



JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED

IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL BUDGET WORKSHOP

Jasper County Clementa C. Pinckney Government Bldg
358 3rd Avenue Ridgeland, SC 29936
Wednesday, May 24, 2023
Minutes

Officials Present: Chairman L. Martin Sauls IV, Vice Chairwoman Barbara B. Clark, Councilman Pastor Alvin Adkins, Councilman John Kemp and Councilman Coy Garbade.

Staff Present: County Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council, Wanda Simmons, County Attorney David Tedder, Kimberly Burgess, Russell Wells, Lisa Wagner, and Videographer Jonathan Dunham.

Chairman Sauls called the Executive Session Meeting to order and read the Report of Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act was read for the records as follows: *In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of meetings and agendas were posted and furnished to all news media and persons requesting notification.*

The Pledge of Allegiance was given, and the Invocation was led by Councilman Adkins.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve: Councilman Adkins

Second: Councilman Garbade

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Budget Workshop: *Jasper County Capital and Operations Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024*

Ms. Burgess and Mr. Fulghum were present to review and discuss the Jasper County Capital and Operations Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Ms. Burgess provided an overview of the budget that had been prepared and discussed the document that had been prepared for the agenda packet. Chairman Sauls noted that Councilman Kemp had asked some questions and those answers had been provided in the packet. Chairman Sauls asked Councilman Kemp if he had any additional questions. Councilman Kemp said he did and asked questions regarding the Election Board Satellite office, the County ISO Rating, number of vacancies in Emergency Services, and Detention Center repairs. Councilman Adkins had no questions. Councilman Garbade asked for a rundown of the empty buildings that the County did not use that were vacant. He also asked what the process was for budget requests to come through and if that process could be started in January each year. Mr. Fulghum said that they needed to know what the County revenues were to

work with for the upcoming year, that's why that process wasn't started in January. Councilman Garbade discussed the Farmer's Market and Chairman Sauls noted that this was a Community Asset just like a park. Vice Chairwoman Clark had no questions; however, she did have some comments. Chairman Sauls mentioned the Coosawhatchie Fire Department and Community Center. For additional information on this workshop and presentation please visit our website for the E-Packet or for the video go to https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBmloqX05cKAsHm_ggXCjIA.

Adjourn:

Motion to Adjourn: Councilman Adkins

Second: Vice Chairwoman Clark

Vote: Unanimous

The workshop adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



L. Martin Sauls IV
Chairman



Wanda H. Simmons
Clerk to Council