



**MINUTES**  
**JUNE 9, 2015**  
**LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**HISTORIC COURTHOUSE – PUBLIC SQUARE**  
**COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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**ATTENDANCE:**     **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT-** County Council Chairman Joe Wood and Vice Chairman Tollison; County Council Members: Diane Anderson, Stewart Jones, Ted Nash and David Pitts.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT** – Councilman Edward McDaniel (deceased).

**COUNTY STAFF:** Laurens County Administrator, Ernest Segars; Laurens County Clerk to Council Betty Walsh and Laurens County Attorney, Sandy Cruickshanks.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT:** Laurens County Public Works Director Rob Russian; Captain Tyson, Detention Center Administrator; Laurens County Emergency Medical Services, Chad Burrell, Director; Laurens County Finance, Lisa Kirk, Director.

**PRESS:** Vic McDonald, *The Clinton Chronicle*; Ida Cadmus, *WLBG Radio*, Jennifer Brown, *GoLaurens.com* and Corey Engle, *The Laurens County Advertiser*.

**SCHEDULED MEETING AGENDA ITEMS** - 1.) Call to Order – Chairman Wood; 2.) Invocation – Councilwoman Anderson; 3.) Pledge of Allegiance; 4.) Approval of Agenda, June 9, 2015; 5.) Approval of Minutes – May 26, 2015; 6.) Variance setback request consideration - Marbry Riding Area, Gray Court Community; 7.) Resolution #2015-16 – “A Resolution Providing For a Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement Between Laurens County and CB&I Laurens, Incorporated”; 8.) First Reading, Ordinance #791, “An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee Agreement By And Between Laurens County, South Carolina And CB&I Laurens, Incorporated, Providing For a Payment of a Fee In Lieu of Taxes, The Issuance of Special Source Revenuer Credits. And Other Matters Related Thereto, And Authorizing An Extension of the Termination Date of a Fee Agreement Entered Into By And Between Laurens County and CB&I Laurens, Incorporated (As Successor to B.F. Shaw, Incorporated) Dated November 25, 2008; 9.) Administrative Report - County Administrator Ernie Segars; 10.) 6:00 P.M. Public Comment; 11.) Comments from Council Members; 12.) Executive Session – Legal Briefing; 13.) Adjournment.

**MEETING NOTIFICATION** - The County Council Members, Department Heads, requesting general public and the Press were informed of the meeting in a timely manner.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Wood called the meeting to order and invited all to stand for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilwoman Anderson provided the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Chairman Wood called for approval of the agenda with any additions.

Administrator Segars advised Council that the executive session legal briefing is no longer necessary and that a budget update will be provided.

COUNCILMAN NASH made the MOTION to approve the agenda as presented with the addition and deletion; VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON made the MOTION to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2015 regular session of Council. COUNCILMAN JONES SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

**VARIANCE SETBACK REQUEST – MARBRY RIDING ARENA – GRAY COURT COMMUNITY** – Addressing the variance setback request consideration for the Marbry Riding Area in the Gray Court Community, Chairman Wood said, “I discussed this with the Staff, a member of the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission has reviewed this request for a variance with County Staff and with the property owners and at their meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup> voted unanimously to approve the variance request. I think that the actions taken by the Planning Commission is appropriate as a final statement and I do not believe that any further action needs to be taken.

**RESOLUTION #2015-16 – “A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN LAURENS COUNTY AND CB&I LAURENS, INCORPORATED –**

Attorney Cruickshanks stated, “This Resolution and the following Ordinance refers to CB&I investing over four million dollars (\$4,000,000) and adding about fifty six (56) new jobs. In the Ordinance, it references a special source revenue credit. The company did a Fee Agreement in November, 2008 and for some reason did not take advantage of the financial benefits that was provided by the agreement. They realized over the last year when expansions have taken place and are now wanting to amend their returns which resulted in a refund of between fifty five and sixty thousand dollars (\$55,000 - \$60,000) to the company. In negotiations it was felt that they were entitled to these funds so we offered an offset of their credit an additional twenty five percent (25%) for four (4) years. We would have owed them back these funds and after four (4) years, it drops back to thirty percent (30%)”.

COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to approve the Resolution for a Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement Between Laurens County and CB&I Laurens, Incorporated with COUNCILMAN JONES SECONDING”; VOTE VOTED 5-0-1 (Vice Chairman Tollison abstained).

**FIRST READING ORDINANCE #791, “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN LAURENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND CB&I LAURENS, INC. PROVIDING FOR A PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES, THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO; AND AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF THE TERMINATION DATE OF A FEE AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BY AND BETWEEN LAURENS COUNTY AND CB&I LAURENS, INC. (AS SUCCESSOR TO B.F. SHAW, INC.) DATED NOVEMBER 25, 2008”.** – COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to approve the Ordinance for a Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement between Laurens County and CB&I Laurens, Incorporated with COUNCILMAN JONES SECONDING for discussion.

Councilwoman Anderson asked why the County had to grant a feature that the Company did not use or understand. Attorney Cruickshanks replied, “The Agreement is still in place. When the Company bought BF Shaw, they bought the Agreement too. With the Agreement still being in place and not honoring the 2008 Agreement, the County would be in violation”.

Councilman Pitts asked how the Fee-In-Lieu-Of- Tax be split? Attorney Cruickshanks replied that this is a standard provision where the County and School apportionment would be sixty five / thirty five (65/35) – sixty five (65) to School District 55 and thirty five (35) to Laurens County.

COUNCIL VOTED 5-0-1 (Vice Chairman Tollison abstained).

**FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 - BUDGET SUMMARY – FOURTH DRAFT** – Finance Director Kirk reported the following updates to the proposed working budget:

Fourth Draft is \$27,468,037

100% of the six (6) mill levy (reserve)	\$1,040,000
Four (4) mills for Capital Improvements	\$ 693,000
Twenty nine percent (29%) Local Option Sales Tax	\$ 820,000
Additional Funding From Fund Balance Reserves	\$ 523,723

These draft amounts include:

- a.) The adjustment for the reimbursement of revenue of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) from the Laurens County Development Corporation;
- b.) A reduction of expenditures for Property and Liability Insurance Premiums forty eight thousand five hundred twenty seven dollars (\$48,527);
- c.) Capital Equipment two hundred sixty nine thousand one hundred forty five dollars (\$269,145).

These draft amounts do not include:

- a.) Salary adjustments.

**Fourth Draft  
 Laurens County  
 SUMMARY FY 2016**

Revenue Summary

Revenue Source	FYE 2014 Actual	FYE 2015 Budget	FYE 2016 Recommended
General Property Taxes	12,264,487	12,771,997	12,821,849
Reserves (6 mills)	1,070,354	1,020,000	1,040,000
Capital Improvements (4 mills)	720,494	680,000	693,000
Local Option Sales Tax 29%	0	820,000	820,000
Licenses and Permits	434,296	369,900	384,800
Intergovernmental Revenue	4,052,599	3,568,940	3,677,149
Charge for Services	6,967,505	7,396,752	7,207,980
Investment Earnings	28,683	25,000	30,000
Rental of County Property	6,186	6,500	15,300
Miscellaneous Revenue	88,252	73,250	92,850
Other Financing Sources	728,626	10,000	60,000
	26,361,482	26,742,339	26,842,928
MIAP - Indigent Medical	100,732	0	101,376
Technical/Education Millage	9,344	0	0
Sterilite/ZF Bond	0	0	0
	110,076	0	101,376
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AVAILABLE</b>	<b>26,471,558</b>	<b>26,742,339</b>	<b>26,944,304</b>

\*\*CPI for FY 2016 budget millage increase is 2.11%, as reported by SCAC. This is equivalent to \$220,472 in additional tax revenues. Per County Auditor - 1 mill = \$169,625

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 Laurens County  
 SUMMARY FY 2016**

