

**BARNWELL COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**June 28, 2018 at 4:30 pm**  
**Special Called Council Meeting Minutes**

**Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the news media was notified & notice was posted 24 hours prior to the meeting.**

Barnwell County Council met for a Special Called Council Meeting on June 28, 2018 at 4:30 pm. Attending were Chairman Lowell Jowers Sr., Vice Chairman Ben Kinlaw, Councilman Harold Buckmon, Councilman Jerry Creech, Councilman Don Harper, Councilman Freddie Houston Sr., Councilman David Kenner, County Attorney JD Mosteller, Business Manager Debbie Fickling and Administrator Tim Bennett. Also in attendance was Attorney Steve Matthews. Clerk to Council Kim Futrell was unable to attend.

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was declared. A motion was made to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and it passed.

**Review of the FY 18-19 Budget**

Councilman Houston said the budget presented was a balanced budget which included only the current known revenues. Anticipated revenue which would be received from adjacent counties had not been included in the FY 18-19 budget. Administrator Bennett thanked former Administrator Pickens Williams, Business Manager Debbie Fickling, Finance Director Maria Williams and Clerk to Council Kim Futrell for their assistance in the budget preparation. He said Business Manager Fickling had met with the Sheriff's Department and Detention Center and had been able to make several cuts to the budget expenditures. Additionally, 6 %, 4% and 2% cuts to various departments were made. The budget was \$15,023,855 of revenues in and expenditures out. The millage was increasing 2.89 mills, as allowed by the State, which was bringing in approximately \$160,000. The medical indigent budget line item had increased from \$190,000 to \$268,000. Councilman Houston said although the current proposed budget did not include a salary increase for County employees, Council had approved at its last meeting one of the three options, presented by Business Manager Fickling, for an employee salary increase when funds became available. Business Manager Fickling said Council has approved option B of the salary increase proposal which included the increase in grade levels for the Auditor, Treasurer, Sheriff, the Clerk of Court and one Department Head. Administrator Bennett said the \$3,000 allotted for his moving expenses was to be in the FY 18-19 budget, but was switched to the current year budget. Any additional available monies could be placed in fringe to cover any unknowns.

**Resolution to Ratify the Appointment to the Three Rivers Recycling Board**

Administrator Bennett read this Resolution in its entirety. Chairman Jowers asked for comments. There were none. Chairman Jowers said Council had already voted on the matter and it could be moved forward.

A motion was made to enter into Executive Session. The motion was seconded and it passed.

**Executive Session** - Discussion Related to the EDC.

**Open Session**

No action was taken in Executive Session.

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded and it passed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:42 pm.

  
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Timothy R. Bennett, Administrator

  
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Charles Lowell Jowers Sr., Council Chairman