

**Kershaw County Council Special Called Meeting/Workshop  
Budget Retreat  
Saturday, February 3, 2024 – 8:00 a.m.**



The Special Called meeting of the Kershaw County Council was held on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. in Council Chambers at the Kershaw County Government Center.

<b>Council Present:</b>	Katie Guinn Russell Brazell	Danny Catoe Sammie Tucker Jr.	Derek Shoemake
<b>Council Absent:</b>	Vice-Chairman Jimmy Jones	Councilman Brant Tomlinson	
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Danny Templar Matthew Bullard	Gerald Blanchard Chris Anderson	Lauren Reeder

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, copies of the agenda were sent to the newspapers, TV and radio stations, citizens of the county, department heads and posted on the website.

Chairwoman Katie Guinn called the meeting to order. Councilmember Sammie Tucker, Jr. gave an invocation following the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S PRIORITY BRIEFING**

County Administrator Danny Templar gave an overview of staff’s high, medium, and low priorities for the FY25 Budget.

**High Priorities include:**

- Elevate fulltime starting salaries countywide to minimum \$15 per hour
- Tiered cost of living allowance
- Ensure wages for specialty fields are competitive for Detention Center, Solid Waste, Public Works, and Probate Court
- Additional fulltime employees for Detention Center and 911/Central Communications
- Expansion of Detention Center Medical Services
- Reduce operational hours and eliminate certain goods at Convenience Centers

**Medium Priorities include:**

- New fulltime employees for Engineering, Planning and Zoning, Auditor’s Office, Solid Waste, and Maintenance
- Develop overtime budget line items for departments with no overtime

**Low Priorities include:**

- New fulltime employees for Airport, Solid Waste, Code Enforcement, and Sewer

Councilmembers then filled out individual goal setting sheets for the FY25 Budget. Councilmembers absent will have the opportunity to fill out their goal setting sheets as well. Once all have been collected, goal setting sheets will be scored and a report will be generated and provided to Council at a later date.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairwoman Katie Guinn adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

3. 26. 2024  
Date Approved  
*Hannah M. Farler*  
Clerk to Council