AGENDA
FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROOM 803
180 NORTH IRBY STREET
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA
THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2008
9:00 A. M.

I. CALL TO ORDER: K. G. RUSTY SMITH, JR., CHAIRMAN

II. INVOCATION: H. MORRIS ANDERSON, SECRETARY/CHAaplain

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG:
WAYMON MUMFORD, VICE CHAIRMAN

IV. WELCOME: K. G. RUSTY SMITH, JR., CHAIRMAN

V. MINUTES: [1]

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2008 REGULAR MEETING
Council is requested to approve the Minutes of the February 21, 2008 regular meeting of County Council.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

No public hearings were required or scheduled.

VII. APPEARANCES:

A. DR. PHILLIP BOWMAN, PEE DEE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER [8]
Dr. Bowman requests to appear before Council to discuss Florence County Mental Health Center Services.
B. JOHN CHASE, JR., CHAIR - LEGISLATIVE DAY COMMITTEE

Mr. Chase requests to appear before Council to publicly thank Council for its support of the 2008 Legislative Day Event.

C. VERMELL PYATT – HARVEST HOPE FOOD BANK

Ms. Pyatt requests to appear before Council to provide a presentation and funding request.

D. ROBERT R. SMITH, II – BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD FOUNDATION

Mr. Smith requests to appear before Council to speak on the Proclamation honoring the achievements of the Foundation and to recognize the opening of the Lake City Free Medical Clinic.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(Items assigned to the Committees in italics. Revisions by Committee Chair requested.)

Administration & Finance
(Council members K. G. “Rusty” Smith, Jr./Chair, Russell W. Culberson, Waymon Mumford and James T. Schofield)

Public Services & County Planning
(Council members James T. Schofield/Chair, Mitchell Kirby, and Ken Ard)

- January 18, 2007 Special Exceptions
- County facilities
- January 17, 2008 Ordinance No. 18-2007/08 (amend the Zoning Ordinance)

Justice & Public Safety
(Council members Waymon Mumford/Chair, Johnnie D. Rodgers, Jr. and Al Bradley)

- June 7, 2007 Litter Enforcement

Education, Recreation, Health & Welfare
(Council members H. Morris Anderson/Chair, Johnnie D. Rodgers, Jr., and Al Bradley)

- January 17, 2008 Ordinance No. 20-2007/08 (amend Chapter 6 – Animals & Fowl)
Agriculture, Forestry, Military Affairs & Intergovernmental Relations
(Council members Russell W. Culberson/Chair, Morris Anderson and Ken Ard)

Ad Hoc Water Study Committee
(Council members Ken Ard/Chair, Mitchell Kirby, Russell W. Culberson, and Johnnie D. Rodgers, Jr.)

IX. PROCLAMATIONS:

A. NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK [17]
A Proclamation Recognizing The Week Of April 6-12, 2008 As National County Government Week In Florence County.

B. PROCLAMATION COMMEMDING BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD OF SC [19]
A Proclamation Commending BlueCross BlueShield Of South Carolina Foundation For Its Support Of The Lake City Free Medical Clinic And Its Dedication To Providing Medical Care And Pharmaceutical Donations For Uninsured And Underinsured Families In Florence County.

C. PROCLAMATION OF SUPPORT [21]
A Proclamation In Support Of The National Association Of Counties’ Campaign Against Sexual Exploitation Of Children.

X. RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-2007/08 [23]
A Resolution Authorizing The Cessation Of Maintenance On And Abandonment Of A Portion Of Pheasant Road Located In The Effingham Area.

XI. ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

THIRD READING

1. ORDINANCE NO. 21-2007/08 [27]
An Ordinance To Establish User And Hazardous Substance Reimbursement Fees To Support Hazardous Materials Response Capabilities And Other Matters Relating Thereto.
2. **ORDINANCE NO. 22-2007/08**
   An Ordinance To Rezone Properties Owned By Clebe G. Eaddy And Debbie C. Eaddy Located On Carolyn Avenue, Florence From B-3, General Commercial District To R-4, Multi-Family Residential District. Limited Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 90-095, Block 1, Parcels 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29.
   (Approved by Planning Commission 9-0) (Council District 8)

XII. **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:**

A. **HOWE SPRINGS FIRE DISTRICT BOARD**
   The Howe Springs Fire District Board requests Council’s approval of the appointment of Billy Brown to the Board to serve the unexpired term of Shannon Smith who resigned to serve as Fire Chief.

B. **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS LIST**
   A list of current and approaching vacancies for 2008 on Boards and Commissions was provided to Council in the January 3, 2008 agenda package.

XIII. **REPORTS TO COUNCIL:**

A. **PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

1. **LYNCHE'S RIVER ENVIRONMENTAL DISCOVERY CENTER GRANT**
   Accept the FY08 appropriation from the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources in the amount of $120,129 and authorize the designation of appropriate general ledger accounts within the Grant Fund.

2. **PROFESSIONAL TENNIS SERVICES CONTRACT**
   Accept the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Richard Storr, an independent contractor, for exclusive rights to offer professional tennis services at Ebenezer Park; and authorize the County Administrator to execute all related documents, subject to review by the County Attorney.
B. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

AWARD OF BID #17-07/08

Award Bid #17-07/08 to the low responsive bidder, Blanchard Machinery Co. of Florence, SC, for the purchase of two (2) 32,000 lbs. Class Motorgraders for Public Works in the amount of $431,991.36; and authorize the County Administrator to execute all associated documents to proceed. (1 compliant bid received / 2 non-compliant bids received)

C. PURCHASING AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

1. AWARD OF BID #11-07/08

Award the bid to the low responsive bidder, Goodson Construction Co. of Aynor, SC, for Bid #11-07/08, Harlee Boulevard Culvert Lowering Project, in the amount of $53,247 to be funded through PDEC/FC Dec 06 Agreement; and authorize the County Administrator to execute all associated documents to proceed. (4 compliant bids received)

2. DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Declare asset #V0729 2000 Ford F-250 surplus and authorize its sale to Olanta Rural Fire Department for $3,750, less $1,500 to be funded from Council District 5 Infrastructure funding allocations.

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS:

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Pursuant to Section 30-4-70 of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended.

- Pending contractual matter with the City of Florence; and
- Pending legal matters.
XVI. INACTIVE AGENDA:

A. ORDINANCE NO. 15-2007/08
   At its regular meeting of January 3, 2008, Council unanimously voted to
   remand this Ordinance to the Planning Commission. An Ordinance For A
   Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment To Change The Land Use Map
   Designation For Property In Florence County Located On Pocket Road Shown
   On Florence County Tax Map No. 202, Block 1, The Portion Of Parcel 72
   Consisting Of Approximately 72.58 Acres That Is Currently Business/Industrial To Existing Residential; The Remaining Portion Of The
   Parcel Consisting Of Approximately 20.5 Acres That Is Currently Business/Industrial To Remain Business/Industrial.
   *(Planning Commission approved 9 – 0.) (Council District 7)*

B. ORDINANCE NO. 18-2007/08
   At its regular meeting of January 17, 2008 Council unanimously voted to refer
   this Ordinance to the Committee on Public Service & County Planning. An
   Ordinance To Amend The Zoning Ordinance Of Florence County Section 2.5-
   Table III, Section 3.21, Section 5.2-Table VIII, Section 7.6 And Section 7.7
   For Setbacks, Text Errors, Accessory Structure Rules And Commercial And
   Industrial Property Access.
   *(Planning Commission approved 9 – 0.)*

C. ORDINANCE NO. 20-2007/08
   At its regular meeting of January 17, 2008 Council unanimously voted to refer
   this Ordinance to the Committee on Education, Recreation, Health & Welfare.
   An Ordinance Amending Florence County Code Chapter 6 – Animals And
   Fowl, In Its Entirety To Clarify Animal Care And Control Regulations.

XVII. ADJOURN:
FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
March 6, 2008

AGENDA ITEM: Minutes

DEPARTMENT: County Council

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:
Council is requested to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2008 regular meeting of County Council.

OPTIONS:
1. Approve minutes as presented.
2. Provide additional directive, should revisions be necessary.

ATTACHMENTS:
Copy of proposed Minutes.
REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2008, 9:00 A.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROOM 803, CITY-COUNTY COMPLEX, 180 N. IRBY ST., FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA

PRESENT:
K. G. "Rusty" Smith, Jr., Chairman
Waymon Mumford, Vice-Chairman
H. Morris Anderson, Secretary-Chaplain
Mitchell Kirby, Council Member
Russell W. Culberson, Council Member
Johnnie D. Rodgers, Jr., Council Member
J. Ken Ard, Council Member
James T. Schofield, Council Member
Alphonso Bradley, Council Member
Richard A. Starks, County Administrator
James C. Rushton, Ill, County Attorney
Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to Council

ALSO PRESENT:
Dusty Owens, Emergency Management Department Director
Ray McBride, Library Director
Chuck Tomlinson, Morning News Staff Writer

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the February 20, 2008 edition of the MORNING NEWS. Copies of the agenda were faxed to members of the media and posted in the lobby of the City-County Complex and on the County's website (www.florenceco.org).

