



Minutes
Clarendon County Council
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, May 9, 2011
Weldon Auditorium, Manning, SC

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

1. County Council Chairman Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.
2. County Council V-Chairman W. J. Frierson
3. County Councilman A.C. English, Jr.
4. County Councilman Billy Richardson
5. County Councilman Benton Blakely

MEDIA PRESENT:

Bobby Baker- The Item
Kathy Gilbert- Clarendon Citizen
Jason Leslie- The Manning Times

COUNTY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

- William F. Houser, County Administrator
- Mia R. Jackson, Clerk to Council
- David W. Epperson, County Attorney
- Linda P. Lemon, Dir. of Human Resources

- I. **Introductory remarks:** Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm
- II. **Invocation:** Councilman Richardson performed the invocation.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited in unison
- IV. **Approval of Council Agenda:** Upon motion from Vice Chairman Frierson, seconded by Councilman Blakely; *Council unanimously approved the agenda for the May 9, 2011 council meeting.*
- V. **Approval of Minutes:** Upon motion from Councilman English, seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson; *Council unanimously approved the April 11, 2011 council meeting.*

Chairman Stewart made a statement prior to moving forward with the agenda. He stated that Clarendon County has remained fiscally sound throughout the tough economic times they are facing. He stated that the cap on property tax enacted by Act 388 is in place contrary to Home Rule. He reviewed several items regarding the budget: 1. the budget successfully passed first reading with the budget out of balance 2. The budget presented during the evening council meeting would still be reflected as out of balance. 3. He concluded by stating that by third and final reading county council will have a balanced budget.

VI. Requests and Presentations:

- i.* **Grant Request-** Grants Administrator Vicki Williams requested authorization to proceed with a grant application with the Department of Health and Human Services: Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration. She advised council that the grant opportunity will be a partnership with Clarendon County and local Mental Health, Law Enforcement, and Judicial agencies. She explained that her office would act as the facilitator for the grant and for that would receive \$8,000 in administrative fees. She stated that the grant award is in the amount of \$400,000 over a three year period. The program would fund local and state courts serving adults going through the criminal and substance

abuse court systems. She stated the program would allow more flexibility in collaboration with the other judicial components and local community treatment and recovery providers to address the behavioral health needs of adults. Ms. Williams concluded by asking council if they had any questions. **Councilman English** asked if there was a need for matching funds. Ms. Williams stated that there are no required matching funds. With no further discussion Chairman Stewart entertained a motion for the request. Upon motion by Councilman Blakely, seconded by Councilman Richardson; *Council unanimously voted to authorize Ms. Williams, Grants Administrator to proceed with the DHHS: Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration Grant Application.*

ii. Mutual Assistance Request- Attorney Epperson presented before council a Law Enforcement Mutual Assistance and Support Agreement between the Clarendon County Sheriff's Office and the City of Myrtle Beach. Mr. Epperson stated that each year the law enforcement agency requests assistance during the Memorial Day weekend (commonly known as Bike Week) which attracts large crowds. He stated that he is not only requesting authorization to execute this agreement, but he will also ask council to approve a retroactive authorization for all mutual aid agreements prior to May 9, 2011. He stated that a recent decision by the South Carolina Supreme Court requires the approval of governing bodies to authorize reciprocal aid agreements. With no further discussion, Chairman Stewart entertained a motion for both requests. **1.** Upon motion by Councilman Richardson, seconded by Councilman Blakely; *Council unanimously voted to approve a retroactive authorization of all mutual aid agreements prior to May 9, 2011.* **2.** Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Frierson, seconded by Councilman Richardson; *Council unanimously approved to authorize Sheriff Garrett to enter into a Mutual Assistance and Support Agreement with the City of Myrtle Beach, SC.*

iii. Planning and Zoning-Planning and Zoning Commission Director Maria Rose made a brief presentation before council advising them and the public that the Planning Commission has revised and updated the existing Unified Development Code (UDC) and Official Zoning Map of Clarendon County. She stated that the UDC was last updated in December 1999. She also announced that her office will be hosting three public hearings throughout the month: May 12th (District 3), May 19th (District 1), and May 26th (District 2). She invited council and the public to attend the public hearings.

