

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Kit Smith, Chair Mike Montgomery Paul Livingston Joseph McEachern Valerie Hutchinson
District 5 District 8 District 4 District 7 District 9

*Tuesday, September 27, 2005
4:00 pm*

Recommendations

ITEMS FOR ACTION

- Consent** **A. Resolution to Allocate Military Forest Funds** – The committee unanimously recommended that Council approve a resolution allocating \$51,386.63 in Military Forest Funds to public roads and public schools based on a 50-50 allocation ratio. The committee recommended that 50% of the funds be transferred to the general fund for the improvement of public roads, and the remaining 50% be divided among Richland One, Richland Two, and Lexington-Richland Five School Districts according to the respective student population of each district.
- Consent** **B. Ordinance Placing a Time Limit on Refunds of Overpaid Taxes** – The committee unanimously recommended that Council give first reading approval of an ordinance establishing a time limit as to how long a taxpayer has to request a refund for overpaid property taxes. The ordinance codifies that “a claim for a refund must be filed with the County Assessor within three years from the time the return was filed, or two years from the date the tax was paid, whichever is later. In no event shall a refund be granted beyond this period of time.”
- Consent** **C. Construction Contract: Building Renovations for the Dutch Fork Magistrate and Sheriff’s Region 4 Headquarters** – The committee unanimously recommended that Council approve the request to award the contract to Monteray Construction in the amount of \$387,000.00 for the renovation of the Dutch Fork Magistrate/Sheriff Substation utilizing an existing County building (Beatty Road).
- Consent** **D. Microsoft Software Assurance** – The committee unanimously recommended that Council approve the request to purchase Microsoft Software Assurance from vendor ASAP SOFTWARE on South Carolina State Contract in an amount not to exceed \$116,290.
- Consent** **E. Solid Waste Collector Rate Increases** – The committee unanimously recommended approval of Option 2, which keeps the current subsidy in place up to \$1.75/gallon, and modifies the compensation rate for fuel increases above \$1.75/gallon. The

modified compensation would be a 0.2% increase to base contract for every ten cents increase in fuel prices from \$1.75/gallon to \$3.00/gallon. The option provides for a 10.0% cap with only a modification for fuel increases above \$1.75/gallon which would not change the current contract conditions.

- Consent** **F. Animal Services** – The committee unanimously recommended approval of Option 1, which would permit Richland County to construct and operate its own animal holding shelter. In addition, the committee recommended that a Memorandum of Understanding be signed with Project Pet codifying an agreement with the County to provide pet adoption services.
- Consent** **G. Sheriff’s Request: Matching Funds for Personnel Grants** – The Committee unanimously recommended that Council approve the grant match in the amount of \$23,206.
- Consent** **H. Sheriff’s Request: Matching Funds for COPS Secure Our Schools Grant** – The Committee unanimously recommended that Council approve the grant match in the amount of \$8,675.

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