

**MINUTES
TAYLORS FIRE & SEWER DISTRICT
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
BUDGET WORKSHOP
MAY 13, 2025**

A special called meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at Station #81 Headquarters in the Training Room, 463 W Main Street, Taylors, South Carolina at 2:00 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Hannah, Commission Chairman
Ken Carter, Commission Vice Chairman/Treasurer
Paul Bowen, Commission Secretary

STAFF PRESENT

Bobby Baker, Fire Chief
Shane Bagwell, Deputy Chief
Alicia Jenkins, Administrative Data Coordinator
Stephanie Hackler, Senior Accounting & HR Specialist

Marty Dixon, Assistant Chief
Todd Jennings, Fire Marshal
Matt Mosley, Mechanic

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jaime Daniel

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hannah at 2:04 pm.

Chairman Hannah stated that the media outlets who requested notification of this special called budget workshop meeting were notified via door posting, email, website, Facebook, and X.

Chairman Hannah led everyone in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Bowen made a motion to enter executive session as per SC Code of Law sections 30-4-70(a)(1) and 30-4-70(a)(2) for discussion of compensation and benefits of employees and Commissioners and other employment related issues; and for possible discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements related to the proposed sale of property located at 3335 Wade Hampton Boulevard, Taylors, SC. Vice Chairman/Treasurer Carter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board entered executive session at 2:05 pm.

Secretary Bowen made a motion to exit executive session. Vice Chairman/Treasurer Carter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board exited executive session at 2:50 pm. No action was taken during executive session.

Vice Chairman/Treasurer Carter made a motion to accept the voluntary retirement plan as presented in executive session provided the Department's legal team and actuary approve the changes in the plan. Secretary Bowen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

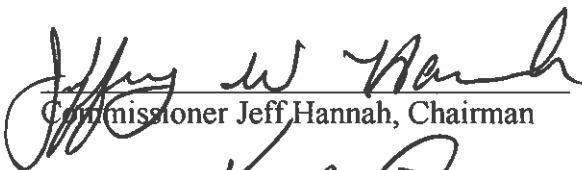
Vice Chairman/Treasurer Carter made a motion to accept the insurance proposed in executive session. Secretary Bowen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hannah recognized Mrs. Jaime Daniel to present a draft of the FY 2026 Budget. The FY 2025 (2024 Tax Year) tax rate millage for the Fire Department is 85.0 and the proposed tax rate millage for FY 2026 (2025 Tax Year) is 88.0. The proposed percentage increase in the operating millage rate between FY

2025 and FY 2026 is 4.05%. The overall proposed millage increase is 3.53%. The total budgeted revenues and expenditures for FY 2025 was \$9,025,000 and the proposed total for FY 2026 is \$9,851,000. The increase is primarily due to increased personnel costs, training/certification, general insurance, occupancy, and reserves. In reference to the tax payer impact, according to the 2025 tax year proposed millage, the homeowner of a home valued at \$100,000 would pay approximately \$352 in property taxes for annual fire protection, which is an increase of \$12.00 (or 3.0 mils) from the 2024 tax year. Fire Chief Baker, Deputy Chief Bagwell, Assistant Chief Dixon, and Mechanic Mosley briefly expounded upon details of the Department's proposed capital expenditures and a lengthy discussion ensued. Vice Chairman/Treasurer Carter made a motion to accept the proposed FY 2026 Budget as presented. Secretary Bowen seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

There was no public; therefore, there was no public comment.

Without any further business, Secretary Bowen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman/Treasurer Carter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:14 pm.


Commissioner Jeff Hannah, Chairman

7/8/2025
Date Minutes Approved


Commissioner Ken Carter, Vice Chairman/Treasurer


Commissioner Paul Bowen, Secretary