



## CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

R. Carlisle Roddey County Complex  
1476 J.A. Cochran By-Pass  
Chester, SC 29706

Thursday, June 14, 2012  
Council Chambers  
2:00 PM

Carlisle Roddey, Chairman – Presiding

### Minutes

**In Attendance:**

- Chairman Roddey
- Vice Chairman Lucas
- Council Member Oliphant
- Council Member Guy
- Council Member Jordan
- Council Member Branham
- Council Member Holcombe
- County Attorney Winters

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation**

**III. Citizen's Comments**

There were no Citizen's Comments

**IV. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of 2012-2013 Budget Ordinance**

**Vice Chairman Lucas made the Motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the 2012-2013 Chester County Budget Ordinance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Branham, Council vote was unanimous.**

Discussion: **Council Member Oliphant** said they were told that in order to avoid a tax hike we'd need approximately \$600,000 more in the budget and he couldn't stand a tax increase and he knew the citizen's couldn't either. He said he also knew how hard Mr. Roddey and Mr. Darby had worked on the budget but there had to be something else that could be cut. He said he didn't know how to get there unless employees were cut or take it out of fund balance. **Chairman Roddey** said

that every time he tried to cut something everyone complained and the problem was that millage had been set too low for the past couple of years, that he had been given some bad advice.

**Vice Chairman Lucas** said he didn't know of any department that was over staffed but **Council Member Holcombe** said he knew where some could be cut but would rather not say. **Council Member Oliphant** then said he knew there were certain mandates but he would rather be understaffed than over budget. **Council Member Jordan** said he would like to echo **Mr. Oliphant's** sentiments and that he knew that LFG was not funding like they should. **Council Member Guy** asked about employees taking a furlough day without pay and Mr. Darby said that would save about \$250,000 to \$300,000. **Chairman Roddey** then said "yall have got to understand that gas, workers compensation, insurance, etc., have constantly risen and that many hours have been spent on this budge". **Vice Chairman Lucas** then said all the surrounding counties were in the same situation. **Chairman Roddey** then said it bothered him that he couldn't give his employees a raise and that it had been five years since they had one. **Council Member Oliphant** then asked Mr.

Darby if he could give Council Members a list of the number of departments and the employees in each department. Mr. Darby said he would get that for Council and have at the next meeting.

**Chairman Roddey** then told Council Members to decide what they wanted to cut at the next meeting.

## V. **Adjournment**

**Vice Chairman Lucas made a Motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Branham**

**Council vote was unanimous.**

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the Chester News & Reporter, was notified and a notice was posted on the bulletin board at the R. Carlisle Roddey Government Complex 24 hours prior to the meeting

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**R. Carlisle Roddey**  
**Chairman, Chester**  
**County Council**

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**Carolyn S. Clayton CCC**  
**Clerk to Chester County Council**