

MINUTES
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
APRIL 24, 2023
5:00 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.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN, BUTCH KIRVEN
VICE CHAIRMAN, LIZ SEMAN
BENTON BLOUNT
ENNIS FANT
CHRIS HARRISON
DAN TRIPP

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

JOHN CASTILE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GREENVILLE COUNTY
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
JOHN HANSLEY, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
SHANNON HERMAN, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JOE KERNELL, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
REGINA MCCASKILL, CLERK TO COUNTY COUNCIL
WENDY MCNATT, SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING COORDINATOR
RUTH PARRIS, BUDGET DIRECTOR
VANESSA PAYNE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
MARK TOLLISON, COUNTY ATTORNEY
NICOLE WOOD, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Kirven called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Commissioner Dwight Hammack, Glassy Mountain Fire Service Area, provided the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Seman moved to approve the regular minutes of April 10, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

GRANT APPLICATIONS:

SC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY - PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT:

This is the SC Department of Public Safety – Project Safe Neighborhood Grant in the amount of \$148,182. The grant funds will be used by the Forensics Division to acquire a 3D virtual comparison microscope system to screen fired cartridge cases into the IBIS/NIBIN. There is no County match required.

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

Councilor Seman moved to approve the SC Department of Public Safety – Project Safe Neighborhood Grant in the amount of \$148,182. The motion carried unanimously.

SC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY - JAG GRANT FOR METAL DETECTORS:

This is the SC Department of Public Safety – JAG – Metal Detectors Grant in the amount of \$11,703. The grant funds will be used by the Forensics Division to replace metal detectors capable of performing the functions necessary in a crime scene setting. A local County match in the amount of \$1,171 is required.

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

Councilor Tripp moved to approve the SC Department of Public Safety – JAG Grant in the amount of \$11,703. The motion carried unanimously.

FY2024 SOLID WASTE GENERAL RECYCLING GRANT:

This is the FY2024 Solid Waste General Recycling Grant in the amount of \$20,000. The grant funds will be used to relocate a cardboard baler from the Twin Chimneys Landfill to Blackberry Valley Residential Waste and Recycling Center. There is no County match required.

Ruth Parris, Budget Director, and Wendy McNatt, Recycling Coordinator, were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Seman moved to approve the FY2024 Solid Waste General Recycling Grant in the amount of \$20,000. The motion carried unanimously.

FY2024 WASTE TIRE GRANT:

This is the FY2024 Waste Tire Grant in the amount of \$68,764. The grant funds will partially fund the Solid Waste Division's contractor costs for current generation tires. There is no County match required.

Ruth Parris, Budget Director, and Wendy McNatt, Recycling Coordinator, were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Seman moved to approve the FY2024 Waste Tire Grant in the amount of \$68,764. The motion carried unanimously.

FY2024 USED OIL GRANT:

This is the FY2024 Used Oil Grant in the amount of \$11,293.40. The grant funds will be used for equipment and supplies for the County's seven oil collection facilities, advertising, and professional development to promote the importance of recycling used oil. There is no County match required.

Ruth Parris, Budget Director, and Wendy McNatt, Recycling Coordinator, were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Seman moved to approve the FY2024 Used Oil Grant in the amount of \$11,293.40. The motion carried unanimously.

GREENVILLE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM:

This is an ordinance to approve the appropriation of funds for the Greenville County Library System for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 and to authorize the annual ad valorem property tax millage levy.

Beverly James, Executive Director, Don Allen, Accounting Manager, Allan Hill, Board Chair and Kenneth Baxter, Finance Committee Chair, were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Seman moved to approve the ordinance to approve the appropriation of funds for the Greenville County Library System for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 and to authorize the annual ad valorem property tax millage levy. The motion carried unanimously.

GLASSY MOUNTAIN FIRE SERVICE AREA MILLAGE AND GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND REQUEST:

Glassy Mountain Fire requests an increase in the FSA's operational tax rate of 2.6 mills that represents a CPI and population growth of 10.52% as allowed per Section 6-1-320A of the South Carolina Code of Laws. Glassy Mountain is also requesting approval to issue General Obligation Bonds not exceeding \$400,000 to replace aging equipment and allow necessary improvements. The FSA is requesting an increase in debt millage of approximately 1 mill.

Chief Staples, Commissioner Hammack, James White, Treasurer, representatives from Glassy Mountain Fire Service Area and Brad Love, Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Harrison moved to approve the millage increase of 2.6 mills for the Glassy Mountain Fire Service Area and to approve the issuance of General Obligation Bonds not exceeding \$400,000 to replace aging equipment and allow necessary improvements. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY PROJECT APPLICATION – VERNER SPRINGS PARK:

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$2,500 for Verner Springs Park. The funds will assist with building a fence to border the park and separate it from the busy road.

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

Councilor Blount moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$2,500 for Verner Springs Park. The motion carried unanimously.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUNDING – DISCUSSION ONLY:

John Castile, Executive Director, Greenville County Redevelopment Authority, gave an overview of Affordable Housing funding as it relates to Greenville County. Joe Kernell, County Administrator, made some additional comments.

This item was for discussion only and no action was taken.

Councilor Harrison left the meeting at 5:48.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:03. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Vanessa Payne
Executive Assistant