

**Minutes**  
**Sumter County Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**August 26, 2008 - Held at 6:00 p.m.**  
**County Administration Building County Council Chambers**  
**13 E. Canal Street, Sumter, SC**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vivian Fleming-McGhaney, Chairwoman; Eugene Baten, Vice Chairman; Artie Baker, Larry Blanding, Jimmy Byrd, and Charles T. Edens.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Roland Robinson

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. William T. Noonan, County Administrator; Mrs. Mary W. Blanding, Clerk to County Council; Mr. George McGregor, Planning Director; Mrs. Pam Craven, Finance Director; Mrs. Rose Ford, Recreation Director; Mrs. Keysa Rogers, Budget Analyst; Mrs. Lorraine Dennis, Deputy County Administrator/Human Resources Director; Mr. Gary Mixon, Deputy County Administrator; and Sheriff Deputy Horton.

**MEDIA PRESENT:** The Item

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Approximately 9 members of the public were in attendance.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Vivian Fleming-McGhaney called Sumter County Council's meeting of August 26, 2008, to order.

**INVOCATION:** The Honorable Vivian Fleming McGhaney, the Chairwoman, gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All in attendance repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Chairwoman McGhaney stated that she would entertain a motion to approve the August 26, 2008, agenda with any additions, deletions, or as printed. The Clerk to Council asked Council to consider adding one additional item to the Agenda under New Business: A Resolution Acknowledging the League of Women Voters-Women Equality Month."

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Vice Chairman Baten, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the August 26, 2008, agenda as recommended by the Clerk.

**ACTION ON MINUTES OF AUGUST 12, 2008:** Chairwoman McGhaney stated that she would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of County Council's meeting of August 12, 2008. The Clerk To Council asked Council to amend the minutes in two different sections on page 4 concerning the motion for amendment to Ordinance 08-665 and motion to adopt 08-665 - Councilman Byrd did not second the motion in either case, but it was seconded by Councilman Edens in both cases.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the minutes of August 12, 2008, as recommended and prepared by the Clerk.

**LAND USE MATTERS AND REZONING REQUESTS - None  
Planned Development/Rezoning Request -**

- (1) **RZ-08-08 - Second Reading/Public Hearing -- Kathy Andrews Krauss - A Request To Rezone Property From Residential-15 (R-15) To General Commercial (GC) +/- 0.96 Acres Located At 1630 Stamey Livestock Road And Represented By Tax Map #186-04-01-001. (Prior to action on second reading, Council will hold a public hearing on this matter.)**

Mr. George McGregor, the Planning Director, presented this proposed rezoning request to Council. The applicant, Kathy Krauss, requests to rezone property located at 1630 Stamey Livestock Rd. from Residential (R-15) to General Commercial (GC). This is a +/- 0.96 acre tract of land that is located in the County and is +/- 300 ft. from the intersection of Stamey Livestock and Broad St. / US 378/76. The applicant is the executor of the estate for the deceased owner - Marlen Leonard and wishes to rezone the property in order to increase the marketability of the lot.

After review to the request, Chairwoman Vivian Fleming McGhaney, convened a public hearing; at the conclusion of the public hearing, Council took action on second reading.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to grant second reading to this proposed rezoning request as presented.

**Street Name Change - None**

**Grant Awards - None**

**OTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- (1) **08-667 - First Reading -- An Ordinance Authorizing Sumter County, South Carolina, To Enter Into A Loan Agreement With The Bank In The Amount Of \$1,500,000; Approving The Form And Terms Of The Loan Agreement, In Connection With Certain Capital Improvements And Other Tourism-Related Projects In Sumter County; And Other Matters Related Thereto.**

The Administrator presented the proposed ordinance to Council for first reading consideration. He noted that the ordinance would not exceed \$1,500,000. After review of the ordinance as listed below, Council took action on first reading.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Vice Chairman Baten, and unanimously carried by Council to grant first reading to the proposed ordinance and to add a statement that this ordinance is not to exceed \$1,500,000.