VII. Clarendon County Transportation Committee (CCTC) - Upon a unanimous vote by council, the Clarendon County Transportation Committee convened at 6:26pm. Administrator Houser presented a request for authorization before the committee. During the annual review of CCTC by the state's C-Program review committee, the recommendation was made for CCTC to solicit for bids upon the expiration of the current contract expiring in July 2011. Mr. Epperson advised that the state C-Program made this recommendation based on the possibility for the county to receive the road paving services at lower rates than the current negotiated contract. With no further discussion, upon motion by Councilman English, seconded by Councilman Richardson; *Council unanimously approved for the Procurement Department to solicit for bids on a Design-Build arrangement paving contract upon expiration of the current contract.*

VIII. Presentation of FY2011-2012 Budget: Chairman Stewart. He said that at first reading the budget was out of balance. By second reading the budget was still out of balance in excess of \$245,000, however the County Administrator and his staff has worked to present a budget that

reflects no growth for the new fiscal year and that he (Chairman Stewart) sent letters to each elected/appointed official asking that they review their FY2012 budget and adjust them to reflect no growth as well. He stated that he was confident that by third and final reading County Council will pass a balanced budget.

Controller, Lynden Anthony presented FY2012 aggregate budget by PowerPoint. He stated that at first reading the budget was out of balance by more than \$500,000. He reminded council that during the last council meeting Mr. Houser advised those under his direction to reduce their budgets to reflect no growth. After reviewing the changes, Mr. Anthony stated that the budget still reflected a deficit of approximately \$245,000 (*PowerPoint reflected the departments which contributed to the deficiency*). Mr. Anthony continued by reviewing the 2011-2012 County Grant Awards. He stated that the total amount awarded for the year will be \$300,000. The grant review committee members Chairman D. Stewart, Councilman A. C. English, Attorney D. Epperson, and Procurement Assistant J. Struthers made the award recommendations as follows:

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| 1. Behavioral Services – \$17,500 | 2. DHEC- \$14,500 |
| 3. Santee Wateree- RTA- \$2,600 | 4. Council on Aging- \$3,400 |
| 5. Clarendon Soil & Water Cons- \$30,000 | 6. Central Carolina Tech.-\$191,300 |
| 7. Clarendon County First Steps- \$3,700 | 8. Harvest Hope Food Bank- \$5,700 |
| 9. CCTC Adult Education- \$29,800 | |

Controller Anthony reviewed the following proposed budget figures for FY2012: **Appropriation Needs for FY2012- General Operational Budget:** \$18,161,040. **General County Obligation Debt:** \$390,162. **Special Purpose Operating Funds- F.E. DuBose Vocational School:** \$259,565. **Fire:** \$2,610,000- He explained the increase in the operating funds is for capital improvements. Construction on the fire station in Summerton, SC, is scheduled to take place the next fiscal year. **Library:** \$540,000- Mr. Anthony stated that the primary source of funding for the library comes from the county; however they do receive approximately \$60,000 each year from the state. **Fire Debt:** \$88,660- For previous debt incurred. **Enterprise Funds: Clarendon County Water & Sewer (W&S)** \$ 392,842- Mr. Anthony stated that this enterprise fund was expected to experience a deficit in revenue for the first couple of years in operation. He stated that the county is new to overseeing a W&S department and has encountered many of the water systems they are acquiring in dire need of renovations, repairs and upgrades to make the systems more efficient and safer for the customers. He stated that W&S should become more self sufficient within the next year or two which will reduce the need for the county to provide funding for their operations. **Weldon Auditorium Complex** \$426,519- He explained that Weldon Auditorium is in a similar position to W&S. An enterprise is expected to generate enough revenue to support their operations, and like any new venture growth may be slow at first. Mr. Anthony stated that Weldon has submitted a request to the Hospitality Board for the amount of \$50,000 in Hospitality Taxes to assist with Weldon's operational costs.

