems runs. They started with volunteers and then began using part-time employees. The Veterans Office is trying to get more access and opportunities for the veterans of Anderson County. There are about 20,000 veterans in County that have applied for benefits through the VA but this number may not include others in the County. Last year in 2019 the Veterans Office applied for compensation of \$10 million. The vehicle requested is a

passenger mini-van. Mr. Joseph Stone reviewed the specifications and recommended this van which is on state contract. The Veterans Office has the money in budget to purchase the van with no additional cost. A resolution 49-54 was introduced to require every County to provide a van for the Veterans

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Office. The Transportation Committee could apply for second van that may possibly handicapped accessible. The County will maintain a ride log on veteran riders and also a call log. The volunteers will be on a trial period.

Mr. Ray Graham made the motion to allow approval of the van for Veterans Affairs with a second from Ms. M. Cindy Wilson, the committee voted unanimously 3-0 to recommend to Full Council.

7. City of Belton Chili Cook-Off, Mr. Rusty Burns

The Chili Cook off was taken over by new leadership and the usual request got lost. This is one of the biggest events in Anderson County. This will be from the Accommodations tax money allow to have \$5000.

Ms. M. Cindy Wilson made the motion approve the funding necessary with final approval by full council with a second from Mr. Ray Graham. The committee voted unanimously 3-0 to recommend to Full Council.

8. Software Financing, Ms. Rita Davis

The County approved purchase of the new CAD Software and General Ledger Accounting package. This is just a financing mechanism that is brought before you. The First reading of ordinance is on Tuesday night to award the money. This item will be bid out. There is Part that is taxable part and part is non- taxable as far as the bank is concerned. This is a Separate ordinance for the financing.

Ms. M. Cindy Wilson made the motion to allow council to vote on seeking external financing for the software system with a second from Mr. Ray Graham. The committee voted unanimously 3-0 to recommend to Full Council.

9. 2nd Quarter Financial update, Ms. Rita Davis

It will be a tough budget year. The revenues are tracking at 51 % collection rate. The Building and Codes to date brought 860,000 and at the same time last year brought in 450,000 with almost a 50% increase. The Development Standards has brought in \$48,000 with a \$42,000 increase. The property taxes \$3.7 M more. The vehicle property taxes are declining. The expenditures are at 41% should expect them to be at 50%. This is a snapshot for the first 6 months of the Fiscal year.

10. Transfers, Ms. Rita Davis

There are 11 transfers. The animal shelter has a separate book to keep track of the revenues that will go back to the Animal Shelter. The departments are asked to provide part-time or full-time jobs but often forget to include any requested funding for overtime. Another transfer was for the Registration and Elections Department who got new cages and the purchase did not include the sales tax year.

Ms. M. Cindy Wilson made the motion accept the budget transfers as presented with a second from Mr. Ray Graham, the committee voted unanimously 3-0 to recommend to Full Council.

There being no further business, the Finance Committee meeting was adjourned at

11:51 am.

_____, Chair

_____ Date



**ANDERSON
COUNTY**
SOUTH CAROLINA

Jacky Hunter
County Auditor

August 19, 2020

Honorable Tommy Dunn, Chairman
Anderson County Council
PO Box 8002
Anderson, SC 29622

Dear Mr. Dunn,


The levy setting process is here once again. To enable us to meet the deadline, I am requesting the following information:

1. The tax levy for the Anderson County Council for the 2020 Tax Year.
2. An original signed copy of the certification below, which states that the Anderson County Council levy is in compliance with South Carolina Code Section 12-43-285.

For your convenience, I am enclosing a copy of the above reference code. Please return this information to the Auditor's Office no later than September 19, 2020.

I appreciate the excellent working relationship this office has with the Anderson County Council and its fine staff. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 260-4027.

Sincerely,


Jacky Hunter
Anderson County Auditor
JH/klrp

I, Tommy Dunn, Chairman, Anderson County Council, on behalf of the Anderson County Council, do hereby certify to Jacky Hunter, Anderson County Auditor, that the 2020 Tax Levy is in compliance with the laws limiting the millage rate imposed by that political subdivision pursuant to *South Carolina Code Section 12-43-285*.

Tommy Dunn, Chairman
Anderson County Council

Date

Enclosure
Cc: Mr. Rusty Burns, Administrator

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SECTION 12-43-285. Certification of millage rates; excessive rates.

(A) The governing body of a political subdivision on whose behalf a property tax is billed by the county auditor shall certify in writing to the county auditor that the millage rate levied is in compliance with laws limiting the millage rate imposed by that political subdivision.

(B) If a millage rate is in excess of that authorized by law, the county treasurer shall either issue refunds or transfer the total amount in excess of that authorized by law, upon collection, to a separate, segregated fund, which must be credited to taxpayers in the following year as instructed by the governing body of the political subdivision on whose behalf the millage was levied. An entity submitting a millage rate in excess of that authorized by law shall pay the costs of implementing this subsection or a pro rata share of the costs if more than one entity submits an excessive millage rate.
