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8 **BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION**

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10 **5:00 p.m.**

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12 **Wednesday, May 7, 2008**

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14 **R. Carlisle Roddey Building**
15 **Conference Room**

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17 **Chairman, Carlisle Roddey, Presiding**

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20 **Minutes**

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22 **In Attendance**

23 **R. Carlisle Roddey, Chairman**
24 **Archie Lucas, Vice Chairman**
25 **Alex Oliphant, Councilman**
26 **Tommy Martin, Councilman**
27 **Mary Guy, Councilwoman**
28 **Brad Jordan, Councilman**
29 **Joe Branham, Councilman**

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32 **I. Call to order**
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34 **II. Budget discussion**

35 **Mr. Jack Kindle, Treasurer** wanted to discuss his budget with Council so his department
36 was discussed first. Mr. Kindle stated he would like the last item, computer hardware/software
37 moved to misc. expense which was bank charges. He stated this account had been cut
38 \$2,000 and at times bank expenses were as high as \$12,000 and he would divide
39 this amount the different departments but he would rather just pay it from his budget and was
40 requesting \$7,500. **Vice Chairman Lucas** asked why he was requesting more money in
41 Maintenance and Service Contracts and Mr. Kindle said that was for the decals from DMV and
42 actual maintenance and service contracts which included the website. **Councilman Oliphant**

1 asked what other monies the treasurer's office received and Mr. Kindle replied he got a state
2 stipend.

3 **Councilman Oliphant** asked if he received any free monies and Mr. Kindle replied that his office
4 did not. **Vice Chairman Lucas** asked how many employees were in the office and Mr. Kindle
5 said five including him. Mr. Kindle was asking for one increase on his budget.

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7 **Mr. Earl Moore** stated in 2005 the Election and Registration Board combined 10 people into
8 2 and it was a tremendous workload. Mr. Moore had a complaint about a \$10,000 allotment
9 his department received from the State and it was never put into his budget. **Mr. Baker,**
10 **Finance Director** said that problem had been taken care of. Mr. Moore went into the
11 number of ways his department had saved the County money and requested that Council
12 approve an increase in salary for him and his secretary. Mr. Moore also requested more money
13 in his maintenance account and **Councilman Branham** asked what type of maintenance and
14 Mr. Moore replied batteries for the 104 voting machines. **Councilman Oliphant** asked Mr.
15 Moore if he still had the old voting machines and Mr. Moore said he did. Mr. Moore said at
16 one time he had a buyer but the previous County Manager, Mr. Frick would not authorize him to
17 sell them. All of Council suggested to Mr. Moore if there was a potential buyer for the machines
18 to by all means sell them. **Councilman Branham** also asked if he didn't have a part time person
19 and Mr. Moore said he did and that he could not run the office with just two people. **Councilman**
20 **Oliphant** then said since Mr. Moore took over the elections have been the cleanest and
21 fairest elections since he had been voting. **Councilman Jordan** then said you're asking almost
22 \$15,000 in machines and equipment and \$8,000 in parts and supplies, what are you looking for?
23 Mr. Moore said he had two spare machines and needed three or four and the parts were for;
24 PED's which are \$75 ea, flash cards, \$25, batteries \$25 each. **Chairman Roddey** stated that
25 he had only spent \$50 on parts and supplies and Mr. Moore said the primary wasn't until June.
26 **Councilman Oliphant** then said Legislative Delegation sets salaries and job descriptions and if
27 100% comes from the County shouldn't it go through our HR Department. The reply was
28 yes (not sure who made the reply). Mr. Moore then stated further how he had save the County
29 money and **Vice Chairman Lucas** then said if we pick a specific department and gave them a
30 raise it would create turmoil all over the County. Mr. Moore's response was "are other
31 departments as frugal as I was" and **Councilman Oliphant** said Council understands but the
32 main thing is that we're fair and equable with all departments. Mr. Moore then said I'd like to
33 reiterate that I'm not asking for additional revenues, just to raise both salaries. **Councilman**
34 **Oliphant** then asked if he received any additional monies and Mr. Moore replied "no".
35 **Councilman Branham** asked if the \$10,000 allotment he received was designated for
36 anything and Mr. Moore said it was, Commission members stipend that members got

1 \$375 each quarter and they continuously had to be certified. **Councilman Branham** then said he
2 would like to say that Mr. Moore had been very professional in the way he handled matters this
3 year.

4 **Chairman Roddey** – no changes in County Council budget. No questions from Council.

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6 **Chairman Roddey** – County Supervisor budget raised allowance for vehicle due to increase in
7 gas prices was the only change. No questions from Council.