Expenditure Summary

Dept/Agency Number & Name	FYE 2014 Actual	FYE 2015 Budget	FYE 2016 Recommended
512 Administration	362,665	328,718	305,559
512 County Attorney	115,014	116,330	118,743
513 Airport	76,113	82,970	82,119
514 Assessor	363,916	374,738	367,644
515 Auditor	439,634	478,747	477,918
516 Buildings/Grounds	752,213	699,704	732,183
517 Clemson Extension	34,401	34,800	34,800
518 Clerk of Court	683,816	691,093	637,596
519 Communications	836,566	877,667	900,802
520 Contingency	50,044	145,000	125,000
521 Coroner	142,575	156,042	159,133
522 County Council	108,206	103,602	101,589
523 Detention Center	3,008,679	3,007,427	3,046,367
524 E 9-1-1	422,167	544,028	541,834
525 Emergency Medical Services	3,265,334	3,485,458	3,389,328
526 Emergency Management	120,551	128,232	146,667
527 Finance Department	161,671	167,994	176,321
531 Health Department	13,818	14,250	14,250
532 Inspection/Permits	306,511	355,882	364,116
533 Library	658,463	667,152	663,047
534 Magistrate	436,557	452,289	449,074
535 Parks/Recreation/Tourism	145,865	186,664	184,244
536 Human Resources	117,670	124,973	125,117
538 Probate Judge	232,377	259,633	257,473
539 Public Works	123,196	147,900	157,212
540 Registration/Elections	215,579	187,484	220,447
548 Risk Management	41,679	40,592	21,550
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544 Treasurer	353,838	361,833	366,179
545 Veterans Affairs	135,477	136,108	134,919
546 Purchasing/Vehicle Maintenance	71,811	73,151	70,141
551 Insurance and Benefits	4,652,950	4,793,172	4,975,855
555 Capital Leases	19,847	395,968	395,926
555 Capital Expenditures	679,603	275,350	269,145
561 Miscellaneous	105,196	108,300	107,600
562 Local Government Assistance Program	355,795	355,650	355,924
563 Special Appropriations	52,200	58,200	42,200
550 Victim's Assistance	165,905	183,661	170,230
580 Landfill	957,540	1,007,301	1,040,932
590 Rural Collections	906,284	909,661	930,459
591 Solid Waste Cont. & Fringe	0	29,265	0
595 Solid Waste Capital	15,470	18,000	44,358
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>26,669,683</b>	<b>27,380,559</b>	<b>27,468,037</b>
<b>Reserves (Fund Balance)</b>	<b>198,125</b>	<b>638,220</b>	<b>523,733</b>
<b>Change in Fund Balance</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Fourth Draft  
 Laurens County  
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<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>21,359,150</b>	<b>21,747,213</b>	<b>21,892,730</b>
<b>Reserves (Fund Balance)</b>	<b>177,305</b>	<b>614,609</b>	<b>460,324</b>
<b>PROJECTED YEAR END FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Laurens County  
128 Emergency Medical Services Detailed Schedules  
Budget Year 2016**

**Revenue Detail Schedules**

Account Number	Account Description	FYE 2014 Actual	FYE 2015 Budget	FYE 2016 Recommended
<b>GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES - 128-311</b>				
	7.0 mills		7.1 mills	7.2 mills
31110	Current Real Property	694,016	757,285	745,881
31111	LOST Credit-Real	203,245	217,553	237,670
31120	Delinquent Real Property	57,117	46,151	57,500
31121	LOST Credit-Delinquent	17,622	13,927	17,500
31130	Vehicle	123,573	128,452	125,000
31131	LOST Credit-Vehicle	34,511	30,175	34,500
31140	FILOT	187,617	171,616	190,000
31141	LOST Credit-FILOT	3,197	0	2,000
31151	Prior Year Refunds	(56,693)	(10,551)	(10,000)
	<b>Subtotals:</b>	<b>1,264,205</b>	<b>1,354,608</b>	<b>1,400,051</b>
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE - 128-330</b>				
33516	EMS Grant	9,688	10,000	21,000
33814	Coop Capital Credit	350	350	360
	<b>Subtotals:</b>	<b>10,038</b>	<b>10,350</b>	<b>21,360</b>
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES - 128-340</b>				
33540	EMS Off-Duty Revenue	7,526	10,000	10,000
33541	EMS - Training Revenue	0	0	1,000
33542	EMS - Events Revenue Donations	0	0	100
34511	EMS Fees*	1,923,655	2,100,000	1,946,717
		<b>1,931,181</b>	<b>2,110,000</b>	<b>1,957,817</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE - 128-364</b>				
	Special Event Coverage		10,000	10,000
36415	Donations		500	100
	<b>Subtotals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,500</b>	<b>10,100</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE AVAILABLE</b>		<b>3,205,424</b>	<b>3,485,458</b>	<b>3,389,328</b>

