

The Florence County Audit, Budget, and Administrative Committee met at the Courthouse on October 8, 2013. The meeting was called to order by the Chair. Members present were Supervisors: Bomberg, Erickson, Gardner, Johnson, and Kelley. Absent: None.

Moved by Supervisor Bomberg, seconded by Supervisor Johnson to approve the Agenda, as amended. The amendment being to move Agenda item #9 Committee concerns for future Agenda items to immediately follow Agenda item #4. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Bomberg, seconded by Supervisor Erickson to approve the minutes from the September 10th, September 23rd, and September 24th, 2013 meetings, as read. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Next on the Agenda, Committee concerns for future agenda items

Mike Theis, Vice President of the Florence Rescue Squad along with Rick Knepper, President of the Florence Rescue Squad, presented the Committee with a detailed spreadsheet proposing a budget increase of \$15,000 + 3.5% increase added every year. He explained these extra funds will be added to the \$30,000 the County currently puts in an account, which is shared between the three Rescue Squads, to purchase a new unit every 3 years. Mr. Theis went on to explain that a new Rescue Unit currently costs \$150,000 leaving the three Rescue Squads with a \$60,000 difference. He added that the Florence Unit may be able to fundraise but the two smaller units, Aurora/Homestead Rescue and Long Lake/Tipler Rescue, will have a difficult time coming up with the extra funds.

Supervisor Bomberg said that the County still has a few questions they will need to have answered from all three Squads before they have another meeting and take action on anything. Supervisor Bomberg stated that Florence, Aurora/Homestead, and Long Lake/Tipler will need to provide the Committee with financial statements, run charges, and expenses.

JoAnne Friberg, County Treasurer, gave an update on her monthly report. She stated nothing unusual for the month and has no CD's maturing to reinvest until December.

Next, Ms Friberg informed the Committee that she invited Mr. Larry Carr, Tri-County Lock and Alarm, to attend the meeting. She explained that Mr. Carr was hired by the Building and Grounds Committee to install a new key card lock system for the Courthouse. She asked the Committees permission and Mr. Carr's permission, to take the second check he will receive and apply it to his oldest back taxes.

Mr. Carr agreed and stated that as long as he had enough money to buy the materials for the job he would apply the second check to his taxes.

Moved by Supervisor Bomberg, seconded by Supervisor Johnson to approve the Treasurer's monthly report and Mr. Carr's payment to his taxes, as presented. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Karlyn Osterberg, County Financial Manager, reported nothing unusual for the month. She stated no overdrawn accounts to date and the revenues are coming in as normal.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Gardner to approve the Financial Manager's monthly report, as presented. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Supervisor Johnson questioned one of the Forestry and Parks invoices and asked the County Clerk to speak with the Forestry and Parks Administrator to resolve this concern.

Moved by Supervisor Erickson, seconded by Supervisor Gardner to approve all bills submitted by the Clerk including the additional bills, with the clarification from Patrick Smith, Forestry and Parks Administrator, on a questionable invoice and authorize the Clerk to issue orders for the payment of the same. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Next on the Agenda, the Committee continued work on the 2014 Proposed Budget.

Paula Coraggio, Clerk of Court, submitted a letter of resignation from David Herrick, the current Florence County Family Court Commissioner. Ms Coraggio explained that the Judge will appoint a new Commissioner soon but the Committee will need to decide how they would like move forward with a rate of pay. Ms. Coraggio reminded the Committee that in the past the County paid a flat monthly pay rate and now several Counties in the Ninth Judicial District are implementing an hourly rate of \$80 plus mileage. She went on to say that this also allows the County some flexibility to use more than one Commissioner on short notice.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Gardner to pay the Family Court Commissioners \$80 an hour plus mileage. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Ms. Osterberg then handed out a revised budget with the preliminary figures from the last three budget meetings and the Committee continued the process of the line-by-line discussions for each department.

The Committee set Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at 5:30pm to continue to work on the proposed budget.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Trudell
County Clerk