

Richland County Committee

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Agenda Item Name: Strategic Initiatives impacting future county budgets

Department	Administration	Presented By:	Administrator
Date of Meeting:	September 2 nd 2021	Action Needed:	Vote
Disclosure:	Open Session	Authority:	Resolution No. 21-101
Date submitted:	August 30 th 2021	Referred by:	
Action needed by no later than (date)	N/A	Resolution	<u>N/A</u> , prepared, reviewed

Recommendation and/or action language:

Motion to incorporate into the strategic plan, “financial recommendations on initiatives impacting future county services and expenditures” which may result in recommendations to the board to evaluate solvency and/or separate with non-mandated services.

Background: *(preferred one page or less with focus on options and decision points)*

As the Strategic Planning Committee determines its scope of planning and topics it hopes to address in developing the strategic financial plan. It is proposed that the committee entertain recommending evaluation of none-mandated, discretionary services and possibly recommend evaluations and separations of services in context of continual budget constraints, growing deferred capital improvements, and increased costs to operate mandated services.

Attached are draft resolution examples that may be considered in directing services to find solvency or separating from county control. The first Draft depicts language to study and present a plan of solvency, the second draft depicts a separation from county control. Both examples are drafts and can be amended to best meet desires of the board and features of the department or services.

Attachments and References:

Resolution Concept Draft: Investigate a Solvent Financial Plan - Below	Resolution Concept Draft: Prepare for Separation from the County

Financial Review:

(please check one)

<input type="checkbox"/>	In adopted budget	Fund Number	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apportionment needed	Requested Fund Number	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other funding Source		
<input type="checkbox"/>	No financial impact		

(summary of current and future impacts)

May impact future budget expenditures and impact American Rescue Plan funding apportionments.

Approval:

Review:

Clinton Langreck

Department Head

Administrator, or Elected Office (if applicable)

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— Resolution Concept **Draft:** Investigate a Solvent Financial Plan —

Whereas the Strategic Planning Committee was tasked to “continue the development of the Strategic Plan and create a final plan for presentation to the County Board by the end of 2021” under authority of Resolution No. 21-101, and

Whereas the Richland County’s recent borrowing practices, audit reports and budgeting constraints have consistently indicated a need for the county to prioritize services and begin evaluation and displacement of non-mandated services impacting operational levy and debt-service levy expenditures, and

Whereas the County has received numerous petitions and concerns in regarding the elimination, reduction, or disposition of highly valued none-mandated services and recognizes the importance of these services to the community.

Now therefore be it resolved the Richland County Board of Supervisors directs the following actions and timelines to be implemented in efforts to evaluate the _____ department _____ (provided services, grounds, facilities and equipment), and to plan for operating without impacts on the county operations levy and debt service levy:

1. The Richland County Structure Resolution depicting committee, boards and commission’s duties and authorities is hereby amended to include the following bullet: “The _____oversite (committee, board or commission) is tasked to work in conjunction with the County Administrator and supporting staff to evaluate the _____ department _____ (provided services, grounds, facilities and equipment) and determine the best way, if at all possible, to continue services with zero future dependency on the county operational levy and debt-service levy for capital improvements beginning in 2023.”
2. The County administrator is authorized to allocate to the _____ department _____ (provided services, grounds, facilities and equipment) \$_____ dollars in American Rescue Plan funding to study and develop a credible, County Board adopted, business plan (operation agreement, partnership agreement, etc.) that reasonably ensures solvent revenue generating operations that result zero future dependency on county operational levy or debt service levy for capital improvements beginning in 2023.

Be it further resolved that if such a plan is not adopted by the with County Board no later than 16 Aug 2022, that the County Administrator is tasked with dissolving the _____ department _____ (provided services, grounds, facilities and equipment) effective January 1st 2023, by eliminate county funding, releasing necessary staff, preparing necessary policy changes, and appropriating or liquidating all assets, grounds, equipment and facilities in the best interest of the county.

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— Resolution Concept **Draft:** Prepare for Separation from the County —

Whereas the Strategic Planning Committee was tasked to “continue the development of the Strategic Plan and create a final plan for presentation to the County Board by the end of 2021” under authority of Resolution No. 21-101, and

Whereas the Richland County’s recent borrowing practices, audit reports and budgeting constraints have consistently indicated a need for the county to prioritize services and begin evaluation and displacement of none-mandated services impacting operational levy and debt-service levy expenditures, and

Whereas the County has received numerous petitions and concerns regarding the elimination, reduction or displacement of highly valued none-mandated services and recognizes the importance of these services to the community.

Now therefore be it resolved the Richland County Board of Supervisors directs the following actions and timelines to be implemented in the separation of the _____ department _____ (provided services, grounds, facilities and equipment) from Richland County control, funding and liability effective January 1st 2023.

Be it further resolved the Richland County Structure Resolution depicting committee, boards and commission’s duties and authorities is hereby amended to include the following bullet: “The _____ oversight (committee, board or commission) is tasked to work in conjunction with the County Administrator and supporting staff to plan the discontinuation of the _____ department _____ (provided services, grounds, facilities and equipment) effective January 1st 2023, with elimination of county levy funding, separation of staff, development of necessary policy changes and separation procedures, and disposition or liquidating of all assets, grounds, equipment and facilities in efforts to maintain services if feasible and aligning with the best interest of the county”,

Be it further resolved the County administrator is authorized to allocate to the _____ department _____ (provided services, grounds, facilities and equipment) \$_____ dollars in American Rescue Plan to assist in solvency during the transition out from county control, if services will be continued under another legal entity.

Be it further resolved a plan of separation from county control and future disposition of services will be presented to the Richland County Board no later than 16 Aug 2022.