**Expenditure Summary Schedules**

Dept Number	Department Name	FYE 2014 Actual	FYE 2015 Budget	FYE 2016 Recommended
525	EMS	3,265,334	3,485,458	3,389,328
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>3,265,334</b>	<b>3,485,458</b>	<b>3,389,328</b>
<b>TRANSFER OF GENERAL FUND RESERVES</b>		<b>59,910</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PROJECTED YEAR END FUND BALANCE</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

\* Actual receipts on a cash basis

**Laurens County**  
**129 Victims' Assistance Fund Detailed Schedules**  
**Budget Year 2016**

**Revenue Detail Schedules**

Account Number	Account Description	FYE 2014 Actual	FYE 2015 Budget	FYE 2016 Recommended
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE - 110-330</b>				
33812	Laurens/Clinton Paid for Victims' Assist	28,462	25,000	25,000
33814	Coop Credit	46	50	50
	<b>Subtotals:</b>	<u>28,508</u>	<u>25,050</u>	<u>25,050</u>
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES - 129-340</b>				
34813	Clerk Victim's Assistance	80,523	85,000	85,000
34815	Magistrate Victims' Assist	0	50,000	50,000
	<b>Subtotals:</b>	<u>80,523</u>	<u>135,000</u>	<u>135,000</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE AVAILABLE</b>		109,031	160,050	160,050

**Expenditure Summary Schedules**

Dept Number	Department Name	FYE 2014 Actual	FYE 2015 Budget	FYE 2016 Approved
550	Victims' Assistance	165,905	183,661	170,230
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		165,905	183,661	170,230
Reserves - Fund Balance		56,874	23,611	10,180
<b>PROJECTED YEAR END FUND BALANCE</b>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

In the past fund balance reserves for Victim's Assistance was utilized to balance the budget. At the end of FY 2014, the reserves were depleted. Therefore, the overage of \$10,181, if approved, will need to be absorbed by the General Fund Reserves.

**Laurens County**  
**210 Enterprise Fund Detail Summary**  
**Budget Year 2016**

**Revenue Detail Schedules**

Account Number	Account Description	FYE 2014 Actual	FYE 2015 Budget	FYE 2016 Recommended
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE - 210-330</b>				
33527	Tire Fee Rebate	25,519	25,500	25,520
33528	Solid Waste Grant	0	0	0
33814	Coop Cap Credit Distrib	177	200	200
	<b>Subtotals:</b>	<u>25,696</u>	<u>25,700</u>	<u>25,720</u>
<b>CHARGE FOR SERVICES - 210-340</b>				
34431	Host Fee (\$.50/ton times previous year tonnage)	75,191	48,798	49,000
34432	Landfill Tipping Fees (Includes Recycling)	61,723	56,800	56,800
34433	Residential User Fee	1,792,909	1,811,000	1,811,000
34505	Animal Control & Shelter Fees	19,738	21,929	20,000
	<b>Subtotals:</b>	<u>1,949,561</u>	<u>1,938,527</u>	<u>1,936,800</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE AVAILABLE</b>		1,975,257	1,964,227	1,962,520

**Expenditure Summary Schedules**

Dept Number	Department Name	FYE 2014 Actual	FYE 2015 Budget	FYE 2016 Recommended
580	Landfill	957,540	1,007,301	1,040,932
590	Rural Collections	906,284	909,661	930,459
591	Solid Waste Cont. & Fringe	0	29,265	0
595	Solid Waste Capital	15,470	18,000	44,358
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		1,879,294	1,964,227	2,015,749
Reserves - Fund Balance		(95,963)	0	53,229
<b>PROJECTED YEAR END FUND BALANCE</b>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE REQUESTS SUMMARY**  
**FY 2016**

