

GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
APRIL 7, 2025
5:00 P.M.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Council Office and made available to the newspapers, radio stations and television stations and concerned citizens.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN, BENTON BLOUNT
VICE-CHAIRMAN, GAREY COLLINS
FRANK FARMER
KELLY LONG
JOEY RUSSO

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

CHRIS ANTLEY, COUNTY ATTORNEY
JACKIE KELLETT, FORENSICS
TED LAMBRECHT, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
BOB MIHALIC, GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS OFFICER
MARCIA PAPIN, DIRECTOR, SOLID WASTE
RUTH PARRIS, BUDGET DIRECTOR
VANESSA PAYNE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Blount called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Vice-Chairman Collins provided the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Farmer moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 10, 2025. The motion carried unanimously.

GREENVILLE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM BUDGET MILLAGE REQUEST:

This is an ordinance to approve the appropriation of funds for the Greenville Library System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026; and to authorize the annual ad valorem property tax millage levy for Library purposes. This request reflects a .5 millage reduction for FY2026.

Allan Hill, Board Chair, Ken Baxter, Finance Committee Chair, Beverly James, Executive Director and Don Allen, Finance Manager were present to answer questions of the committee.

After some discussion, Councilor Farmer moved to approve the ordinance approving the appropriation of funds for the Greenville Library System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026; and to authorize the annual ad valorem property tax millage levy for Library purposes which reflects a .5 millage reduction for FY2026. The motion carried a vote of 4-1. Councilor Collins was opposed.

ABANDONED TEXTILE MILL SITE CERTIFICATION:

This is a resolution to provide certification as provided by section 12-65-60 of the South Carolina Textiles Communities Revitalization Act for that certain property known as the Old Cotton Warehouse located at 1533 Buncombe Road.

Rick Reames, Maynard Nexsen was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Long moved to approve the resolution to provide certification as provided by section 12-65-60 of the South Carolina Textiles Communities Revitalization Act for that certain property known as the Old Cotton Warehouse located at 1533 Buncombe Road. The motion carried unanimously.

GRANT APPLICATIONS:

BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD FOUNDATION OF SC GRANT:

This is the BlueCross BlueShield Foundation of SC Grant in the amount of \$1,804,812. This grant would allow the EMS Division to launch a community paramedic and nurse practitioner program called Prehospital Assisted Treatment and Healthcare Services (PATHS). This initiative aims to reduce non-emergent, low acuity 911 calls by connecting patients to the most appropriate healthcare resource. Funding will support six new positions (four community paramedics and two nurse practitioners), two vehicles and medical supplies. This grant does not require a County match.

Ruth Parris, Budget Director and Phil Head, Director of Clinical Services were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Russo moved to approve the BlueCross BlueShield Foundation of SC Grant in the amount of \$1,804,812. The motion carried a vote of 3-2. Councilors Collins and Long were opposed.

VOCA (VICTIMS OF CRIME ASSISTANCE) GRANT:

This the VOCA (Victims of Crime Assistance) Grant in the amount of \$45,308. Grant funding will be used by the Solicitor's Office to fund the salary portion of one Victim Advocate position. This position will assist victims of domestic violence and other crimes being prosecuted. This grant requires a County match of \$9,062 which is budgeted in the Grants Matching Account for FY2025.

Ruth Parris, Budget Director and Kyle Thompson, Solicitor's Office were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Collins moved to approve the VOCA (Victims of Crime Assistance) Grant in the amount of \$45,308. The motion carried a vote of 4-1. Councilor Long was opposed.

2025 TAP GRANT – WEST GREENVILLE SHARED USE PATH:

This is the 2025 TAP Grant – West Greenville Shared Use Path in the amount of \$1,170,000. These grant funds will be used to construct a 0.6 mile shared use patch between Brandon Mill and Judson Mill in West Greenville along an abandoned rail line. This grant requires a County match of \$244,650 and a City match of \$5,000. The County match would come from budgeted funds in the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department.

Ruth Parris, Budget Director and Don Shuman, Director, Parks & Recreation were present to answer questions of the committee.

After some discussion, Councilor Collins moved to deny the 2025 Tap Grant – West Greenville Shared Use Path in the amount of \$1,170,000. The motion to deny carried a vote of 4-1. Chairman Blount was opposed to the denial of the grant.

FY2026 BYRNE STATE CRISIS INTERVENTION PROGRAM GRANT:

This is the FY2026 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program in the amount of \$107,778. This grant funding would be used by the Sheriff's Office for personnel and travel costs for a Crisis Intervention Specialist for the Homeless Response Unit. This grant does not require a County match.