**ORDINANCE: 08-667 -- BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUMTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Definitions. The terms defined in this Section for all purposes of this Ordinance shall have the respective meanings as set forth in this Section. The term:

“2008 Projects” means the improvements to be acquired, constructed and installed in the County set forth as follows: improvements to Patriot Hall; improvements to the Exhibition Center for the County of Sumter, improvements to the Dillon Park Concessions Building; the completion of Phase I contract for the Youth Park; and such other capital improvement projects as may be authorized by County Council and Section 6-1-730 of the SC Code.

“Bank” means \_\_\_\_\_, its successors and assigns.

“County” means Sumter County, South Carolina.

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and applicable Treasury Regulations thereunder.

“Council” means the County Council of the County.

“Enterprise Charge” means a local hospitality tax imposed by one or more governmental entities, the proceeds from which may be used only for limited purposes.

“Enterprise Financing Agreement,” as defined in Section 11-27-110 of the SC Code, means a financing agreement entered into to provide an asset for a governmental enterprise (i) the revenues from which are expected to be sufficient to pay the amounts due under the financing agreement, or (ii) for which an enterprise charge has been imposed in an amount expected to be sufficient to pay the amounts due under the financing agreement, or (iii) a combination of revenues described under (i) and (ii) are expected to produce an amount sufficient to pay the amounts due under the financing agreement;

“Loan Agreement” means the Loan Agreement dated as of its delivery, or such other date as may be determined by the County Administrator, with advice from the County Attorney, between the Bank and the County.

“SC Code” means the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976 as amended.

Section 2. Findings and Determinations. The Council hereby finds and determines:

A. The County is a political subdivision of the State, and as such possesses all powers granted to counties by the Constitution and laws of this State.

B. Pursuant to Section 4-9-10 of the SC Code, and the results of a referendum held in accordance therewith, the Council-Administrator form of government was adopted and the County Council constitutes the governing body of the County.

C. Section 4-9-30 of the SC Code empowers all counties to own and possess real and personal property.

D. A vibrant tourism industry fosters and enhances the economic growth and well being of a community and its residents. Tourism has been and continues to be a growing industry for the County. The new and improved recreational, cultural, and meeting facilities which constitute the 2008 Projects will be premier attractions, drawing visitors and tourists to the many and varied activities available through the 2008 Projects. Additionally, these facilities will be an excellent venue for numerous recreational activities and special events, all of which will contribute to their use as tourist-related facilities.

E. Pursuant to Ordinance No. 04-534 as amended by Ordinance No. 04-545 enacted on June 8, 2004, and October 12, 2004, respectively, the County has provided for the imposition and collection of a local hospitality tax of two percent (2%) on the gross proceeds of the sale of prepared meals and beverages (for immediate consumption) by an establishment, including, but not limited to, restaurants, hotels, motels, caterers, or other food service facility, located in the unincorporated portions of the County (the "Hospitality Tax"). The Hospitality Tax is an enterprise charge within the meaning of Section 11-27-110A(4) of the SC Code.

F. The Hospitality Tax may be used only for the purposes stated in Section 6-1-730 of the SC Code.

G. On February 18, 2005, the County entered into a Lease Agreement with Branch Banking and Trust Company in the principal amount of \$550,000, the base rent on which is secured by a pledge of the Hospitality Tax (the "BB&T Lease Agreement"). On July 7, 2006, the County entered into an Amendment to Lease Agreement with Branch Banking and Trust Company which amendment increased the amount of the Lease by \$338,000 to a total of \$888,000 (the "BB&T Lease Amendment," together with the BB&T Lease Agreement, the "BB&T Lease"). The BB&T Lease will be paid in full on February 18, 2009, and the pledge released.

H. To undertake, construct, and acquire the 2008 Projects, it is proposed that the County enter into the Loan Agreement under which the County will agree to make payments secured by the Hospitality Tax, in such amounts and at such times as will be specified in the Loan Agreement.

I. The Loan Agreement is an Enterprise Financing Agreement, and as such the principal amount reflected therein will not be included within the County's constitutional debt limit.

J. The Council finds that the proceeds of the Loan Agreement authorized by this Ordinance, as well as the Hospitality Tax pledged in connection therewith, for the 2008 Projects will be used for public purposes and that entering into the Loan Agreement is necessary and in the best interest of the County.