DEPARTMENT	CAPITAL NEEDS	REQUESTED AMOUNT	Total	Capital Approved
1	Clerk of Court MS SQL Server 2014 plus one year maintenance agreement	\$ 12,652		\$ -
2	Building Codes/ Inspections 2015 1/2 Ton Pickup Truck	\$ 23,300	\$ 23,300	
3	Coroner Replace 2008 Crown Vic - New vehicle	\$ 35,000		
	Replace Chevy Van - New vehicle	\$ 35,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 35,000
	Upgrade 911 Radio System - <i>Can be leased for five (5) years</i>	\$ -		
4	Communications 104 Channel Communications Recording System 2 1 NexLog740 NexLog 740	\$ 16,000		
	Logging Recorder-Primary	\$ 15,600		
	Emergency Medical Dispatch Software and Training	\$ 24,345		
	Last Payment of Aerial Orthographic Maps	\$ 4,400	\$ 60,345	\$ 44,745
5	Library Complete Rework of cable trays and cables on 911 consoles	\$ 4,400		
	Explorer III Step Van Bookmobile to replace seventeen year (17) old bookmobile	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	
6	Parks and Recreations New Playground Equipment for Cross Hill Park	\$ 30,000		
	Dump Trailer	\$ 6,800		
	Pave Parking Lot at County Park	\$ 48,000		
	Replace lights on two (2) ball fields	\$ 120,000		
	Infield replacement on three (3) ball fields at county park	\$ 34,000	\$ 238,800	
7	Sheriff's Office 5 each In-Car 800 MHz Radios	\$ 25,000		
	6 each 6 In-Car Camera Systems (3 Cameras)	\$ 40,000		
	10 each Tasers (8 Tasers)	\$ 15,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 54,100
8	Transferred from EMS One Ambulance Remount	\$ 100,000		
	One Ambulance	\$ 135,300		
	One QRV	\$ 32,000	\$ 267,300	\$ 135,300
	Total Amount Requested	\$ 902,397	\$ 902,397	\$ 269,145

Councilman Pitts asked if the premium includes the new building. Mr. Wilson, Vehicle Maintenance / Procurement Officer replied that it did not because the actual premium will be due and payable during the next budget session.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT** – Administrator Segars reminded Council of the Legislative Breakfast to be held on Friday morning and briefed Council on a revenue option.

Administrator Segars said, “As part of the budget process, and as a suggestion to help us with the budget process, I would like to offer this as a possible revenue source to assist us with our budget deliberations for the fiscal year. The Laurens County Fire Service is strong on their reserve balances and Council should consider the transferring of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to the County in lieu of the Administrative help that they do receive from Administration, Finance, Human Resources and a variety of other departments. Mr. Lindley had said that he has no problem with this transfer”.

VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON made the MOTION to approve the thirty thousand dollar (\$30,000) administrative fee with COUNCILMAN PITTS SECONDING for discussion.

VOTE 5-1 (Councilwoman Anderson was in opposition).

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Chairman Wood opened the floor for public comment at 6:00 P.M.

- 1.) Mr. Calvin Whitmire of Bridging the Gap appeared before Council saying the Agency is a non-profit agency, with a Board and asked for consideration of funding during the budget deliberations.

Chairman Wood stated that Council had decided to not fund this agency this year due to this being a tight budget year for the County.

Having no one wishing to address Council, Chairman Wood closed the session at 6:10 P.M.

**COUNTY COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- 1.) Chairman Wood reported of a recent segment on the local WLBG radio station with House Representative Mike Pitts where he stated that over four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) had appeared in the State Budget. Chairman Wood said that the funds represent the Local Government Funds that the State has not given back to the Counties of South Carolina.

**CANCELLED - EXECUTIVE SESSION** – As per Administrator Segars, the executive session was no longer necessary.

**ADJOURNMENT** – With no further action required by Council, Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting at 6:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Betty C. Walsh

Laurens County Clerk to Council