

**COMMITTEE of the WHOLE COMMITTEE  
BUDGET WORKSESSION MINUTES  
JUNE 14, 2012**

The Committee of the Whole met on Thursday, June 14, 2012 in the Council Chambers, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, at 12:00 p.m. to continue deliberations for the FY2012-2013 Recommended Budgets. Mr. Banning, Chairman presided.

**Members Attending:**

William B. Banning, Sr., Chairman  
James E. Kinard, Jr.  
George H. Davis  
Bobby C. Keisler  
\*M. Todd Cullum

\*Johnny W. Jeffcoat, V Chairman  
Frank J. Townsend, III  
Debra B. Summers  
K. Brad Matthews

\*Arrived after the meeting was already in session.

Also attending: Joe Mergo, III, County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator; John Fechtel, Public Works Director/Assistant County Administrator; Jeff Anderson, County Attorney; other staff members, citizens of the county and representatives of the media.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, and posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

**FY 2012-2013 Budget Discussions**

**Non-General Fund:**

**Library** - *See Recommended Budget Book 2, Page 5* - Dee Bedenbaugh, Library Director - Ms. Bedenbaugh presented the Library's proposed budget with a Power Point presentation and updates on programs. She reported that the revenues were less than the anticipated expenditures.

**Solid Waste Management** - *See Recommended Budget Book 2 page 134* - Dave Eger, Solid Waste Management Director - Mr. Eger presented the Solid Waste Management's proposed budget. The total projected expenditures are \$11,770,710. He reported there is one new program not listed in the budget for Council's consideration for electronic waste collection per an unfunded state mandate that will cost the County \$53,000. Mr. Eger reported that \$152,975 was used from the Solid Waste Management fund balance to balance the budget. The Committee asked the balance of the Solid Waste Management's fund.

**Indigent Care** - *See Recommended Budget Book 2 Page 100* - Mr. Mergo reported that the Indigent Care budget is a set amount sent to the State, per state mandate, which Council has no control over. Mr. Mergo said that 50 cents per capita comes off the top of our local government indigent care, which is approximately \$132-142,000. The Committee asked to find out how much Lexington Medical Center receives from the State for indigent care.

**Solicitor's Grants & Special Revenue Funds** - *See Recommended Budget Book 2, Page 27* - Mr. Chris Samellas and Mr. Rick Hubbard were available to answer questions for the proposed Solicitor's Grants

and Special Revenue Funds. Mr. Samellas reported the budget has remained the same since FY2009-10. It was reported that Temporary Alcohol Fee revenues continue to go down and the department has been receiving \$42,000 from those revenues to fund Juvenile Arbitration.

**Law Enforcement Grants & Special Revenue Funds** - *See Recommended Budget Book 2, Page 42* - Chief Keith Kirchner - Chief Kirchner presented the proposed balanced Law Enforcement Grants and Special Revenue Funds. He reported they have about 20 accounts that receive special revenue and grant funds.

**Other Miscellaneous Grants** - *See Recommended Budget Book 2, page 76* - No items were brought before the Committee for discussion. Mr. Mergo reported there were no issues.

**Other Special Revenue Funds:**

**Economic Development** - *See Recommended Budget Book 2, page 88* - Chuck Whipple, Economic Development Director - Mr. Whipple presented the recommended budget for Economic Development of \$692,000 with projected revenue of \$361,000, and a deficit of \$258,629. Mr. Whipple reported the budget includes \$100,00 for the State Museum, \$45,120 utilities and maintenance for the Saxe Gotha Industrial Park, and \$546,880 for operating expenses. He said the Economic Development fund balance has been used to fund two projects which are the expansion of the 12<sup>th</sup> Street extension at Saxe Gotha Industrial Park and the purchase of property in Chapin. The fund balance amount was \$2,366,000.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Kinard to zero out the Museum line item under the Economic Development budget and leave the \$100,000, reducing the deficit to \$159,000.

**Executive Session:** A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Matthews to move into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter.

**Vote on Motion:**

In Favor: (8)	Mr. Banning	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Matthews	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Townsend	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler

Absent: (1) Mr. Jeffcoat

Mr. Banning reconvened the meeting in open session with no votes from Executive Session and one motion on the floor.

