

**Council Members**

District 7: Brian Carnes - Chair

District 4: Larry Honeycutt

District 3: Billy Mosteller

**County Attorney**

John K. DuBose III

**Clerk to Council**

Sherrie Simpson

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**September 10, 2019****5:00 PM****101 North Main Street  
Lancaster, SC 29720**

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**LANCASTER COUNTY****Public Safety Committee****Administration Office Conference Room, County Administration Building, 101 North Main Street, Lancaster, SC 29720****AGENDA****1. Call to Order****2. Approval of the Agenda***[deletions and additions of non-substantive matters]***3. Citizens Comments****4. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Approval of Minutes from the July 9, 2019 Public Safety Committee Regular Meeting

**5. Discussion/Action Items**

- a. Indian Land Fee District Budget Amendment - Darren Player/Bill Parker
- b. Request from Solicitor Randy Newman - Steve Willis

**6. Adjournment**

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## Agenda Item Summary

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Ordinance # / Resolution #: N/A

Contact Person / Sponsor: Sherrie Simpson/Clerk to Council

Department: County Clerk

Date Requested to be on Agenda: 9/10/2019

**Issue for Consideration:**

Approve or amend the minutes from the July 9, 2019 Public Safety Committee regular meeting.

**Points to Consider:**

The minutes from the July 9, 2019 Public Safety Committee meeting are attached for the Committee's review and approval.

**Funding and Liability Factors:**

N/A

**Options:**

The Committee can approve or amend the minutes.

**Recommendation:**

Approve the minutes as written.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Description

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Draft Minutes from the 7-9-2019 Public Safety Committee Regular Meeting

9/5/2019

Backup Material

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**July 9, 2019****5:00 PM****101 North Main Street  
Lancaster, SC 29720****LANCASTER COUNTY****Public Safety Committee****Administration Office Conference Room, County Administration Building, 101 North Main Street, Lancaster, SC 29720****MINUTES****DRAFT**

Committee Members present at the meeting were Brian Carnes, Larry Honeycutt and Billy Mosteller. Also present at the meeting were County Administrator Steve Willis, Deputy County Administrator Alison Alexander, County Attorney John DuBose, Clerk to Council Sherrie Simpson, Fire/Emergency Services Director Darren Player, EMS Director Clay Catoe, Major Shaw with the Sheriff's Department, Procurement Director Nicholas Miller, Fire Marshal Russell Rogers, various staff from the architectural firm of McMillan, Pazden and Smith and various staff and citizens. A quorum of the Lancaster County Public Safety Committee was present for the meeting.

The following press were notified of the meeting by e-mail in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act: *Lancaster News*, *Kershaw News Era*, *The Rock Hill Herald*, Cable News 2, Channel 9 and the local Government Channel. The agenda was posted in the lobby of the County Administration Building and also on the county website for the required length of time.

**Call to Order - Committee Chair Brian Carnes**

Brian Carnes called the regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Larry Honeycutt moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Billy Mosteller. The Committee approved the agenda by unanimous vote of 3-0.

**Citizens Comments**

There were no citizens who came forward to speak during Citizens Comments.

**Approval of Minutes**

Billy Mosteller moved to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2019 Public Safety Committee regular meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Larry Honeycutt. The Committee approved the minutes from the June 11, 2019 Public Safety Committee regular meeting by unanimous vote of 3-0.

## Discussion/Action Items

### **a. Duke Grant - DHEC - Clay Catoe**

Clay Catoe explained that the Duke grant will be used to purchase devices that are used to intubate patients. He explained that Duke awarded the grant to South Carolina and that Lancaster County was one of twelve (12) Counties that were awarded the grant in South Carolina. He explained that the local grant match would be approximately fourteen hundred dollars (\$1400.00). Steve Willis noted that the funding for the grant match would come out of the grant match fund.

Billy Mosteller moved to approve the grant match request. The motion was seconded by Larry Honeycutt. The motion to move the grant match request forward to full Council with a favorable recommendation from the Public Safety Committee passed by unanimous vote of 3-0.

