

Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting

Monday, October 14, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, SC 29102

Those in attendance:

Chairman Dwight L. Stewart, Jr
Councilman Billy G. Richardson
Councilman John P. Coker
Deputy Administrator Sharmane Anderson

Vice Chairman W.J. Frierson
Councilman A.C. English
Administrator Lynden Anthony
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Absent: None

Press in attendance: None

Others in attendance included:

Donald Davis	Terrey Streath	Mike Streath	Maureen Calvo	Jose Calvo
Sylvia Witherspoon	Margaret Wacker	Kathleen L. Gibson	Patricia Pringle	Willie Briggs
Tammy Rodvansky	Steve Rodvansky	Jacqueline Blackwell	And Other Clarendon County Residents	

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Councilman Richardson led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Chairman Stewart stated that they needed to amend the Agenda to add a personnel issue in the Auditor's Office to the Executive Session and he stated that Ms. Patricia Pringle would need to attend the Executive Session.

On Motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Councilman Coker, Council voted Unanimous Approval to amend the Agenda adding a personnel issue in the Auditor's Office to the Executive Session.

1. Approval of the Agenda

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman Coker, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Agenda for the Regular scheduled Council Meeting for October 14, 2024.

2. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Councilman Coker, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting, which was held on Monday, September 9, 2024.

3. Public Comments

- Dr. Howard Conyers -He stated that at the South Carolina State Fair in Columbia, all 46 counties were highlighted and Clarendon County will be represented in such a positive way and he wanted to thank Clarendon County for their representation at the State Fair.

4. Board Appointment

On motion by Councilman Coker and Seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to reappoint Lebon Joye and Lannes C. (Pro) Prothro, IV to serve another 4-year term on the Clarendon County Accommodations Tax Commission.

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Councilman Coker, Council voted Unanimous Approval to appoint Christopher S. Biddle to serve a 4-year term on the Clarendon County Accommodations Tax Commission.

5. Clarendon School District Request- Donald Davis, Director of Facilities

Mr. Donald Davis, Director of Facilities for Clarendon School District gave County Council an amend FY2025 Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Capital Projects List:

1. Parking Lot Repair/Replacement (125 N. Boundary Street bus turnaround lot, Manning Early Childhood Front lot, and depending on funding and priority, for the next lot.
2. Manning High School Gym Bleacher Replacement
3. Adult Education Furniture Needs
4. Adult Education Building Remodel (Keying, Monitoring Window, removing old board table, etc.)
5. Manning Elementary School Playground Equipment Upgrades
6. Manning Early Childhood Playground Equipment Upgrades and surfacing
7. Scott's Branch Parking Lot Lighting
8. New District Office Remodeling (Painting, Furniture, Board Room Stage Expansion, etc.)
9. District Phones (2023-2024 Rollover) Manning High School. Dr. Rose Wilder Elementary, and Scott's Branch Middle High School.
10. Sports Field Maintenance and Equipment. East Clarendon Middle High School, Manning High School, Manning Jr. High School, and Scott's Branch Middle High School.
11. Athletic Turf Management and Maintenance
12. Manning Elementary Covered Walkways – Architect Fees, Bus Dropoff/Pickup and End of two-story building.
13. Window Repair/Replacement – Manning High School and Manning Jr. High School.
14. Manning Early Childhood Front Covered Walkway Repairs.
15. Scott's Branch/East Clarendon Locker Room Upgrades- Scott's Branch Varsity Football Locker Room Flooring, East Clarendon Visitor Basketball Locker room updating.
16. District Copier/Printer Maintenance
17. District Lawn Care
18. Fire Panel Upgrades (2023-2024 Rollover) – Walker Gamble Elementary 4010 Panel End of life
19. HVAC Replacements (2023-2024 Rollover) Manning Elementary Gym Units and 329. End of Life units as identified.
20. IT Equipment and Software (2023-2024 Rollover) - Student Devices
21. Marques Signs – Adult Education Sign and District Office Sign Plate Replacement
22. Manning High School – Ramsey Stadium Signage Replacement
23. Manning Jr. High School Cover Walkway (2023-2024 Rollover)
24. Scott's Branch Exterior Lock Upgrades (2023-2024 Rollover)
25. Rose Wilder Classroom Lock Hardware Upgrades (2023-2024 Rollover)
26. Replacement of Technology Vehicles
27. Weapon Detection Systems (22 Total)
 - High Schools/Middle High Schools 3 per school
 - JR. High School 2
 - Elementary Schools 2 per school
 - Early Childhood 2
 - Adult Education 1
 - FE Dubose 1
 - District Office 1
28. Walker Gamble Elementary Build Contingency
29. East Clarendon Bathrooms (2023-2024 Rollover)
30. Manning Primary Construction (2023-2024 Rollover)
31. Custodial/Maintenance Equipment