**Vote on Motion:**

In Favor: (8)	Mr. Banning	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Townsend
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Matthews	Mr. Cullum

Absent: (1) Mr. Jeffcoat

**Accommodations Tax** - *See Recommended Budget Book 2, page 94.*

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve the Accommodations Tax recommended budget as presented.

**Amendment to the Motion:** Mr. Matthews made an amendment to the motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler to remove the \$5,000 recommended for the State Museum and add it to the Irmo Chamber of Commerce for a total of \$7,500.

**Vote on Amended Motion:**

In Favor: (6)	Mr. Matthews	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Townsend	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Cullum

Opposed: (1)      Mr. Kinard

Abstained: (1)      Mr. Banning\*

\*He explained that he had a relationship with the Lexington Chamber's Good to Great Foundation and for that reason he would not vote on any of the Accommodations Tax. (See attached abstention form.)

Absent: (1)      Mr. Jeffcoat

**Vote on Motion as Amended:**

In Favor: (7)	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Townsend	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Matthews
	Mr. Cullum	

Abstained: (1)      Mr. Banning

Absent: (1)      Mr. Jeffcoat

**Amendment to the Motion:** Mr. Keisler made an amendment to the motion, seconded by Mr. Matthews to take \$2,000 from the Columbia Convention Center and add it to the Lexington County Museum for a total of \$5,500.

**Vote on Amendment:**

In Favor: (7)	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Matthews
	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Townsend
	Mr. Davis	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Cullum	

Abstained: (1)      Mr. Banning

Absent: (1)      Mr. Jeffcoat

**Temporary Alcoholic Beverage License Fee - See Recommended Budget Book 2, page 98.**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve the Temporary Alcoholic Beverage License Fee as recommended.

**Vote on Motion:**

In Favor: (8)	Mr. Banning	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Townsend	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Matthews

Absent: (1) Mr. Jeffcoat

**Public Defender - See Recommended Budget Book 2, Page 109 - Rob Madsen, Public Defender -** Mr. Madsen presented the Public Defender's requested budget. He reported that their Circuit has the highest caseload per attorney in the state but were on slightly better financial footing than last year. He reported the recommended budget has an increase of approximately \$16,000 in expenditures which they believe they can absorb this year but ultimately over time will be a problem.

Mr. Matthews asked what was the \$16,000.

Mr. Madsen responded it was personnel contingency and that the fund balance is better now than it was last year than what it was projected after replacing a vacancy with a less experienced individual at a lower salary.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve the Public Defender's recommended budget and monitor the \$16,000.

Mr. Mergo reported right now with the estimated revenues the County has since putting the recommended budget together, the Public Defender's office will still have a \$77,000 shortfall including already freezing two positions. He added that Mr. Madsen already knows that the Public Defender's office must operate within revenues.

**Amendment to the Motion:** Mr. Cullum made an amendment to the motion, seconded by Mr. Davis that staff can only operate within the revenue received.

**Vote on Amendment:**

In Favor: (8)	Mr. Banning	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Townsend	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Matthews

Absent: (1) Mr. Jeffcoat

**Vote on Motion as Amended:**

In Favor: (8)	Mr. Banning	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Townsend
	Mr. Davis	Ms. Summers

Absent: (1)                      Mr. Matthews                      Mr. Cullum  
   Mr. Jeffcoat

**Treasurer - Delinquent Tax Office** - *See Recommended Budget Book 2 Page 127*, - Gene Rishkofski - Mr. Rishkofski requested funds be put back into the Delinquent Tax budget to cover an upgrade for the Assistant Deputy Delinquent Tax Collector from a Grade 7 to a Grade 10 that was omitted from the recommended budget. The individual has taken on more responsibilities of the Deputy Tax Collector who supervises and trains all the Delinquent Tax Office employees. Mr. Rishkofski reported that based on the duties she is currently doing it is not compatible with others in the Treasurer's office with similar duties. The cost to change the position from a Grade 7 to Grade 10 is estimated at \$7,220. He said a position was frozen at a Grade 6 reducing the budget by \$41,500 which would be more than enough for the pay increase.

Mr. Kinard said normally when the County changes a pay grade or salary there is some type of evaluation study so that we keep everybody consistent.

