



# *Just the Facts*

## Explanation of the November 6, 2018 Capital Project Sales Tax Questions

On November 6, 2018, the voters in North Augusta will have the opportunity to vote on two Capital Project Sales Tax (CPST) questions. The CPST may be better known to you as the penny, local penny, or local sales tax.

Since November of 2000 when the voters first approved the CPST penny, millions of dollars of important infrastructure, public safety, and park improvements have been funded in North Augusta and Aiken County. Although voted on and approved three consecutive times, this one percent tax has been continuous since May of 2001 when the initial CPST went into effect. It is estimated that 30% of the tax is generated by those outside of Aiken County.

What the voters are being asked to approve on November 6th is whether they would like for this one percent tax to continue. The state law governing this sales tax stipulates that all projects must be specified on the ballot (see below) and only projects on the list can be funded with the sales tax proceeds.

The CPST question will be on the ballot in all of Aiken County, and must pass county-wide to remain in effect. The voters in North Augusta will be asked a second question. That second question is IF the county-wide sales tax passes, would the voters of North Augusta support the City borrowing the proceeds up front to start the new Public Safety Headquarters. The current Public Safety Headquarters dates back to the 1950s and the condition of the building and growth of the department necessitate a new building.

It is important to note that if the countywide sales tax does not pass, the City **WILL NOT** be borrowing money, since it is the City's intention to pay back the debt solely with sales tax proceeds. This debt will last only for the life of the sales tax (7 years).

Just as it will be more expensive to build a house four years from now, waiting until enough money has been collected to build the headquarters will mean that the City will have to build less space for our Public Safety. You are encouraged to examine both CPST questions. You will first be asked whether or not you are in favor of continuing the existing tax. The second question will ask you whether or not you are in favor of the City borrowing the money to get started on the Public Safety Headquarters right away and paying it back with sales tax proceeds.

If the CPST IV is approved by the citizens, the City of North Augusta would begin receiving approximately \$4.4 million per year over the life of the sales tax. That is the equivalent of 44 mills (current millage in North Augusta is 73.5). With the Public Safety Headquarters estimated at a cost of \$10.25 million, it would be at least three years before enough funds would be collected to begin the project. This would also result in no other projects on the list being completed during the time it would take to build up these funds. Please take the time to review the list below. Consider whether you believe these are worthwhile projects and if you are in favor of beginning the Public Safety Headquarters as soon as possible.

The referendum question to be on the ballot of the referendum to be held in Aiken County on November 6, 2018, must read substantially as follows:

Must a special one percent sales and use tax be re-imposed in Aiken County for not more than seven (7) years to raise the amounts specified for the following purposes:

I. **The first \$5,949,866 received by Aiken County under the Capital Project Sales and Use Tax shall be distributed, subject to the procedures set forth in an ordinance adopted by County Council, to the following municipalities in the priority such municipality is listed below:**

A. \$1,833,612 for the following projects within the **Town of Burnettown**, such projects to be funded in the order determined by Burnettown Town Council:

\$500,000 for water line and tank upgrades;

\$200,000 for equipment for the Water Works Department;

\$200,000 for police car replacement, upgrades and police equipment;

\$100,000 for Water Works vehicle replacement and upgrades;

\$150,000 for Town Hall/Police Department upgrades and security;

\$120,000 for camera/security system for Town Hall, courtroom, Police Department, Museum, Sassafras Park, computer upgrades;

\$100,000 for emergency generator for water wells;

\$100,000 for equipment and equipment storage to maintain Town parks;

\$200,000 for Community Center/Town Hall signage and office upgrades;

\$100,000 for Parks and Recreation renovations including purchasing, removing and installing signage, fencing, concessions and improvements to Willie Whaley Park;

\$63,612 for maintenance shop upgrades.

B. \$1,064,868 for the following projects within the **Town of Jackson**, such projects to be funded in the order determined by Jackson Town Council:

\$125,000 for police vehicles, equipment and infrastructure;

\$339,868 for water department vehicles, equipment and infrastructure;

\$305,000 for fire department vehicles, equipment and building improvements;

\$90,000 for Municipal Buildings and grounds improvements;  
\$65,000 for sanitation equipment and vehicles;  
\$85,000 for street maintenance equipment, landscaping and signage;  
\$35,000 for park improvements and equipment;  
\$20,000 for property purchase and improvements for economic development.

