

LEE COUNTY COUNCIL
CALLED MEETING
JUNE 23, 2020
LEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

“Due to the Corona-COVID19 crisis, the public was not allowed to attend this meeting. The meeting was conducted by phone and was also broadcast live on Face Book: Lee County Government.”

ROLLCALL OF MEMBERS

Travis Windham, Chairman; Charles A. Beasley, member; Johnette Caughman, member; Jackie Josey, member; Ron Fountain, member. Councilman Addison and Vice-Chairman Eckley were not present by phone.

Others present were Alan Watkins, Administrator; Julie Stokes, Clerk to Council/Assistant Administrator; Dwayne Huggins.

FOIA

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, all individuals requesting notifications were so notified.

OPEN MEETING AND INVOCATION

Chairman Windham opened the meeting and thanked the Council for their participation and thanked the public for watching on Facebook. Councilman Beasley gave the invocation.

REQUEST FOR MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED AGENDA

Councilperson Josey made the motion to approve the agenda as written. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion. Chairman Windham called for the vote, and motion carried. All voted in favor.

REQUEST FOR MOTION ON THIRD READING APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE

A. LEE COUNTY BUDGET FY 20/21

Mr. Watkins said that new budget year starts on July 1 and the budget will be revisited this fall. He said that the County is taking forward our current numbers, even though there would be an increase in health insurance and property insurance and decrease in workers comp. He said there is no tax increase with this budget. He said that the County will continue to monitor and if we need to make amendments we can. He said there is still a freeze on hiring and travel.

Mr. Watkins said the county was insured in the SC State Government pool, which is a self insured pool. He said the County is in a pool with other counties for workers comp and the risk factor came down.

Councilman Beasley made the motion to approve the Lee County Budget FY 20/21 for \$13,721,009 for third and final reading. Councilperson Caughman seconded the motion. Chairman Windham called for the vote, and motion carried. All voted in favor.

B. LEE COUNTY SCHOOL BUDGET FY 20/21

Mr. Watkins said he reached out to Dr. Andrews and she informed him that the school district is rolling over its budget into the new budget year. Mr. Watkins said the County is carrying over the current millage for the school and will reconsider this fall.

Councilperson Josey made the motion to approve the Lee County School Budget FY 20/21 for 145.3 mills. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion. Chairman Windham called for the vote, and motion carried. All voted in favor.

No questions from Council.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m. on a motion made by Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilperson Josey.

CHAIRMAN

VICE-CHAIRMAN

CLERK TO COUNCIL

MINUTES APPROVED

