

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
BUDGET WORKSHOP  
APRIL 25, 2011  
MINUTES**

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

**ABSENT:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman McClain called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION:**

Vice Chairman Campbell gave the invocation.

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:**

Chairman McClain stated for the record that the agenda has been posted and notice has been provided to the local news media as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP:**

Councilman Klugh arrived during the workshop.

Interim County Director Vic Carpenter began the workshop stating that there is modest growth in property tax collection and a decrease in building permits. Non-Departmental has the largest increase (i.e. Medical and Unemployment Insurance of \$208,000.00). Assessor reassessment implemented by end of 2012 will be completed by moving a part-time employee to full-time. Sheriff has an increase in fuel costs and salary line item has been brought in line with his increases. Also, he has an unfunded mandate from the state now responsible for the cost of cleaning up meth labs. E911 had a decrease with the elimination of the addresser position. In regards to special funds the Library is unbalanced due to passing on the utilities. Included in budget is a 2% on average wage increase for employees. Finally included is four (4) vehicles for Sheriff, one (1) for administration and one (1) for maintenance.

What Council can do is raise the price for non-county inmates to \$50.00 per day, which would help with the meth lab clean up. Also, due to reduction in aid to subdivision raise the mileage 1.6 mils, which would bring in about \$80,000 (\$100,000.00 house = \$6.40 per household). Council agreed unanimously with suggestions stressing that all departments' budgets have been cut to the bone.

Councilman Thomas made a motion to go into Executive Session for a contractual issue pertaining to EMS. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

Councilman Calhoun arrived during executive session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Chairman McClain reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that no items needed to be addressed.

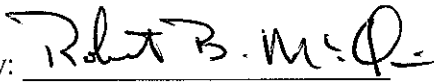
**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

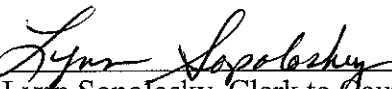
The workshop adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Done this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011

**Abbeville County Council**

By:   
Robert B. McClain, Chairman

ATTEST:

By:   
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council