K. It is now in the best interest of the County for the Council to approve the execution and delivery of the Loan Agreement with a loan amount not exceeding \$1,500,000. The proceeds of the Loan Agreement shall be used for the purposes of (a) defraying the costs of the 2008 Projects; and (b) paying the costs associated therewith.

L. The undertakings authorized by this Ordinance are necessary and in the best interest of the County and will assist and enhance the County in the acquisition and construction of the 2008 Projects. The financing transaction authorized by this Ordinance for such purposes is necessary, and the proceeds therefrom will be issued for a corporate purpose and a public purpose of the County.

M. The Council has heretofore received a proposal dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2008, from the Bank. After reviewing such proposal, the County Administrator has recommended to the Council that the proposal submitted by the Bank be accepted.

Section 3. Approval of Transaction; Acceptance of Bank Proposal. The County, for the purposes of the financing contemplated by the Loan Agreement, represents that as of the date of the Loan Agreement, all of the 2008 Projects shall be constructed within the geographic boundaries of the County. The proposal of the Bank dated \_\_\_\_\_, a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby accepted.

Section 4. Pledge. As security for its obligation to make payments pursuant to the Loan Agreement, the County hereby pledges the Hospitality Tax to the extent necessary to make all required payments under the Loan Agreement due in any year. Upon payment of all amounts required in a fiscal year, all revenue collected from the Hospitality Tax not needed to make payments required by the Loan Agreement may be utilized as directed by the County Council. The County shall make no pledge of the Hospitality Tax which is prior or superior to the pledge of the Hospitality Tax made to secure its obligations under the Loan Agreement. As of the date hereof, the within pledge is on a parity with the pledge made in connection with the BB&T Lease. Loan Payments on the Loan Agreement authorized herein will not begin until March 2009 after which time the BB&T Lease will be paid in full and the pledge released.

Section 5. Covenants of the County. The County Council covenants and agrees: (i) not to increase disbursements from its general fund to pay for costs which could have been paid from its Hospitality Tax for a period of two fiscal years after the date of the completion of the 2008 Projects; (ii) not to reduce the amounts assessed for Hospitality Tax to a level insufficient to permit the County to discharge its obligations under the Loan Agreement; and (iii) the County shall maintain a debt service coverage ratio of at least 1.20 at all times so long as it has any obligations under the Loan Agreement.

Section 6. Limited and Special Obligations of the County; Payment from Other Sources. The obligations of the County to make payments under the Loan Agreement shall be limited to amounts pledged herein and shall not constitute a pledge of the full faith, credit or taxing power of the County within the meaning of any State constitutional or statutory provision. Subject to the foregoing limitation, the County's obligation to make payments shall be absolute and unconditional, without defense or set-off by reason of any acts or circumstances that may constitute failure of consideration, destruction of or

damage to the 2008 Projects, commercial frustration of purpose or failure of the County to perform and observe any agreement, whether express or implied, or any duty, liability or obligation arising out of or connected with the Loan Agreement, it being the intention of the parties that the payments required by the Loan Agreement will be paid in full when due without any delay or diminution whatsoever. The County shall have the option of using other legally-available funds to make the payments under the Loan Agreement but will not be required to do so.

Section 7. Approval of Loan Agreement. The form, terms and provisions of the Loan Agreement, a copy of which has been presented to Council at the meeting during which this Ordinance was enacted, and filed with the Clerk of the County, be and are hereby approved. The Chairperson of County Council and the County Administrator be and are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute, acknowledge and deliver, and the Clerk to Council be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to attest, the Loan Agreement in the name and on behalf of the County, and thereupon to cause the Loan Agreement to be delivered to the Bank. The County Administrator, with advice from the County Attorney, be and is hereby delegated the authority to approve such changes in the form, terms and provisions of the Loan Agreement as may be appropriate for the financing plan contemplated thereby. The execution of the Loan Agreement shall constitute conclusive evidence of approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form of the Loan Agreement before the meeting during which this Ordinance was enacted. Any amendment to the Loan Agreement shall be executed in the same manner.