Mr. Rishkofski responded that the department had money in the budget but were waiting until it was approved and that would be contingent on the evaluation. If approved the department has the funds to pay for the survey.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve staff's request to upgrade the Delinquent Tax Collector position from a Grade 7 to a Grade 10.

Mr. Rishkofski noted that the Delinquent Tax office is self-funded and this would come out of the Delinquent Tax contingency.

**Vote on Motion:**

In Favor: (1)                      Mr. Keisler

Opposed: (7)                      Mr. Banning                      Mr. Cullum  
   Mr. Kinard                      Mr. Townsend  
   Mr. Davis                      Ms. Summers  
   Mr. Matthews

Absent: (1)                      Mr. Jeffcoat

Motion failed.

**Enterprise Fund** - *See Recommended Budget Book 2, Page 131* - Mr. Mergo reported nothing to discuss.

**Internal Service Funds** - *See Recommended Budget Book 2, Page 168* - Mr. Mergo reporting nothing to discuss.

**Other:**

**911 ECC/EOC Facility** - Mr. Mergo reported the total revenue sources for the 911 ECC/EOC Facility include: \$1 million federal grant; \$2.5 million from Lexington Medical Center; \$1.3 million for CMR as capital reimbursement that the County would get back from the 911 cell phone fees from the State; \$1.7 million from the General Fund; Emergency Phone System E911 of \$2 million; \$500,000 previously

appropriated for the West Region Service Center; and approximately \$1 million contingency within the 911 fund. This leaves a balance of approximately \$3 million in order to complete the facility.

Mr. Matthews asked for the total cost of the 911 ECC/EOC Facility project.

Mr. Mergo replied that makes it roughly \$13.4 million.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Kinard to take the \$3 million from the Fund Balance for a one-time expenditure for the 911 ECC/EOC Facility project.

**Vote on Motion:**

In Favor: (7)	Mr. Davis	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Townsend	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Matthews
	Mr. Cullum	

Abstained: (1) Mr. Banning

Absent: (1) Mr. Jeffcoat

**Meeting Transparency Technology** - Mr. Mike Ujcich, Information Services Chief Information Officer, reported on a potential new program that would allow the County to be more transparent for not only the Council meetings and Committee meetings but also all the Board meetings that take place in the Chamber and Committee Room. The capital investment for the new program would be approximately \$16,500 to include cameras and equipment for both the Chambers and Committee Room. However, Mr. Ujcich said there is a recurring cost of approximately \$12,000 for hosting the site that will allow for storing all the videos, worldwide web distribution, streaming and converting to multiple formats for viewing anywhere at any time.

Mr. Mergo said we have the opportunity through the County's franchise agreement with Time Warner Cable to broadcast on the Time Warner Cable Channel Two all Council meetings, programs, updates, information, alerts, snowstorm warning, office closings, etc.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve staff's recommendations for the Meeting Transparency Technology program.

Mr. Mergo reported the initial start-up of \$28,500 (\$16,500 for the capital cost and the \$12,000 annual reoccurring cost) was not in the budget.

**Motion withdrawn:** Mr. Matthews withdrew his motion; Mr. Cullum withdrew his second.

Mr. Porth explained we have already appropriated all the current revenues for General Funds and if this is approved, it is coming out of the General Fund.

Mr. Davis proposed to take the capital expenditure from fund balance and if we want to do the operating, we add it to the list to be considered.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve using capital from the General Fund and place operating funds on the list for consideration.

**Vote on Motion:**

In Favor: (7)	Mr. Banning	Mr. Matthews
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Townsend
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Cullum	

Opposed: (1)                      Mr. Kinard

Absent: (1)                      Mr. Jeffcoat

**Annual Budget Overview:**

Mr. Jeffcoat arrived.

**EMS - New Project - Electronic Patient Care Reporting Software** - *See Recommended Budget Book 1, Page 52.* Staff presented request at the May 22, 2012 Budgetworksession.

Mr. Davis confirmed that this is required by the State of South Carolina for all EMS businesses in the State.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve staff's recommendations for \$300,000 to be funded by taxpayers.