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9 **Chairman Roddey** – in the Finance Dept. Mr. Baker said they lowered Professional

10 Development but asked for more in General Maintenance due to GASB 45. **Councilman**

11 **Oliphant** asked how he was dealing with government accounting and did he need to take

12 classes and Mr. Baker replied that he didn't. **Councilman Oliphant** then asked if the audit

13 would be coming soon and Mr. Baker replied yes. **Vice Chairman Lucas** asked if the audit

14 firm was staying in line with what they were suppose to do and **Chairman Roddey** replied yes

15 and that we had to put in \$5,000 more because of bad information from the school, but all had

16 been taken care of. **Councilman Branham** said it was about time for the A-Tax to get started

17 again and he had a concern about the way the money has been distributed.

18 Mr. Baker said he, Bessie Vastis and Mrs. Cornwell went to Columbia and then met with the

19 entire committee. They will be having workshops starting on May 20 to show people how to

20 complete the forms. **Councilman Oliphant** than asked for an unbiased opinion from Mr. Baker

21 about the School District and Magistrates. Mr. Baker stated that the school district was settled

22 and the magistrates will be by the end of the year.

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24 HR – Budget reduced. **Councilman Martin** said it was a good program having a doctor here and

25 **Councilwoman Guy** asked what \$8,000 was for and **Chairman Roddey** said medical supplies.

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27 Purchasing – no change

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29 Tax Collector – no change

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31 Auditor – no change

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33 Tax Assessor – **Councilman Jordan** asked about Professional Services and Mr. Baker said it

34 was for the GO Bond. **Councilman Jordan** then inquired about the increase in Printing &

35 Marketing that only \$500 had been spent but they were asking for \$17,700 and Mr. Baker

36 replied re-assessment notices.

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1 Planning & Zoning – **Chairman Roddey** stated that \$50,000 was in the budget for tearing down
2 houses and **Councilman Jordan** asked how many have we torn down and **Chairman Roddey**
3 stated 10 so far. **Councilman Oliphant** then said if we did it correctly and put liens on these
4 properties and we could get as much as \$3,000 which would be collected in the Delinquent
5 Tax Office.

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7 Economic Development – **Councilman Oliphant** said it was good that we partnered with different
8 entities, i.e., CDA, Duke Energy because that helped. **Councilman Branham** said they were
9 doing an excellent job and that we would see and hear about some things soon. **Councilman**
10 **Branham** also said Hal Stone was doing a great job with existing industries. **Councilman**
11 **Oliphant** said he had heard many compliments from people outside the county on our Economic
12 Development Department.

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14 Coroner – no change – **Vice Chairman Lucas** asked how many assistants did Mr. Tinker have
15 and **Chairman Roddey** replied five and they did not get paid. **Councilman Oliphant** said they
16 did an excellent job.

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18 County Garage – **Chairman Roddey** said \$30,000 had been added for fuel and **Councilman**
19 **Oliphant** asked if he had any predictions on how this would come out and **Chairman Roddey**
20 said no.

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22 Building Maintenance - was reduced by \$100,000 and that was for vehicles which was taken out.
23 **Vice Chairman Lucas** asked if this included the Great Falls Memorial Building and **Chairman**
24 **Roddey** replied “no”. **Chairman Roddey** said he had to roof the DSS and Great
25 Falls Memorial Building and also we had to get our own water at this facility because now we
26 were on Omnova’s line.

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28 Airport – no change – **Councilman Martin** asked about the 3rd Grant and **Chairman Roddey**
29 said the Feds took it back. **Councilman Oliphant** asked if they could get a copy of their yearly
30 budget and **Chairman Roddey** said he would get one. **Councilman Branham** said it was a
31 tremendous asset and **Councilman Martin** stated it was very essential to Chester County.

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33 IT – **Chairman Roddey** said the budget had been increased \$42,000 for Maintenance and
34 Service Contracts. **Councilman Oliphant** said the Website Committee was working hard on
35 updating the County Website and it would take about \$10,000-\$15,000 to update and he
36 asked if that money was in there and Mr. Baker said it was.

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1 With nothing further to discuss, the Budget Workshop was adjourned.

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3 **III. Adjournment**
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9 Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the Chester News & Reporter,
10 The Herald in Rock Hill, SC, WSOC-TV, Channel 9 Eyewitness News, the Mfg. Housing
11 Institute of SC, WRHI Radio Station, C&N2 News, WCNC News and Capitol Consultants
12 were notified and a notice was posted on the bulletin board at the R. Carlisle Roddey
13 Government Complex 24 hours prior to the meeting
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20 **R. Carlisle Roddey**
21 **Chester County Supervisor**
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_____ **Carolyn S. Clayton-Snipes, CCC**
Clerk to Chester County Council
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