Section 8. Authorization. The Chairperson of County Council, the County Administrator, and the Clerk to Council are fully empowered and authorized to take such further action and to execute and deliver such additional documents as may be reasonably requested by the Bank to effect the delivery of the Loan Agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions therein set forth, and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, and the action of such officers in executing and delivering any of such documents, in such form as the County Administrator shall approve, is hereby fully authorized. The authorization conferred herein shall extend to and include, but not be limited to, the documents and certificates reasonably expected to be necessary for the closing of the financing transaction.

Section 9. Bank Qualification. The Loan Agreement is hereby designated by the County as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Section 10. Federal Tax Covenants. The County agrees and covenants that it will comply with all applicable portions of the Code, as in effect or hereafter amended, including Sections 103 and 141 through 150 thereof, and the regulations of the Treasury Department thereunder, to maintain the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of the payments under the Loan Agreement, including without limitation the proper use and expenditure of proceeds thereof, the observation of the applicable investment limitations provided in the Code, the

filing of information reports with the Internal Revenue Service and the rebate of certain arbitrage earnings on such proceeds to the United States Government.

Section 11. Severability. If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 12. Conflicts with Preceding Ordinances. Should conflicts arise between this and any preceding ordinances, this Ordinance shall prevail with respect to the conflicting sections.

Section 13. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its enactment by the County Council of Sumter County, South Carolina.

Department	Description	FY09	FY 2010	FY 2011	
Patriot Hall	1 HVAC, Unit 10	\$ 5,000.00			
	Brass hardware for doors	\$ 15,000.00			
	Seal/Coat/Stripe parking lot	\$ 17,500.00			
	Mood Avenue -Resurface/Stripe parking lot	\$ 96,000.00			
	New carpet for Patriot Hall lobby & auditorium	\$ 24,000.00			
	Trench "tunnel" for electrical wiring	\$ 3,000.00			
	1017 Seats in Auditorium	\$100,000.00			
	2- HVAC Units (11)	\$ 5,500.00			
	Wall Heating Units in Dressing Room/Hallways	\$ 1,000.00			
	Set of 6" fresnal stage lights	\$ 8,550.00			
	Set of 40 ellipsoidal stage lights	\$ 2,000.00			
Recreation	1- Mixing Board for Exhibition Ctr.	\$ 1,500.00			
	Seal/Coat/Stripe parking lot	\$ 17,500.00			
	100 Chairs for ECCOS	\$ 3,000.00			

	ECCOS - Patio - Repair Cracks	\$ 50,000.00			
	Dillon Park Concessions Building	\$ 275,000.00			
	Youth Park - Completion of Phase I Contract	\$600,000.00			<b>Grand Total</b>
		<b>\$1,224,550.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$1,224,550.00</b>

- (2) **08-668 - First Reading – An Ordinance Authorizing Sumter County, South Carolina, To Enter Into A Lease Purchase Transaction Relating To The Financing Of Capital Equipment; Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of An Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement In An Amount Not To Exceed \$2,500,000; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.**

The County Administrator, William T. Noonan, presented this proposed ordinance to Council for first reading consideration. He informed Council that this ordinance would allow for lease purchase of capital equipment needed within the County. (NOTE: Equipment description is listed after the ordinance.) After all comments, Council took action on the proposed ordinance as it was presented.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Vice Chairman Baten, and unanimously carried by Council to grant first reading approval as presented. (NOTE: A list of the Capital Equipment is listed below.)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUMTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Definitions. The terms defined in this Section for all purposes of this Ordinance shall have the respective meanings as set forth in this Section. The term:

“Act” means Section 4-9-30, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended.

“Bank” means \_\_\_\_\_, its successors and assigns.

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and applicable Treasury Regulations thereunder.

“Council” means the County Council of Sumter County, South Carolina.

“County” means Sumter County, South Carolina.

“Equipment” means the equipment listed on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

“Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement of 2008 (or such other appropriate series designation)” means the Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement between the County and the Bank to be dated as of a date as agreed upon by the Bank and the County.