- C. \$76,868 for the following projects within the **Town of Monetta**, such projects to be funded in the order determined by Monetta Town Council:

\$25,000 for playground equipment;  
\$25,000 for a backhoe;  
\$25,000 for equipment shed and fencing;  
\$1,868 for Community Center renovations.

- D. \$1,548,584 for the following projects within the **City of New Ellenton**, such projects to be funded in the order determined by New Ellenton City Council:

\$258,584 for public works vehicles and equipment and facility improvements;  
\$350,000 for sewer plant rehabilitations, installation of new sewer lines, long-term right-of-way maintenance and upkeep, development of as-built drawings and grant match;  
\$30,000 for Community Center upgrades;  
\$300,000 for police equipment, vehicles and call stations;  
\$160,000 for an announcer's booth, concession stand, playground equipment and tennis court for recreation;  
\$420,000 for stormwater infrastructure improvements, street resurfacing, sidewalk construction and vehicles for streets department;  
\$30,000 for fire department vehicle.

- E. \$118,611 for the following projects within the **Town of Perry**, such projects to be funded in the order determined by the Perry Town Council:

\$45,000 for water service vehicle;

\$55,000 for walking track lighting;

\$10,000 for computer upgrades to integrate with meter reading system;

\$8,611 for security system in Town Hall.

- F. \$235,556 for the following projects within the **Town of Salley**, such projects to be funded in the order determined by the Salley Town Council:

\$5,000 for backhoe attachment for tractor;

\$6,000 for new commercial lawn mower;

\$155,056 for renovations to the civic center,

\$35,000 for electrical and water upgrades to the festival vendor area;

\$15,000 for emergency generators;

\$4,500 for Town Hall improvements and upgrades;

\$15,000 to replace a Town pickup truck.

- G. \$984,240 for the following projects within the **Town of Wagener**, such projects to be funded in the order determined by Wagener Town Council:

\$350,000 for water/sewer system infrastructure upgrades and improvements;

\$284,240 for Town park and facility improvements, including improved lighting;

\$100,000 for vehicle and equipment replacement for the police department;

\$50,000 for improvements and renovations of the fire department;

\$200,000 for new construction and/or renovations of Town Hall.

- H. \$87,527 for the following projects within the **Town of Windsor**, such projects to be funded in the order determined by Windsor Town Council:

\$65,000 for renovations of Town Hall,

\$22,527 for renovations and repair of recreation park.

**II. The next \$156,910,819 received by Aiken County under the Capital Project Sales and Use Tax shall be distributed proportionally, subject to the procedures set forth in an ordinance adopted by County Council, among the following three jurisdictions in the percentages shown: The City of North Augusta (18.88%), the City of Aiken (31.23%), and Aiken County (46.24%) for the following projects:**

A. \$30,700,000 for the following projects for the **City of North Augusta**, such projects to be funded the order determined by North Augusta City Council:

\$11,500,000 for design, development and construction of a new Department of Public Safety headquarters station and related fire apparatus;

\$2,000,000 for Martintown Road/US 1 intersection design and improvements;

\$300,000 for downtown pedestrian and vehicular traffic safety improvements;

\$700,000 for placing utilities underground along Georgia Avenue;

\$3,000,000 for reconstruction of the following City of North Augusta roads:

Bluff Avenue  
East Pine Grove Avenue  
Yardley Drive  
Canary Road  
Wren Road  
Vireo Road  
Trimmier Place  
Lowe Street  
Towhee Avenue  
Briggs Avenue

\$1,450,000 for resurfacing of the following City of North Augusta roads:

Amy Circle  
Bolin Court  
Bolin Road  
Cadada Court  
Calbrieth Circle  
Calbrieth Way  
Cascade Drive  
Clifton Avenue  
Edgewood Avenue  
Edgewood Court  
Hastings Place  
Leyland Place  
Medie Avenue  
Mill Branch Way  
Mokateen Avenue  
Northwood Court

Old Walnut Branch  
Pine Grove Avenue  
Raborn Court  
Shawnee Drive  
Spring Grove Avenue  
St. Julian Place  
Walnut Grove Drive.