Total Appropriations for Expenditures: \$22,049,431. Mr. Anthony concluded by suggesting council should also consider authorizing a 1.5million dollar Tax Anticipation Note (TAN). He stated that although he does not anticipate the county's need for it, he does believe it should be included in the budget ordinance. After receiving the update of the budget, Chairman Stewart thanked Mr. Anthony for providing the information and moved to the next item on the agenda; FY2012 budget presentations from the elected and appointed officials.

IX. Presentation(s) of FY2012 Budget by elected and appointed officials- Chairman Stewart advised the public that council will hear the elected and appointed officials on the matter of their individual department budgets:

(Sheriff's Office) Sheriff Garrett thanked council and the public for the opportunity to make a presentation. He stated that his proposed budget mirrors his authorized budget from the current fiscal year. He reminded council that since last year fuel costs have risen from \$2.50 and in his budget he is projecting cost to be \$4.00 to \$5.00 per gallon. He stated that the patrol division currently has many vehicles with over 200,000 miles on them. He stated that when he was elected Sheriff, he began using the zone patrol method, which means his deputies stay within their zones unless there is an emergency they must go to. He stated that at the end of their shifts they must return to the Sheriff's Office to complete any paperwork or reports needed. Sheriff Garrett advised that the increase of \$25,000 for an IT Network would be used to install computers in the Police Departments in Summerton and Turbeville. He stated that he has spoken with the Chief's at both offices and they have agreed to allow this. He stated that the deputies having access to computers within their zones could also reduce the fuel cost. He continued by stating that Clarendon is between two of the most dangerous counties in the state. After thanking council for their time he asked if any of the councilmen had questions for him. **Councilman Blakely** stated that he did not have a question but he did state that he has noticed that the deputies are more visible, he has seen an increase in patrol cars. **Chairman Stewart** commented that the Sheriff has agreed that he and his staff will be working with the county finance team to find solutions that will help balance the budget.

(Probate Court) Judge Kathy Geddings began by thanking council and advised that there would be very little change from her budget last year. She stated that she felt it her duty to protect the records of the Probate Court. She stated that on April 28, 2009 the SC Record and Retention Policy was revised. The policy requires the Probate Office to protect the records of the county. Judge Geddings stated that currently none of the records in the computer provide information on the records kept on paper. All vital information including marriages, deaths, real estate, and wills are kept in paper format. She reminded council that should there be a fire or flood the Courthouse, her office could lose everything. She further commented on the necessity of a new software program that will transcribe all of the documents currently in paper form to computerized records. These records would have a sound backup system should something happen to the paper copies. She explained the cost of the software update for her office would be \$19,000 which would include a new server and scanner. She continued by stating that the new software would eliminate the need for backup books which costs approximately \$400 per book and that her office uses about 10-12 books per year. She stated that the new system update could be completed using the same staff she currently has and she believes this is a good opportunity for the county to update the system. She thanked council and received questions from them. **Chairman Stewart** asked Judge Geddings to expound on the current system in place. Judge Geddings replied by stating that her office currently has records that date back to 1911. All of the records that have gone through the probate court since then can be found and reviewed in her office, and anything older than 1911 could be found in the Archives building in Columbia. She stated that her office has backups of the records on paper. She stated that should something happen to those, the county would suffer a total loss. The computer system currently has the basic demographic information of a family, decedent, or marriage information. No further questions or comments were made; she thanked council again for their time.

(Coroner) Lynette Samuels-Cooper (*Administrative Assistant to Coroner Hayes Samuels*) - Ms. Cooper apologized on behalf of Mr. Samuels for not being able to attend the council meeting. She said that he was out of town and unable to return in time. He asked Ms. Cooper