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order. Secretary-Chaplain Anderson gave the invocation and Vice-Chairman Mumford led the Pledge of Alliance to the American Flag. Chairman Smith welcomed everyone attending the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Councilman Kirby made a motion Council approve the minutes of the February 7, 2008 regular meeting of County Council. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
Chairman Smith opened the public hearing to receive public comment on Ordinance No. 21-2007/08: An Ordinance To Establish User and Hazardous Substance Reimbursement Fees To Support Hazardous Materials Response Capabilities and Other Matters Relating Thereto.
APPEARANCES:
There were none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY
Committee Chairman Mumford stated the Committee had no report but the Committee planned to meet prior to the next regular meeting of County Council.

EDUCATION, RECREATION, HEALTH & WELFARE
Committee Chairman Anderson stated bids were out on the proposed animal facility. He expressed appreciation for the funding received from the public, as well as individual members of County Council. He informed the group that two public meetings were held to receive public comment with regard to Ordinance No. 20-2007/08 regarding animal control and a work session of the Committee was pending in order to present Council as a whole with a recommendation on the Ordinance. Councilman Bradley stated he received a number of questions from constituents regarding the status of Brooks-McCall Park. He provided an update on the project and announced that a community meeting was scheduled for March 7th to determine preferred activities for the park.

AD HOC WATER STUDY COMMITTEE
Committee Chairman Ard stated he did not have a report, but that a meeting was scheduled for February 27th at 4:30 p.m. He invited all of Council to attend.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-2007/08
The Chairman published the title of Resolution No. 21-2007/08: A Resolution Authorizing The Cessation Of Maintenance On And Abandonment Of Cavalier Circle Located In The Scranton Area. Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 17-2007/08 – THIRD READING
The Chairman published the title of Ordinance No. 17-2007/08: An Ordinance To Provide For The Composition And Appointment Of The Florence County Planning Commission And Florence County Board Of Zoning Appeals; To Establish The Effective Date For Such Appointments; And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Schofield made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Ard seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The following individuals spoke in favor of Ordinance No. 21-2007/08:

1. John Jeffries
2. James McCracken

There being no additional signatures on the sign-in sheet, Chairman Smith closed the public hearing on Ordinance No. 21-2007/08.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-2007/08 – SECOND READING

The Chairman published the title of Ordinance No. 21-2007/08: An Ordinance To Establish User And Hazardous Substance Reimbursement Fees To Support Hazardous Materials Response Capabilities And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Kirby made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-2007/08 – SECOND READING

The Chairman published the title of Ordinance No. 22-2007/08: An Ordinance To Rezone Properties Owned By Clebe G. Eaddy And Debbie C. Eaddy Located On Carolyn Avenue, Florence From B-3, General Commercial District To R-4, Multi-Family Residential District, Limited Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 90-095, Block 1, Parcels 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29. Councilman Schofield made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PEE DEE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council approve the recommendation of the Pee Dee Mental Health Center Board of Directors for the nomination of Pamela Varela Rhoads to Governor Sanford for appointment to the Board. Councilman Ard seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

ADMINISTRATION

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Monthly financial reports were provided to Council for fiscal year 2008 through January 31, 2008 as an item for the record.
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

AWARD OF BID #13-07/08
Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council accept the bid of the low responsive bidder, Fisher Safety, for the purchase of personal protective equipment for Emergency Management in the amount of $19,544.11 and authorize the County Administrator to execute all associated documents to proceed. Councilman Ard seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PROBATE COURT

STATE HISTORICAL RECORDS ADVISORY BOARD GRANT
Councilman Mumford made a motion Council accept the State Historical Records Advisory Board (SC SHRAB) grant in the amount of $849 for Probate Court to microfilm Estate Papers, years 1916-1959; and authorize the County Administrator to make all necessary adjustments to administer the grant. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

AWARD OF BID #15-07/08
Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council accept the bid of the low responsive bidder, Blanchard Machinery Co., for the purchase of one (1) Articulating All Wheel Drive Loader for Florence County Public Works in the amount of $122,104.80; and authorize the County Administrator to execute all associated documents to proceed. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion. Councilman Ard stated he had an indirect interest in the item and recused himself from voting on the matter. The motion was approved.

AWARD OF BID #17-07/08
Chairman Smith stated several members of Council expressed concerns regarding cost variance in the Award of Bid #17-07/08 for the purchase of two (2) 32,000 lb. Class Motor graders for Public Works. There being no objections, the item was deferred to the next meeting to allow staff to provide additional information.

PURCHASING AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

AWARD OF BID #03-07/08
Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council accept the bid of the low responsive bidder, All American Roofing and Construction, for the Roof Replacement Project for Lake City Public Services Building in the amount of $47,500; and authorize the County Administrator to execute all associated documents to proceed. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
OTHER BUSINESS:

ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE (RSMF) FUND

NICOLE LANE
Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council approve the expenditure of funds from Council District 5 RSMF funding allocations in an amount up to $11,580.10 for MBC stone and crushed asphalt for Nicole Lane. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council enter executive session to discuss contractual matters concerning pending real property transactions and potential contractual matter related to Waste Management. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Council entered executive session at 9:23 a.m.

Council reconvened at 9:47 a.m. and, subsequent to executive session, took the following actions:

TIMMONSVILLE LIBRARY
Councilman Kirby made a motion Council authorize the County Administrator to proceed with surveys, appraisals, all documentation, and acceptance of donation of land on US Hwy 76 (parcel 7007-13-007 and/or a portion thereof owned by Kate Floyd and family) for the Timmonsville Library to be funded from appropriations for the library branch, consisting of FY07 General Obligation Bond proceeds and related construction funds, including grants and state appropriations. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OLANTA LIBRARY
Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council authorize the County Administrator to proceed with surveys, appraisals, acceptance, all documentation, and purchase of land on E. Hampton Street (parcels 04520-03-069 and 070 for $75,000 and $12,000 respectively) for the Olanta Library, to be funded from appropriations for the library branch, consisting of FY07 General Obligation Bond proceeds and related construction funds, including grants and state appropriations. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OLD COUNTY LIBRARY
Councilman Ard made a motion Council authorize the County Administrator to proceed to develop and release an offer for proposals providing for rehabilitation, preservation, and possibly sale of the old County Library building located on Irby Street, preserving into perpetuity the interests of citizens of Florence County in the historical aspects of the building, and appointing Council member Waymon Mumford to serve on the proposal evaluation committee. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
OLD EBENEZER ROAD
Councilman Anderson made a motion Council authorize the County Administrator to proceed with the leasing of land on Old Ebenezer Road and Ebenezer Road for development of public uses in conjunction with the adjacent County Park, said lease for parcel no. 00075-01-118 from C. Edward Floyd (Bubby Floyd) to be for $1.00 per year and to be executed by the County Administrator subject to review and approval by the County Attorney. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

SUPPORT OF REUSE-A-SHOE RECYCLING EVENT
Councilman Anderson made a motion for Council to proclaim its support of The Smoothie King Reuse-A-Shoe Recycling Event in Florence County. Councilman Ard seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

MARS BLUFF ATOMIC BOMB COMMEMORATIVE EVENT
Councilman Culberson made a motion Council authorize up to $4,800 combination Public Works In-Kind Services and Council District 6 Infrastructure funding allocations to support the City-County Historical Commission’s anniversary events recognizing the historical significance of the Mars Bluff Atomic Bomb/Broken Arrow site in Florence County, and directing the County Administrator to proceed with support of the events, including temporary leasing of the associated land parcels subject to approval by the County Attorney, providing for out-of-pocket owner expense reimbursements not to exceed $500. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

There being no further business to come before Council, Councilman Culberson made a motion Council adjourn. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:55 A.M.

H. MORRIS ANDERSON
SECRETARY-CHAPLAIN

CONNIE Y. HASELDEN
CLERK TO COUNTY COUNCIL
FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
March 6, 2008

AGENDA ITEM:  Appearances
Dr. Phillip Bowman
Pee Dee Mental Health Center

DEPARTMENT:  County Council

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:
Dr. Phillip Bowman, Executive Director/Medical Director of Pee Dee Mental Health Center requests to appear before Council to provide information on the Florence County Mental Health Center Services.

ATTACHMENTS:
A copy of the request received from Pee Dee Mental Health Center.
February 5, 2008

Ms. Connie Haselden
Clerk of Court
City County Complex
180 North Irby Street
Florence, South Carolina  29501

Re:  Pee Dee Mental Health Center

Ms. Haselden:

Pee Dee Mental Health Center is formally requesting to be added to the agenda for the March 6, 2008, Florence County Council meeting. The agenda topic will be Florence County Mental Health Center Services.

In attendance for the meeting will be Dr. Philip Bowman, Executive Director/Medical Director, Mr. Stuart Shields, Assistant Director, Mr. Joseph Lyde Graham, Administrator, Mr. Norman Creighton, Lake City Mental Health Center Director, Ms. Cathy Timmons, Community Support Program Director, Mr. Dennis Sullen, Crisis Stabilization Director, and Ms. Jo Ann Reaves, Florence Center Director.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you need any additional information please feel free to contact me at 843-317-4089 extension 302 or my assistant Michele Kea at 843-317-4089 extension 321 or 843-319-6715.

Sincerely,

Stuart Shields, Assistant Director

cc: Charles Tomlinson, Florence Morning News
AGENDA ITEM:     Appearances
                John Chase, Jr., Chair
                Legislative Day Committee

DEPARTMENT:     County Council

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

John Chase, Jr., Chair, Legislative Day Committee requests to appear before Council to
publicly thank Council for its support of the event.

