GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
OCTOBER 26, 2026
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: **COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

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

STAFF PRESENT:

CHRIS ANTLEY, COUNTY ATTORNEY
JOE KERNELL, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
TED LAMBRECHT, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
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:

Councilor Farmer provided the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Farmer moved to approve the minutes of October 12, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

GRANT APPLICATIONS:

FY2026 LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT:

This is the FY2026 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of $101,053. The grant would fund travel expenses, and various equipment and supplies for the Emergency Management Division. If a County match is required, it will come from budgeted salaries and benefits in the Emergency Management Division.

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

Councilor Farmer moved to approve the FY2026 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of $101,053. The motion carried unanimously.

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT:

This is the Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness Grant in the amount of $12,000. The grant funds will be used for Hazardous Materials Training Classes for the County HazMat Team. If a County match is required, it will come from budgeted salaries and benefits in the Emergency Management Division as an in-kind match.

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

Councilor Farmer moved to approve the Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness Grant in the amount of $12,000. The motion carried unanimously.

FY2026 COMPREHENSIVE OPIOID, STIMULANT, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SITE-BASED PROGRAM GRANT:

This is the 2026 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-Based Program Grant in the amount of $1,600,000. This grant would fund the Sheriff's Office project SHIELD to strengthen the County's integrated public health and public safety response to overdose, illicit opioids, stimulants, and other substances. The project's goals are to (1) increase access to prevention, treatment and recovery support, (2) reduce overdose risk and improved response, and (3) strengthen public-safety intelligence and investigation.

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

Councilor Farmer moved to approve the 2026 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-Based Program Grant in the amount of $1,600,000. The motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND – GREENVILLE TECHNICAL COLLEGE:

This is an ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding $100,000,000 in General Obligation Bonds to defray the costs of (i) the acquisition, construction, renovation, installation, furnishing and equipping of various facilities on the campuses of Greenville Technical College and (ii) the acquisition of land and buildings for Greenville Technical College, (collectively the "Project'), which will serve a public and corporate purpose of the County and benefit the general welfare of the County.

Dr. Larry Miller, President, Greenville Technical College and Steve Miller, CFO, Greenville Technical College gave a Power Point presentation summarizing the request to issue General Obligation Bonds.

Councilor Farmer moved to approve the ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding $100,000,000 in General Obligation Bonds for Greenville Technical College. The motion carried unanimously.

MCIP ORDINANCE - GRAY INDUSTRIAL - PROJECT BIG BROTHER - ANDERSON COUNTY:

This is an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park (2010 Park) of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the Park to include Project Big Brother.

Serena Combs, Burr & Forman, LLP was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Farmer moved to approve the ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park (2010 Park) of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the Park to include Project Big Brother. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY PROJECT APPLICATION:

FORK SHOALS SCHOOL NATURE TRAIL:

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of $1,700 for the Fork Shoals School Nature Trail. The funds will be used to clean up the trail.

Ted Lambrecht, Deputy County Administrator was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Farmer moved to approve the Community Project Application for the Fork Shoals School Nature Trail in the amount of $1,700. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Finance Committee went into executive session at 5:18 to discuss a contractual matter. The Committee came out of executive session at 5:23.

PROJECT IVAN:

Councilor Farmer moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Greenville County and a company known as Project Ivan. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:24.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Payne

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Executive Assistant