JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED WORKSHOP
Jasper County Clementa C. Pinckney Government Bldg
358 3rd Avenue Ridgeland, SC 29936
Monday, June 23, 2025
Minutes

Officials Present: Chairman John Kemp, Vice Chairman Joey Rowell, Councilman Chris VanGeison, and Councilman Joe Arzillo

Staff Present: County Administrator Andrew Fulghum, County Attorney David Tedder, Tisha Williams, Kimberly Burgess, James Iwanicki, Danny Lucas, Chief Russell Wells, and Videographer Jonathan Dunham.

1. **Call to Order of the Jasper County Council Meeting by Chairman Kemp**

Chairman Kemp called the meeting to order at 10:00AM. The Report of Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act was read for the records as follows: *In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, notification of the meeting and the meeting agenda were posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting on the County Council Building at a publicly accessible place, on the county website, and a copy of the agenda was provided to the local news media and all person's or organizations requesting notification.*

The Pledge to the Flag was given and the Invocation was given by Councilman Rowell

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve: Councilman Arzillo
Second: Councilman Rowell
Vote: Unanimous
The motion passed.

FY 2025-2026 Budget:

Mr. Fulghum reminded Council of the upcoming meeting on 06.25.2025 with the Jasper County School Board at 4PM to review the school district budget. He also reminded them of the Council Meeting scheduled for the 3rd reading of the FY2025-2026 Budget on 06.30.2025. He then noted that Ms. Burgess was present to give a synopsis of where they currently were with the budget and to discuss it with Council. Ms. Burgess noted that she had sent out 3 items to Council for their review. The first report she discussed was the changes from the 1st reading to the 2nd reading which resulted in a $588,085 reduction in both total revenue and in total expenditures.

The second item of discussion was the proposed changes to 2nd reading report highlights the various proposed changes which result in an increase to the budgeted expenditures of $476,625. She noted that the yellow highlighted reductions are the reductions greater than $10K in Mr. Kemp's spreadsheet, which are offset by an increase in Discretionary Funds line items for each department. The light red highlighted reductions are proposed by Chief Wells. The blue highlighted line item is an increase request by the Sheriff's Office for two additional positions for security at the government complex. The light green highlighted line items are reductions which will likely be added back to the budget in the lapsing funds budget amendment in August.

She also noted that the funding options report provided three options for funding the $476,625 increase in the budget resulting from the proposed changes. Additional information was discussed for the 1st reading to the 2nd reading comparison relating to revenues. This information regarded such information as the general revenues, revenue changes, total changes to revenue and the total revenue as of the 2nd reading. Additional information was discussed for the 1st reading to the 2nd reading comparison relating to expenditures. This information regarded such information as the expenditures of multiple departments, total adjustments for the 2nd reading and total expenditures for the 2nd reading. The total transfers and corrections were addressed, and the total additions, transfers and corrections were referenced. Cash Carry Forward, use of Local A/H- Tax Surplus and reduction of expenditures were also a topic of consideration on this FY25-26 Budget. Council had some discussion and thanked staff and department heads for all of the hard work put into this effort. Council also expressed their desire to start the budgeting process earlier for the next fiscal year. For additional information on this item please "Attachment A" or see the workshop video

For more information on this meeting please go to our YouTube Channel for the video go to https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBmloqX05cKAsHm_ggXCJlA . There are also Closed Captions available for all of our County Council videos. Just click the **"CC"** button to follow along.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman
Second: Councilman
Vote: Unanimous
The motion passed.

The motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Wanda H. Giles
Clerk to Council

John A. Kemp
Chairman

Attachment "A"

Jasper County
2nd Reading and 1st Reading Comparison
6/16/2025

Account	Description	2nd Reading	1st Reading	Difference	Notes
	TOTAL BUDGET	**66,324,415**	**66,912,500**	**(588,085)**	
	REVENUE				
	Cherry Point			66,912,500	
54-1501	Cherry Point Fire District Tax Revenue	1,059,600	1,668,200	(608,600)	
	Clerk of Court				
63-1507	Clerk of Court Fines	200,000	125,000	75,000	
63-1555	Title IV Funds	265,000	13,000	252,000	
	General Revenues				
170-1502	Property Taxes	37,241,500	37,170,800	70,700	
170-1503	Auto Taxes	4,480,800	4,443,500	37,300	
170-1513	Local Option Sales Tax	1,932,200	1,344,800	587,400	
170-1515	Local Option Sales Tax Credit	3,923,000	4,416,800	(493,800)	
170-1519	Fee In Lieu	2,375,000	2,300,000	75,000	
170-1588	Misc. Revenue	1,096,875	1,000,000	96,875	
170-1590	Cash Carry-Forward	2,089,540	2,805,741	(716,201)	
170-1610	Bond Proceeds	1,350,000	1,194,259	155,741	
170-1630	Watercraft	235,200	354,700	(119,500)	
	TOTAL CHANGES TO REVENUE			**(588,085)**	
	TOTAL REVENUE 2ND READING			**66,324,415**	
	EXPENDITURES				
	Levy Fire				
45-5055	Firefighter Physicals	5,000	15,000	(10,000)	Reduced by Chief Wells
	FIRE & RESCUE				
46-2000	Salaries and Wages	4,350,000	4,800,000	(450,000)	Correction by Chief Wells
46-5055	Firefighter Physicals	35,000	45,000	(10,000)	Reduced by Chief Wells
	Information Technology				
49-2526	GIS Expenditures	144,300	125,000	19,300	From Planning 60-3772
49-4708	Vehicle/Equip. Lease Payments	14,140	8,500	5,640	Correction
51-4708	Vehicle/Equip. Lease Payments	-	7,000	(7,000)	Transfer Adm. Vehicle to COC
51-2310	Vehicle Insurance	-	3,500	(3,500)	Transfer Adm. Vehicle to COC
51-2320	Vehicle Maintenance	-	1,200	(1,200)	Transfer Adm. Vehicle to COC
51-2300	Gas, Oil and Grease	-	2,500	(3,500)	Transfer Adm. Vehicle to COC