ATTACHMENTS:

A copy of the request received via email from the Legislative Day Committee.
Connie Haselden

From: Jessica C Griggs
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 11:34 AM
To: ClerkToCouncil
Subject: Request to attend March 6th meeting

Connie,

John Chase Jr., chair of the Florence County Legislative Day committee, would like to attend the March 6th County Council to publicly thank them for their support of this event.

Please let me know what else you need to confirm this request.

Thanks,
Jessica

Jessica C. Griggs
Florence County Economic Development Partnership
Florence County Progress, Inc.
Communications & Membership Relations Manager
P.O. Box 100549, 1951 Pisgah Road, Florence, SC 29502-0549
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Website: www.fcodp.com www.fcprogress.com
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AGENDA ITEM: Appearances
Vermell Pyatt
Harvest Hope Food Bank

DEPARTMENT: County Council

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:
Vermell Pyatt, Harvest Hope Food Bank, requests to appear before Council to provide a presentation on Harvest Hope Food Bank and request funding.

ATTACHMENTS:
A copy of the request received via facsimile from Ms. Pyatt.
TO: Connie Y. Haselden
FROM: Vermell Pyatt

Company: Florence County Council Clerk
Harvest Hope Food Bank

DATE: January 14, 2008

Number of PAGES (including cover): 2

Ms. Haselden,

Vermell Pyatt respectfully requests to give a presentation before Florence' County Council on March 6, 2008 or March 20, 2008. Attached is a synopsis of the presentation and funding request.

With sincerest thanks for this opportunity,

Vermell Pyatt
Harvest Hope Food Bank
GIS/Data Analyst Hunger/Poverty
803-254-4432 x111
vpyatt@harvesthope.org
January 14, 2008

Florence County Council
180 Irby Street, MSC-G
Florence, SC 29501

RE: Harvest Hope Presentation to Florence’s County Council

Dear Florence’s County Council,

Harvest Hope Food Bank is committed to providing for the needs of hungry people by gathering and sharing quality food with dignity, compassion and education in 20 SC counties, one of which is Florence County. Harvest Hope Food Bank has prepared for Florence County a report entitled **HUNGER: A Call To Action.** This report contains information about our food programs and partnering agencies meeting the hunger needs of people in Florence County. **HUNGER: A Call To Action** outlines specific ‘calls to action’ as suggestions for involvement and support in many different ways.

In light of this, Harvest Hope and our 70 partner agencies in Florence County respectfully requests fiscal support in the amount of $25,000 to distribute much needed food in Florence County, and your support in the form of a community partnership resolution. For the people in your community suffering from hunger, this monetary request and partnership will greatly assist Harvest Hope in helping your local community pantries to address hunger. It is through togetherness that we can make a difference.

www.harvesthope.org

Harvest Hope Food Bank is a tax exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. We hereby acknowledge that no goods or services were received in exchange for this donation. Our tax ID number is 57-0725560.
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AGENDA ITEM: Appearances
Robert R. Smith, II
BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation

DEPARTMENT: County Council

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:
Robert R. Smith, II, BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation, requests to appear before Council to speak on the Proclamation honoring the achievements of the Foundation and to recognize the opening of the Lake City Free Medical Clinic.

ATTACHMENTS:
A copy of the request received via facsimile from Mr. Smith.
February 25, 2008

Ms. Connie Y. Haselden
Clerk to the Council
Florence County Council
180 N. Irby Street, MSC-G
Florence, South Carolina 29501

Dear Ms. Haselden:

On behalf of the BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation, Ms. Sally Fiffick or I would like to request an appearance before the Florence County Council on March 6, 2008. The purpose of our appearance is to present a resolution honoring the many achievements of the Foundation and to recognize the recent opening of the Lake City Free Medical Clinic.

Thank you for your assistance and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or Melissa Moss. We look forward to working with you and the members of the Council in the near future.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Robert R. Smith, II

RRS/mn

Research Triangle, NC
Charleston, SC
FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
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AGENDA ITEM: Proclamation
National County Government Week
April 6 – 12, 2008

DEPARTMENT: County Council

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:
A Proclamation recognizing the week of April 6 – 12, 2008 as National County Government Week in Florence County.

OPTIONS:
1. *(Recommended)* Approve the Proclamation as presented.
2. Decline.

ATTACHMENTS:
A copy of the proposed Proclamation.
PROCLAMATION BY FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL
NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK
APRIL 6-12, 2008
PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, the nation’s 3,066 counties provide a variety of essential public services to communities serving 300 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, counties take seriously their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in sensible and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, many county government services directly touch the lives of children and families; and

WHEREAS, in 13 states, all or some of the counties are responsible for child welfare and foster care systems; and

WHEREAS, more than 500,000 children are in foster care, removed from their families, as a result of suspected abuse or neglect; and,

WHEREAS, one in five girls and one in 10 boys will be sexually victimized before adulthood; and,

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties first celebrated National County Government Week in 1991 to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of the nation’s counties to meet the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the leadership, innovation and valuable service provided by the nation’s counties, especially in the protection and welfare of children.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the governing body of Florence County, the Florence County Council, do hereby proclaim April 6-12, 2008 as

NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK IN FLORENCE COUNTY.

Done in meeting duly assembled this 6th day of March, 2008.

THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL:

K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to Council
AGENDA ITEM: Proclamation
BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation

DEPARTMENT: County Council

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:
A Proclamation Commending BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation for its Support of the Lake City Free Medical Clinic and Its Dedication to Providing Medical Care and Pharmaceutical Donations for Uninsured and Underinsured Families in Florence County.

OPTIONS:
1. **Recommended** Approve the Proclamation as presented.
2. Decline.

ATTACHMENTS:
A copy of the proposed Proclamation.
PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION COMMENDING BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD OF SOUTH CAROLINA FOUNDATION FOR ITS SUPPORT OF THE LAKE CITY FREE MEDICAL CLINIC AND ITS DEDICATION TO PROVIDING MEDICAL CARE AND PHARMACEUTICAL DONATIONS FOR UNINSURED AND UNDERINSURED FAMILIES IN FLORENCE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, for more than 50 years, BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina (BCBS) has endeavored to provide access to quality healthcare for all South Carolinians, ensuring that everyone in the Palmetto State has the opportunity to receive the health-related treatments they need to provide for a high quality of life; and

WHEREAS, BCBS has maintained an excellent community-friendly record in South Carolina and has worked to be a good corporate neighbor, through good, high-paying jobs and countless charitable contributions; and

WHEREAS, BCBS is constantly striving to ensure better access to top-quality healthcare for South Carolina families and BlueCross BlueShield Foundation has awarded millions of dollars in grants to local schools, nonprofits and medical facilities to ensure that all South Carolinians have access to affordable quality healthcare; and

WHEREAS, since its first award in 2003, BCBS Foundation has awarded nearly 10 million dollars in grants dedicated to helping those who are most vulnerable to unhealthy conditions; and

WHEREAS, The Foundation will award over $2.8 million this year to assist with free clinics, school based mental health professionals, restorative dental services, data integration for quality health improvement in the rural communities, and health education programs; and

WHEREAS, BCBS Foundation is contributing $70,000 to the Lake City Free Medical Clinic to assist in the start-up of this greatly needed clinic which will benefit the citizens of Lake City and surrounding areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE the governing body of Florence County, the Florence County Council and the citizens of Florence County, do hereby:

1. Express gratitude to BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina for investing in building the workforce of the future by advancing the education and health of South Carolina's citizens.

2. Recognize the contributions by BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation across the state and in Florence County, and specifically their recent generous contribution to the Lake City Free Medical Clinic.

Done in meeting duly assembled this 6th day of March, 2008.

THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL:

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K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

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Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to Council

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AGENDA ITEM: Proclamation of Support
National Association of Counties

DEPARTMENT: County Council

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:
A Proclamation in support of the National Association of Counties' Campaign Against Sexual Exploitation of children.

OPTIONS:
1. (Recommended) Approve the Proclamation of Support as presented.

ATTACHMENTS:
A copy of the proposed Proclamation.
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF FLORENCE  

PROCLAMATION OF SUPPORT

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of Justice, in a one-year period, an estimated 1.6 million children either ran away from or were thrown out of their homes and an estimated 40,000 of these children will be involved in some form of sexual exploitation and victimization by predators, many becoming victims of prostitution; and

WHEREAS, the average national age at which a child is often drawn into prostitution is 14 years old, however, children as young as 9 years old are exploited—a child can never consent to prostitution—it is always exploitation; and

WHEREAS, the dangers that children face as a result of prostitution are both immediate and long-term, including physical, mental and emotional violence experienced at the hands of pimps, madams and customers, and long term dangers include drug addictions, disease, and psychological damage; and

WHEREAS, the most tangible consequence for children involved in prostitution is violent assault, which prostituted children often do not report because they are embarrassed and fearful of arrest; and

WHEREAS, housing instability, poverty, untreated psychological and emotional problems, substance abuse, educational and vocational failure, young age, and major problems at home are common precipitating factors in the lives of exploited children, who often have inadequate education and lack the necessary street sense to survive, leading to exchanging sex for food, money, shelter, drugs or protection; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties’ (NACo) and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) have partnered nationally to help prevent child sexual exploitation; and

WHEREAS, this national campaign is supported by the Florence County Council, which hopes to heighten public awareness of child sexual exploitation, urging key local stakeholders to maintain dialogues on topics related to child sexual exploitation and advocating for the prevention of such victimization; and

WHEREAS, the Florence County Sheriff’s Office, other local law enforcement and many local and state service agencies operate local programs which actively seek to protect and recover children from exploitation of any kind, and solicits all local government agencies participation in sending a clear message to child sexual offenders that the criminal and sexual victimization of children will not be tolerated.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of Florence County, the Florence County Council, hereby joins with the National Association of Counties (NACo), the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), the Florence County Sheriff’s Office, and all local and state agencies in supporting awareness and prevention of commercial child sexual exploitation, and in prevention of all forms of child exploitation and abuse.

