

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORKSHOP
MARCH 26, 2012
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman McClain, Vice Chairman Campbell, Councilmen Klugh, Norris, Calhoun and Stone.

ABSENT: Councilman Thomas.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

INVOCATION:

Chairman McClain 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution (2012-06) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Herbert Anderson, Jr. Construction Company of Greenwood, South Carolina in the amount of \$71,354.10 for driveway improvements to Bethia Fire Station and Antreville and Donalds EMS Stations in Abbeville County, South Carolina. Councilman Klugh made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

BUDGET WORKSHOP:

Councilman Calhoun arrived for the meeting.

County Director Bruce Cooley outlined for Council the status of the finances for the County. Including the increases in insurance and retirement; plus salary increases for the Magistrate's, Probate Judge and Master in Equity. He informed Council on their options to close a \$286,500.00 deficit are to eliminate positions, raise fees or a combination of both. Council decided to take the report home with them for study and to meet again on April 9, 2012 for another workshop.

Fire Chief Dan Evatt explained to Council that a \$5,000.00 donation had been made to them and he would like to use the money to build a classroom at the Fire Station. Vice Chairman Campbell made a motion to accept this donation. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Norris to go into Executive Session for a legal issue on the school district. Vice Chairman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

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 Councilman Norris made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

The workshop adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Done this 9th day of April, 2012

Abbeville County Council

By: Robert B. McClain
Robert B. McClain, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: Lynn Sopolosky
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council