**In the event certain of the above City of North Augusta road projects may not be accomplished for any reason, those paving projects listed below may be undertaken in the order to be determined by City Council:**

Burnside Avenue  
Court A  
Court B  
Cypress Drive  
Deepwood Place  
Easttowne Drive  
Hickory Place  
Hidden Hills Drive  
Hillwood Court  
Jeffrey Street  
Knotty Pine Drive  
Lodgepole  
Longstreet Crossing  
McKenzie Circle  
McKenzie Street  
Norman Street  
Ridge Cliff Court  
River Bluff Court  
River Oaks Drive  
Scenic Court  
Shadow Lane  
Spring Oak Lane  
Thurmond Street  
Thurmond Way  
Torry Avenue  
White Pine Drive  
Willow Run  
Womrath Court

\$500,000 for New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam Improvements;

\$700,000 for Activities Center improvements;

\$1,500,000 for park improvements including ballpark, fields, lighting and playground equipment for Creighton Park;

\$150,000 for Community Center upgrades;

\$650,000 for Greenway improvements and increased connectivity;

\$900,000 for downtown Greenway Connector;

\$3,500,000 for wastewater infrastructure improvements to the Southwest interceptor, the Southeast interceptor and the Northeast interceptor;

\$1,500,000 for stormwater system improvements as follows:

Pinehurst Drainage Improvements

Enclose ditch between Leyland Place and Chanticleer

Bergen Place Drainage Improvements

Greenway Culverts Rehabilitation

Georgia/Buena Vista intersection drainage

Paved ditch between Fairway and Alta Vista

Mealing drainage improvements

Waterworks Park drainage improvements

\$1,250,000 for gateway and wayfinding improvements including at the US 1/Martintown Road intersection, East Buena Vista/US 1 intersection, Edgefield Road/Georgia Avenue intersection and I-20 and Martintown interchange;

\$575,000 for software and technology to develop a citizen information portal, improved record keeping, transaction processing, accounting and financial reporting;

\$425,000 for safety and security improvements for the Municipal Building;

\$100,000 for Finance Department lobby improvements for citizen transactions.

B. \$50,911,319 for the following projects for the **City of Aiken**, such projects to be funded in the order determined by Aiken City Council:

\$10,000,000 for water infrastructure projects including valve and pressure zone replacements, hypochlorite generation station replacements and galvanized pipe replacement city-wide;

\$10,000,000 for sanitary sewer pipe rehabilitation;

\$10,000,000 for stormwater system improvements including corrugated metal pipe replacement in Houndslake, the downtown area, McCormick Street and Kennedy Colony.

\$8,000,000 for Whiskey Road Corridor improvements, congestion relief and sidewalk installation;

\$3,911,319 for Public Safety equipment including replacement of a ladder truck and pumper truck; construction and renovation of Public Safety facilities;

\$9,000,000 for Parks and Recreation Improvements as follows:

Smith-Hazel Recreation Center improvements including pool upgrades, interior ADA restrooms, gym floor replacement, playground replacement, walking trail and outdoor basketball court upgrades;

Odell Weeks Center improvements including renovations to the lobby, fitness area, bathrooms/showers and improvements to the roof and flooring; installation of retractable volleyball standards for both gymnasiums; playground replacement in Virginia Acres Park; demolition of the handball courts and construction of a covered shelter over tennis, pickleball and basketball court areas; replacement of the tennis center pro shop roof and covering of courts; installation of digital marquee; renovations of old playhouse/ceramics building; installation of shade structure over the outdoor fitness equipment;

Playground equipment replacement for Kalmia Hill Park, Hammond Williams Park and Crosland Park.