Approved this 6th day of March, 2008.

THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL:

K. G. RUSTY SMITH, JR. CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

CONNIE Y. HASELDEN, CLERK TO COUNCIL
FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
March 6, 2008

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 22-2007/08

DEPARTMENT: County Council

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:
(A Resolution Authorizing The Cessation Of Maintenance On And Abandonment Of A Portion Of Pheasant Road Located In The Effingham Area.)

OPTIONS:
1. *(Recommended)* Approve Resolution No. 22-2007/08.
2. Provide an alternate directive.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Resolution No. 22-2007/08.
2. Correspondence from Cynthia T. Matthews requesting road abandonment.
3. Tax map depicting subject road.
Sponsor(s)/Department : County Council
Adopted : March 6, 2008
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 22-2007/08
COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR FLORENCE COUNTY

(Authorizing The Cessation of Maintenance On And Abandonment Of A Portion of Pheasant Road Located In The Effingham Area.)

WHEREAS:

1. Pheasant Road is located in the Scranton area of the County; and

2. Pheasant Road is maintained by the Public Works Department of Florence County through a prescriptive right of way; and

3. Council is requested to abandon and cease maintenance of a portion of Pheasant Road.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

The portion of Pheasant Road situated on the land of Cynthia T. Matthews, Tax Map No. 00127-01-045, is hereby abandoned by Florence County, and its use as a prescriptive right of way and all maintenance thereof by Florence County is hereby discontinued.

ATTEST:

Connie Y. Haselden, Council Clerk

SIGNED:

K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr., Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:
ABSENT:
February 13, 2008

Mr. Richard Stark
Florence County Administrator
180 N. Irby Street
Florence, South Carolina 29501

RE: Portion of Map-Block-Parcel #127-01-045 off Hwy. 35, Track 1
Pheasant Road for Abandonment (1612 Pheasant Road)

Mr. Stark,
Per our phone conversation on February 7, 2008, I am writing this letter requesting a portion of Pheasant Road to be abandoned from property line (Tax #127-01-045) to the end of county maintenance (ends in crop field). I own property on both sides of the ending section that I am requesting for abandonment. I have been having trouble with vandalism to the house, throwing trash out on property, parking, and driving ATV's and vehicles in the fields and driveway. The property that joins mine belongs to my sister, who has a right of way out on the other end of her property. I understand that if this is granted that the drive starting at the ditch would no longer be serviced by Florence County. Please see drawing of area that I am requesting for. Please also feel free to contact me if needed. Thanking you in advance and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Cynthia T. Matthews
3434 James Turner Road
Effingham, South Carolina 29541
Property Owner
843-669-5519

* Della Caufield has access to Whippoorwill Rd from her property.
FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
March 6, 2008

AGENDA ITEM: Third Reading - Ordinance No. 21-2007/08

DEPARTMENT: Emergency Management

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

(To Establish User And Hazardous Substance Reimbursement Fees To Support Hazardous Materials Response Capabilities And Other Matters Relating Thereunto.)

OPTIONS:

1. (Recommended) Approve Third Reading of Ordinance No. 21-2007/08.

ATTACHMENTS:

2. A copy of information related to the projected funding and equipment list.

DRAFT
ORDINANCE NO. 21-2007/08

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR FLORENCE COUNTY

(To Establish User And Hazardous Substance Reimbursement Fees To Support Hazardous Materials Response Capabilities And Other Matters Relating Thereto.)

WHEREAS:

1. Exposure to hazardous substances has the potential for causing undesirable health and environmental effects and poses a threat to the health, safety and welfare of its citizens and emergency response personnel; and

2. The citizens and emergency response personnel of the County should be protected from the health hazards and harmful exposure relating from such releases by facilities and transportation-related accidents; and

3. Hazardous material response operations will benefit by the establishment of user fees for facilities who maintain hazardous substances in reportable quantities and reimbursement fees for parties responsible for releases.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL DUTY ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. Florence County Code, Chapter 8, Civil Defense, is hereby amended by the insertion of a new article titled Article III, Hazardous Substance User and Reimbursement Fees, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

2. Provisions in other Florence County ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

3. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

ATTEST:

Connie Y. Haselden, Council Clerk

SIGNED:

K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr., Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:

OPPOSED:

ABSENT:

Approved as to Form and Content
James C. Rushton, III, County Attorney

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ARTICLE III.
HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE USER AND REIMBURSEMENT FEES

Sec. 8-50 Purpose

This article establishes user fees for facilities, businesses, industries, corporations or persons, within Florence County, who manufacture, transport, store, produce, process, or otherwise use hazardous substances in reportable quantities as defined in Section 311 & 312 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA); Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA). This article also establishes hazardous substance reimbursement fees which require businesses, industries, corporations or persons responsible for the release of such materials into the environment to pay for the cost incurred by the county in responding to; taking protective acts necessitated by; and cleaning up of; the hazardous materials release. Additionally this article establishes a method for other, non-county emergency agencies, which respond to the hazardous materials release, in accordance with preexisting mutual aid agreements with Florence County, and operating in accordance with federally recognized National Incident Managements System (NIMS) guidelines, to file for reimbursement of incurred cost.

Sec. 8-51 Scope

Hazardous substances as defined in this article, shall apply to all substances, which if accidentally or intentionally released, may pose a threat or be harmful to human health, safety, animals, crops, water systems or other elements of the environment. Substances so designated may include, but are not limited to, explosives, radioactive materials, etiologic agents, flammable and combustible liquids, solids and gases, poisons, oxidizing substances and corrosive substances. Any substance for which a Tier Two report is required, based on guidance contained within Section 311 & 312 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA); Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA), meets the definition of a hazardous substance within the scope of this article.

Sec. 8-52 Hazardous Substances User fee schedule

Any facility, business, industry, corporation or person using hazardous substances as defined by this article must annually file a Tier Two report with the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) through the Florence County Emergency Management Department. In accordance with South Carolina Code 54-9-30(5) and Florence County Code 4-9-30(5) which authorizes the county to establish and enforce uniform user fees, business or industries submitting such Tier Two reports shall pay a hazardous substance
user fee of $50.00 per chemical for each site submitting a Tier Two report, with a maximum user fee limit of $2,500 per year per business or industry. Said annual payment shall be due with the submission of the Tier Two report beginning not later than March 1, 2009 and with the annual submission of the Tier Two report of each year thereafter. The hazardous substance user fee schedule will be reviewed annually by the Emergency Management Department, in coordination with the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), and may be increased by the County Council where appropriate. Maximum annual increase is limited to 3% or CPI, whichever is greater.

Sec. 8-53 Hazardous Substance Reimbursement Fees

In the event of a possible spill or release of any hazardous or extremely hazardous substances which would require any resource in the county to be committed, the parties responsible for such incidents shall pay all costs incurred by the county, and other agencies responding under mutual aid agreements as a part of the response, in efforts to mitigate any risk to life, property and environment caused by the incident, including but not limited to the following:

a. Disposable materials and supplies acquired, consumed and expended specifically for the purpose of the response to the hazardous material release.

b. Rental, leasing or purchase of protective equipment or clothing and scientific and technical equipment used specifically for response.

c. Replacement costs for equipment that is contaminated beyond reuse or repair during the response.

d. Decontamination of equipment contaminated during the response.

e. Compensation of paid county employees of the hazardous material response team to cover the county’s overtime expense of fulltime or part time employees.

f. Special technical services specifically required for the response, for example, technical experts or specialists.

g. Laboratory and testing costs for purposes of analyzing samples or specimens taken during the response.

h. Other special services specifically required for response, for example, utility costs.

i. Costs associated with the services, supplies and equipment used to conduct an evacuation during the response.

j. Costs associated with the removal and disposal of hazardous materials.

k. Deployment and operational support of the county’s hazardous substance response team, or any sub element of the team, at a rate of $300.00 per hour.

l. Cost incurred, specifically as a result of the response to the hazardous substance releases, by non Florence County emergency agencies, provided such agencies are operating in accordance with preexisting mutual aid agreements and in accordance with federally recognized National Incident
Managements System (NIMS) guidelines, and that such expenses and responses are documented on appropriate NIMS forms.

Sec. 8-54 Enforcement and administration

The Emergency Management Department, in coordination with the Florence County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), will be responsible for overseeing and implementing the administration of this article.