“Ordinance” means this Ordinance of the County.

Section 2. Findings and Determinations. The Council hereby finds and determines:

(a) Pursuant to Section 4-9-10, Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, and the results of a referendum held in accordance therewith, the Council-Administrator form of government was adopted and the County Council constitutes the governing body of the County.

(b) There is a need to acquire the Equipment. In order to finance the cost of the Equipment, the County has determined to enter into a lease purchase transaction whereby the County will acquire, pursuant to the Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement of 2008, the funds necessary to finance the acquisition of the Equipment.

(c) The Equipment will be delivered to the County, and upon acceptance, title will vest in County; provided, however, that (a) in the event of termination of the Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement of 2008 by the County, (b) upon the occurrence of an Event of Default (as defined in the Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement of 2008), or (c) in the event that the purchase option has not been exercised prior to the expiration date, title to the Equipment shall immediately vest in the Bank or its assignee.

(d) It is in the best interest of the County to acquire the Equipment by entering into a lease purchase transaction with the Bank. The lease purchase transaction will serve a proper public and corporate purpose of the County and is necessary to the proper functioning of County government.

(e) The Council has heretofore received a proposal dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2008, from the Bank. After reviewing such proposal, the County Administrator has recommended to the Council that the proposal submitted by the Bank be accepted.

Section 3. Acceptance of Proposal. The proposal of the Bank dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2008, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B, to provide the financing for the lease purchase transaction authorized by this Ordinance is hereby approved and accepted. The acceptance by the County Administrator or his designee of the proposal is hereby approved, ratified, and confirmed.

Section 4. Approval of Transaction. The Council does hereby approve the acquisition and leasing of the Equipment pursuant to the Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement of 2008.

Section 5. Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement of 2008. The form, terms and provisions of the Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement of 2008, a copy of which has been presented to Council at the meeting during which this Ordinance was enacted and filed with the Clerk of the County, be and are hereby approved. The Chairperson of County Council and the County Administrator be and are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute, acknowledge and deliver, and the Clerk to

Council be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to attest, the Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement of 2008 in the name and on behalf of the County, and thereupon to cause the Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement of 2008 to be delivered to the Bank. The County Administrator, with advice from the County Attorney, be and is hereby delegated the authority to approve such changes in the form, terms and provisions of the Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement of 2008 as may be appropriate for the financing plan contemplated thereby. The execution of the Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement of 2008 shall constitute conclusive evidence of approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form of the Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement of 2008 before the meeting during which this Ordinance was enacted. Any amendment to the Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement of 2008 shall be executed in the same manner.

Section 6. Execution of Documents. The Chairperson of County Council, the Clerk to County Council, the County Administrator, and the County Finance Director are fully empowered and authorized to take such further action and to execute and deliver such additional documents as may be reasonably requested by the Bank to effect the delivery of the Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement of 2008 in accordance with the terms and conditions therein set forth, and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, and the action of such officers in executing and delivering any of such documents, in such form as the County Administrator shall approve, is hereby fully authorized.

Section 7. Further Actions. The Chairperson of County Council, the Clerk to County Council, the County Administrator, the Finance Director and the County Attorney, for and on behalf of the County, are hereby each authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary to effect the execution and delivery of the Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement of 2008, and the performance of all obligations of the County under and pursuant to the Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement of 2008.

Section 8. Federal Tax Covenant. The County agrees and covenants that it will comply with all applicable provisions of Section 103 and Sections 141 through 150 of the Code and any regulations promulgated thereunder, to maintain the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of the interest components of the Lease Payment (as defined in the Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement of 2008) under the Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement of 2008.

Section 9. Bank Qualification. The Equipment Lease Purchase of 2008 is hereby designated by the County as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Section 10. Severability. If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 11. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its enactment by the County Council of Sumter County, South Carolina.

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Enacted this \_\_\_\_ day of September, 2008.