to present the budget on his behalf. Ms. Cooper began by identifying the reasons for the increase in the Coroners budget. She stated that in the current fiscal year, they were budgeted \$26,000 and currently Medical Services are at \$40,000. The Coroner is asking for an increase in the amount of \$8500; this is to cover the increased cost of autopsies (\$1000 per body) and toxicology tests about (\$260-420 per test). She stated that in one (1) month his office spent \$7000 at MUSC and \$4000 in toxicology test fees. She stated that he is also requesting an additional \$25,000 for a transport van. The cost can be as low as \$17,000 for a used van, and would relieve the need for the use of his personal van or hearse. She proposed a F250/ F350 van which would allow him to transport 2-4 bodies at a time. He has requested to reduce the membership and dues line item from \$1500 to \$750, and the expense reimbursement line be reduced from \$6000 to \$3000. Lastly, Mr. Samuels has removed the request for an additional \$2000 for Secretarial Services. She thanked council and asked if there were any questions. **Councilman English** stated that the budget figures she discussed did not match the budget figures provided to them; he asked if Mr. Samuels gave his amended budget to the finance staff for revision; Ms. Cooper replied, no. **Chairman Stewart** thanked Ms. Cooper for her presentation.

(Auditor) Patricia Pringle thanked council while each council member received a copy of Ms. Pringle's revised budget. She advised council that there are no changes in her budget except for a request to make an official title change. (Per Ms. Pringle's revised budget worksheet, she is requesting that all Clerk II positions in her office be eliminated and replaced with the job titles Auditor Tax Clerk and Auditor Sr. Tax Clerk. It also requests that their salary be increased 5-7% to reflect the position.) With no further comments or questions, Chairman Stewart moved to the next official to make a presentation.

For the record: County Treasurer Matt Evans declined the invitation to make a formal presentation before council.

(Magistrate) Judge Percy Harvin thanked council for the opportunity to present at the council meeting. He stated that the changes in his office are primarily for salary and he believes they are within the guidelines given. He thanked council and invited them and the public to come and visit his offices and sit through a court session; he advised that his office is located on Mill Street.

For the record: Director of Voter Registration, Ms. Shirley Black-Oliver and Mr. Leon Richburg from the Office of Veteran's Affairs declined the invitation to make a presentation before Council.

X. Presentations of FY2011-2012 Budget by Clarendon School Districts One, Two, and Three, and Central Carolina Technical College- Chairman Stewart proceeded by inviting the representatives from each school district to make their presentation as follows:

CSD #1: Dr. Rose Wilder, Superintendent and Finance Director, J. Lyde Graham council their proposed budget for 2011-2012. Dr. Wilder reviewed several initiatives CSD #1 was pursuing within the school district. Mr. Graham requested that council approve a TAN not to exceed one million dollars. He explained that although he did not feel the district will need it, he would like to have it available should the need arise. He also stated that the district will be seeking a 1.0 million dollars grant to expand the science and mathematics departments in the High School. He announced the school has also applied for a school improvement grant totaling 5.2 million dollars which if approved, will fund the renovation of Scott's Branch High School. He asked that the school district be allowed to increase the millage to 1.86. He stated that as the district is awarded grant funds the need of support from taxes will decrease. With no further questions or comments from council, Dr. Wilder thanked council for their time.

CSD#2: Mr. J. Tindal, Superintendent and Ms. Pompey-Williams, Finance Director thanked council for the opportunity to make their presentation. He began by stating that CSD#2 is asking for the “bare minimum.” He stated that their budget request remains the same as the current budget, with no increase in salary or teachers. Ms. Pompey-Williams advised council that district two is requesting the operating millage be increased from 119.3 to 121.3. The district will also requested a TAN not to exceed 1.0 million dollars, should the need arise. Ms. Pompey-Williams-Williams stated that there would be no increase in dependency on the county due to the Local Option Sales Tax (L.O.S.T.). With no further questions or comments from council Mr. Tindal concluded and thanked council for their time.