Sec. 8-55 Collection and use of reimbursement and user fees

All reimbursement and users fees collected under this article shall be paid to the Florence County Treasurer. Any reimbursement cost incurred by responding mutual aid agencies will be documented on federally required incident management forms and subsequently reimbursed to the appropriate agency, through the county treasurer, after payment from the responsible party has been obtained. All fees collected will be placed in an account established exclusively for the county’s hazardous substances response programs. These programs will be coordinated by the county’s Emergency Management Department in conjunction with the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). Collection of said fees will be used to protect the citizens of Florence County through development of brochures, handouts and other public education programs. Additionally, collected fees will be used to protect the county’s emergency responders and environment through offsetting the expense of maintenance, calibration and replacement of necessary hazardous substance response equipment and development of specific risk assessments and hazardous substance response plans.

Sec. 8-56 Violation and penalties

(a) Failure to pay all or part of the correct hazardous chemical user fee will result in a ten percent late penalty of the unpaid fee each month or portion thereof after the due date until paid. In the event of a spill or release, fees shall be considered late (60) sixty days after notification by the county of amount due. Fees associated with Tier Two reports shall be considered late (60) sixty days after the due date of March 1 of each year. Penalties shall not exceed one hundred (100) percent of original user fee.

(b) Any facility, business, industry, corporation or person violating any provision of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to all applicable civil and/or criminal fines. Each violation shall be considered a separate offense.

(c) If a facility, business, industry, corporation or person fails to make full payment, including late fees, the county may proceed to collect in the manner prescribed by law for collection of other fees.

(d) Fees identified in this article are exclusive of any federal penalties or civil lawsuits which are imposed or awarded.
Sec. 8-57  Right to hearing/appeals

A facility, transporter or person that is regulated by this article and disagrees with the assessed fees may appeal the fees to the Florence County Council. The fees may be appealed only after payment in full of the assessed fee has been submitted to Florence County. The clerk to council must receive a written notice of appeal no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the first scheduled meeting of county council after the payment has been made. The fee will be refunded in the event of final resolution of the appeal in favor of the appellant.

Sec 8-58 to 8-74 Reserved.
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS FUNDING

Issue: Find a funding source to support Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) operations.

Problem:
1. Florence County has no mechanism in place to fund the calibration, maintenance and shelf life replacement necessary to keep its grant purchased HAZMAT response equipment operational.
2. No mechanism is in place to allow the county to recoup the cost of a response.

Discussion: The Florence County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) developed a working group to research this problem. This group was composed of representatives of local industry (Roche Carolina, Honda, and IFH), municipal government (City of Florence) and emergency responders (Windy Hill Vol. FD, and Florence County EMD).

The working group learned that several SC counties have ordinances in place (Aiken, Charleston, Georgetown, Lancaster, Richland) that establish standard user fees for facilities who maintain hazardous substances in reportable quantities. These ordinances also establish a procedure for response organizations to recover their cost incurred during a response. Additionally it was learned that other counties (Greenville, Spartanburg) currently have similar ordinances under development. The working group developed a draft ordinance for Florence County with the following goals in mind:

1. To create a funding source to sustain the county’s HAZMAT response capability without placing an increased tax burden on local citizens.
2. To determine what funding is realistically required annually.
3. To establish a fee schedule which provides the needed funding without placing an undue hardship on small business or forcing large industry to pay more than their fair share.
4. To establish a means by which the fee schedule could be adjusted in the future if needed.
5. To ensure that hazardous material user fees collected from local industries are used to sustain the county’s hazardous materials response capability; to educate the public on hazardous materials safety; and to work with local industries to develop better site specific plans and procedures for hazardous materials safety.
6. To establish a mechanism through which funds, supplies and equipment expended during a hazardous materials response could be recouped.

Recommendation: The attached draft ordinance, which was approved by the full LEPC membership, be reviewed by the county attorney and then adopted by County Council.

Attachments:
A-Draft ordinance (See Ordinance No. 21-2007/08)
B-Projected annual revenue and projected need (budget) for the coming year
C-Break down of cost by equipment type
Attachment B

1. Projected annual revenue generated by user fees:

There are currently 107 facilities within Florence County submitting an annual Tier II report (as of August 8, 2007). These facilities report a total of 520 hazardous and extremely hazardous chemicals.

Two of these facilities would “cap out” at $2,500 each based on the number of chemicals they have on hand (Roche Carolina with 71 chemicals and Brenntag with 70 chemicals).

The remaining facilities, paying at the rate of $50.00 per chemical, would generate $18,950.00 annually (520 chemicals – 141 chemicals at the two “capped out” facilities = 379 chemicals x $50.00 per chemical = $18,950.00).

The maximum charge of $2,500 per capped facilities would generate an additional $5,000.00 annually.

Total annual funding generated would be $23,950.00

2. Projected need for the coming year:

Equipment replacement due to shelve life and annual calibration needs (see Attachment C for specific breakdown): $15,972.50.

Administrative cost of LEPC operations (postage, reproduction cost, etc): $977.50

LEPC developed and coordinated special projects-
Household Hazardous Waste collection day, etc: $4,000.00
Development, printing and distribution of a Hazmat specific, Public Information brochure: $2,000.00
Development of “Site Specific” hazard plans: $1,000.00

Total annual operating budget for HAZMAT response, planning and public education-$23,950.00
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Attachment C
This is a cost estimate to maintain the current HAZMAT equipment during CY 2008
AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 22-2007/08
Third Reading

DEPARTMENT: Planning and Building Inspections

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

[An Ordinance To Rezone Properties Owned By Clebe G. Eaddy And Debbie C. Eaddy Located On Carolyn Avenue, Florence From B-3, General Commercial District To R-4, Multi-Family Residential District, Limited Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 90-095, Block 1, Parcels 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29.]

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

1. The property is located in Council District 8.
2. Some of the properties are currently vacant and some of the properties contain mobile homes.
3. All of the properties are currently zoned, B-3, General Commercial District.
4. The applicants wish to rezone the properties to R-42, Multi-Family Residential District, Limited.
5. The properties are surrounded by some vacant properties and some residentially-developed properties.
6. This property is designated as an Industrial/Business area according to the Comprehensive Plan.
7. This request does not comply with the Comprehensive Plan. However, the current use and surrounding uses in the area are residential. Staff is in the process of re-writing the Comprehensive Plan to correct the land use designation in this area.

OPTIONS:

1. (Recommended) Florence County Council’s approval of Ordinance No. 22-2007/08 as recommended by the nine members present at the Planning Commission meeting of January 22, 2008.
2. Provide An Alternative Directive

ATTACHMENTS:

Copies of the following are attached:
1. Ordinance No. 22-2007/08
2. Staff report for PC#2008-12
3. Vicinity map
4. Location map
5. Comprehensive Land Use Plan map
6. Zoning map
7. Aerial photograph
8. Comprehensive Plan information
9. Consolidated Zoning Ordinance information
ORDINANCE NO. 22-2007/08

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR FLORENCE COUNTY

[An Ordinance To Rezone Properties Owned By Clebe G. Eaddy And Debbie C. Eaddy Located On Carolyn Avenue, Florence From B-3, General Commercial District To R-4, Multi-Family Residential District, Limited Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 90-095, Block 1, Parcels 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 Consisting Of 1.457 Acres.]

WHEREAS:

1. Article 9, Section 9.1 entitled “Intent” of the Consolidated Zoning Ordinance establishes that Florence County Council must be satisfied that applications for amendments to the Zoning Atlas of Florence County is not injurious from a public health, safety, and general welfare outlook and the effect of the change will not negatively impact the immediate environs or the County generally; and

2. Article 9, Section 9.5 entitled “Administrative Procedures, Action” of the Consolidated Zoning Ordinance for Florence County adopted April 1, 1999, provides a procedure for amending the Official Zoning Map of the County of Florence; and

3. The procedure has been followed by the Florence County/Municipal Planning Commission at a public hearing on January 22, 2008.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. Property located on Carolyn Avenue bearing Tax Map 90-095, Block 1, Parcels 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29 is hereby rezoned to R-4, Multi-Family Residential District, Limited.

2. Provisions in other Florence County ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

3. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

ATTEST:

Connie Y. Haselden, Council Clerk

SIGNED:

K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr., Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:

OPPOSED:

ABSENT:

Approved as to Form and Content

James C. Rushton, III, County Attorney

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STAFF REPORT
TO THE
FLORENCE COUNTY /MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION
January 22, 2008
PC#2008-12

Subject: Rezoning request from B-3, General Commercial District to R-4, Multi-Family Residential District, Limited

Location: Properties located on Carolyn Avenue, Florence County

Tax Map Number: 90-095, Block 1, Parcels 22,23,24,25,26,27,28, and 29

Council District(s): 8; County Council

Owner of Record: Clebe G. Eaddy and Debbie C. Eaddy

Applicant: Clebe G. Eaddy and Debbie C. Eaddy

Land Area: Approximately 1.457± acres

Existing Land Use and Zoning:
The subject properties contain a mixture of vacant lots and mobile homes.

Proposed Land Use and Zoning:
The applicant proposes to rezone the subject properties to R-4, Multi-Family Residential District, Limited for residential development of the property for duplexes.

Surrounding Land Uses and Zoning
North: Vacant / B-3/Florence County
South: Single-Family Residential /R-3/ Florence County
East: Single-Family Residential /B-3/ Florence County
West: Single-Family Residential/ B-3 / Florence County

Florence County Comprehensive Plan:
The subject properties are located in an Industrial/Business area according to Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map. The request does not comply with the Comprehensive Plan at this time.

