

MINUTES OF BAMBERG COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING – June 20, 2022

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In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, Bamberg County Council met 6:00 p.m., June 20, 2022 in Council Chambers with limited seating for the public alongside livestreaming of the meeting provided for public view. **Present:** Chairman Spencer Donaldson, Councilwoman Sharon Hammond, Councilmen Evert Comer, Jr., Phil Myers, Jr., Clint Carter, Larry Haynes and Dr. Jonathan Goodman, II. **Others Present:** Joey R. Preston, T.M. Thomas, Richard Ness, Kenneth Bamberg, Sh’Kur Francis, Donald Kirby and Chip Maier.

Bamberg County Council Special Called meeting was called to order by Chairman Spencer Donaldson at 6:00 p.m. Invocation was rendered by Councilman Evert Comer, Jr., followed with the pledge of allegiance led by Councilman Clint Carter.

On motion by Dr. Goodman, seconded by Councilman Comer, the agenda was approved as submitted.

On motion by Councilman Comer, seconded by Councilman Haynes, council gave third and final reading to an ordinance to adopt the operating and capital budgets of Bamberg County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, and to make appropriations for such Bamberg County Budgets for County ordinary purposes for which the county may levy a tax; to provide for the levy of taxes on all taxable personal and real estate properties in Bamberg County for such county ordinary purposes including sufficient tax to pay the principal and interest on outstanding indebtedness of Bamberg County maturing during said fiscal year; and to provide for other matters relating to Bamberg County and Bamberg County budgetary matters. The presented budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 totaled \$29,999,105. After a brief discussion of the budget and the manner of how they would like to see the format conducted in the future, the council declared their vote. Voting in favor of the budget: Councilwoman Hammond, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Comer, Dr. Goodman, Chairman Donaldson. Voting not in favor of the budget: Councilman Myers and Councilman Carter. Councilwoman Hammond stated that there were things in the budget she agreed with and there were some things she compromised with and requested in the future that the budget process be started sooner.

Chairman Donaldson called for council comments. The council gave thanks to the employees for their hard work. It was wished that all have a good and safe 4th of July holiday.

There being no further business for discussion, on motion by Councilman Haynes, seconded by Councilwoman Hammond, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose R. Shepherd, Clerk to Council