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## **BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, May 15, 2008**

**R. Carlisle Roddey Complex  
Conference Room**

**Chairman, Carlisle Roddey, Presiding**

### **Minutes**

#### **In Attendance**

**R. Carlisle Roddey, Chairman  
Archie Lucas, Vice Chairman  
Alex Oliphant, Councilman  
Tommy Martin, Councilman  
Mary Guy, Councilwoman  
Brad Jordan, Councilman  
Joe Branham, Councilman  
Jerry Baker, Finance Director  
Richard Zhao, Asst. Finance Director**

#### **I. Call to order**

#### **II. Discussion on GASB 45**

This was postponed until a later time.

**Councilman Oliphant** said he had requested some information at the last meeting and wanted to know if Mr. Baker had any information.

Since the Clerk of Court transferred \$3,800 in December from the Family

1 Court budget for a bonus for the employees in the Clerk of Court's office as well  
2 as the employees in Family Court. Mr. Baker stated there were monies that  
3 came from a fund titled 4D and that there was \$151,000 in that fund that the  
4 Clerk of Court could do anything she chooses as long as it was for Family Court.  
5 **Councilman Jordan** asked what were 4D monies and Mr. Zhao said Federal  
6 Grants. **Councilman Oliphant** asked if the money could be used to offset  
7 something in her office and Mr. Baker said he was trying to get some guidelines.  
8 **Councilman Oliphant** then asked Mr. Baker if he was saying there were only  
9 two funds that came in and Mr. Baker said those were the only ones that came  
10 through the County books. **Councilman Oliphant** then said he would like to see  
11 where the money is being spend because Council was held accountable to the  
12 tax payers and he would also like to know if any other elected official get monies  
13 and **Chairman Roddey** said they had not gotten to the Sheriff's Department yet.  
14 **Chairman Roddey** then told Council that the former Finance Director had left the  
15 YMCA funding out of the budget but we did have some good revenues.  
16 **Councilman Oliphant** said he would like to see this process completed without  
17 a tax increase and **Chairman Roddey** replied there would **not** be a tax increase  
18 maybe even a reduction. **Councilman Oliphant** then asked about the Fund  
19 Balance and Mr. Baker said it was between \$7.0M and \$8.0M. **Chairman**  
20 **Roddey** then said "we're not broke and actually doing well", will find out more on  
21 monies coming in tonight is millage.

### 22 **III. Budget discussion - Funds**

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24 Chester Fire District - **Councilman Oliphant** stated that Council had never  
25 gotten an audit from them and **Chairman Roddey** agreed and said they would  
26 ask for one. **Councilman Oliphant** also said that Council needed information on  
27 their finances from the fire board. **Vice Chairman Lucas** stated the alternative is  
28 to not approve their budget until they give Council a financial update.  
29 **Councilman Jordan** asked if the excess collected from the different fire districts  
30 was used for capital improvements and **Chairman Roddey** said it was their  
31 money but we could adjust millage. **Vice Chairman Lucas** said the  
32 homeowners benefit but it was a "5 horn monster" and he totally agreed with  
33 **Councilman Oliphant** that Council should have a breakdown.  
34 Lando Fire District – **Chairman Roddey** said they got what they ask for and  
35 **Councilwoman Guy** asked about the \$380 and Mr. Baker said that was monies  
36 that came in was monies spent on buildings and improvements and that \$52,276  
37 had been collected from Bond Indebtness on the building. **Vice Chairman**  
38 **Lucas** then asked it if was ever settled as to who owns the building in Richburg

1 and **Chairman Roddey** replied he did not know. **Councilman Martin** said it  
2 should belong to the Richburg Fire Association. Mr. Baker stated that they got  
3 \$111,075 from millage.

4 Library – **Chairman Roddey** said that \$671,031 was recommended and  
5 **Councilman Oliphant** asked that since \$720,908 was collected could some of  
6 those monies go back into the County and **Chairman Roddey** said that we were  
7 looking into it. Mr. Baker said that the Library income was \$783,105 and  
8 expended \$706,452. Mr. Baker and Mr. Zhao could not locate some information  
9 Council requested and **Councilman Branham** suggested that at the next  
10 meeting they would have a file or folder with just the answers to the questions  
11 Council had requested.

12 Solid Waste Collection - \$571,678 recommended

13 York Tech. – asked for \$237,000 and given \$237,000.

14 E-911 Funds – asked for \$234,311 will probably get \$220,800 and **Chairman**  
15 **Roddey** said they were \$11,129 in the red. **Vice Chairman Lucas** asked how  
16 many employees were there and **Chairman Roddey** said he really didn't know  
17 but at least 12.

18 Waste Disposal – 4190,000 in expenses and Mr. Baker said there was only  
19 \$189,000 left in the Enterprise Fund. **On Friday, Mr. Baker re-checked his**  
20 **figures and found there was \$682,000 in the Enterprise Fund not \$189,000**  
21 **as he told Council last night.** **Councilman Oliphant** wanted to make sure the  
22 account had enough money in there for post-closure of the landfill and weren't  
23 we suppose to monitor the landfill. **Chairman Roddey** replied we did.  
24 **Councilman Jordan** asked when would 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading and Public Hearing be done  
25 on the Ordinance to raise the fees at the landfill and **Chairman Roddey** replied  
26 at the June 2, 2008 County Council Meeting. **Councilman Oliphant** then said  
27 he would like a response as to why the major difference in the Enterprise Fund  
28 (which Mr. Baker found out on Friday the original figures given on Thursday night  
29 were wrong).

30 No further business was conducted at this meeting.

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**IV. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:15pm

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 R. Carlisle Roddey  
Government Complex 24 hours prior to the meeting

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R. Carlisle Roddey  
Chester County Supervisor

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Carolyn S. Clayton-Snipes, CCC  
Clerk to Chester County Council

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