Staff Analysis:
Access and Circulation- Present access to the property is by way of Carolyn Avenue that is maintained by South Carolina Department of Transportation.

Water and Sewer Availability- These services are provided by the City of Florence Public Works.

Adjacent Waterways/Bodies of Water/Flood Zone- There does not appear to be any waterway/body of water adjacent to the property. The property is not located in a flood zone.
Background- The request is to rezone the subject properties to R-4, Multi-Family Residential District.

Florence County/Municipal Planning Commission Action: January 22, 2008
The request does not comply with the Comprehensive Plan. However, the current use and surrounding uses in the area are residential. Staff is in the process of re-writing the Comprehensive Plan to correct the land use designation in this area.

Therefore, the nine Planning Commission members present approved the request unanimously based on the staff’s proceeding with rewriting the Comprehensive Plan to correct the land use designation for this area.

Florence County/ Municipal Planning Commission Recommendation:
The Planning Commission recommends approval of the rezoning request by Florence County Council.
Comprehensive Plan Attachment:

Economic Activity Areas
Industrial-Business Areas

Objective

The objective of the Industrial-Business designation is twofold, (1) to create industrial and business development opportunities and (2) to protect existing industrial and business interests from incompatible development.

Areas so designated have been determined to be suitable to such development based on soil conditions, access, and infrastructure (existing or planned).

Strategy

✓ Identify and map areas with industrial and business potential, and take appropriate action to reserve such areas for future development.

✓ Promote the development of industrial and office parks within such areas.

✓ Facilitate such areas for industrial and business development.

✓ Reduce through zoning, site design, and/or buffer requirements potential conflicts between business/industrial uses (existing and future) and residential uses.

Plan Compliance Matrix

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FLORENCE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE ATTACHMENT

R-4 Multi-Family Residential District, Limited

This district is intended to promote and accommodate residential development consisting principally of single-family and two-family dwellings, and related support uses.
AGENDA ITEM: Boards & Commissions
               Howe Springs Fire District Board

DEPARTMENT: County Council

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:
The Howe Springs Fire District Board requests Council’s approval of the appointment of Billy Brown to the Board to serve the unexpired term of Shannon Smith, who resigned to serve as Fire Chief.

ATTACHMENTS:
A copy of the letter of recommendation from the Board.
FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL
180 N. IRBY ST.
FLORENCE, S.C. 29501

FEB. 25, 2008

GENTLEMEN:

FOR SEVERAL YEARS SHANNON SMITH HAS SERVED ON THE HOWE SPRINGS DISTRICT FIRE BOARD. HE HAS PROVIDE LEADER SHIP AND MANY HOURS OF SERVICE TO THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY.

DUE TO HIS BECOMING THE FULL TIME PAID FIRE CHIEF OF HOWE SPRINGS FIRE DISTRICT, HE WILL ONCE AGAIN TO MAINTAIN HIS POSITION ON THE DISTRICT FIRE BOARD. THEREFORE THE DISTRICT RECOMMENDS THAT MR. BROWN BE APPOINTED TO COMPLETE THE REMAINDER OF HIS TERM. MR. BROWN IS A RESPECTED MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY AND THIS DEPARTMENT, WITH A BACKGROUND IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND AN EXPERIENCED OFFICER IN THE DEPARTMENT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

YOUR TRULY

EARL LINER,
CHAIRMAN
HOWE SPRINGS FIRE DISTRICT

MR. BILLY BROWN
2509 SAGE RD.
EFFINGHAM S.C. 29541
FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
March 6, 2008

AGENDA ITEM:    Boards & Commissions

DEPARTMENT:    County Council

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:
Filling vacancies on Boards and Commissions.

POINTS TO CONSIDER:
1. Citizen involvement on boards, commissions and committees of Florence County is extremely important.
2. Many boards/commissions/committees currently have vacancies or have approaching vacancies.

OPTIONS:
1. Make appropriate appointments.
2. Take no action.

(A copy of the list of current and approaching vacancies for 2008 was previously provided to Council. Additional copies are available upon request.)
FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Item For Meeting on: March 6, 2008

AGENDA ITEM: Appropriation Lynches River Environmental Discovery Center

DEPARTMENT: Florence County Parks and Recreation Department
Grants Department

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:
Acceptance of funds from the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (DNR) appropriated by the South Carolina General Assembly for fiscal year 2007-2008 in the amount of $120,129 to aid in the construction of and Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (FF&E) for the Lynches River Environmental Discovery Center to be used by the Florence County Parks and Recreation Department.

POINTS TO CONSIDER:
1. The Florence County Parks and Recreation Department will utilize the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources funds to cover construction costs and to purchase FF&E for the Lynches River Environmental Discovery Center.
2. There are no matching funds requirements for the appropriation.

FUNDING FACTORS:
1. $120,129 = Total appropriation from the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources.
2. $0 = Required match.

OPTIONS:
1. (Recommended) Accept the FY08 appropriation from the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources in the amount of $120,129 and authorize the designation of appropriate general ledger accounts within the Grant Fund to appropriately account for the funds.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Copy of the check from South Carolina Department of Natural Resources.
Memorandum

To: Melissa Rowland, Treasurer's
FROM: Kathy N. Nephew, Grants Coordinator
Date: February 22, 2008
Re: LRCP ENV ED CTR

Grant # 4296

Accounting:

Revenue 42-360-4296 cr $120,129.00
Receivable 42-190-4296 cr
Expense 42-796- xxxx dr

FLORENCE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
GRANTS DIVISION
FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
March 6, 2008

AGENDA ITEM: Report to Council
Florence County Tennis Professional

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:
The Parks and Recreation Commission desires to contract with a certified tennis professional to promote tennis at tennis facilities throughout Florence County.

POINTS TO CONSIDER:
1. A request for letters of interest was publicly advertised January 6, 2008.
2. The Commission received letters of interest from two (2) certified tennis professionals.
3. A sub-committee of the Commission interviewed both candidates; one candidate withdrew his name from consideration upon learning contract nature of position.
4. The remaining candidate is established in the area with five (5) years teaching experience.
5. The individual selected will serve as an independent contractor for the County. All fees for programs and services will be set and received by the tennis professional; a certain number of clinics will be offered at facilities throughout Florence County at no charge to the public.
6. The individual selected will receive dedicated space and time at Ebenezer Park Tennis Courts and will assist with daily court maintenance and enforce the rules of the facility.
7. The Commission voted unanimously at its regular monthly meeting February 19, 2008 to accept the recommendation of the sub-committee and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Richard Storr, an independent contractor to provide professional tennis services at Ebenezer Park.

FUNDING FACTORS:
1. $0=Expense to Florence County
2. 10% of gross revenue=Profit returned to Florence County on a monthly basis by tennis professional.

OPTIONS:
1. (Recommended) Accept the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Richard Storr, an independent contractor, for exclusive rights to offer professional tennis services at Ebenezer Park; and authorize the County Administrator to execute all related documents, subject to review by the County Attorney.
2. Decline.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. February 19, 2008, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes
Florence County Parks & Recreation
February 19, 2008

PRESENT: Robert Sullivan, John Gilbert, Geer Ward, Shelby Phillips, Darryl Jackson, Kenny Lovette, Sam Breeden, Joe Eason, Brian Wofford, Laura Driggers, Mike Owens, Joe Ross, and Angela Singleton

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Shelby Phillips motioned to approve January and February minutes; seconded by Darryl Jackson; motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Hardship Appeal Appearances

On the behalf of the Hardship Committee John Gilbert informed the Commission there were 16 appeals approved by the committee. The committee feels that a family with multiple children shouldn’t be separated and should be allowed to play together. The committee was able to address needs expressed by parents. John encouraged other Commission members to experience participation on the Hardship Committee by serving if appointed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Environmental Discovery Center Committee Report

Joe Ross informed the Commission that the canopy walk has been completed. The EDC Committee is looking forward to seeing each of you at the donor recognition dinner on Thursday, February 21 (6:30 P.M.) and Ribbon Cutting ceremonies on Friday, February 22 (11:00 A.M.).

NEW BUSINESS:

Environmental Discovery Center Hours of Operation

Joe Ross presented to the Commission a copy of the proposed hours of operation for review. Discussion followed. Kenny Lovette motioned to accept hours of operation as presented; Geer Ward seconded; motion carried unanimously.
Sub-Committee Recommendation on Tennis Professional at Ebenezer Park

Geer Ward stated to the Commission that the sub-committee interviewed two candidates for the position. One of the two candidates withdrew his name from consideration upon learning that the position was contractual in nature. The committee found Mr. Richard Storr to be qualified for the position and recommends him to the full Commission. The Commission accepted the recommendation of the Committee unanimously and will forward this information to Council via staff.

Introduction of policy to limit length of overnights at LRCP

Joe Ross presented a copy of the Length of Overnight Accommodations Policy for review. The policy will limit all overnight stays at the Park to 14 consecutive nights. Discussion followed. The Commission will take action on the policy in March.

Introduction of the Department 5 year Strategic Plan

Joe Eason presented to the Commission a copy of the Strategic Plan for review. The plan is an extension of the ten year plan from 1999 and the five year plan from 2003. The proposed plan, comprised of 5 goals, will address the long range needs of the Department (2008 – 2013). The Commission is asked to review over the course of the next month and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting of the Commission.

