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Berkeley County Supervisor's Recommended 2018-2019 Budget Presented to Council

Shows a balanced budget that cuts spending without using fund balance

MONCKS CORNER, S.C.- (Thursday, May 17, 2018) Berkeley County Council heard a presentation at the Monday, May 14 County Council meeting, showing Supervisor Bill Peagler's recommended budget for fiscal year 2018-2019.

The presentation showed the prepared 2018-2019 budget is balanced and cuts spending.

The presented budget does not recommend a millage rate increase; therefore, if passed, Berkeley County will continue to have the lowest county government millage rate in the entire state.

It showed Berkeley County Government's general fund at \$85 million and Berkeley County's Water and Sanitation budget at \$67.9 million.

The recommended budget would provide funding for staff at the new Cane Bay library. It provides a 3% pay increase for Berkeley County employees, both for cost of living adjustment (COLA) and merit.

Additionally, the presentation demonstrated continued support for public safety, providing funds for an ambulance in the Town of Moncks Corner. This will allow Berkeley County to then place an ambulance in Bonneau Beach.

The presented budget also provides for major investments in water and sewer infrastructure.

“This budget was more challenging, factoring in an increase in pension, healthcare and demands of growth,” said Berkeley County Supervisor Bill Peagler. “We were able to accomplish our goal while holding the line on spending. I'm proud to say our annual operating expenses decreased by 1%. This allows us to deploy more resources to where they're most-needed.”

The first reading of the 2018-2019 budget was held at the April Berkeley County Council meeting. The second reading will be held at the Council meeting on Tuesday, May 29. The third and final reading for the 2018-2019 budget is expected at the Berkeley County Council meeting in June. The 2018-2019 fiscal year begins July 1.

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