



Clarendon County Special Called Meeting
Thursday, May 29, 2025
6:00 PM

Council Chambers, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, SC 29102

Those in attendance:

Chairman John E. Johnson III
Councilman Billy G. Richardson
Councilman W. J. Frierson, Sr.
Deputy Administrator Sharmane Anderson

Vice Chairman John P. Coker
Councilman Kurtis W. Rodine
Administrator Lynden Anthony
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Press in attendance: None

Others in attendance included:

Deloris Moore Kathleen L. Gibson John D. Bonaparte Willie Briggs Mable Miller
Patricia Pringle Vibrio Conyers George Frierson And Other County Residents

Chairman Johnson called the Special Called Meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Councilman Richardson led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

1. Approval of the Agenda

On motion by Councilman Frierson and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Agenda for the Special Called Council Meeting for May 29, 2025.

2. Ordinance 2025-09

Consideration was given to the First Reading of Ordinance 2025-09 – An Ordinance Approving the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget of the Clarendon County School District and Other Matters Relating Thereto.

Dr. Shawn Johnson, Superintendent of Clarendon School District, presented Ms. Cathy Williams, Finance Director.

Ms. Williams began her presentation by stating that they are presenting the School District budget for 2025-2026, which was approved by the School Board. The budget estimates revenue of \$49,861,593.28, which includes the \$1500 mandated certified teacher pay increase along with a 2% raise to all eligible employees. Administrator salary adjustments were also made to align with the teacher salary scale increased over the past three years. The budget also includes a 2.3% employer health premium increase. Various line-item revisions were made based on prior-year trends and projected inflation costs.

Ms. Williams continued by stating that they are requesting that the school operating millage be increased from 175.9 to 181.1 (5.19 mill increase). She stated that this is the result of taking advantage of the 2.95% allowable millage rate for 2025-2026. They are also requesting the funding to support the Clarendon Adult Education Program. They are requesting that the 2025-2026 Proposed Capital

Improvement Projects be expended as far as the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) revenue collection will allow. She concluded by stating that there is currently no Debt Service millage or Debt Service requirements for 2025-2026, and Clarendon County School District is not requesting a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN).

- Chairman Johnson – You said a \$1500 plus a 2% raise for all eligible employees, who are all the other eligible employees
- Ms. Williams – That is for everyone except grant-funded employees.
- Vice Chairman Coker – How many teachers will get the \$1500 step increase?
- Ms. Williams - 270 certified teachers will get an increase of \$1500
- Councilman Rodine – What about contract employees
- Ms. Williams – Yes, they will get the increase as well.
- Councilman Frierson – It has to be across the board, and people need an incentive to do better.
- Vice Chairman Coker – Will everyone get the 2% increase, including the Superintendent?
- Ms. Williams – No, the Superintendent will not get the increase, and the employees have not had an increase since Fiscal year 2021-2022.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Frierson, the Council voted unanimous approval to the First Reading of Ordinance 2025-09 - An Ordinance Approving the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget of the Clarendon County School District and Other Matters Relating Thereto.

3. Adjourn

Chairman Johnson stated that we have exhausted our agenda, and he asked for a motion to adjourn the Special Called Meeting.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Rodine, Council voted Unanimous Approval to adjourn the Special Called Council Meeting.

The Special Called Council Meeting adjourned at 6:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council, CCC

