

The Florence County Personnel Committee and Audit and Budget Committee met for a special meeting on October 1, 2013 at the Courthouse. The meeting was called to order by the Chair. Members present were Supervisors Bomberg, Gardner, Kelley, Steber, and Theer. Excused: Supervisor Johnson Absent: Supervisor Erickson.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Theer to approve the Agenda. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Audit and Budget Committee, Personnel Committee, County Auditor, and all 3 Rescue Squads meet for a joint meeting. The Committees discussed the current relationship the County has with the Rescue Squads, including the subsidies the County provides, as well as, including them under the County insurance policies for liability coverage and workers compensation. In addition, one of the squads still uses the Federal Identification (ID) number and how this affects the County audit.

Mr. Michael Konecny, CPA with Schenck Auditing Firm, presented the Committees with an outlined opinion letter with the relationship between Florence County and the 3 town rescue squads. He explained that accepted accounting principles for governments require separate and outside entities to be included in the "reporting entity" if the entities are providing typical government services, are significantly funded by the government or controlled by the government or its governing body.

A long discussion took place with audience participation. Questions and concerns from all 3 squads about the high cost of providing their own insurances, ambulances, and buildings. The main concern from the squads was without the Counties continued support of funds they would not be able to continue the services.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Steber to get a legal opinion in writing on the concerns from the rescue squads for the next meeting. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

There being no further business and on a motion made, seconded, and carried the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Trudell  
County Clerk