

MINUTES
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
AUGUST 28, 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:

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

ALAN MITCHELL

STAFF PRESENT:

JOE KERNELL, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
REGINA MCCASKILL, CLERK TO COUNTY COUNCIL
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:

Councilor Blount provided the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Seman moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 7, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

GRANT APPLICATIONS:

FY2023 LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT:

This is the FY2023 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG) in the amount of \$104,740. The grant will fund contractual services (cellular telephone services), travel expenses, and various equipment and supplies for the Emergency Management Division. Any County match will come from budgeted salaries and benefits in the Emergency Management Division as an in-kind match.

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

Councilor Tripp moved to approve the FY2023 LEMPG in the amount of \$104,740. The motion carried unanimously.

UPSTATE HEALTH COALITION GRANT FOR CORONER'S OFFICE:

This is the Upstate Health Coalition Grant in the amount of \$102,000 for the Coroner's Office. This grant would allow the Coroner's Office to acquire the Randox Point of Care Forensic Toxicology Unit. This equipment will allow the Office to share toxicology results with law enforcement more quickly. This grant does not require a County match.

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

Councilor Seman moved to approve the Upstate Health Coalition Grant in the amount of \$102,000 for the Coroner's Office. The motion carried unanimously.

2023 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM:

This is the 2023 Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$150,024. This 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. Funding in the amount of \$150,024 is being requested for Sheriff's Office equipment; supplies, equipment, and training for the Forensic Division; and adult and juvenile drug court funds for the Solicitor's Office. This grant does not require a County match.

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2023 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM CONT'D:

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

Councilor Harrison moved to approve the 2023 Justice Assistance Grant Program in the amount of \$150,024.

CONTINUATION OF MILLAGE – LAKE CUNNINGHAM, SOUTH GREENVILLE, AND DUNKLIN FIRE DISTRICT:

This is a resolution to provide for the continuation of current ad valorem property tax to be levied by the Lake Cunningham Fire District (37.2 mills), the South Greenville Fire District (42.5 mills), and the Dunklin Fire District (31.9 mills).

Nicole Wood, Assistant County Administrator was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Seman moved to approve the resolution providing for the continuation of current ad valorem for Lake Cunningham, South Greenville and Dunklin Fire Districts. The motion carried unanimously.

MCIP ORDINANCE – PROJECT SHORELINE:

This is an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the Park to include Project Shoreline.

Mark Tollison, County Attorney, was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Seman moved to approve the ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the Park to include Project Shoreline. The motion carried unanimously.

CHEROKEE LANDING APARTMENTS TAX ABATEMENT:

Councilor Blount moved to hold this request to allow the Committee an opportunity to obtain some additional information. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY PROJECT APPLICATIONS:

CITY OF TRAVELERS REST – TRAVELERS REST CHRISTMAS PARADE:

This a Community Project Application in the amount of \$2,000 for the City of Travelers Rest. The funds will help defray expenses associated with Christmas parade.

Nicole Wood, Assistant County Administrator, was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Tripp moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$2,000 for the City of Travelers Rest. The motion carried unanimously.

GREENVILLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE – COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL:

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$2,500 for the Sheriff's Community Relations Council. The funds will used to promote and conduct events to improve communication and relationships between the Sheriff's Office and residents of Greenville County.

Nicole Wood, Assistant County Administrator, was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Tripp moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$2,500 for the Sheriff's Community Relations Council. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilor Seman moved to go into Executive Session at 5:11 to discuss a contractual matter. The motion carried unanimously.

The committee came out of Executive Session at 5:16.

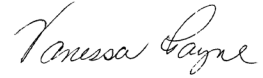
PROJECT CAROLINA:

Councilor Fant 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 Carolina. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:25.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Vanessa Payne
Executive Assistant