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		2nd Reading	1st Reading	Difference	
	Data Processing				
52-2515	New World Software Maint.	135,000	95,000	40,000	Additional module purchase
	Sheriff Department				
57-2005	New Personnel	-	1,000,000	(1,000,000)	Removed per Council
	Planning Department				
60-2000	Salary and Wages	213,300	205,600	7,700	From 62-2012
60-3772	Consulting Services	-	19,300	(19,300)	to GIS Dept. 49-2526
	Interdepartmental				
62-2040	Medical Insurance	507,000	508,925	(1,925)	
62-3772	Consulting Services	330,000	250,000	80,000	From 66-3772
62-5701	Debt	2,410,300	1,194,100	1,216,200	Increase for Debt Payments from Gen. Fund
	Clerk of Court				
63-2000	Salary and Wages	590,000	583,500	6,500	Per COC
63-2003	Contract Labor	2,500	-	2,500	Per COC
63-2300	Gas, Oil and grease	3,300	-	3,300	Transfer Adm. Vehicle to COC
63-2310	Vehicle Insurance	5,000	-	5,000	Transfer Adm. Vehicle to COC
63-2320	Vehicle Maintenance	1,200	-	1,200	Transfer Adm. Vehicle to COC
63-2460	Computer Equipment	48,100	25,000	23,100	Per COC
63-2855	Court Expenses	152,500	75,000	77,500	Per COC
63-4708	Vehicle/Equip Lease Payments	7,000	-	7,000	Transfer Adm. Vehicle to COC
	Auditor				
66-3772	Consulting Services	-	40,000	(40,000)	to 62-3772
	Treasurer				
67-2008	Salaries and Wages	311,000	351,000	(40,000)	FT to PT Employee
67-2001	Part-Time Wages	27,000	-	27,000	PT Employee
67-2445	Equipment, Security	-	5,000	(5,000)	To 83-2430
	Election Commission				
72-5095	Building Repairs	-	20,000	(20,000)	To 83-5095
	Sgt. Jasper Park				
77-2000	Salary and Wages	79,000	76,000	3,000	From 62-2012
	Building Maintenance				

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		2nd Reading	1st Reading	Difference	
83-2430	Equipment	65,000	60,000	5,000	From 67-2445
83-5095	Building Repairs	105,000	85,000	20,000	From 72-5095
	SUBTOTAL ADJUSTMENTS			(61,485)	
All Depts.	Cost of Living Increase 5% to 3%	856,800	1,383,400	(526,600)	Reduce from 5% to 3%
	TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS 2ND READING			**(588,085)**	
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES 2ND READING			**(588,085)**	