Mr. Cullum commented that Council continues to hear we are mandated to this or that. We are mandated to change our communications to spend \$500,000 to satisfy the Federal Government and now satisfy State Government and then we are required to ask the taxpayer for more money to suffice to make the upper levels of government happy and it is getting old. Mr. Cullum said he was interested in knowing and challenging staff to find out if the other 45 counties in the State are doing what we have to do when we go to our taxpayers and ask them again for these additional funds because of these mandates.

Chief Hood reported that staff spoke with counties that border ours and larger ones around the state. He said every county is using a commercial third-party vendor and EMS has offset this for a number of years by doing it in-house as discussed at the last budget worksession.

Mr. Cullum commented that all 45 counties are collecting the data at the same level that they are asking the County from the State including the smallest and poorest of our counties.

Chief Hood confirmed even the smallest of operations have to submit that data to the State.

**Vote on Motion:**

In Favor: (6)	Mr. Banning	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Matthews	Mr. Cullum

Opposed: (3)

Mr. Kinard  
Mr. Keisler

Mr. Townsend

**Coroner - Fund Change - Forensic Death Investigator** - *See Recommended Budget Book 1, Page 77* - Staff presented request at the May 22, 2012 Budget Worksession. Presently, the requested amount to be moved is \$61,094.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve staff's budget request to move the Forensic Death Investigator to the General Fund.

Mr. Banning opening the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Matthews asked Mr. Reynolds, for the benefit of the public, to explain what the Coroner's office was doing before they had the forensic death investigator position and what this position has allowed them to do.

Mr. Reynolds reported that the forensic death investigator has allowed the Coroner's office to keep down overtime and respond in a faster manner. Right now our response time is averaging 28 minutes. The other is in conjunction with law enforcement to help the smaller municipalities and agencies around the counties when they have problems with a death investigation. Also, it will expand the Coroner's role into things outside of normal deaths such as suicide, homicide, suspect situations in nursing homes, etc.

**Vote on Motion:**

In Favor: (9)

Mr. Banning  
Mr. Davis  
Mr. Townsend  
Mr. Jeffcoat  
Mr. Cullum

Mr. Keisler  
Mr. Kinard  
Ms. Summers  
Mr. Matthews

**Fire Service - 10 Additional Employees** - *See Recommended Budget Book 1, Page 59*

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve staff's budget request to add 10 additional personnel and adjust the millage for Fire Service to 3.16 (CPI).

Mr. Banning opening the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Kinard asked Chief Cox if the population and CPI is what Fire Service is requesting to fund the 10 positions.

Chief Cox replied if we could obtain a 3.16 CPI, which falls within the plan presented to Council back in December, and maintain a three percent increase then Fire Service can add 10 employees per year.

Mr. Cullum asked so CPI only.

Mr. Kinard asked if Fire Service were to get the population increase, which is about half of the CPI, then we are only talking about five positions, roughly.

Chief Cox replied yes.



Mr. Kinard said he wants Fire Service to move forward with the Strategic Plan; however, the timing is where he has concerns. Mr. Kinard suggests stretching this over a longer period of time which he alluded to at the last budget meeting.

Chief Cox responded that the five new positions would not allow Fire Service to get to two people per fire station by the end of the year and that is one of our goals.

Mr. Banning said that is a major goal that we need to meet.

Mr. Kinard replied he was in favor of adding positions, but was not in favor of adding more tax burdens to our businesses which do not get the one cent credit on their tax bill.

Chief Cox reported that the businesses and industries are going to benefit from the ISO rating and as we increase personnel, that would have a significant impact on homeowners as well as businesses.

Mr. Cullum said the CPI and population will give Fire Service 10 new personnel.

Chief Cox replied that CPI would provide Fire Service with 10.

Mr. Cullum replied CPI would get you 10 and is that what we are asking for here or we asking for CPI and population.

**Amendment to the Motion:** Mr. Kinard made an amendment to the motion that instead of CPI we go with population of 1.39.

Mr. Banning ruled the amendment died for lack of a second.

**Vote on Original Motion:**

In Favor: (6)	Mr. Banning	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Cullum	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Matthews
Opposed: (3)	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Townsend
	Mr. Keisler	

**Law Enforcement - CPI & Population Request-** *See Recommended Budget Book 1, Page 99.*

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to approve staff's budget request and adjust to include CPI and population increase.