- Chairman Stewart asked Administrator Anthony how will this affect the budget.
- Administrator Anthony replied by stating that this is handled through the Treasurer office and it's a reimbursement to the School District based on the funding for the School District.
- Chairman Stewart asked Mr. Davis is he satisfied that the School District have the funding for the list of items.
- Mr. Davis said yes, the dollar amount will still be the same it just that some of the funding will be going in a different direction.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Amendment to the FY2025 LOST Capital Project List for Clarendon County School District.

6. Clarendon County Transportation Committee (CTC)

Chairman Stewart stated that he needed a motion for the Clarendon County Transportation Committee to take action.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to begin the Clarendon County Transportation Committee Meeting. The CTC began at 6:21 pm.

Administrator Anthony stated that he needed authorization for a State Administered Projects Funding Request. He stated that these funds would be used for improvements on St. Paul Rd, Allendale St., E. Keith St., and E. Huggins St. in an amount not to exceed \$80,423.50.

On motion by Councilman Coker and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the request for the Clarendon County Transportation Committee for improvements on St Paul Rd, Allendale St., E. Keith St., and E. Huggins St. in an amount not to exceed \$80,423.50.

Chairman Stewart stated that the CTC will now close. The CTC closed at 6:24 pm.

7. Financial Report

Mr. Lynden Anthony, County Administrator, began his report by stating the following:

- **The General Fund** had Expenditures of \$2,219,830 and Revenue was not available as of September 30, 2024.
- **Weldon Auditorium** had Revenue of \$2,000 for the month ending September 30, 2024 and total Expenses were \$36,564. He stated that the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of September, 2024 (after transfers) with zero balance.
- **Water and Sewer Department** had total Revenue of \$373,815 for the month ending September 30, 2024 and total Expenses were \$212,464. After Depreciation and Bond Interest Expense the Water and Sewer Department ended the month of September, 2024 with a Net Utility loss of \$4,245.
- **The C-Fund Program** - for the month ending September 30, 2024, The C-Fund program had a Cash Balance of \$7,444,489 of which \$5,030,060 has been committed to remaining local paving projects, State Construction Projects in Progress and State Proviso Funds. He stated that the C-Fund Program had an Uncommitted Balance of \$2,414,430 as of the end of September 2024.

8. Administrator's Report

Administrator Anthony began his report by giving Council an update on the following:

✓ **Facilities:**

EOC/Communication Center: Architectural firm and Civil Engineering sub-contractors have developed preliminary site plans and internal layout. Recently completed third party estimator to

get a sense of potential cost in current configuration; as a result, we need to revisit the degree of site improvements required.

Turbeville Fire Station: Construction continues at a very brisk pace.

Public Works, Fleet Maintenance, Animal Control: The Request For Proposals (RFP) for design/build services have been closed and the review committee is making their recommendation soon.

SCIIP Grant: We have contracted the drilling of a test well and bids are out for the elevated tank phase of the project. We are designing the water mains internally.

Weldon Auditorium Renovations: No change from last month on Weldon Auditorium renovations: however, the water drainage issues in the garden area have been identified and a mitigation plan developed.