	Description	Requested	Approved	Comments
<b>EMS</b>	2 New Ambulances	\$ 314,000.00	\$ 157,000.00	1- Approved
	2 Powered Stretchers	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	
	3 Powered Stair Chairs	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	
<b>Emergency Management</b>	Installation of Radios	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
	Wireless Internet	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	
<b>Engineering</b>	1 Sedcad	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	
	1 Trimble GPS Controller	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
<b>Information Technology</b>		\$ 314,400.00	\$ 192,100.00	
<b>Magistrate</b>	10- Guest Chairs	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	
	21- Juror Chairs	\$ 5,220.00	\$ 5,220.00	
	4- File Cabinets	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	
	Steel Shelving	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	
<b>Public Works</b>	1- Motor grader (CAT)	\$ 132,500.00	\$ 132,500.00	
	1- Cab & Chassis	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	
	2- Trailers	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	
	1- Dump Truck	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	
<b>Public Works-Landfill</b>	1- Scale	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	
<b>Public Works-Sanitation</b>	1- Pickup Truck	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	
<b>Recreation</b>	1- Four door Truck	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 26,000.00	
	2- Front end mowers	\$ 26,534.00	\$ 26,534.00	
	2- Decks for mowers	\$ 6,642.00	\$ 6,642.00	
	1- Groom Master II	\$ 16,940.00	\$ 16,940.00	
	1- Trailer	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	
	1- Floor buffer	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	
	1- Scoreboard for Football Field	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	
	1- Floor Scrubber for ECCOS	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	

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<b>Sheriff</b>	25- Patrol Cars	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 360,000.00	15- Approved
	10- Light Bars	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	
	2 - Radars	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
<b>Veterans' Affairs</b>	11- File Cabinets	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00	
<b>Voters' Registration</b>	120- Ivontronics	\$ 375,000.00	\$ 46,875.00	15- Approved
<b>Total County Ordinary</b>		<b>\$ 2,141,436.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,262,011.00</b>	

Fire Dist 2	45 - Protective Gear	\$ 112,500.00	\$ 112,500.00	
	4 - Engines / Pumpers	\$ 1,400,000.00	\$ 350,000.00	<b>1- Approved</b>
	4 - Tankers	\$ 900,000.00	\$ 225,000.00	<b>1- Approved</b>
	3 - Night scans	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	<b>1- Approved</b>
	5- Portable/ 25- Pagers	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	
	1- Full-Size SUV	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	
	4 - Thermoimage camera	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	<b>1- Approved</b>
	2- Used brush trucks	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	<b>1- Approved</b>
<b>Total Fire Dist 2</b>		<b>\$ 2,596,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 744,500.00</b>	

(3) A Resolution Recognizing August 26, 2008, As Women Equality Day In Sumter County, South Carolina.

The Clerk to Sumter County Council presented information to Council requesting that she be allowed to compose a resolution recognizing August 26, 2008, as Women Equality Day In Sumter County, South Carolina for the League of Women Voters. After review of the information pertaining to this request, Council took action on the proposed resolution in concept.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Vice Chairman Baten, and unanimously carried by Council to grant approval for the Clerk to Council to compose a resolution on behalf of Sumter County Council recognizing Women Equality Day.

- (4) It May Be Necessary To Hold An Executive Session To Discuss A Personnel Matter, Receive A Legal Briefing, Or Discuss A Contractual Matter And Appropriate Actions May Be Required And Taken Thereafter.

No executive session was held.

### OLD BUSINESS

- (1) 08-666 - Third Reading - An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of Tax Agreement Between Sumter County, South Carolina And Olympic Steel, Inc. Or Its Assignee; And Other Matters Relating Thereto Including, Without Limitation, Payment Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of Taxes.

The Administrator presented this proposed ordinance to Council for third reading consideration. He stated that there have been no changes to the ordinance since first reading. After all comments, Council took action on third reading.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to grant third reading and adoption to this ordinance as presented.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- (1) Internal Affairs Committee Meeting Held On Monday, August 25, 2008, At 12:30 P.M. In County Council's Conference Room At The County Administration Building (Committee Members: Byrd, Blanding, and Robinson.)

This Committee meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for September 9, 2008.

- (2) City-County Liaison Committee Meeting Held On Tuesday, August 26, 2008, At 8:30 A.M. At City Hall, In The First Floor Conference Room Of The Opera House (Committee Members: Edens, Byrd, and McGhaney.)