Mr. Banning opening the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Kinard said he knows what the Sheriff's Office is trying to do, and he buys into to most of what they are trying to do, but timing is an issue and offered the following amendment.

**Amendment to the Motion:** Mr. Kinard made an amendment to the motion to allow a population increase of 1.39 and take one-time funding of \$750,000 to help with some capital costs.

Mr. Banning ruled the amendment died for lack of a second.

Mr. Cullum asked for more specifics about personnel that the Sheriff's Department plans on putting in place if approved for the full CPI and the population number as a part of their strategic plan.

Chief Kirchner reported that part of the Sheriff's Department's strategic plan is to be tied to a one to 64 ratio of correctional officers and also for a per capita for officers who currently have a 1.3 per capita. If granted CPI and population, the capital that would go towards the capital projects, in particular the jail, would come out of another fund not from CPI or population.

Mr. Cullum asked to know what personnel that you have in your plan that you are going to put in place if we vote to provide CPI and population.

Chief Kirchner replied the Sheriff's Department would add six correctional officers, five deputies and \$200,000 for capital items needed for IT such as computers.

Sheriff Metts replied that this would be contingent on the fact that CPI and population would go to operations to exclude salary increases.

Mr. Cullum said that salaries are not on the table now for any County employees.

**Vote on Original Motion:**

In Favor: (6)	Mr. Banning	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Matthews
Opposed: (3)	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Townsend
	Mr. Keisler	

**Contribution Agencies**

**Dickerson Center** - *See Recommended Budget Book 1, Page 10.*

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve \$25,000 for the Dickerson Center. (Original request was \$79,407 with a recommendation of \$0).

Mr. Banning opening the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Cullum said he had conversations with both the Sheriff's Department and hospital about the Dickerson Center and the words he kept hearing were "expert" and "absolutely we need what they do." Mr. Cullum offered the following amendment.

**Amendment to the Motion:** Mr. Cullum made an amendment to the motion to approve \$45,000.

Mr. Banning ruled the amendment died for lack of a second.

Mr. Kinard said he wanted to address this particular need as far as other organizations and appreciates what they do; however, it is not the government's place to make charitable contributions with taxpayer's money. He said he cannot support this.

Mr. Matthews asked where exactly do those funds come from, the General Fund?

Mr. Banning confirmed.

**Vote on Original Motion:**

In Favor: (7)	Mr. Banning	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Matthews
	Mr. Cullum	

Opposed: (2)	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Townsend
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Mr. Banning asked what other agencies requested funding.

Mr. Mergo listed American Red Cross, Edventure Children's Museum, Burton Center, and Transitions Housing Alliance.

Mr. Banning pointed out that Transitions requested a one-time contribution and the County made that one-time contribution. As far as Edventure, we know we have a plan in place for that.

**Constitutional Officers - Increase in Salaries** - Mr. Banning posed the idea of increasing the salary for Constitutional Officers which has not been increased in 12-15 years. He said he wanted to say publicly that not a single person he asked to be here today has asked for a raise. Mr. Banning proposed a 10 percent increase across the board for all the elected officials and magistrates.

Mr. Davis said he could not agree with this proposal. He said the salaries are posted, these people sought these jobs, they were elected, and they are responsible to the people to achieve the goals of those particular departments. And, this year we are not giving the employees a raise.

Mr. Kinard agreed that this was not the right time.

Mr. Keisler said he agrees they need an increase including the Sheriff who is probably underpaid compared to the other counties. He said what concerns him is the increase in taxes for homeowners and businesses.

**General Assembly - Local Government Funds**

Mr. Mergo asked if the State approves one-time funding that it be placed in an operational line item titled "Local Government Funding Contingency" (\$1.8 million) contingent on receiving funds.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve staff's recommendation.

**Vote on Motion:**

In Favor: (9)	Mr. Banning	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Townsend	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Matthews
	Mr. Cullum	

**Accommodations Tax Funds - Distribution of Funds - See Recommended Budget Book 2, page 94.**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Matthews to delete \$10,500 from the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center and increase West Metro Chamber by \$3,500, Lexington Chamber by \$3,500, Batesburg-Leesville Chamber by \$1,500, and Chapin Chamber by \$2,000.