Fire Station on MW Rickenbaker Road, Station #10: With the recent appropriation from the State for a replacement fire station on M.W. Rickenbaker Road, Station #10; we are preparing to solicit the project as a “design/build”. Our goal is to have the project awarded by the end of the year.

✓ **Other:**

Turbeville Library: The General Assembly has approved proviso funding in the recently completed budget to move the project forward and our project team met to discuss next steps. The project architect is soliciting a new civil engineering firm to perform site plan.

North Shore Summerton Development Project: Engineering design and site work are moving forward as well.

Law Enforcement Joint Training Facility: The Memorandum of Understanding (MUO) with the City of Manning, Sheriff’s Department, and the County to build the facility has been approved and we can finish the design work for their authorization.

Newman Branch Restoration Projects: We have begun to prepare scope of project parameter for the Newman Branch Restoration Projects and will be soliciting for an Environmental Engineering Firm to assist in further project development and management.

✓ **Recreation:**

- Our fall sports are currently underway with soccer and tackle football in Manning; and flag football, volleyball and tackle football in Turbeville.
- Registration for basketball will begin October 28th – something new this year will be a Manning co-ed league for 5–7-year-olds.
- Many of you have seen the increased activity at Weldon Auditorium and all of our picnic shelters as the weather has cooled down.

✓ **Miscellaneous:**

- We would like to invite everyone to our celebration at the airport of a day of fun, food and displays this Saturday, October 19th.
- As a reminder, we have a general election coming up Tuesday, November 5th.
- Our county offices will be closed on Monday, November 11th in Observance of Veteran’s Day, we will have green tinted lighting on our Administration Building at night and our regularly scheduled County Council meeting will be held that evening at 6 pm.
- I would like to thank our Fire Rescue service for assisting Spartanburg County after the recent devastation done in the upstate as a result of Hurricane Helene. We assisted by sending crews and an apparatus up for a week; allowing them to get some much-needed rest and to address all of the storm related clean up still going on.

9. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Stewart stated that he would like to thank George Kosinski and the Economic Development Board and He asked Administrator Anthony to give us comments on the new project.

- ✓ Administrator Anthony stated that George Kosinski and the Business Development Board has acquired a building for a lumber company that will provide 50 to 60 jobs and the average wage is well above wages in Clarendon County. He stated that we have been working on this for quiet sometime.

10. Executive Session

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss two items:

1. Personnel Issue – Sheriff’s Office
2. Personnel Issue – Auditor’s Office

On motion by Councilman Coker and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Issues.

Chairman Stewart asked Sheriff Baxley to join them in the Executive Session and when the Sheriff Baxley comes out of Executive Session, we want Ms. Patricia Pringle to join us in Executive Session.

The Executive Session began at 6:43 pm.

11. Open Session

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session and back into Open Session.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman Coker, Council voted Unanimous Approval to come out of Executive Session and back into Open Session.

The Executive Session ended at 8:01 pm.

Chairman Stewart stated that in Executive Session, Council received information from Sheriff Baxley and he asked Administrator Anthony to give everyone an update.

Administrator Anthony stated that in Executive Session, Sheriff Baxley presented information to County Council on paying his staff overtime instead of comp time beginning with the next payroll.

Chairman Stewart asked what was the will of Council on the request from Sheriff Baxley on overtime pay instead of comp time for the Sheriff’s Department Employees.

On motion by Councilman Coker and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to pay the employees of the Sheriff’s Department overtime instead of comp time beginning with the next payroll which will be October 31, 2024.

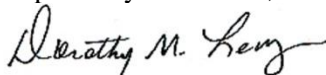
There was no action taken on the Personnel Issue from the Auditor’s Office. It was for information only.

12. Adjourn

Chairman Stewart stated that we had exhausted our agenda, and he asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting.

On motion by Councilman Coker and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson Council voted Unanimous Approval to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting. The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council, CCC