Ruth Parris, Budget Director and David Ruth, Sheriff's Office were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Russo moved to approve the FY2026 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Grant in the amount of \$107,778. The motion carried unanimously.

OUTDOOR RECREATION ROUNDTABLE RURAL RECOVERY GRANT:

This is the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable Rural Recovery Grant in the amount of \$10,000. These grant funds would be used to remove downed trees in the forest surrounding the archery range, nature center, and related paths at Camp Spearhead. This grant does not require a County match.

Ruth Parris, Budget Director and Don Shuman, Director, Parks & Recreation were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Farmer moved to approve the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable Rural Recovery Grant in the amount of \$10,000. The motion carried unanimously.

PALMETTOPRIDE GRANT – LITTER PREVENTION:

This is the PalmettoPride Grant – Litter Prevention in the amount of \$5,000. These grant funds would be used to support a litter prevention campaign aimed at reminding the public of the state law requiring the secure transport of items to prevent litter and ensure road safety. This grant does not require a County match.

Ruth Parris, Budget Director was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Long moved to approve the PalmettoPride Grant – Litter Prevention in the amount of \$5,000. The motion carried unanimously.

SC JAG GRANT 360° CAMERA SYSTEM:

This is the SC JAG Grant - 360° Camera System in the amount of \$27,096. This grant funding will be used by the Forensic Division to acquire a 360° camera system and all weather kit to enhance crime scene documentation. This grant requires a County match in the amount of \$2,709 (Grants Matching Account) and a match from the State in the amount of \$24,387.

Ruth Parris, Budget and Jackie Kellett, Forensics Division, were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Farmer moved to approve the SC JAG Grant 360° Camera System in the amount of \$27,096. The motion carried unanimously.

SC JAG – FTIR (FOURIER TRANSFORM INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY)

This is the SC JAG – FTIR (Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy) in the amount of \$80,175. This grant funding will be used by the Forensics Division to replace the existing FTIR Spectrophotometer, which has become obsolete. This grant requires a County match in the amount of \$8,017 (Grants Matching Account) and a match from the State in the amount of \$72,158.

SC JAG – FTIR (FOURIER TRANSFORM INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY) CON'T:

Ruth Parris, Budget Director and Jackie Kellett, Forensics Division were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Long moved to approve the SC JAG – FTIR (Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy) in the amount of \$80,175. The motion carried unanimously.

FY2026 SCDES WASTE OIL GRANT:

This is the FY2026 SCDES Waste Oil grant in the amount of \$12,462. This grant will be used the Solid Waste Division to fund equipment and supplies for the County's oil collection facilities and also provide funding for public education and professional development. This grant does not require a County match.

Ruth Parris, Budget Director and Marcia Papin, Solid Waste Director were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Farmer moved to approve the FY2026 SCDES Waste Oil Grant in the amount of \$12,462. The motion carried unanimously.

FY2026 SCDES WASTE TIRE GRANT:

This is the FY2026 SCDES Waste Tire Grant in the amount of \$68,174. This grant will partially fund the Solid Waste Division's contractor costs for current generation tires. This grant does not require a County match.

Ruth Parris, Budget Director and Marcia Papin, Solid Waste Director were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Farmer moved to approve the FY2026 SCDES Waste Tire Grant in the amount of \$68,174. The motion carried unanimously.

FY2026 SCDES SOLID WASTE GRANT:

This is the FY2026 SCDES Solid Waste Grant in the amount of \$15,038. This grant will be used by the Solid Waste Division to refurbish and relocate a vertical cardboard baler. This grant does not require a County match.

Ruth Parris, Budget Director and Marcia Papin, Solid Waste Director were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Long moved to approve the FY2026 SCDES Solid Waste Grant in the amount of \$15,038. The motion carried unanimously.

CARTON COUNCIL COMMUNITY EDUCATION GRANT:

This is the Carton Council Community Education Grant in the amount of \$2,000. This grant will be used by the Solid Waste Division to supplement SCDES grant projects. This grant does not require a County match.

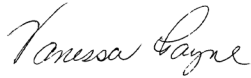
Ruth Parris, Budget Director and Andrew Talkish, Solid Waste were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Farmer moved to approve the Carton Council Community Education Grant in the amount of \$2,000. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:11.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vanessa Payne".

Vanessa Payne
Executive Assistant