**Vote on Motion:**

In Favor: (8)	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Matthews
	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Townsend
	Mr. Davis	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Cullum

Abstained: (1) Mr. Banning (see attached abstention form)

**County Ordinary Millage by CPI (.719 mills)**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Davis to increase the county ordinance millage by the CPI of 3.16 at .719 mills.

Mr. Banning ruled the motion died from lack of a second.

Mr. Kinard made a motion to take it out of fund balance and not increase the millage.

Mr. Mergo reported that the total of expenditures is approximately \$600,000.

Mr. Banning asked if that included the \$25,000 for the Dickerson Center.

Mr. Matthews said it should also include the \$53,000 for Solid Waste.

Mr. Mergo replied it does include the Dickerson Center but not Solid Waste; it has its own fund balance.

Mr. Mergo recapped the following: \$159,000 Economic Development deficit; \$300,000 EMS Patient Care Reporting; \$61,100 Coroner's Office Forensic Death Investigator; \$25,000 Dickerson Center; and \$16,500 Transparency equipment.

**Motion:** Mr. Kinard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Townsend to take the \$600,000 from Fund Balance to save millage from going onto our taxpayers.

Mr. Banning opening the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Cullum asked if the \$159,000 for Economic Development was a capital or ongoing expenditure.

Mr. Banning replied that was personnel.

Mr. Cullum also asked if the \$300,000 for the EMS software was a one-time expenditure.

Mr. Mergo replied that some of it was and some was not.

Mr. Banning confirmed that \$100,000 was capital and \$200,000 was ongoing.

Mr. Cullum said approximately \$400,000 could come out of fund balance for one-time expenditures and roughly \$450,000 as ongoing.

Mr. Banning said the Dickerson Center would be an ongoing expense.

Mr. Cullum said there is \$450,000 as ongoing expenses from what Mr. Mergo just gave us and that translates into a half of mill increase on County Ordinary.

Mr. Mergo said the population adjustment is .316 which is estimated to generate about \$314,000.

**Vote on Motion:**

In Favor: (3)	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Townsend
	Mr. Keisler	

Opposed (6)	Mr. Banning	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Matthews	Mr. Cullum

**Motion fails.**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Summers to fund those items recommended with an increase of the CPI (.719 mills) for the coming year for County Ordinary.

Mr. Banning reported in doing so there is no funding available for an employee pay package.

**Vote on Motion:**

In Favor: (6)	Mr. Banning	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Matthews	Mr. Cullum

Opposed: (3)	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Townsend
	Mr. Keisler	

**Solid Waste Management - Adjust Millage**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Ms. Summers to adjust the Solid Waste Management millage (.05) to cover \$53,000 for ongoing expenditures.

**Vote on Motion:**

In Favor: (9)	Mr. Banning	Mr. Cullum
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Ms. Summers	Mr. Kinard
Mr. Townsend	Mr. Davis
Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
Mr. Matthews	

Mr. Mergo said he wanted to clarify that the County has always treated the Lexington County Fire Service and Irmo Fire District as an entity when we adjust millage to keep them the same. He said he wanted to be sure that Council wanted to continue with this as they have in the past.

Mr. Banning said he wanted to be sure that the \$1.8 million Local Government Fund we are setting aside, if that funding should come through, would give us the ability to consider a pay package or some other items.

Mr. Mergo said the \$1.8 million for the Local Government Fund comes back to the County Ordinary so those agencies that we would need to talk with would be Law Enforcement, Library and Solid Waste. But yes, it would cover for everyone else. The fund is a one-time appropriation from the government to offset expenses.

There being no further business, the budget worksession meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee  
Assistant to the Clerk

William B. Banning, Sr.  
Chairman


Diana W. Burnett  
Clerk

## ABSTENTION FROM VOTING AND DELIBERATING

I am hereby asking the <sup>Council</sup>~~Chairman~~ to excuse me from voting and deliberating on the matter of ACORD 60, TAT because of a potential conflict of interest because of the following:

my Affiliation With The Kappa Alpha

I am furnishing this statement to the <sup>Council</sup>~~Chairman~~ and I request that this statement be printed in the Minutes of this meeting.

  
Signature

Date: 6-14-2012