- C. \$75,299,500 for the following projects for **Aiken County**, such projects to be funded in the order determined by Aiken County Council:

\$200,000 for the construction of a new Emergency Medical Services station in Wagener;

\$110,000 for renovations and improvements to Emergency Medical Services Substations;

\$325,000 for renovations and roof replacement on the Emergency Medical Services Headquarters/York Street Annex;

\$750,000 for replacement emergency medical equipment;

\$200,000 for an equipment shelter for emergency management vehicles and equipment;

\$2,000,000 for a Firefighter Training Center/Burn Tower;

\$500,000 to assist volunteer fire departments in the construction of additional stations;

\$1,550,000 for the purchase of fire tanker trucks for use by volunteer fire departments;



\$1,500,000 for Judicial Center/Court House renovations, including heating, air conditioning and ventilation system replacements;

\$1,000,000 for Aiken County Library renovations, including heating, air conditioning and ventilation system replacements;

\$280,000 for renovations and improvements to the Nancy Carson Library;

\$68,500 for renovations and improvements to the Midland Valley, New Ellenton and Wagener Branch libraries;

\$435,000 for renovations and improvements to the Belvedere and Jackson-Beech Island-New Ellenton Magistrates' Offices as well as Central Traffic Court improvements;

\$2,768,000 for renovations and improvements at the Savannah River Research Campus including the following:

Roof replacement, heating, air conditioning and ventilation system replacements and general facility upgrades for the Aiken County Applied Research Center;

Roof replacement and heating, air conditioning and ventilation system improvements, upgrades and replacements for the Aiken County Technology Laboratory;

Building renovations in the Aiken County Cooperative Research Center;

Roads and parking lot resurfacing;

\$470,000 for an enclosure of the rear wing and additional storage at the Aiken County Animal Shelter;

\$400,000 for roof replacements throughout the County Parks system;

\$250,000 for fencing replacements and additions throughout the County Parks system;

\$400,000 for grounds and infrastructure improvements throughout the County Parks system;

\$250,000 for Langley Pond Park improvements;

\$315,000 for Harrison-Caver Park improvements;

\$230,000 for Roy Warner Memorial Park improvements and building renovations;

\$125,000 for buildings and grounds improvements at the Graniteville Recreation Center;

\$180,000 for Boyd Pond Park improvements;

\$1,750,000 for new building replacing the old Graniteville Recreation Center, new shelters and splash pad;

\$3,600,000 for renovations at the Aiken County Detention Center including roof replacement and including heating, air conditioning and ventilation system replacements;

\$11,000,000 for a new law enforcement center for the Aiken County Sheriff's Office;

\$9,000,000 for County-related Whiskey Road Drainage and road improvements;

\$645,000 for the Wellington Rd (Road No. C-2025) Bridge Repair;

\$408,000 to establish a new Langley Drop Off/Recycling Center;

\$390,000 to establish a new Graniteville Drop Off/Recycling Center;

\$650,000 for a landfill waste grinder to extend the life of the County landfill;

\$80,000 for land purchases for County Drop Off/Recycling Centers;

\$4,000,000 for County EMS replacement ambulances and other emergency equipment;

\$4,500,000 for replacement vehicles for the Aiken County Sheriff's Office;

\$7,300,000 for County heavy equipment and other vehicle replacement;

\$1,900,000 for development of a new County Public Works Facility;

\$65,000 for renovations to the Aiken County Historical Museum;

\$50,000 for renovations to the Kitchings Mill Historic Library;

\$750,000 for the County Pictometry Land Mapping Program;

\$800,000 for County Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) software.

\$9,355,000 for paving County dirt roads as follows:

<u>Road No.</u>	<u>Road Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
C-489	Archie Ware Rd	Bogeyville Rd	paved portion
C-152	Balltown Dr	all	
C-1162	Baughmanville Rd	all	
C-991	Bell Clapper Ct	Chime Bell Church Rd	end
C-809	Big Tree Rd	SC-394	Hoss Lane C-808
C-420	Butler Rd.	all	
C-814	Chanstalas Rd	all	
C-154	Church Street	all	
C-290	Collins Ave	all	
C-589	Cromer Rd	all	
C-275	Elbert St	all	
C-266	Elon St	all	
C-330	Forest View Rd	Woodfield Rd	Township Rd
C-265	Griggs St	all	
C-290	McCormick St NW	all	
C-205	McElmurray Rd/ Westbrook Rd	Old Jackson Hwy	Old Nail Rd
C-149	McMillan St	all	
C-271	Meares St	all	
C-695	Migrant Camp Rd	SC-39	Hutto Pond Rd
C-458	Mims Rd	Ridge Rd	
C-995	Morgan St NW	all	
C-150	Phillips St	all	
C-230	Pine Hill Dr	all	
C-137	Powell Pond Rd	all	
C-699	Ready Pond Rd	Holley Pond Rd	Migrant Camp Road
C-964	Redd St Ext	all	
C-269	Short St	all	
C-30	Sunny Brooke Rd	Dragon Lair Rd	to paved portion
C-1076	Ware Dr	Fairview Ave	end of County portion
C-267	Wilds Ave	all	
C-329	Woodfield Rd	SC 302	Forest View Rd