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Proposed Changes to 2nd Reading
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	COUNCIL ADDITIONS TO BUDGET	Proposed Changes	Current Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	
62-3772	Forensic Audit	350,000	0.00	350,000	
51-2005	Deputy County Administrator (3Q hire)	61,625	0.00	61,625	
				411,625	
	COUNCIL TRANSFERS & DEPT. CORRECTIONS				
	Levy Fire Department				
45-2430	Equipment	94,000	144,000	(50,000)	Move to Discretionary
45-4708	Vehicle/Equip. Lease Payments	37,000	48,000	(11,000)	Move to Discretionary
45-5055	Firefighter Physicals	5,000	15,000	(10,000)	Reduced by Chief Wells
45-2831	Discretionary Funds	61,000	0.00	61,000	Transfer per Council
	Fire and Rescue				
46-2430	Equipment	150,000	300,000	(150,000)	Move to Discretionary
46-2460	Computer Equipment	15,000	25,000	(10,000)	Move to Discretionary
46-2610	Travel & Training	160,000	265,000	(105,000)	Move to Discretionary
46-5055	Firefighter Physicals	35,000	45,000	(10,000)	Reduced by Chief Wells
46-2831	Discretionary Funds	265,000	0.00	265,000	Transfer per Council
	Community Risk Management				
47-2430	Equipment	25,000	35,000	(10,000)	Move to Discretionary
47-5045	Emergency Equipment	40,000	50,000	(10,000)	Move to Discretionary
47-2831	Discretionary Funds	20,000	0.00	20,000	Transfer per Council
	Emergency Telecommunications				
48-2001	Part-Time Salaries	63,000	123,000	(60,000)	Move to Discretionary
48-2020	Overtime	175,000	275,000	(100,000)	Move to Discretionary
48-2410	Radio Maintenance	175,000	229,500	(54,500)	Move to Discretionary
48-2412	Palmetto 800-Radio Contract	160,000	202,000	(42,000)	Move to Discretionary
48-2430	Equipment	65,000	130,000	(65,000)	Move to Discretionary
48-5095	Building Repairs	0.00	50,000	(50,000)	Lapsing funds to FY26
48-2831	Discretionary Funds	321,500	0.00	321,500	Transfer per Council
	Cherry Point Fire District				
54-2610	Travel & Training	25,000	45,000	(20,000)	Move to Discretionary
54-2831	Discretionary Funds	20,000	0.00	20,000	Transfer per Council
	Emergency Services				
56-2460	Computer Equipment	10,000	20,000	(10,000)	Move to Discretionary
56-5095	Building Repairs	50,000	25,000	(25,000)	Lapsing Funds to FY26
56-2831	Discretionary Funds	10,000	0.00	10,000	Transfer per Council
	Sheriff Office				
57-2005	New Personnel	260,000	0.00	260,000	Sheriff Office Request for Security at Gov. Complex
	Detention Center				
58-2430	Equipment	269,000	304,000	(35,000)	Move to Discretionary

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	COUNCIL ADDITIONS TO BUDGET	Proposed Changes	Current Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	
58-2831	Discretionary Funds	35,000	0.00	35,000	Transfer per Council
	Planning Department				
60-5000	Planning Expenses	0.00	100,000	(100,000)	Lapsing funds to FY26
	TOTAL TRANSFERS & CORRECTIONS			65,000	
	TOTAL ADDITIONS, TRANSFERS & CORRECTIONS			476,625	

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Funding Options for Proposed Changes
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	FUNDING OPTIONS	Balance - 2nd Reading	Balance - Opt. #1	Difference	Explanation
	Option #1 - Increase Cash Carry-Forward				
170-1590	Cash Carry-Forward	2,089,540	2,566,165	476,625	Increase Cash Carry-Forward (Fund Balance Used)
	Total Changes to Budget Expenditures			476,625	Net Increase in Budget Expenditures
				0	
	Option #1 - Increase Cash Carry-Forward				
	Revenue as of 6.16.25			66,324,415	Total Budgeted Revenue (2nd Reading)
170-1590	Cash Carry-Forward	2,089,540	2,566,165	476,625	Increase in Cash Carry-Forward
				66,801,040	Total Budgeted Revenue
	Expenditures as of 6.16.25			66,324,415	Total Budgeted Expenditures (2nd Reading)
	Total Additions, Transfers, & Corrections			476,625	Increase in Expenditures
				66,801,040	Total Budgeted Expenditures
				-	
	Or			Or	
	Option #2 - Use Local A/H-Tax Surplus				
170-1594	Local Accom./Hosp. Tax	0	476,625	476,625	Use Portion of Local A/H-Tax Surplus
170-1590	Cash Carry-Forward Balance	2,089,540	2,089,540	-	No Change to Cash Carry-Forward
	Total Changes to Budget Expenditures			476,625	Net Increase in Budget Expenditures
				0	
	Option #2 - Use Local A/H-Tax Surplus				
	Revenue as of 6.16.25			66,324,415	Total Budgeted Revenue (2nd Reading)
	Local Accom./Hosp. Tax			476,625	New Revenue Source (Local A/H-Tax Surplus)
170-1590	Cash Carry-Forward Balance	2,089,540	2,089,540	-	No Change to Cash Carry-Forward
				66,801,040	Total Budgeted Revenue
	Expenditures as of 6.16.25			66,324,415	Total Budgeted Expenditures (2nd Reading)
	Total Additions, Transfers, & Corrections			476,625	Increase in Expenditures
				66,801,040	Total Budgeted Revenue
				-	
	Or			Or	
	Option #3 - Reduce Expenditures (W/O Contingencies)				
	Budget Reductions rather than Contingencies	476,625	(255,875)	(732,500)	Net Decrease in Budget Expenditures
170-1590	Cash Carry-Forward	2,089,540	1,357,040	(732,500)	Decrease in Cash Carry-Forward (Fund Balance Used)
				0	

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	Option #3 - Reduce Expenditures (W/O Contingencies)				
	Revenue as of 6.16.25			66,324,415	Total Budgeted Revenue (2nd Reading)
170-1590	Cash Carry-Forward	2,089,540	1,357,040	(732,500)	Cash Carry-Forward Reduction
				65,591,915	Total Budgeted Revenue
	Expenditures as of 6.16.25			66,324,415	Total Budgeted Expenditures (2nd Reading)
	Total Additions, Transfers, & Corrections	476,625	(255,875)	(732,500)	Decrease to Expenditures
				65,591,915	Total Budgeted Expenditures