

GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
AUGUST 10, 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:**

SID CATES  
BUTCH KIRVEN  
WILLIS MEADOWS  
XANTHENE NORRIS  
LIZ SEMAN

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

CHAIRMAN, BOB TAYLOR

**OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

LYNN BALLARD

**STAFF PRESENT:**

JOHN HANSLEY, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
REGINA MCCASKILL, CLERK TO COUNCIL  
RUTH PARRIS, BUDGET MANAGER  
VANESSA PAYNE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT  
MARK TOLLISON, COUNTY ATTORNEY

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Vice-Chairman Seman called the Finance Committee meeting to order.

**INVOCATION:**

Councilor Norris provided the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilor Norris moved to approve the minutes of July 13, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

**GRANT APPLICATIONS:**

**FY2020 LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (LEMPG):**

This is the FY2020 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG) in the amount of \$286,499. This grant will fund contractual services (cellular telephone services), travel expenses and various equipment and supplies for the Emergency Management Division. This grant requires an in-kind match of \$194,210 which will come from budgeted salaries and benefits in the Emergency Management Division.

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

Councilor Meadows moved to approve the FY2020 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$286,499. The motion carried unanimously.

**FY2020 LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (LEMPG) SUPPLEMENTAL:**

This is the FY2020 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$91,422. The funds will be used to pay for part of the development and creation of an updated COOP/COG plan for Greenville County. This grant requires an in-kind match of \$54,884 which will come from budgeted salaries and benefits in the Emergency Management Division.

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

Councilor Meadows moved to approve the FY2020 Local Emergency Performance Grant Supplemental in the amount of \$91,422. The motion carried unanimously.

**PETCO FOUNDATION INNOVATION SHOWDOWN GRANT:**

This is the PETCO Foundation Innovation Showdown Grant in the amount of \$95,000. The funds will be used by Animal Care Services for the purpose of developing an app called Pet Impressions. It is a web-based application that asks users simple multiple choice questions based on common interactions with shelter pets. The app uses algorithms to turn those answers into personality traits to create more accurate and engaging pet profiles online. This grant does not require a County match.

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

## **PETCO FOUNDATION INNOVATION SHOWDOWN GRANT CON'T:**

Councilor Cates moved to approve the PETCO Foundation Innovation Showdown Grant in the amount of \$95,000. The motion carried unanimously

## **2020 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT:**

This is the 2020 Justice Assistance Grant Program in the amount of \$118,122. The grant will fund public safety, law enforcement, and judicial support programs with the objective of enhancing and continuing programs established by the Sheriff's Office, Public Safety Department and Circuit Solicitor's Office. 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 2020 Justice Assistance Grant Program in the amount of \$118,122. The motion carried unanimously.

## **FY2020 DNA CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT AND BACKLOG REDUCTION PROGRAM:**

This is the FY2020 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program in the amount of \$250,000. This grant would fund overtime, associated benefits, supplies, equipment, and contracts for the DNA Lab to (1) continue to offer forensic biology/DNA services to regional upstate SC agencies at a no-cost basis; (2) reduce backlog of forensic biology/DNA cases; (3) provide a new instrument for DNA quantification; (4) purchase upgrade of data collection software used for DNA analysis; and (5) purchase contracts for accreditation-required internal validations of all DNA processes. This grant does not require a County match.

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

Councilor Cates moved to approve the FY2020 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program Grant in the amount of \$250,000.

## **FOOTHILLS FIRE SERVICE AREA MILLAGE REDUCTION:**

Foothills Fire Service Area was created through a contractual agreement with the Town of Tryon, NC. The Fire Service Area pays the Town of Tryon an annual fee based on an established formula. Foothills Fire Service Area has requested to reduce their current millage rate from 23.1 to 22.0 mills.

Richard Locke, Commission Chair and John Hansley were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Kirven moved to approve the reduction in millage from 23.1 to 22.0 for the Foothills Fire Service Area. The motion carried unanimously.

**STERLING SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT MILLAGE REQUEST:**

Sterling Special Tax District was created through Ordinance 2214 to provide for street lighting, litter control, and maintenance of the entrance/exit to the District. Sterling Special Tax District is requesting an increase from 10.5 mills to 14.9 mills.

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

Councilor Meadows moved to approve the ordinance which increases the millage rate from 10.5 mills to 14.9 mills for the Sterling Special Tax district. The motion carried unanimously.

**MASTER LEASE – FY2020-2021:**

This is a resolution authorizing a Master Lease Agreement in the principal amount of not exceeding \$7,000,000 relating to the financing of equipment for public purposes.

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

Councilor Meadows moved to approve the resolution authorizing a Master Lease Agreement in the principal amount of not exceeding \$7,000,000 relating to the financing of equipment for public purposes. The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNITY PROJECT APPLICATIONS:**

**PHILLIS WHEATLEY KITCHEN UPGRADE:**

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$5,114 for Greenville County Recreation. The funds will be used for upgrades to supplement recent building renovations.

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

Councilor Cates moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$5,114 for Greenville County Recreation to perform upgrades to the kitchen at Phillis Wheatley. The motion carried unanimously.

**PIEDMONT PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT:**

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$5,000 for the Piedmont Public Service District. The funds will be used for roof repairs to living quarters and administrative offices.

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

Councilor Norris moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$5,000 for Piedmont Fire Department for roof repairs. The motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Finance Committee went into executive session at 4:40 to discuss contractual matters. The committee came out of executive session at 5:15.

**PROJECT UNITY GATEWAY:**

Councilor Cates moved to approve an ordinance between Greenville County and 10 Academy Opportunity Zone Fund, L.L.C., a company previously known as Project Unity Gateway and an ordinance to amend an Agreement for the development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park of Anderson and Greenville County. The motion carried unanimously.

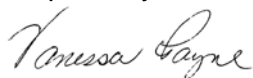
**PROJECT FOX HILL:**

Councilor Kirven moved to approve a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of an Inducement Agreement which includes a Fee In Lieu of Tax and Special Source Credit Agreement by and between Greenville County and Project Fox Hill. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no additional business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:36.

Respectfully submitted,



Vanessa Payne  
Executive Assistant