### **b. Fire Prevention Grant Award - Darren Player**

Mike Magette, Deputy Fire Marshal, explained that the Fire Marshal's Office applied for a grant to purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other investigative equipment. He noted that the grant did not require a local match and that the funding was one hundred percent (100%) grant funding. Steve Willis noted that the grant would be reported to Council as information only since no grant match was required.

### **c. NFPA Community Risk Assessment for Lancaster County - Darren Player**

Darren Player explained that the Fire Marshal's Office had applied for a NFPA grant but that the grant had not yet been awarded. Fire Marshal Russell Rogers explained that the grant would be used to conduct a Community Risk Assessment for Lancaster County. He explained that the project would be a pilot project. He noted that the project should help minimize fire risk in the County.

### **d. Received Bids on EMS Station 4/9 - Steve Willis/Nicholas Miller/Clay Catoe**

Steve Willis noted that the architects from McMillan, Pazden and Smith were in attendance at the meeting to update the Committee on the EMS Station 4/9 project. He noted that bid pricing on the project came in higher than expected. He explained that there were seven (7) bidders on the project and that all of the bids were close in range. He noted that the bid prices were for construction only and were not an "all in" cost for the project because furniture was not included in the bid costs.

Nicholas Miller provided an update on the bids for EMS Station 4/9 for the Committee. The architects from McMillan, Pazden and Smith reviewed the design for the station, which was done via Power Point and one of those Power Point slides is attached as Schedule A to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office. The architects explained that the floor plan is an open floor plan so that meetings can take place. They noted that there were some design restrictions because the building is located in a commercial business park. They further noted that the Review Board for the business park had approved the design plan for the building. The architects then provided a site review of the project for the Committee. They explained that there was a great deal of site work involved for the project and that the project required an extension for sewer hook up, which drove up project costs. Nicholas Miller reviewed the costs for the project. He noted that the original budget for the project was approximately 1.4 million dollars. He explained that the low base bid was 1.75 million dollars but that the "all in" costs would be around 1.9 million dollars. The Committee discussed other potential funding sources. Larry Honeycutt explained that the bays should not be cut out of the project. Clay Catoe explained that the building was designed for growth. Nicholas Miller explained that the bids were good for sixty days.

Larry Honeycutt moved to proceed with the project and to use any funds available from the panhandle area. The motion was seconded by Billy Mosteller. The motion passed by unanimous vote of 3-0.

- e. Lancaster County Council Fire Study by Fitch and Associates - Steve Willis/Darren Player

Darren Player explained that the Fire Commission elected officers at their June meeting and that they would soon begin to organize their standing committees. He further explained that the Fire Commission would work on their priorities, including an implementation of the Fire Study's recommendations over the next five to ten years. He requested that the Public Safety Committee revisit the Fire Study recommendations after the Fire Commission has had a couple of months to organize and come up with their own recommendations for implementation.

The Committee discussed equipment replacement schedules for the Fire Departments and which costs would be recurring versus one time costs. Brian Carnes indicated that the Committee wants to see the recommendations from the Fire Study implemented and not just put on the shelf and never implemented. Darren Player agreed that the Study had good ideas.

Billy Mosteller asked if the Fire Department's cylinder replacement could be added to the one cent sales tax and Steve Willis indicated that it could, potentially. The Committee continued to discuss equipment and equipment replacement needs for Fire Services.

### **Adjournment**

Larry Honeycutt moved to adjourn the Public Safety Committee regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Billy Mosteller. The motion to adjourn passed by unanimous vote of 3-0. There being no further business, the Public Safety Committee meeting adjourned at approximately 5:45 p.m.



## Agenda Item Summary

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Ordinance # / Resolution #:

Contact Person / Sponsor: Darren Player/Director of Fire/Emergency Services and Bill Parker/Indian Land Fire Fee District Board

Department: Emergency Management/Fire Services

Date Requested to be on Agenda: 9/10/2019

### **Issue for Consideration:**

Indian Land Fee District requests their budget be amended to allow for the hiring of three additional firefighters who will enter the 24 hour shift schedule, one per shift. Indian Land Fee District operational budget be increased by approximately \$205,000 to allow for the hiring of 3 additional firefighters for 24 hours shift duties. This amount includes salary, fringes, and necessary equipment, uniforms and PPE to outfit the 3 new employees.

