



JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL RETREAT

Jasper County Clementa C. Pinckney Government Bldg.
358 3rd Avenue Ridgeland, SC
29936

Wednesday, April 05, 2023
Minutes

Officials Present: Chairman L. Martin Sauls IV, Vice Chairwoman Barbara B. Clark (via ZOOM)
Councilman Pastor Alvin Adkins, Councilman John Kemp and Councilman Coy Garbade.

Staff Present: County Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Wanda H. Simmons,
County Attorney David Tedder, Kimberly Burgess, Russell Wells, Danny Lucas, Rose Dobson-Elliott,
Lisa Wagner, and Videographer Jonathan Dunham.

Chairman Sauls called the meeting to order at 9:00AM and welcomed everyone to the Retreat.
The Report of Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act was given, the Pledge
to the Flag was recited and the invocation was given. Chairman Sauls and Mr. Fulghum gave the
opening remarks for the retreat.

A presentation with discussion of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (FY Ended June 30,
2022) was given by the Baird Audit Group, LLC.

Ms. Burgess reviewed the ARPA Funding and Expenditures with Council and Mr. Fulghum discussed
and gave updates to Council on the Transportation Sales Tax Program. A discussion of upcoming
workshops dates for topics of Exit 3, the Airport, Bailey Park PDD and the Gillisonville Sand Mine
were considered. A presentation and discussion of the Capital Improvement and Investments Plan
was provided by M.B. Kahn Construction. There was also a discussion and request for Policy
Direction for the FY23-24 Budget and Budget Schedule (including American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
Funds and Financial Policies was requested. The State and Federal funding requests was discussed.
The County-wide Impact Fee Study and the Opioid Settlement Funds were reviewed.

Emergency service issues including the Levy Volunteer Fire Department (LVFD) Transition, Jasper
County and the Hardeeville Ambulance Service, Litter Enforcement and Code Enforcement were
reviewed and discussed and a report on our Litter Control Program was given. Tax Collection
Agreements with Municipalities, Solid Waste, Recycling, and Roads & Bridges and Motor Grader Road
Schedule and Operators were also reviewed. The County Owned and/or County Maintained Roads
within Municipal Boundaries were discussed as well as the Broad River Area Planning Efforts /
Conservation Efforts / Partnerships.

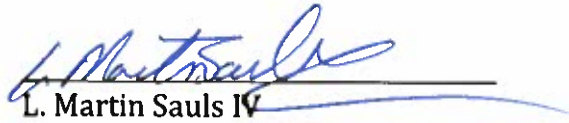
There was a discussion of ongoing Human Resource Issues relating to the number of open positions,
current recruiting methods and marketing initiatives for recruitment was reviewed and discussed.
The handling of PPD's was also reviewed. Council had listed an Executive Session for this retreat but

determined there was no need for an Executive Session. Chairman Sauls thanked everyone for being present for the retreat and noted that they looked forward to any further information that staff would be providing relating to the discussions of the day's topics. Chairman Sauls called the Council Retreat to a close and the retreat adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Wanda H. Simmons
Clerk to Council



L. Martin Sauls IV
Chairman