



CORINTH-SHILOH SPECIAL PURPOSE TAX DISTRICT

Workshop

February 12, 2026

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**Training Room, Corinth-Shiloh Fire Department
940 Old Clemson Highway, Seneca, SC 29672**

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Call to order: Chairman Smith. All Members were present as was Chief Schuerer

Moment of Silence

Invocation

Purpose

The purpose is to have a round table discussion with thoughts about the process and candidates. From there, the commission will move into a regular meeting to include an executive session.

Budget

- Chief Schuerer presented the budget that totals \$1,534,000. Items highlighted include:
 - Start replacement of firehoses
 - Start replacement of turnout gear
 - Improvement of equipment
 - Substation renovation
- Mr. Walton asked about the need for firehose replacement
 - Chief Schuerer explained that the NFPA standard is to replace hose at 10 years. Requires annual testing. About 90% of the department's hoses should be replaced. This budget contains only enough hoses for one budget, so not all are being replaced this year. Hose testing costs about \$1,000

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- Mr. Marcengil asked why we would spend \$1,000 for testing on hoses that are 10 years old.
 - Chief Schuerer explained that NFPA rules require that out of date hoses have to be tested if they are still in use.
 - Mr. Marcengil asked if they'd test a 20 year hose.
 - Chief Schuerer agreed there would be no point.
- Mr. Walton inquired about the line item for tools. Was this in case tools were needed or are there tools that are needed.
 - Chief Schuerer explained these are identified deficiencies that should be purchased: boat thow roap, PFD's for the boat, ventilation saws, roap rescue equipment, hand tools, pneumatic tools, air lifting bags, battery operated tools.
 - Ms. Morris verified with the Chief that the \$15,000 line item provided tools for 1 truck.
- Mr. Walton inquired about the uniform line item. Is it indicative of a change in the dress code?
 - Chief Schuerer indicated that they plan to change the dress code. Paid staff will be required to be in uniform. The volunteers will not be required to meet this requirement. 1% funds will be used to buy t-shirts and sweatshirts for volunteers.
 - Ms. Morris asked if the uniforms would be purchased from the same supplier Seneca FD uses.
 - Chief Schuerer indicated there would be an effort to purchase local although some items have been found on-line.
- Mr. Walton inquired about the Utilities line up referring to Station 30, the substation. He indicated that the county was paying this expense.
 - Chief Schuerer agreed that this is the present situation, but if CSFD took responsibility for the substation it would assume this expense.
 - Mr. Marcengil observed that if this did not happen the amount saved could be redirected in the budget.
 - The Chief agreed and pointed to a document in the budget that detailed the not acquiring the substation would remove \$139,000 from the budget. Alternatively, it could be repurposed to other big problems.
- Mr. Walton asked about the line item for Fire Marshall
 - Chief Schuerer explained the Bill Box does the fire inspections. He has a private company the CSFD contracts to do inspections.
- Ms. Morris asked for clarification on the line item for Turn-out gear that it would replace 12 sets for new employees.
 - Chief Schuerer said the \$36,000 approved was for present employees.
 - Ms Morris asked about the cost of new turn-out gear for everyone
 - Chief Schuerer indicated that you'd need to triple this amount.
 - Ms. Morris indicated that turn-out gear should be retired after 10 years and 90% of our gear is in this situaion.
 - Chief Schuerer responded that we should address this in the strategic plan with a rolling replacement policy. We would set a roll out of new inventory.

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- Mr. Walton asked about the radio replacement line item
 - Chief Schuerer explained that the department's radio communications system was in a unique situation with an analog system, digital system, an 800 mega watts system and pickens county has gone to a Top Group System so when we respond to a fire the only way to talk with anybody is on a digital channel and none of the firefighters have those. They can hear everything, but can't transmit. Seneca and Clemson are on completely different radio systems from Corinth-Shilo. So this radio system that we propose will communicate with every other system on one radio. I'll propose that we'll buy 4 this year and 4 next year to start a replacement system. The other concern is that the radios provided by the county will return to the county. This is a communication nightmare that could become a safety issue.
- Dr. Howiler asked about the IT system that was included in the budget
 - Chief Schuerer explained that the department will get its own internet service. As a government entity the cost will be minimal. Additionally the department will need Norton Anti-Virus, a VPN, and a minimal number of computers. We need to start making these changes now because we are paying for a website that we have no control over. I'll be making some of these changes now and this line item is to plan for future growth.
- Mr. Walton asked about Pay Roll Processing. Is there a budget for Accounting?
 - Chief Schuerer indicated that he was not aware of Accounting. He is aware that we pay a fixed amount for Pay Roll. If there is a audit amount, it could be included.
 - Mr. Walton indicated that he would figure it out.
 - This budget includes an amount for a rate increase next year.
- Mr. Walton asked, what if this amount is too high?
 - Chief Schuerer indicated that there were things that could be cut.
 - At this point, \$997,000 in the budget. There will be more coming in every month for automobiles and other personal property. There will also be \$60,000 each quarter.
 - There is also \$25,000 in 1% funds. The Chief is researching the legalities of using these funds.
- Mr. Walton indicated that there were several items requiring a vote.
 - Moving money over to a money market account to earn interest.
 - Signing up for a state pooling fund that is similar to FDIC protection for amounts in excess of FDIC.
 - The commission will need to set up several checking accounts for various funding sources. The Chief was tasked with putting together a resolution to cover all these situations.
 - Mr. Marcingil suggested an account for charitable contributions. Chief Schuerer indicated that he would investigate this. Ms. Morris suggested that he speak with Jason White.
- Mr. Smith indicated that there would be one more workshop to create the budget and one public meeting to present it to the public. March 5 will be the next Workshop.

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Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting

- Employee Handbook
- Facilities Lease Agreement
- Purchase Tri-Band Radios
- PORS- Personnel Retirement
- PEBA- Personnel Insurance
- Financial- Banking and Savings Account Strategy

Adjourn

- Ms. Morris moved to adjourn the meeting, Dr. Howler seconded and the motion was approved by a 5 - 0 vote.

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