Review of Alcohol Policy for LRCP

Robert Sullivan presented a copy of the alcohol policy for review. The Commission was asked to review the previous recommendation and be prepared to review in future meetings of the Commission.

Review of vote of Small Fry Tournament

Brian Wofford presented to the Commission a copy of the history of the Small Fry Tournament for review. Staff recommends naming Savannah Grove and Greenwood permanent host sites and continue to include Maple Park, McLeod Park, and Northside Park in this tournament. Discussion followed. Motion failed due to lack of Commission support.

Pamplico Tennis Update

Joe Eason informed the Commission the Pamplico Tennis Steering Committee will be meeting to discuss land for the construction of the tennis facility. The Commission will continue to receive updates on progress.
ESAB Soccer

Joe Eason stated to the Commission that County Administrator Richard Starks met with the representatives from the Florence Soccer Association. Because of the County’s inability to have a well on site to irrigate the fields, the Association will pursue additional land for facility development. The Commission will continue to receive updates on progress.

ADJOURNMENT:

John Gilbert motioned for adjournment; Shelby Phillips seconded; motion carried unanimously.
January 25, 2008

Mr. Joe Eason  
Parks and Recreation Director  
Florence County  
112 W. Laurel Street  
Florence, SC 29501

Dear Mr. Eason

I would like to thank you in advance for considering the attached proposal concerning the recruitment of a teaching tennis professional for the Florence County Park at Ebenezer. I am excited about the opportunity that this position offers, and the importance that I believe it will make to the continued growth of tennis in Florence.

As you will see in my proposal, I am excited about the sport I love. I am a tennis player down to the core and, like most players, I am very passionate about the game. More importantly, my enthusiasm for tennis is infectious and evident in my teaching style.

I look forward to the opportunity to discuss this proposal with you in person. Please contact me at 616-2669 so that we can arrange a time to meet in person.

Thank you for your efforts in making Florence Tennis the best it can be.

Sincerely,

Richard Storr

Richard Storr  
USPTA Certified Professional  
4026 W. Pelican Lane  
Florence, SC 29501  
616-2669
Proposal for Tennis Pro at Ebenezer Park
Florence, South Carolina

Background and Experience

A summary of my education and background is as follows:

- From 1985 through 1989 I attended Francis Marion University on tennis scholarship from Zimbabwe. Played on men’s tennis team for two years before accepting the position as Assistant Coach under Head Tennis Coach Dave Cordrey. Graduated in May 1989 with B.S. in Sociology and Physical Education Minor.

- 1988 – 1989 - Manager and Tennis Pro at Whitehall Shores Swim and Racquet Club (Now known as Cypress Glen).

- 1990 - Attained USPTA Certification.

- Spring, 1990- Fall 1993 - Tennis Pro and Pool Manager at Darlington Country Club.


- August 1996-May 2003 - Sales Representative for Capital Wine and Beverage, Columbia.

- May 2003-present - Self employed as a teaching tennis professional primarily teaching at Oakdale Country Club.

In May 2003 I made a decision to get back into the tennis teaching business. At that time, my daughter was involved in USA Team Tennis. I volunteered my help as a parent, as the program encourages, and came to see a need for another tennis pro in Florence. What I learned was that parents who are not tennis players are very intimidated by tennis and do not think that they can contribute to the tennis of their children. This has been one of my greatest accomplishments as I have been able to empower parents and show them how to get involved in
their child's tennis. Many of these "empowered" parents have gone on to become active tennis players in their own right, playing USTA League tennis and actively participating in the Florence Tennis Association.

I am presently teaching at Oakdale Country Club offering a wide variety of tennis programs that caters to all levels of play. I offer clinics to beginner, intermediate, and advanced juniors. My programs take them all the way from 3 and 4 year olds in a "Mom's and Me" class, up through USTA junior tournaments, high school competition and on to college play. In addition, I offer adult clinics for all levels of play and I presently work with adult players ranging from NTRP 2.5 to 4.0.

In addition to my program at OCC, I am the coordinator of the Kids Team Tennis Program. We are currently using the Quick Start format, which has been endorsed by the USTA. This Program uses modified courts and equipment. We run a six week fall and spring season using the West Florence Courts. Our fall 2007 season had 72 juniors ranging in age from 5 - 13. The Florence Optimus Club offered scholarships for less fortunate youth.

Service Proposal

My proposal is broken down into the following areas:

- Court Management
- Facilities and Facilities Maintenance
- Tennis Programs
- Financial

Court Management

Ebenezer Park has developed into a wonderful facility catering to the recreation and fitness needs of the general public, and tennis is a huge part of that success. I understand the Florence County Recreation Department's main concern with the Ebenezer park tennis courts is that the facility remains primarily for the use of recreational tennis players. Approximately 75% of my clientele play at Ebenezer at least twice a week, and I am well aware of the demand for court time. I constantly hear about the wait time for courts. Players sometimes wait for hours for a court to be free. Some leave and go to Timrod Park, only to find a similar problem there. It is my view that a basic court reservation system can easily be
maintained so that our players are not wasting precious time with friends, family and teammates.

It is my goal to aid in the efficient use of these courts. In my experience at OCC, with only two courts, I am very sensitive to the needs of members who wish to have court time. Remedies to this problem at OCC have included the posting of clinic times in the newsletter and at the courts, installing a divider net curtain that prevents teaching balls from entering adjacent court, reserving court time for members, and limiting weekend teaching giving members abundant time on weekends.

Facilities and Facilities Maintenance

As part of my proposal I will provide, at my own expense, a small building, from which to conduct the tennis program. A building will be needed to provide shelter to players in weather related situations, provide office space to run the program, and allow for storage of teaching equipment. Such equipment includes ball baskets, teaching carts, ball machines, tennis tubes, a stringing machine, three different types of balls, a blower, and other smaller on-court items. I currently store all of these at OCC. The building would also serve as a small pro shop from which I could sell tennis equipment (racquets, balls, strings) and clothing to service the needs of the tennis players. Revenue from the pro shop will cover utility for the building as well as part staff to assist in court management.

As part of my proposal I will provide basic daily court maintenance (Larger court repairs such as surface and structural issues would remain the responsibility of the County). As tennis pro, safety is a major concern and I perform daily maintenance to ensure that my courts are safe. There are numerous small maintenance issues that I feel should be my responsibility and need not burden the County. I recently toured the courts at Ebenezer and I saw a number of maintenance issues that need to be addressed. For example, the gate on the center court is not hanging properly from the hinges. If the gate continues to scrape the court surface, the court will be permanently scarred. Under this proposal, I would repair the gate, at no cost to the County. I will also provide a blower to be used when needed.

Tennis Programs

This position will require a significant amount of responsibility and leadership. There are some new and exciting tennis programs that I would love to bring to Florence. In conversations with Ed Sprenger, I am aware of some of the needs of the Florence tennis community. Examples of these needs would additional
programming to include the Johnsonville and Lake City areas and the building of a beach tennis court in Florence (similar size to volleyball with a sand pit). Two programs that I would start immediately would be “Cardio Tennis”, a tennis aerobics class, and “Rapid Rally”, a U.S. Olympic Committee program endorsed by the USTA. The Rapid Rally Program is played on a hitting wall. Ebenezer is currently the only permanent wall to my knowledge in Florence and would be a great place to start a county wide program. In Rapid Rally, players serve the ball to the wall and continue to keep the ball in play scoring points with each successful stroke. It is broken down into ages and has a nation-wide following with State and National Competitions. I feel that this program could be implemented at all facilities because of the ease of participation.

As the coordinator of “Kids Team Tennis”, I would build the new Quickstart format of using mini courts, by actually building one. A mini court in Florence would be a great asset to youth tennis and fun for adults too. This court could be a huge catalyst in helping parents reinforce tennis skills and make practice time more rewarding. I feel that this court could easily be constructed with corporate sponsorship and would be a unique addition to Florence Tennis.

Financial

As compensation for the use of the courts I would pay the County 10% of on-court revenue. As part of the package I would also furnish the labor and materials for some basic maintenance issues (saving the County time and money), time and materials for managing a basic court reservation system for peak hours, and a small building (including the on-going cost of utilities) from which to run a program that promotes tennis as a lifestyle.
FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
March 6, 2008

AGENDA ITEM: Reports to Council
Bid Award

DEPARTMENT: Florence County Public Works
(Purchasing and Facilities Management Department)

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION: Award Bid #17-07/08 for the purchase of two (2)
32,000 lbs. Class Motorgraders for Florence County Public Works

POINTS TO CONSIDER:
1) Bid #17-07/08 was publicly offered.
2) One (1) compliant bid was received.
3) Simple life cycle cost analysis was used to compare models proposed.
4) Blanchard Machinery Co., Florence, SC was the lowest responsive bidder at $431,991.36.
5) The Public Works Director recommends this award.
6) The bid expires April 1, 2008.

FUNDING FACTORS:
1) $431,991.36 = Total cost to be funded from FY08 funds budgeted in Fund 30, Department 439 Public Works.
2) $0 = Estimated total recurring cost in the next complete fiscal year and subsequent fiscal years incurred directly as a result of this action, which approximates .00 of a mil.