CSD#3: Dr. Connie Dennis, Superintendent and Ms. Sandra Bagnal, Director of Finance began by thanking council for the opportunity to present their budget to them. They advised council that the budget being presented was approved by the CSD#3 School Board on April 28, 2011. Dr. Dennis stated that the students in CSD#3 met the standards for achievement during the 2009-2010 school year. The school district has a 100% rate of highly qualified staff and each staff member participates in a staff development curriculum that is coordinated by the district Administrators and Superintendent. Dr. Dennis reviewed some of the school district initiatives: The Future Farmers of America (FFA) held a banquet on May 2nd which presented scholarships to many of the graduating seniors. Dr. Dennis announced that students in district three collectively were awarded \$5 million in scholarship funds this year. Walker-Gamble Elementary School was awarded the Palmetto Silver award for academics; she explained this is the 3rd highest award for academics in the state. She stated that East Clarendon School raised \$500 for Relay for Life and the school recently had a company come in to produce a play to promote Character Education. In concluding the accomplishments for the year Dr. Dennis turned the presentation over to Ms. Bagnal for the financial overview. Ms. Bagnal began by expressing appreciation to council for the \$23, 283 the school district received several months prior (These funds were received by all three school districts in equal amounts from the S.C. Forestry Commission). Ms. Bagnal said that the funds were used to purchase new playground equipment for the Elementary School. It purchased: 16foot swing set, 4foot climber, a dragon climber for the 1st & 2nd grade playgrounds. She continued explaining that the district approved a budget with a base unit cost of \$1788.00 per person, using the same millage as last year, as well as authorizing the flexible use of state EIA funds when they are made available. She advised that there would be no salary increases and the budget did not include a furlough. The salary schedule would remain the same, and staffing would remain at its current level. She concluded by formally requesting a \$500, 000 TAN should the need arise, and thanked council for their time.

Chairman Stewart thanked all three school districts for their presentations; he expressed gratitude to the teachers and staff of the districts for their willingness to serve the students of Clarendon County.

CCTC/F.E. DuBose Career Center: Dr. Tim Hardee, President began by thanking council and stated that he was planning to request that council award funding based on the 1997 funding level of \$297, 000, however since Mr. Anthony’s presentation he saw the funding will be reduced another \$9,000 in the FY2012 budget, therefore he would not make the request. He stated that this year, the college seen its largest graduating class of 747 students. He stated the school has collaborated with Work Force Development and Georgia Pacific to provide training to more than 350 employees at the F.E. DuBose Career Center. He handed each councilmember the College’s 5-year Strategic Plan for the review. He concluded by thanking council for the award and that he would not be requesting an increase in funds. He introduced Ms. Susan Anderson as the new Director of F.E. DuBose Career Center. **Councilman English** stated that

on behalf of council, he appreciates how well they serve Clarendon County. With no further questions or comments Chairman Stewart thanked Dr. Hardee and welcomed Ms. Anderson. She replied that she is excited to be working with the F.E. DuBose Center.

XI. **PUBLIC HEARING:** At 7:25pm Chairman Stewart declared the public hearing open for comment on the matter of: Ordinance 2011: 04; To Adopt FY2011-2012 Clarendon County Budget.

1. **Cody Simpson-** Stated that he is a proud citizen of Clarendon County and that he comes from a family of farmers in the Home Branch area of the county. He stated that his concern is the funding for Clemson Extension. He believed that Clemson Extension is a great asset to the county and it brings the county together. He considered his accomplishments a direct result of the contributions from Clemson Extension. He stated that he is the Student Body President for the Frances Marion College Student Body and he would be very appreciative if council would reconsider funding Clemson Extension in the upcoming budget year. He stated that the work conducted by their office has saved time and money through soil sampling and other projects. He thanked council for their time and reminded council the initiatives like Clemson Extension contribute to Clarendon County remaining a progressive county.

Chairman Stewart replied by stating that each year Clarendon County awards grants to any non-county department. He stated that the funding request must be submitted within a certain time frame in order to be considered for funding. He stated that Clemson Extension missed the deadline and thus was not considered in the grant award for the 2011-2012 budget year. He continued by saying that Clarendon County is about 90% farm and timberland industry. He, himself, understands the importance of programs like Clemson Extension; however he reminded him that guidelines are in place to maintain consistency and fairness to all applicants. He concluded by advising Mr. Simpson that he along with Councilman Blakely, and Mary Margaret McCaskill met to explore options in funding Clemson Extension.

