

AGENDA
DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL
MAY 3, 2010
6 P.M.

Courthouse Annex/EMS Building
1625 Harry Byrd Highway (Hwy. 151)
Darlington, SC 29532
843-398-4100
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PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance No. 10-2, An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 58 (Taxation), Article V. (Assessment Of Aircraft), Section 58-101 (Assessment Of Aircraft) To Reduce The Assessment Ratio On Aircraft Subject To Property Tax In Darlington County, South Carolina, And To Establish The Effective Date Of This Ordinance

Ordinance No. 10-3, An Ordinance To Provide For The Levy Of Taxes For Corporate Purposes Of Darlington County For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2010, And Ending June 30, 2011; To Make Appropriations From The General Fund Of Said County For Such Purposes For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2010, And Ending June 30, 2011; To Provide For Budget Control Of Said Appropriations By The County Council; And To Make Provisions For The Fiscal Affairs Of Said County For Said Fiscal Year

Ordinance No. 10-4, An Ordinance To Provide For The Levy Of Fees For The Countywide Enhance 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System For Darlington County For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2010, And Ending June 30, 2011; To Make Appropriations From The County Emergency Telephone System Fund Of Said County For Such Purposes For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2010, And Ending June 30, 2011; And To Provide For Budget Control Of Said Appropriations By The County Council

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Ordinance No. 10-10, An Ordinance To Designate That Agency In The County For Alcohol And Drug Abuse Planning For Programs And To Make Appropriations Pursuant To Sections 6-27-40(B) And 12-33-245(B) And (C) Of The 1976 Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, As Amended, For Darlington County For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2010, And Ending June 30, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CITIZENS' COMMENTS (Maximum of 2 minutes per citizen; 30 minutes total)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of April 5, 2010

B. Budget Worksession of April 12, 2010

C. Regular Meeting of April 19, 2010

V. ORDINANCES

A. THIRD READING

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B. SECOND READING - None

C. FIRST READING - None

VI. RESOLUTIONS - None

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

VIII. OTHER ITEMS

A. Budget Transfer Requests, EMS

B. Timber Sale Contract For Palmetto Pulpwood & Timber Company To Cut And Buy Timber At The I-20 Industrial Park

C. Other (*Items taken from the Consent Agenda for discussion*)

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

ITEMS

ACTION

A. Jetport Commission Minutes, March 11, 2010

Receive As
Information

B. Historical Commission Minutes, February 4, 2010
And Revised Meeting Schedule

Receive As
Information

C. Keep Darlington County Beautiful Minutes, March 16, 2010

Receive As
Information

D. Letter From Time Warner Cable RE: Price Increase And New
Cable Service Tier

Receive As
Information

E. Letter Of Explanation On The Workforce Development System Receive As
Information

X. **PERSONAL APPEARANCES** *(Maximum of 10 minutes per appearance)*

XI. **ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

A. Mrs. Phyllis Griffitts, County Administrator - Update

XII. **REQUESTS / COMMENTS – MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

XIII. **VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

XIV. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

XV. **ADJOURNMENT**

Assistance will be provided to accommodate the special needs of handicapped persons attending the meeting upon request. Special assistance requests should be made to JaNet Bishop, Clerk to Council, at 843-398-4100 seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

ACTION ITEMS

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Requested Action. Council's consideration of third reading.

2. Budget Ordinances (No. 10-3 Thru No. 10-10). These are the FY2010/2011 budget ordinances. As stated in the County Administrator's budget message that was presented at Council's meeting on April 5, 2010, the total budget for the General Fund, Emergency Telephone System, the Library, Environmental Services, the Fire District, and the Development Partnership is \$32,442,630.

The county General Fund had a major revenue loss from the Local Government Fund in the amount of \$385,610. The county General Fund operations increased by \$243,780, the capital increased by \$242,895, and the grants decreased by (\$614,685), for a total decrease of (\$128,010). There was a shortfall of revenue differences in the amount of (\$287,980). The Capital Fund balance increased by \$457,740, the sheriff's drug funds increased by \$330,000, and the county grants decreased by (\$627,770), for a total increase of \$159,970. The General Fund Budget request for FY2010/2011 decreased by (\$128,010).

