

**MINUTES OF WORKSHOP  
CONWAY CITY COUNCIL  
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM  
229 MAIN STREET  
CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA  
MONDAY – JANUARY 31, 2011 – 11:30 a.m.**

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**PRESENT:** Alys C. Lawson, Mayor; Thomas J. Anderson II, Mayor Pro Tem; and the following Council Members: Vivian E. Chestnut, William Goldfinch IV, Irby L. Koon, Jean M. Timbes, and Larry A. White

**STAFF:** Bill Graham, City Administrator; Reggie Gosnell, Police Chief; and Vicky Lefler, City Clerk

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Heather Gale

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Lawson called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

**WORKSHOP ON 911 CALL CENTERS:**

Immediately after the meeting was called to order, the group departed City Hall for a tour of the City and County 911 call centers. The group then returned to City Hall and assembled in the conference room for discussion. Council Member Larry White was not present for the discussion portion of the workshop.

Graham reviewed for Council the anticipated cost savings that would be realized by merging the City's 911 call center with that of Horry County. Staff estimated that a merger of the call centers would save the City \$553,797 over a period of five years. One part-time City dispatcher has already been hired in a full-time dispatcher's position by the County; Gosnell reported that the other dispatchers would be given priority for positions in the County's 911 call center as they become available. The City will work to assign to other positions any dispatchers who are not hired by the County. If approved by both City Council and County Council, the merger could take place within 60-90 days. Graham recommended that Council authorize staff to pursue the concept of the transfer and return with the details for Council's consideration. **Motion:** Anderson made a motion, seconded by Goldfinch, to authorize staff to move forward with negotiations and explore all possibilities with regard to merging the City's 911 call center into the County's 911 call center. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** **Motion:** Anderson made a motion, seconded by Goldfinch, to adjourn the meeting. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes approved by City Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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Vicky Lefler, City Clerk