



County Council of Beaufort County

County Council Budget Work Session

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Finance Committee Workshop Minutes

County Council of Beaufort County

Thursday, April 09, 2020 at 9:00 AM

Council Chambers, Administration Building Beaufort County
Government Robert Smalls Complex 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Passiment called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

PRESENT

Chairman Joseph F. Passiment
Vice Chairman D. Paul Sommerville
Council Member Michael Covert
Council Member York Glover
Council Member Chris Hervocho
Council Member Stu Rodman
Council Member Alice Howard
Council Member Mark Lawson
Council Member Lawrence McElynn
Council Member Gerald Dawson
Council Member Brian Flewelling

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Gerald Dawson gave the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Flewelling, Seconded by Council Member Covert to approve the agenda. Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice Chairman Sommerville, Council Member Covert, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Flewelling, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Glover, Council Member Hervocho, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson and Council Member McElynn. The motion passed.

PRESENTATION OF FY 2021 GENERAL FUND BUDGET REQUEST

County Administrator, Ashley Jacobs explained that this FY 2021 General Fund Budget Request, or budget book is a draft from each Department and it is only covering the General Fund and Chief Financial Officer Alicia Holland is going to walk through the Budget Book.

Alicia Holland, presented the 13 sections of the book which cover: 1) General Fund Revenue, 2) General Fund Expenditures, 3) General Government Special Revenue Funds, 4) Public Safety Special Revenue Funds, 5) Public Works Special Revenue Funds, 6) Public Health Special Revenue Funds, 7) Public

Welfare Special Revenue Funds, 8) Cultural and Recreation Special Revenue Funds, 9) Debt Service Fund, 10) Capital Project Funds 11) Proprietary Funds 12) New Personnel Request and 13) New Capital Equipment Request.

Ashley Jacobs mentioned that COVID-19 will directly impact the County's revenue at this time and has changed the economic outlook and the budget will change due to revenue loss and will be tracking the stimulus funds but will not replace revenue.

Alicia presented projections due to COVID-19. Budgeted: 135,162,698.00 Projected: 132,000,000.00 these are target revenue and expenditure numbers. Reductions mentioned are: personal property 20%, Permitting/licenses 25%, local government fund 15%, ATAX/HTAX 50%, charges for service 10%. Alicia also spoke about new positions within the county and personnel benefit costs.

Ashley Jacobs explained the Vehicle and Heavy Equipment Requests and New Operating Requests.

Phil Foot, Assistant County Administrator, reviewed the cost of the Detention Center Medical Services.

David Wilhelm, Assistant County Administrator, explained the Enterprise Fund for Solid Waste and Recycling and the Budget for FY21.

Alicia Holland explained the FY 21 General Fund Big Picture; 1) projected revenues- operating capital equipment 2) projected expenditures- payroll, operating, additional operating requests, additional capital equipment request 3) Gap (Revenues-Expenditures)

Ashley Jacobs explained about the Next Steps for the FY 21 Budget: Administrator will meet with departments about requests, revenue projections will continue to be updated, enterprise funds presentation and discussion, capital construction requests presentation and discussion which includes debt millage and debt capacity and bond market outlook, presentation of Administrator's Recommended Budget and then presentations from outside agencies.

Council Member Hervochon requested additional information for the budget book such as consolidation of each line item and what flows through the miscellaneous line item accounts.

ADJOURNMENT

Ratified by Committee: August 17, 2020