The Library Fund had a major revenue loss to State Aid in the amount of \$12,200. The Library Fund operations decreased by (\$7,870) and the capital increased by \$30,000 for a total increase of \$22,130. The library fund increased by \$22,130 due to an increase in lottery funds.

The Environmental Services Fund operations decreased by (\$54,630), capital increased by \$139,380, and grants decreased by (\$66,800) for a total increase of

\$17,950. The amount of \$86,090 was budgeted under the Capital Fund Balance for capital purchases.

The Fire District Fund operations decreased by (\$63,620), capital increased by \$108,690, and grants decreased by (\$50,000) for a total decrease of (\$4,930). The amount of \$35,070 was budgeted under the Capital Fund Balance for capital purchases.

Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes in the amount of \$281,800 was transferred to Development Partnership from the General Fund. Also, \$143,040 was transferred to the Development Board, \$4,010 for Industrial Development Projects, and \$134,750 for the Jetport for a decrease of \$95,160 compared to last year. The Development Partnership fund budget decreased by \$380,540 due to cuts in the Industrial Incentive Projects and grants.

The budgets were cut and balanced with no millage increase in taxes.

Requested Action. Council's consideration of third reading.

3. Budget Transfer Requests, EMS. Emergency Services Director Allen Haynes is requesting the following budget transfers:
 - \$20,000 to Capital (1-44-42914-74700) from Regular Full-Time Salaries/Wages (1-44-42914-11100) to purchase six Panasonic Toughbook computers to be used on the ambulances for patient care reporting. These computers will improve EMS's reporting and billing process, reduce liabilities of HIPAA and FACTA, and will improve collections by requiring certain information to be input by EMS crews. This purchase will also assist in the mandated daily data submission required by State DHEC Division of EMS.
 - \$1,500 to capital (1-44-42914-74700) from Regular Full-Time salaries/Wages (1-44-42914-11100). Underbudgeted amount for power stretcher used for patient transport.
 - \$55,000 to Part-Time Salaries/Wages (1-44-42914-11200) from Regular Full-Time Salaries/Wages (1-44-42914-11100). Due to many full-time vacancies, part-time employees are used much more than usual, resulting in depletion of the budgeted amount for part-time employees. This transfer is needed to allow EMS to continue to use part-time employees to fill the vacancies. Efforts are being made to fill the remainder of the full-time positions.

Requested Action. Council's consideration of the budget transfer requests.

4. Timber Sale Contract For Palmetto Pulpwood & Timber Company To Cut And Buy Timber At The I-20 Industrial Park. At its meeting of February 15, 2010, Council granted permission to Economic Development Director Robert Long to get the I-20 Industrial Park site timbered and to set the funds aside for development of this park. **EXHIBIT A** is a copy of the Timber Sales Contract for Palmetto Pulpwood And Timber Company to cut and buy designated timber at the county's I-20 Industrial Park site. The contract states that the buyer will pay the county \$8 per ton for Pine Pulpwood, \$8 per ton for Hardwood Pulpwood, and \$0.50 for fuel chips. Dargan, King & Knight, LLC will serve as forester and the independent contractor for the county during this harvesting operation.

Requested Action. Council's consideration of the Timber Sale Contract.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. SCAC's 43rd Annual Conference & Institute Of Government Courses. The SCAC's Institute of Government Courses are scheduled for Saturday, July 31, 2010 and the Annual Conference scheduled for Sunday, August 1, 2010 through Tuesday, August 3, 2010 at Hilton Head Marriott, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. County Council members planning to attend this conference and courses should contact the Clerk to Council so that the necessary registration can be made.
2. Appointments To Boards And Commissions. For your review, **EXHIBIT B** contains the roster of Board/Commission Members and the appointments needed due to the expiration of terms and to increase the membership on each Board/Commission to eight.

At its meeting of February 15, 2010, County Council approved Ordinance No. 10-1 to increase the membership on all Boards, Commissions, and Committees appointed by Darlington County Council to eight, except for the Board of Fire Control, to allow each County Council member the opportunity to appoint a representative from his/her Council district effective June 1, 2010.

The appointments to Boards & Commissions will be placed on Council's June 7th agenda for consideration.