



# JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL **VIRTUAL WORKSHOP**

Jasper County Clementa C. Pinckney Government Bldg  
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**June 21, 2022  
MINUTES**

**Officials Present:** Chairwoman Barbara B. Clark, Councilman Pastor Alvin Adkins and Councilman John Kemp. **Absent:** Vice Chairman Dr. Curtis Brantley (at a TCL Board Meeting) and Councilman L. Martin Sauls.

**Staff Present:** County Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Wanda H. Simmons, Kimberly Burgess, and Videographer Jonathan Dunham. **Also Present:** Summer Williams (for Taylor Malphrus), Jennifer Carter, Dr. Anderson, Joyce Gerald and Carolyn Bolden.

Chairwoman Clark called the workshop to order at 10:00AM. Chairwoman Clark asked the Clerk to Council to read the Report of Compliance to the Freedom of Information Act. Ms. Simmons, Clerk to Council read the Clerk's Report of Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 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 to the Flag was led by Councilman Kemp and Chairwoman Clark gave the invocation.

## **Budget Workshop:**

### **Taylor Malphrus - Jasper / Ridgeland Youth Baseball:**

Summer Williams was present to address this request on behalf of Taylor Malphrus for the Jasper / Ridgeland Youth Baseball. She reviewed their budget request for the Council and noted that they were in need of funds to assist with their budget. She provided the expense report and their 2022 Financial Report. Council had a few questions regarding the number and use of the fields as well as the age ranges of the players. Mr. Fulghum noted that the County Lease with the Jasper Ridgeland Youth Baseball expires at the end of this year in 2022. He noted that this was a good time to go through this with our new Parks Director, so he noted they would be looking into that. Chairwoman Clark thanked Ms. Malphrus for her work and for coming to the meeting.

### **Jennifer Carter - Jasper County School District**

Ms. Carter noted that this was an edited version of the FY 22-23 budget and noted that they were not requesting a mileage from the county. She noted some of the changes such as the mandated \$4000 increase to the Classified Personnel division; she also mentioned the cost-of-living increases and pay scale increases. She also noted that the South Carolina Legislation was still in session, so the state totals are projections provided by the SCDE and are subject to change. She noted that the state revenues provided, were their projections and the allocations are not yet finalized. She also

mentioned that the bus driver pay would have a new start rate of \$17.61 per hour. In addition to covering the revenues she discussed the programs in the schools, instructional services, BJACE, the athletic programs, attendance and student services, the data management division, districtwide operations, finance office, food service, the gifted and talented program, homebound services human resources, the maintenance department, the multidistrict services, public information, the school psychologist, security, supervision of special programs, supervision of special education, the Board of Education the office of the Superintendent, technology, transportation, the elementary and middle schools and high schools, and the career and technology education, alternative school program and other information.

### **Kimberly Burgess - Appropriations and Fees**

Ms. Burgess was present to address this request. Some of the issues that Ms. Burgess reviewed was the appropriations and the fees. Ms. Burgess showed and reviewed the requests of each agency along with the 2022 amended budget, the 2022 actual budget amount and the 2023 agency budget requests. Ms. Burgess noted that if all the agency requests were granted that for 2023 there would be an increase of \$368,671.00. Chairwoman Clark noted that the entities that are asking for funding also receive funds from other areas, so the Council needs to have as much information as possible. Ms. Burgess also noted that there was an increase in the SGJ Banquet Hall rental this year and an increase in fishing costs. She also noted that across the County the returned check fees, certified letter fees and copy fees were made the same in each department.

### **Adjourn:**

**Motion to adjourn:** Councilman Kemp

**Second:** Councilman Adkins

**Vote:** The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35AM.

### **Respectfully submitted:**



Wanda H. Simmons  
Clerk to Council



Barbara B. Clark  
Chairwoman