

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORKSHOP
MAY 26, 2005
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman Gunnells, Vice Chairman Forrester, Councilman Thomas, Councilman Davis, Councilman Calhoun and Councilman Simpson.

ABSENT: Councilman Davis

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Carroll P. Culbertson of Clemson University Extension Service spoke on the need for a 4-H coordinator and requested that Abbeville County match their \$25,000.

OLD BUSINESS:

County Director Burns spoke in regards to comments made at previous council meeting directed at him. He has been open on all areas. There has been no twisting of numbers. To make the record straight there has been no excessive spending since he arrived; the county has made not lost money.

With this said he explained the advantages of combining the Executive Director, Building Codes and Planning & Zoning. Also, advised that the County Attorney was investigating the possibility of putting Delinquent Tax under the County Treasurer. What fund balances could be pulled from. There is still one if not two recycling centers to be built. Fire Department owes \$60,000 for County covering their vehicle and worker's comp. insurance for 2000 to 2002.

NEW BUSINESS: Council requested that the following be investigated further:

- a) Merit pay raises for employees.
- b) Able to pull additional funds from other areas.
- c) Privatizing the landfill.
- d) Obtaining money for fire trucks.
- e) What the school increase will be.
- f) Copy of Infrastructure Development Fund Ordinance to all councilmen.
- g) Removal of county from Upstate Alliance.
- h) Car for Assessor.
- i) Removal of computer imaging system.
- j) Matching Clemson for 4-H coordinator.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion Chairman Gunnells adjourned the workshop.

The workshop adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Done this _____ day of _____, 2005

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
Ray Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council