After thanking Mr. Simpson for his comments he called the next person: Gary Burris: Mr. Burris stated he apparently signed the incorrect sign in sheet; he thought he was signing in for the council meeting and did not wish to speak.

2. **Harry Rogers-** Mr. Burgess asked council whether or not has anyone conducted a study on consolidating the three school districts. *Chairman Stewart* answered by stating the a few years ago, Mr. Larry Coker was the Chair of a Committee that found consolidating the three districts was not practical for our county. He continued by advising that each school district has adapted to their own style of education as well as their funding varies. *Mr. Rogers* asked, about the healthcare aspect of the budget. He asked what the cost to cover the employees for healthcare was. *Controller Lynden Anthony* announced the cost at about 1.5 million in premium costs. He continued by stating that the current price is expected to go up about 5.2%. *Chairman Stewart* stated that one of the benefits offered to county employees is 100% employee coverage for healthcare. *Mr. Rogers* stated that with the rising costs of health benefits it may be wise to cap the coverage at \$93.00 per employee. He stated that all counties are facing financial challenges and urges county council re-examine all aspects of the budget. Chairman Stewart thanked Mr. Rogers for his comments.
3. **Henry King-** Mr. King began by stating that he is a farmer within the county as well as a board member for the Soil and Water Conservation District. He stated that he wanted to

come before council to say that the county, the farmers, and the students need Clemson Extension. He stated that he received a message to support the county farmers at the council meeting and he wanted county council to know that he was in support of the efforts of Clemson Extension and the work they do in Clarendon.

4. **Martin Boswick-** Mr. Boswick, asked whether or not he understood it to be a 4million dollar deficit. Chairman Stewart assured him that at the time the budget is experiencing a \$245,000 deficit, which we hope to balance before third reading of the ordinance.
 5. **Patricia Pringle-** Ms. Pringle reminded everyone that this was the year of re-assessment. *Mr. Houser*, confirmed that this is the year of reassessment, however the current market value was reflecting little to no growth in millage for the county.
 6. **Debra Gleaton-** Ms. Gleaton asked, why couldn't the sales tax be raised. *Mr. Houser* answered by advising Ms. Gleaton that the only sales tax county council could raise would be the 1 cent sales tax that was authorized by council several years ago. He continued by stating that the one cent sales tax can be used only for infrastructure. *Ms. Gleaton* stated that it seemed that the property owners are the ones who suffer the most with raised taxes. *Chairman Stewart* commented by stating that council cannot lower the ad valorem tax through the use of sales tax. He stated that sales tax is collected and goes straight toward school debt reduction or capital improvements. He continued by stating that any debt made by the schools are not paid by the taxpayer because of the one cent sales tax. *Councilman Blakely* questioned about the one cent for operations. *Mr. Houser* stated that the one cent for Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) was enacted in the late 1990's to reduce the taxpayer's burden. He advised the public to look on their next tax bill to see where they were issued a credit for the L.O.S.T. and how much of a credit they were given.
 7. **Marilyn Fletcher-** Ms. Fletcher asked two questions regarding Weldon and the Water & Sewer Authority. She asked whether or not the W&S Dept. is a income generating department, and it seems that Weldon is dependent on the county for financial support. *Lynden Anthony* answered her by stating the proposed budget expects a deficit, therefore the Hospitality Commission has authorized a funds transfer in the amount of \$50,000. Another \$110, 000 will be transferred from the general fund to meet the needs of Weldon for the entire fiscal year. He continued by stating that during the planning stages of Weldon, it was understood and expected that Weldon would not become self-sufficient for a number of years in the beginning. As Weldon's revenue increase council hope's to see a reduction in the amount of monetary support needed from the general fund. Ms. Fletcher concluded by stating that council is the safety valve to Weldon. *Chairman Stewart* stated that although the county may seem to be the safety valve for Weldon, it is understood that Weldon charges a fee for the performances and through that revenue Weldon will become more self-sufficient and less dependent on the county in the coming fiscal years. *Chairman Stewart* asked the public if there were any other citizens who wished to make comments relevant to Ordinance 2011-04; with no one standing; *Chairman Stewart closed the Public Hearing portion of the Council Meeting.*
- XII. **Consideration of 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 2011-04:** *Controller Lynden Anthony* returned to the floor to present the 2nd reading of the ordinance to council. Mr. Anthony referenced the previous presentation and highlighting page 1.3 of the budget handbooks.