OPTIONS:
1) (Recommended) Award bid #17-07/08 to the low responsive bidder, Blanchard Machinery Co. of Florence, SC, for the purchase of two (2) 32,000 lbs. Class Motorgraders for Public Works in the amount of $431,991.36; and authorize the County Administrator to execute all associated documents to proceed. (1 Compliant Bid Received/ 2 Non-Compliant Bids Received)

2) Decline

ATTACHMENTS:
1) Bid Tabulation
2) February 7, 2008, Recommendation Letter from Public Works Director
3) February 26, 2008, Recommendation Letter First Vehicle Services
4) Public Auction Sale Analysis/Florence County Auction Results
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**Notes:**
2% Local Preference Florence County Code, Section 11-62
MEMORANDUM

TO: Alice Bailey, Procurement / Facilities Director

FROM: Arthur C. Gregg, Jr., Public Works Director

DATE: February 7, 2008

RE: Recommendation on Awarding Bids

It is my recommendation that Bid #17-07/08 for the purchase of two (2) Motor graders be awarded to Blanchard Machinery Company, other bidders do not meet specifications. Exceptions to other bids are included.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

ACG, JR/ig

Enclosure
EXCEPTIONS TO BID #17-07/08

JOHN DEERE – VAN LOTT INC.

1. Front wheel steering angle is non-published information.
2. Machine draw bar, circle and moldboard are controlled with conventional hydraulic levers
3. Hydraulic valves are controlled by 9 levers
4. Primary steering is achieved by a steering wheel.
5. Articulation return to center is accomplished manually.
6. The engine fan is belt driven.
7. Rear mounted scarifier.
8. Welded box construction
9. Do no maintain a store or branch within 25 miles of the Florence County Maintenance Shop.

NEW HOLLAND – ALTMAN TRACTOR CO., INC.

1. Primary steering with steering wheel
2. Single lever hydraulic controls – hydraulic valves are controlled by 9 levers.
3. Hydraulic pump 49 gpm
4. Front mounted scarifier
5. Transmission: 8 forward/4 reverse
6. Articulation joint located in front of cab.
7. Engine not listed as being designed and built by the machine manufacturer.
8. Transmission not listed as being designed and built by the machine manufacturer.

Note:
- APWA Life Expectancy Requirement for Motor graders – 10 Years
- First Vehicle Services Contract is based on APA Life Expectancy Values
- New Holland Motor graders life expectancy and maintenance data is not available since equipment was not been on the market prior to 2000.
- Resale value of used Cat Machinery in comparison to competitors should be an important factor.
February 26, 2008

Florence County Public Works
Florence, SC

During a discussion with Rodney Fullard, our General Manager for First Vehicle Services, he asked me to convey my experience in choosing a grader that would better serve Florence County. If selecting from a Caterpillar, Deere, or New Holland, I would choose a Caterpillar Grader over the other two for the following reasons. Caterpillar will rarely be the cheapest because of their technology, testing, experience and dealer network. Cat constantly improves their design to enhance durability and performance. They run better hydraulic systems than their competitor and with more function. Cat also has the very best operator station, which improves performance, causes less operator fatigue, which causes less operator abuse. The new technology and design is industry leading with the 12M Motograder.

The next area that has always been critical to any machines operation is its serviceability. Cat verses its competitors have always looked to make things accessible for the operator to check, or the technicians to service. Examples are the ability to check fluids or service filters standing all from the ground not having to climb all over the top reaching down. Hydraulic system on the Cats has spin on filters for speed of change, while the competitors have their filters inside their hydraulic tanks and it is hard to keep contamination from happening when you service them.

Caterpillar Graders have always been the top of the line and sell more graders than anyone in the US and worldwide. Caterpillar Grader has the power shift transmission which has always been the leader in the industry, the competitors may have the same number of gears and may have great highway speeds but you find that the Caterpillar has the working gear range that you need to grade with and the power for each range is more than efficient. Once again Caterpillar Grader hydraulics is superior in function and design. Caterpillars ergonomic designed cabs and controls and operators visibility and turn radius adds a major safety factor to their machine over their competitors.

The next biggest issues are dealers and their networks. Caterpillar has the best networks of dealers along with factory-trained people for their equipment. Cat’s competitors rarely have over a few machines in stock, if any and they keep a very limited supply of parts on hand; they depend solely on warehousing from the manufacturer. It has been my experience with Caterpillar machines that you have little downtime all a result from trained technician and superior parts availability.
Last issue is resale value; Cat machinery will have much higher resale value than any of the competitors. It has been proven time after time you will spend the same amount of money in the lifetime for the cheaper brands as you will for a Cat, and this will not include down time.

Respectfully,
Steve Breeden
Region Manager
### Public Auction Sale Results Analysis

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**AVERAGE RESALE VALUE**

$54,700.00   $66,375.00   $115,542.80

**NEW PURCHASE PRICE**

$158,220.00  $189,123.12  $215,995.68

**ACTUAL COST**

$103,520.00  $122,748.12  $100,352.88

*Note: Simple Life Cycle Cost (Data not available for repair/maintenance history cost or downtime)*

### Florence County GovDeals Auction Results

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AGENDA ITEM:  Reports to Council
Bid Award

DEPARTMENT:  Florence County
(Purchasing and Facilities Management Department)

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION: Award Bid #11-07/08 for the Harlee Boulevard culvert lowering project for Florence County

POINTS TO CONSIDER:
1) Bid #11-07/08 was publicly offered.
2) Four (4) compliant bids were received.
3) Goodson Construction Co., Aynor, SC was the lowest responsive bidder at $53,247.
4) Ervin Engineering recommends this award.
6) Pee Dee Electric Cooperative, Inc. has requested to have the remaining Rural Development Act (RDA) funds reallocated for qualified storm water public utility infrastructure improvements in the Pee Dee Regional Commerce Center.

FUNDING FACTORS:
1) $53,247 = Total cost to be funded from eligible funds available for reallocation from PDEC/FC Dec 06 Agreement.

OPTIONS:
1) (Recommended) Award the bid to the low responsive bidder, Goodson Construction Co. of Aynor, SC, for Bid #11-07/08, Harlee Boulevard Culvert Lowering Project, in the amount of $53,247 to be funded through PDEC/FC Dec 06 Agreement; and authorize the County Administrator to execute all associated documents to proceed. (4 Compliant Bids Received).
2) Decline

ATTACHMENTS:
1) Bid Tabulation
2) February 22, 2008, Recommendation Letter from Ervin Engineering
Dept: Florence County  
Harlee Blvd, Culvert Lowering Project  
Invitation-to-Bid #11-07/08

Bid Opening Date: February 19, 2008  
Time: 11:00 AM  
Advertised Date: MN-1/06/08 SCBO-1/07/08  
Invitations to Bids Distributed: 7  
Bid Expiration Date: 5/20/2008

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Notes:
2% Local Preference Florence County Code, Section 11-62
February 25, 2008

MEMORANDUM

TO: Alice Bailey

COMPANY: Florence County Planning

SUBJECT: Notice of Award Florence Harlee Culvert Lowering Project
Florence County Bid #11-07/08

FROM: William C. Ervin, Jr., P.E.

COMMENTS: I have reviewed the bids for the above referenced project with the following results:

1. Goodson Construction $ 53,247.00
2. Plowden Construction Co., Inc. $ 90,800.00
3. Cherokee, Inc. $ 91,270.00
4. Earthworks of M.B., Inc. $ 111,981.92

We recommend that the project be awarded to Goodson Construction in the amount of $ 53,247.00. If you have any questions please give me a call.
AGENDA ITEM: Report to Council
Declaration of Surplus Property

DEPARTMENT: Purchasing and Facilities Management Department

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Declaration of asset #V729 2000 Ford F-250 as surplus and allow for sale to Olanta Rural Fire Department to be utilized as a brush truck for the department.

POINTS TO CONSIDER:
1. The using department has declared the vehicle obsolete or of little value.
2. Florence County Code requires County Council approval for disposal of surplus property.
3. Disposal will not impact on-going operations.
4. The sale and transfer of a serviceable surplus special purpose vehicles benefits agencies that do not have the wherewithal to purchase and outfit a specialized unit with the transportation that it needs.
5. The receiving agency will be responsible for the modifications and reconditioning costs that will be incurred due to removal of equipment and markings on the vehicle.
6. The average trade-in value of the vehicle is $3,750.

FUNDING FACTORS:
1. $3,750 = $2,250 from Olanta Rural Fire Department and $1,500 from Fund 37 Capital Improvements, Dept 755 Council District #5 Infrastructure Allocation.

OPTIONS:
1. (Recommended) Declare asset #V0729 2000 Ford F-250 surplus and authorize its sale to Olanta Rural Fire Department for $3,750, less $1,500 to be funded from Council District #5 Infrastructure allocations.
2. Decline.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. February 22, 2008 Letter from Olanta Rural Fire Chief
Olanta Rural Fire Department
Fire Chief Jimmy Coker
Po Box 366
Olanta SC 29114

February 22, 2008

To: Councilman Johnny Rodgers
CC: Richard Starks

This letter is in reference to a F250 Ford truck, VO729. The Olanta Rural Fire Department is asking if Florence County Council would sell this truck to the department for $2,250.00. This truck would be used by the department as a brush truck. We appreciate any help you can give us and we thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Fire Chief
Olanta Rural Fire Department