### **Points to Consider:**

The addition of these three employees is part of the overall plan of Indian Land Fee District to have 4 person engine companies on 24 hour shift duty. Currently they have 2 person engine companies and this step moves that to 3 person engine companies. The number of personnel on the engine company is a safety issue and a standard engine company is comprised of at least 4 personnel usually. This planned addition of personnel is part of the stepped planning process to attain the 4 person engine company status.

### **Funding and Liability Factors:**

The fee district has the necessary funding available. However, it was not placed into accessible accounts for the current fiscal year budget as passed by County Council. These will be recurring costs since personnel salaries and costs are what will be funded.

### **Options:**

The Fee District asks the Public Safety Committee forward this request to the Administration Committee and Full Council with a positive recommendation to move forward.

Public Safety could refuse to give this recommendation a positive recommendation or deny the request.

### **Recommendation:**

The Fee District Board, with Chair Bill Parker recommend this be moved forward. As Director of the Fire Rescue Service, I recommend this be approved and moved forward. These employees, like the others in the Indian Land career firefighter program, will be Lancaster County employees under the Fire Rescue chain of command.

## Agenda Item Summary

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Ordinance # / Resolution #: N/A

Contact Person / Sponsor: Randy Newman/Solicitor

Department: Administration

Date Requested to be on Agenda: 9/10/2019

### **Issue for Consideration:**

The attached letter was received on September 3rd concerning a position that will be without funding at the end of September. The request is to fund a Sexual Assault Solicitor position.

### **Points to Consider:**

The letter was received long after the budget process.

The decision to fund or not fund the position is strictly at the discretion of County Council.

The letter does not indicate if this position is full-time in Lancaster County. I will try to find that out but am rushing to get the basic information into Novus due to the time frame.

### **Funding and Liability Factors:**

With fringe this comes to \$85,241.

### **Options:**

Agree to fund or not fund the position. Due to the timing there is no possibility of completing a budget amendment ordinance before the end of the month. If Council agrees we would have to handle this on the fly until we could get an ordinance through the process.

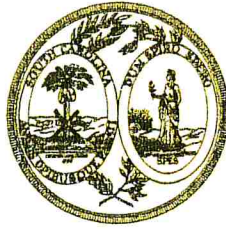
### **Recommendation:**

If the position is full-time in Lancaster County I will reluctantly recommend funding the position. This attorney works the most heinous crimes and we don't need those perpetrators running loose. That said, the end of the grant period was known well in advance and you know my disdain for not following the budget process as adopted by County Council.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Description	Upload Date	Type
Solicitor Letter	9/3/2019	Letter

State of South Carolina  
Solicitor, Sixth Judicial Circuit



CHESTER/FAIRFIELD  
LANCASTER  
RANDY E. NEWMAN, JR., SOLICITOR

August 28, 2019

Steve Willis, Administrator  
County of Lancaster  
101 N. Main Street  
Lancaster, SC 29720

Re: Solicitor's Office funding

Dear Steve,

Earlier this year my office was notified by grant administrators that there would be no need to re-apply for our Sexual Assault prosecution grant. The grant has run its course over the past three years and will end in September of this year. That grants provides for the salaries of 1 investigator and 1 very experienced Assistant Solicitor.

I have spent several weeks attempting to find funding to keep these folks on board. I will be able to transfer the investigator to another grant position, but I was unable to do so with the Assistant Solicitor. This Assistant Solicitor specializes in Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence and I believe that position is vital to this office. Those are specialized cases with many difficult issues, and I cannot assign them to an unexperienced or untrained prosecutor. The grant has paid thousands of dollars for specialized trainings that the other Assistant Solicitors do not have.

I would like for the County to consider funding this specialized position. This is an attorney with over 12 years of experience as a prosecutor. Attorneys with this type of experience and training do not come along every day. Her current salary is \$65,000.00 annually plus fringe. Total cost to the county for this position would be 85,241.00. I do realize this is not budget time, but I would like the county to consider this request. I appreciate what this county has done for this office in the past and I look forward to future growth.

Sincerely,

Randy E. Newman, Jr.

Cc: Steve Harper      Terry Graham      Charlene McGriff  
Billy Mosteller      Larry Honeycutt      Allen Blackmon      Brian Carnes