He restated that the budget currently reflects a deficit in the amount of \$245,000 in operational expenses. *Mr. Anthony* noted that the current deficit does not reflect the changes presented by the Auditor (*during the presentation*). With no further questions or comments from council; *upon a motion made by Councilman Richardson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Frierson, Council unanimously approved 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 2011-04.*

DISCUSSION: *Chairman Stewart directed Administrator Bill Houser to work in conjunction with the elected officials to present a balanced budget at 3rd reading and to also work with Ms. Tribel and Ms. MsClakill of Clemson Extension to find possible funding options for the upcoming fiscal year.*

XIII. **Administrator's Report-**Administrator Houser reviewed the financials for the month end of April 2011:

➤ **Clarendon County Finances**

April Revenue (No April Revenue Available) (MARCH \$5,167, 676)

April Expenditures \$ 3, 405, 554 or 81% of Budget

➤ **Water & Sewer Department-**

Operating Revenue \$291, 513

Operating Expenses \$271, 362

Operating Revenue/(Loss) \$20, 151

Depreciation (\$30, 068)

TOTAL Net Utility Income (Loss) (\$9, 917)

➤ **C-Fund Report-**

Cash Balance as of \$1,088, 026

Funds committed to State Projects \$514, 665

Funds committed to Local Projects \$541, 500

TOTAL Committed C-Funds \$1, 056, 165

UN-committed C-funds available \$56, 402

Mr. Houser requested council's approval for a Special Called Council Meeting, for Monday, May 23rd at 6pm. With unanimous approval Administrator Houser continued with his report. He explained the purpose of the meeting would be to allow Meadors Architecture (*company selected to build new administrative building*) to make a formal presentation before council and the public. He advised that this would be an opportunity for council and the public to view the detailed schematics of the new administrative building. Mr. Houser concluded his report by stating that the Architects working for Meadors, will conduct the presentation complete with the cost analysis, and a total cost for the project.

XIV. **Chairman's Report-** Chairman Stewart briefly stated to council that his report can be found in their packets. He continued by stating that the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) provided a way for the Paxville Technology Center to be built. He stated that on May 24th at 10am in Paxville, SC the Paxville Technology Center will host its grand opening. He invited everyone to attend the opening. Mr. Stewart welcomed Ms. Cathy Gilbert of the Clarendon Citizen back to the county council meetings. He stated that he was glad to see her again.

XV. **With no further business to discuss;** *upon motion by Councilman English, seconded by Vice-Chairman Frierson, Council unanimously adjourned the May 9, 2011 Clarendon County Council Meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm*

Date: _____

Respectfully Submitted,

Mia R. Jackson

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Clerk to County Council

Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.,
Council Chairman

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC AND MEDIA NOTIFICATION

I, Mia R. Jackson, Clerk to Council, Clarendon County Council, Manning, South Carolina, do hereby certify that public and media notification of the County Council Meeting of May 9 ,2011 was given prior thereto by the following means:

PUBLIC NOTIFIED: Yes
MANNER NOTIFIED: Agenda placed on the Clarendon County Website, at the Clarendon County Courthouse, and at Weldon Auditorium
DATE POSTED: May 6, 2011
MEDIA NOTIFIED: Yes
MANNER NOTIFIED: Agenda emailed to THE MANNING TIMES, THE ITEM, THE CLARENDON CITIZEN and THE FLORENCE MORNING NEWS
DATE NOTIFIED: May 6, 2011
PUBLIC HEARING ADVERTISED: Yes
MANNER NOTIFIED: The Item Newspaper on April 20, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Mia R. Jackson,
Clerk to County Council