



## JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL

# Budget Workshop

Jasper County Clementa C. Pinckney Government Bldg  
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Monday, June 12, 2023

## Minutes

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

**Staff Present:** County Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council, Wanda Simmons, County Attorney David Tedder, Kimberly Burgess, and Videographer Jonathan Dunham.

**Vice Chairwoman** called the 3pm Workshop to order and the Report of Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act was read for the records as follows: *In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of meetings and agendas were posted and furnished to all news media and persons requesting notification.*

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Kemp, and the Invocation was led by Councilman Adkins.

### Approval of Agenda:

**Motion to approve:** Councilman Adkins

**Second:** Councilman Kemp

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

### Budget Workshop:

#### 1. Jasper County School District – Dr. Rechel Anderson and Russell Zimmerman, Interim Director of Finance

Dr. Anderson and Mr. Zimmerman were present to review the budget request of the Jasper County School District with the County Council and staff. Dr. Anderson prepared a PowerPoint Presentation for the Council explaining the details of the JCSD Budget. She noted that she was here to speak and address any concerns and answer any questions and noted that Mr. Zimmerman was there to assist with review. Introductions were made and the purpose for the presentation was noted to share additional information with Council as per their request. This information was regarding the district's budget needs in order to effectively operate the county's public school system. A listing of Fast Facts was reviewed about the JCSD including enrollment and staff. The factors driving the JCSD's Budget and where the money comes from were also discussed. What was included in the FY23-24 Budget, Federal Funding and factors impacting the JCSD were also discussed. The budget timeline was reviewed as was

reviewed as was the request for the millage increase. The reasons that the JCSD was requesting a millage increase was reviewed along with what the funds would be used for. Mr. Zimmerman discussed the revenues and expenditures and the millage. Councilman Kemp noted that capital expenses and improvements did not fall into the general operating purposes. Vice Chairwoman Clark expressed her concerns about how the referendum for the 1 cent tax impacted the County JCSD. She noted that people were misled and not given adequate information regarding this topic.

**Budget Discussion and Questions by Council:**

After some further discussion, Ms. Burgess started the budget discussion and answered the questions asked of her related to the County Budget. She started out by discussing the changes to the budget for Jasper County. She reviewed areas of discussion and interest and addressed any concerns as they were presented.

For additional information on this workshop and presentation please visit our website for the E-Packet or for the video go to [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBmloqX05cKAsHm\\_ggXCJIA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBmloqX05cKAsHm_ggXCJIA) .

**Adjourn:**


**Motion to Adjourn:** Councilman Adkins


**Second:** Vice Chairwoman Clark

**Vote:** Unanimous

The workshop adjourned.

**Respectfully submitted:**

  
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L. Martin Sauls IV  
Chairman

  
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Wanda H. Simmons  
Clerk to Council