



CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

ZOOM Meeting

Wednesday September 16th, 2020 at 3:30 PM

The meeting can be viewed at <https://facebook.com/ChesterCountySC/>

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Resolution

a. **2020-21 Resolution** To Authorize The County Of Chester, By Chester County Council To Sell Certain Vehicles Of The County And The Sheriff's Office Identified Herein Upon Such Terms And Conditions As Described. [Pg. 2](#)

3. Old Business

a. Update and Consideration for a Rural Fire Vehicles-Chairman Stuart. [Pg. 4-7](#)

4. Executive Session

a. Receive Legal Advice Regarding the Operations of the Fort Lawn Fire Department. Chief David Dutton

5. Council Actions Following Executive Session

a. Action Taken Regarding Legal Advice of the Operations of the Fort Lawn Fire Department.

6. Adjourn

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the [Chester News & Reporter](#), [The Herald in Rock Hill, SC](#), [WSOC-TV, Channel 9 Eyewitness News](#), [the Mfg. Housing Institute of SC](#), [WRHI Radio Station](#), [C&N2 News](#), [WCNC News and Capitol Consultants](#) were notified and a notice was posted on the bulletin board at the Chester County Government Building 24 hours prior to the meeting



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF CHESTER)

RESOLUTION NO: 2020-21

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY OF CHESTER, BY CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL, TO SELL CERTAIN VEHICLES OF THE COUNTY AND THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IDENTIFIED HEREIN UPON SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS DESCRIBED

WHEREAS, S.C. Code §4-9-30(2) authorizes the Chester County Council to *sell or otherwise dispose of real and personal property*, and

WHEREAS, S.C. Code §4-9-130(6) requires an ordinance and a public hearing only for the sale of real property, and

WHEREAS, Chester County and the Chester County Sheriff's Office have vehicles owned by the County that, while are still viable vehicles, need to be replaced by newer, more efficient vehicles and equipment, and

WHEREAS, Chester County Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the County and the citizens of Chester County to sell or trade these vehicles and equipment in exchange for newer models.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR CHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, DULY ASSEMBLED THAT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION IS HEREBY ADOPTED:

Chester County Council does hereby authorize the sale or trade of the following vehicles:

CHESTER COUNTY VEHICLES

2002 Ford F-250 VIN 1FTNX20L82ED 26870

1995 Chevy S-10 VIN 1GTCS1946S8550640

CHESTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE VEHICLES

2005 Crown Victoria VIN 2FAFP71W55X146720

2003 Crown Victoria VIN 2FAFP71W03X142278

REMOVE: Vehicle not being sold but previously approved by Resolution 2019-35 –
2004 Crown Victoria VIN 2FAFP71W54X109780.

Enacted and approved this ____ day of _____, 2020.

CHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: _____

K. Shane Stuart
Supervisor, Chester County

Attest:

By: _____

Clerk to County Council
Chester County, South Carolina

Fire Coordinators Office- Motor Vehicle Assets as of 9/14/2020

2002 Ford F-250 211,169 mileage

High mileage, needs new head, timing belt, blew spark plugs

2005 Chevy Silverado 214,181 mileage

High mileage, needs new shocks and front wheel bearings

1995 Chevy S-10 184,853 mileage

High mileage, needs new tires and shocks, interior is severely deteriorated, no

a/c

Highlighted items can be sent to auction



Chester County, South Carolina

Rural Fire Commission
598 Saluda Road
Chester, South Carolina 29706

Chairman Stuart and Council Members,

The Chester County Rural Fire Commission is aware that the current vehicles operated by the Fire Coordinators office are in dire need of replacement. They have approached the Fire Commission for the past 3 budget cycles to request these replacements. All requests were approved to add them to the budget; however, they were not approved by council. We fully support the fire coordinators office as they come before you to request replacement vehicles.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Andy Weir'.

Andy Weir

Chairman

Chester County Rural Fire Commission



Chester County, South Carolina

OFFICE OF FIRE COORDINATOR
598 SALUDA STREET
CHESTER, SOUTH CAROLINA 29706

Re: Rural Fire Vehicle Consideration

2002 Ford F-250

Chairman Stuart and Council Members,

Over the past several months, the above referenced Fire Coordinators Office Response vehicle has broken down multiple times. During the Carolina Poly fire, which was a multi-day incident, the vehicle was unable to be used to haul the necessary foam and equipment due to misfiring and stalling. We had to tie up an EMA vehicle to accomplish the tasks which should have been performed by this office. The truck was taken to the shop with bad spark plugs and coils. Two days later, the vehicle again broke down at the scene of a serious motor vehicle accident and was subsequently taken to the county maintenance shop. The maintenance shop diagnosed the problems as a bad head, timing chains, and piston issues. The estimated cost for the above repairs would be \$3500-5000. Due to the truck being over 18 years old and having over 215,000 miles, it would be cost-prohibitive to spend money repairing it. We also have a 1995 Chevy S-10 pickup truck with is not suitable for daily use to do condition.

Our office responds to all major fires, car accidents, Hazmat, and fire investigations within the county during the day as well as hauling supplies, performing maintenance on other county equipment, and conducting fire inspections in county businesses. Our response is not limited to Monday through Friday 9-5 as we are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. We also attend multiple classes and training outside the county to keep out staff up to date on training and fire service issues throughout the state. This office has requested replacement vehicles in the past four budget year requests, which were ultimately denied. The county motor pool is a temporary solution, but there are no vehicles there that meet the basic needs of jobs we need to perform. Not having the appropriate vehicles to perform our jobs adequately is seriously hindering the mission of the Chester County Fire Coordinators Office and the Rural Fire Commission.

We are requesting replacement vehicles that can haul supplies, storing investigative and inspections tools, spare equipment for the county fire departments, and the swift water rescue gear we will need. We also need vehicles that are 4-wheel drive, due to the changing terrain within the county and can safely tow the fire safety trailer and any other county assets. Your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to working together to be able to properly serve the fire departments and citizens of Chester County in a safe and efficient manner.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barkley Ramsey", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Barkley Ramsey

Fire Coordinator

Chester County



Richburg Fire Rescue

225 North Main Street

Richburg, SC 29729

(803)789-3636

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Supervisor Stuart and Honorable Council Members,

The Chester County Chief's Association would like to express our support for funding the vehicle replacements for the Fire Coordinator (FC1) and the Deputy Fire Coordinator (FC2) positions. Currently, FC1 has a 2005 Chevy truck with 217,000 miles and FC2 has a 2002 Ford truck with over 200,000 miles and now has a blown motor. Both positions are vital to the day to day operations for the fire service in Chester County and they need to be placed in dependable vehicles. As you are probably aware, the Deputy Coordinators vehicle suffered major mechanical issues last week and due to the age and condition, it does not make sense to pursue any repairs. The Fire Coordinators vehicle does still run but is in dire need of replacement as well.

We would like to ask for your support in replacing both vehicles so they can continue to provide the necessary support to the rural fire departments of Chester County. Thank you for your consideration and we appreciate all you do to support the emergency services in our county!

Sincerely,

John Agee, Chief
Richburg Fire Rescue
803-789-3636