Councilman Edens, Chairman, of the Liaison Committee stated that the Committee did meet; however, because all times that were on the agenda were discussed in executive session, there is no report to be given at this time. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 15, 2008, at City Hall. The Court System will also be on the September 15, 2008, agenda for Liaison.

- (3) Fiscal, Tax, and Property Committee Meeting Held On Tuesday, August 26, 2008, At 4:30 P.M. In County Council's Conference Room At The County Administration Building (Committee Members: McGhaney, Blanding, and Edens - All Council Members Are Asked To Attend This Meeting.)

The Chairman of the Committee, Chairwoman Vivian Fleming McGhaney, gave the following report and recommendations.

**1. Executive Session -Discussion On Property Matter - (Liaison Committee)**

The Committee will continue discussions on property matters at the next meeting of the Liaison Committee. The County Administrator was asked to continue negotiations with the City on these property matters. No action necessary at this time.

- 2. Second Request From Sumter Small Business Development Center.** Mr. Jim Giffin gave the Committee a briefing concerning the services available at the Small Business Development Center in Sumter. He stated that the SBDC offers consulting, continuing education, information and referrals, and special purpose programs. He asked the Committee to provide \$5,000 for this year's services and informed the Committee that he would be making a more formal request during the budget cycle for 2009-2010 to be included in the County's budget. The Committee recommended approval of the request.

ACTION: MOTION and second were received from the Committee, and carried by Council to approve the request and Council will decide at its next meeting where to secure the funds from to accommodate the request. Council members Blanding and Byrd voted in opposition.

**3. Presentation From Louis Tisdale Concerning Retirement Initiatives.**

Mr. Louis Tisdale gave the Committee some information on the potential or recruiting retirees.

- Recruitment of retirees has a finite window.
- Retirees do not compete with the local workforce for jobs.
- Retirees consume mostly fee based services within a service based economy.
- Retirees have a higher percentage of their household income as disposable income and generally they do not have mortgages unless for tax purposes.
- Retirees coming from the northeast typically have a higher household income.
- Suggested Retiree marketing plan.
  1. Magazine advertising
  2. Other Printing and Mailing
  3. Military Direct Campaign
  4. Travel for 4 Retirement Recruitment Shows
  5. National Active Retiree Conferences
  6. Salary for Full-time Retirement Director
  7. Conversion Cost of Welcome Center to SC Retirement Information Center
    - **Estimated Cost of Approximately \$159,060.00 (yearly cost).**

**NOTE:** The Committee suggested that this matter be placed back on its agenda for further discussion and review as to where the funds could be secured to support this initiative.

(4) Report From Council Members On Other Meetings, Trainings, and/or Conferences.

No report given.

**MONTHLY REPORTS:**

- ✓ Sumter County Gallery of Art
- ✓ League of women voters
- ✓ South Carolina Department Of Transportation - Bridges
- ✓ SCAC Local Government Fund: 3% Cut
- ✓ SCAC - Funding GASBY 45 Liabilities: Seventh Memo In A Series.
- ✓ Sumter County Shiloh Water System
- ✓ Historical Commission
- ✓ Public Works
- ✓

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

- ✓ **Judge, Howard P. King**, has provided a flowchart for the Standard of Performance (Case Management) for the Court System in the Third Judicial District. Council members were provided a copy of this information.
  
- ✓ **Sumter Development Board Retreat:** The following Council and staff members will attend the retreat: Vivian Fleming McGhaney, Charles T. Edens, Eugene Baten, Jimmy Byrd, Larry Blanding, Jimmy Byrd, William T. Noonan, and Johnathan Bryan.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The Chairwoman asked if anyone would like to speak to Council during public comments.

- No comments from the public.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business and no additional comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m. after a motion, a second, and unanimously carried by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

*Vivian Fleming McGhaney*  
Chairman or Vice Chairman  
Sumter County Council

*Mary W. Blanding*  
Clerk to County Council  
Sumter County Council

Approved: September 9, 2008

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Respectfully submitted,

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