

MINUTES  
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
MAY 11, 2020  
4:00 P.M.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Council Office and made available to the newspapers, radio stations and television stations and concerned citizens.

**The Finance Committee met remotely to handle requests submitted to the committee for consideration.**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

CHAIRMAN BOB TAYLOR  
SID CATES  
BUTCH KIRVEN  
WILLIS MEADOWS  
XANTHENE NORRIS  
LIZ SEMAN

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

LYNN BALLARD

**STAFF PRESENT:**

JOHN CASTILE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GCRA  
JOHN HANSLEY, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
JOE KERNELL, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
REGINA MCCASKILL, CLERK TO COUNCIL  
IMMA NWOBODU, PROJECT MANAGER, GCRA  
RUTH PARRIS, BUDGET MANAGER  
VANESSA PAYNE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT  
MARK TOLLISON, COUNTY ATTORNEY

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Taylor called the Finance Committee meeting to order.

**INVOCATION:**

Councilor Meadows provided the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilor Cates moved to approve the minutes of April 27, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

**GRANT APPLICATIONS:**

**FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM – PARIS MOUNTAIN FIRE MITIGATION:**

This is the FEMA Grant – Hazard Mitigation Program – Paris Mountain Fire Mitigation grant in the amount of \$80,254.00. The funds will be used to develop a “Wildfire Mitigation Plan” for the Paris Mountain Area to amend the existing Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan to address wildfires and their associated risk and hazards. The local match is \$20,063.00 and will come from the Matching Grants Account – FY2021 General Fund Budget.

Ruth Parris, Budget Manager was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Norris moved to approve the FEMA Grant – Hazard Mitigation Program – Paris Mountain Fire Mitigation in the amount of \$80,254.00. The motion carried unanimously.

**FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM:**

This is the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant in the amount of \$1,415,995.48. The funds will be used to acquire 11 additional properties for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The federal portion is \$1,061,996.61 and the local match is \$353,998.87. The local match will be funded from the Floodplain Management Budget.

Ruth Parris, Budget Manager was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Cates moved to approve the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant in the amount of \$1,415,995.48. The motion carried unanimously.

**JAG GRANT 2020 – UPGRADE OF DIGITAL LASER IMAGING SYSTEM:**

This is the SC JAG Grant 2020 – Upgrade of Digital Laser Imaging System in the amount of \$77,196. The funds will be used to upgrade the digital laser imaging system to be used in the reconstruction and documentation of crime scenes. There is a County match of \$7,720 which will be covered from the Matching Grants Account.

Ruth Parris, Budget Manager was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Meadows moved to approve the SC JAG Grant 2020 – Upgrade of Digital Laser Imaging System in the amount of \$77,196. The motion carried unanimously.

**JAG GRANT 2020- IBIS/NIBIN SYSTEM:**

This is the SC JAG Grant 2020 IBIS/NIBIN System in the amount of \$312,631. The funds will be used to incorporate an IBIS/NIBIN ballistic system for the Forensics lab. The grant funding will be used for equipment acquisition, installation costs, and one FTE position to operate the system. There is a County match of \$31,262 which will come from the Matching Grants Account.

Ruth Parris, Budget Manager was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Seman moved to approve the SC JAG Grant 2020 – IBIS/NIBIN in the amount of \$312,631. The motion carried unanimously.

**PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT – IBIS/NIBIN:**

This is the Project Safe Neighborhood Grant – IBIS/NIBIN in the amount of \$312,631. The funds will be used to incorporate an IBIS/NIBIN ballistic system for the Forensics lab. The grant funding will be used for equipment acquisition, installation costs, and one FTE position to operate the system. This grant does not require a County match.

Ruth Parris, Budget Manager was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Seman moved to approve the Project Safe Neighborhood Grant – IBIS/NIBIN in the amount of \$312,631. The motion carried unanimously.

**AARP COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GRANT:**

This is the AARP Community Challenge Grant 2020 in the amount of \$20,000. The grant funds will be used to make improvements to the outdoor space of the Berea Community Center. This grant does not require a County match.

Ruth Parris, Budget Manager was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Meadows moved to approve the AARP Community Challenge Grant 2020 in the amount of 20,000. The motion carried unanimously.

**GREENVILLE COUNTY LIBRARY – FY21 BUDGET REQUEST:**

This is an ordinance to approve the appropriation of funds for the Greenville County Library System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021; and to authorize the annual ad valorem property tax millage levy for Library purposes.

Beverly James, Executive Director and Don Allen, Finance Director were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Meadows moved to approve the ordinance which approves the appropriation of funds for the Greenville County Library System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

**GCRA - GREENVILLE COUNTY CONSOLIDATED PLAN 2020-2024 AND FY2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN:**

Greenville County Redevelopment Authority submitted their FY2020 – 2024 Consolidated Plan and their FY2020 Annual Action Plan. The plans are required to be reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee and County Council. After review and approval of County Council, the plans are submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for approval.

John Castile, Executive Director, GCRA gave an overview of both plans and was available to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Seman moved to approve the FY2020 – 2024 Consolidated Plan and their FY2020 Annual Action Plan as submitted by the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority. The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNITY PROJECT APPLICATIONS:**

**BEREA PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT:**

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$5,000 for Berea Public Service District. These funds will be used to purchase battery powered rescue equipment.

John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Kirven moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$5,000 for Berea Public Service District. The motion carried unanimously.

**GREENVILLE COUNTY RECREATION:**

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$20,000 for Conestee Park Ball Field. The funds will assist with the design of the entrance of the historic Berea school.

John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Kirven moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$20,000 for Conestee Park Ball Field. The motion carried unanimously.

**BEREA STATION EVENTS, INC.:**

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$5,000 for the Berea Gateway Signage Project. The funds will be used to continue providing the necessary maintenance to the main baseball facility and the locker rooms.

John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Kirven moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$5,000 for the Berea Gateway Signage Project. The motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilor Seman moved to go into executive session at 4:28 to discuss contractual matters. The motion carried unanimously. The committee came out of executive session at 4:38.


**PROJECT GOAL LINE:**

Councilor Meadows moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement by and between Greenville County and Project Goal Line. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no additional business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:39.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vanessa Payne".

Vanessa Payne  
Executive Assistant