

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORKSHOP
APRIL 26, 2010
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman Thomas, Vice Chairman McClain, Councilman Campbell, Councilman Klugh, Councilman Gunnells, Councilman Calhoun and Councilman Norris.

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Councilman Klugh gave the invocation.

PRESENTATION:

Resolution 2010-14 National Public Safety Telecommunications Week in honor of the men and women who serve as Abbeville County 911 dispatchers. Councilman Campbell read the resolution and then presented the resolution to EMS Director Steve McDade and E911 Coordinator Sharmel Miller.

BUDGET WORKSHOP:

Chairman Thomas turned the meeting over to County Director Moulder. Councilman Campbell began his questions with on page 2 the Filot projected is \$110,000.00, is this correct? Moulder; this includes all fee in lieu agreements i.e. Carolina Fabrications and Sage Auto. Campbell; the Multi County Industrial Park \$800,000.00; where is this amount from? Moulder; this was based off the new Prysmian expansion. Campbell; the manufacturing exempt amount of \$125,000.00? Moulder; this is state incentives that are reimbursed to us. Campbell; Aid to Subdivision of \$1,800,000.00 will this be received. Moulder; it could possibly be cut, will not know for a while yet. Campbell; line 33142 EMS Performance \$65,000.00. Moulder; this is grants received from a formula which includes population of county. Campbell; line 33144 \$6,200.00, Veterans Affairs received \$5,872.00 one year and \$1,265.00 another year. Moulder; this is what the Treasurer has stated will be received to defer the costs of running that office. Campbell; line 33147 Supplies Reimbursement for Registration and Elections. Moulder; this amount varies due to elections held in a given year. This is a guesstimate by Lynne West. Campbell; line 33193 Donalds Detention Revenue \$200.00? Moulder; this is for housing of their prisoners. Campbell; Anderson County Industrial Park \$57,000.00 will be received? Moulder; taxes are paid December and January. Campbell; line 33143 DSS Reimbursement of \$3,300.00? Moulder; this is an end of year reimbursement. Campbell; \$65,000.00 for building permits is accurate? Moulder; based off economy. Campbell; mobile home licenses are less? Moulder; down due to

economy. Campbell; Municipal Election Reimbursement is what? Moulder; if you don't have one you don't get reimbursement. Campbell; what is the amount of child support to be received? Moulder; one time end of year, the Treasurer meets with the Clerk of Court to figure reimbursement amount. Campbell; page 3 Magistrate Civil Fee? Moulder; based off number of cases. Campbell; criminal fees are down? Moulder; this is not generating the revenue it used too. Campbell; page 25 Assessor GIS Maintenance of \$9,000.00, spent \$19,000.00 last year? Moulder; that was an unusual expense which occurred that year. Campbell; page 33 to 35 Sheriff \$1,176,514.00 in 09-10 and \$1,391,338.00 in 10-11, why increase? Moulder; grant disbursement of \$166,000.00 and department at full staff for longer period of time. Campbell; page 50 Public Safety there are no numbers? Moulder; sorry did not put those in. Campbell; Library Intergovernmental of \$20,000.00 comes from where? Moulder; this is projected by the State Lottery funds coming in. Campbell; Total loss roll back fund? Moulder; this formula comes in later in year and is done by the Treasurer. Campbell; \$15,000.00 is the correct amount for Library Federal Grants? Moulder; this is technology electronic access grants. Campbell; why the Library income difference of \$9,000.00? Moulder; Library will go over their budget by \$9,000.00. Campbell; no more questions Mr. Chairman, but I feel we need to build in a contingency fund. Vice Chairman McClain agreed with Councilman Campbell. Moulder; asked what amount \$50,000.00? Councilman Gunnells; charge Piedmont Tech an administration fee. Moulder; rather see you cut back their millage by half a mil, which would equal \$20 to \$25,000.00. Chairman Thomas; if you reduce their millage you will affect the students. I do not want to touch this. Gunnells; I will not agree with a public safety cut. Campbell; keep the part time employees at part time. Councilman Norris; it is not right to cut Piedmont Tech. Councilman Klugh; you cannot balance budget on the back of three (3) people. Norris; this is not the right year to start a contingency fund. You are messing with people's lives and it has taken a toll. Gunnells; does the Veterans Affairs office need a full time clerk? Campbell; received information substantiating that person is needed last year from Veterans Affairs Officer. Chairman Thomas; can we afford Clemson 4H? Norris; yes that is a good program. McClain; we are going to have to cut somewhere. Campbell; I was elected to make tough decisions and I will not vote for a budget that will not make it through the year. Vice Chairman McClain made a motion to leave the budget as proposed and make cuts later if necessary. A majority was given by Councilmen Norris, Klugh and Gunnells all agreeing with Vice Chairman McClain.

County Director Moulder requested an executive session to discuss two (2) personnel issues. Councilman Campbell made a motion to go into executive session to discuss two (2) personnel issues. Vice Chairman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Thomas reconvened the meeting and announced that the County Council has accepted the resignation of County Director Moulder. The effective date of Mr. Moulders resignation is June 1, 2010. During this transition period, Finance Director Barry Devore will work more closely with Mr. Moulder.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion Councilman Gunnells made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Done this _____ day of _____, 2010

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
Claude Thomas, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council