\* In the event certain of the above County road projects may not be accomplished for any reason, those paving projects listed below may be undertaken in the order to be determined by County Council:

<u>Road No.</u>	<u>Road Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
C-1126	Ashley Grove Rd	all	
C-165	Bennie Rd	all	
C-1084	Carpenter Dr	all	
C-308	Cedar Dr	all	

C-671	Cline Taylor Rd.	Sand Dam Rd (S-113)	Camelot Way(C-676)
C-141	Courtillians Rd	all	
C-303	Coward Rd	all	
C-505	Fairwind Rd.	all	
C-606	Fallow Rd.	Nazarene Rd (S-1166)	Blue Poppy(C-2767)
C-146	Fellowship Ln	all	
C762	Fox Pond Rd.	all	
C-993	Hedge Rd	all	
C-143	Herron Pl	all	
C-101	Keith St	all	
C-994	McKenzie Ln	all	
C-100	Mt. Arthur Dr	all	
C-742	Little Rock Rd.	all	
C-977	Long Branch Ct	all	
C-1109	Lokey Dr	all	
C-1095	Old Country Rd	all	
C-294	Parrot St	all	
C-99	Pine St	all	
C-155	Pineland Ter	all	
C-756	Quattlebaum Rd.	Coleman Bridge Road	Bodie Rd. (C-750)
		(S-152)	
C-142	Sandy Ln	all	
C-147	Thomas St	all	
C-277	Union Church Rd	all	
C-276	Unnamed Rd	all	
C-151	Wallace Green	all	

\$4,750,000 for resurfacing of County paved roads as follows:

<u>Road No.</u>	<u>Road Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
C-2715	Bagwell Rd	Blue Poppy Rd	Nazarene Rd
C-2401	Beaver Cove	all	
C-2336	Beaver Creek Ln	all	
C-2679	Bogeyville Rd	US 1	Cummings Rd
C-2395	Bungalow Ct	all	
C-2342	Creekridge Rd	all	
C-2343	Creekside Dr	all	
C-2335	Creekview Ct	all	
C-2337	Cubs Hamlet Ct	all	
C-2381	Cullum Trail Rd	all	
C-2867	Eagle Rd	Whiskey Rd	Three Runs Plantation Drive
C-2339	Ebbwater Dr	all	
C-2402	Flat Trail Ct	all	
C-2404	Fox's Lair	all	
C-2341	Foxdale Ct	all	
C-2364	Glenside Ln	all	
C-2453	Grasmere Ct	all	
C-2717	Green Acres Rd	Friendship Church Rd	Salisbury St
C-2528	Gum Swamp Rd	Old Jackson Hwy	unpaved portion
C-2455	Harewood Ct	all	

C-2340	Hillshire Ct	all	
C-2436	Ironbark Ct	all	
C-2330	Kimball Pond Rd	all	
C-2454	Kinross Ct	all	
C-2403	Lagoon Lair	all	
C-2670	Nantucket Rd	S-14(Hollow Creek Rd)	Jim Williamson Road
C-2338	Old Thicket Place	all	
C-2080	Old Trail Rd	Swamp Rd	Cary Dr
C-2226	Pheasant Run	Shadow Oak Pl	Falcon Hill Dr
C-2407	Russellpine Ct	all	
C-2435	Sumac Ct	all	
C-2512	Summercreek Dr	Old Powderhouse Rd	end
C-2451	Sunderland Rd	all	
C-2868	Three Runs Plantation Drive	Eagle Rd	Banks Mill Rd
C-2241	Thunder Rd	Huckleberry Finn Rd	Goose Platter Rd
C-2406	Timberchase Ln	all	
C-2363	Weatherwood Ct	all	

\*County Council may add additional roads to the resurfacing list if other needs arise and funding is available.

In favor of the Question (Yes).

Opposed to the Question (No)