

Referendum; Ballot Question

Must a special One Percent Sales And Use Tax be imposed in Sumter County (the "County") for not more than seven (7) years, to begin when the current Capital Projects Sales Tax ends on or before April 30, 2023, to raise the amounts specified for the following purposes and in order to pay the costs (including rights-of-way acquisition and architectural, engineering, legal, administrative costs, and related fees) of the projects described below; pending the receipt of such sales and use tax, must the County also be authorized to issue and sell, either as a single issue or as several separate issues, General Obligation Bonds (the "Bonds") of the County in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$40,000,000.00 to be paid from the Sales And Use Tax to be received and to pledge The Sales And Use Tax to be received to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds?

1. **\$10,000,000 – County Fire Trucks.** Replace dated fire trucks throughout the County. Rural fire stations are Cherryvale, Pinewood, Graham, Pleasant Grove, Mayesville, Dalzell, Wedgefield, Rembert, Concord, Horatio, Dubose, Bethel, Oswego, Beech Creek, Byrd's, Dabbs and Manning Road.

2. **\$8,800,000 – Emergency Radio and Pager Upgrades-EMS/Fire/Police.** New communications technology infrastructure to meet mandated digital radio and pager services, allowing county-wide coverage, and will replace the obsolete radios and pagers.

3. **\$16,000,000 – County Paving/Resurfacing.** New paving road projects on 20.89 miles of dirt roads to ease public travel and emergency vehicle accessibility and to improve maintenance service on other Sumter County roads. Roads to be paved include: Ambrose Drive, Bainbridge Road, Benenhaley Road, Bunneau Street, Campbell Court, Cannery Road, Coastal Drive, Gaymon Road, Heirs Drive, Hugh Ryan Road, Jaguar Run, James Quincy Court, James Quincy Road, Keystone Road, Loblolly Road, Lynx Lane, Mayrant Court, McLean Street, Millhouse Road, Mundy Street, Munn Street, N. Mayrant Circle, Northridge Drive, Old Stone Road, Ott Street, Pasture Road, Pratt Avenue, Rosehill Road, Rufus Drive, Scotts Branch, S. Mayrant Circle, Sparkleberry Road, Statesburg Hills, Stukes Road, Tate Street, Teakwood Drive, Walters Avenue, and Waycross Circle. Resurfacing road projects on 7.07 miles of road to include: Meadowcroft Dr.,

Ashlynn Way, Caitlynn Drive, Tamarah Way, Kari Drive, Candlelite Court, Fallingwater Lane, Sun Valley Drive, Christopher Court, Malone Drive, Inabinet Drive, Wind Tree Drive, Steeplechase Drive, Soye Drive, Longbranch Drive, Soye Circle, Bend K Drive, Colts Run Court, and Cliffwood Court.

4. **\$2,800,000 – City Fire Trucks.** Purchase fire trucks to service City and local industries.

5. **\$2,500,000 – Forensic Center (Sheriff).** Construct a 6,500 sq. ft. state of the art facility to include various criminal labs, fingerprints, DNA analysis, drug analysis, ballistic analysis and vehicle bay.

6. **\$3,000,000 – Stadium Road Fire Station Reconstruction.** Renovate the Stadium Road Fire Station.

7. **\$1,600,000 – Industrial Land Purchase (Gibbs Site).** The 76-acre site will provide a marketable rail served site for recruiting manufacturing companies for further growth of the industrial sector.

8. **\$1,300,000 – Black River Industrial Park Infrastructure.** Road extensions, sitework, and utility extensions to further enhance the marketability and readiness of this site for recruiting global manufacturing clients.

9. **\$1,300,000 – Pocotaligo Industrial Park Infrastructure.** Road extensions, sitework, and utility extensions to further enhance the marketability and readiness of this site for recruiting global manufacturing clients.

10. **\$6,000,000 – US-378 Safety Connection Project.** Reconnect the communities

and services north and south of the US-378 Bypass at Wesmark and Miller Roads to improve safety for drivers and pedestrians and enhance mobility for all travelers. Funds will be used to leverage State and Federal Transportation project.

11. **\$1,500,000 – Intersection Safety Improvements.** Improve safety for all travelers at intersections near key facilities to include schools and community centers.

12. **\$1,750,000 – Bobby Richardson Park Improvements.** Installation of new fences on six (6) baseball fields along with high wall netting for spectator safety.

13. **\$2,750,000 – S. Main Street Building.** Purchase building to renovate and house government services.

14. **\$3,500,000 – Rural Gymnatoriums.** Construct two stand-alone gymnatoriums adjacent to existing rural recreation community centers at Rafting Creek and Shiloh.

15. **\$1,800,000 – Delaine and Dubose Community Centers.** Construct one community center (\$900,000) in the Dubose area, and construct one community center (\$900,000) near Delaine School.

16. **\$3,500,000 – South Sumter Gym.** Reconstruction and expansion of a gym that provides the surrounding community with recreational and flex space that would serve the community for meetings, events, etc.

17. **\$900,000 – Patriot Park Expansion.** Purchase a 90-acre tract of land adjacent to Patriot Park for ingress and egress onto Loring Mill Road. Will allow for other amenities

such as walking trails and community amphitheater.

18. **\$1,500,000 – Mayesville Town Hall/Center.** Construct a new Town Hall for meetings. Also, space that can be used for community activities.

19. **\$1,750,000 – Downtown Accessibility Renovations.** Improve Historic Downtown Sumter’s public parking and pedestrian accessibility to connect retail and public services buildings.

20. **\$1,000,000 – Museum Complex.** Complete improvements to support the Sumter Museum Complex. (Military Museum, Jewish History Center, and Sumter County Museum)

21. **\$1,850,000 – Swan Lake Trailhead and Accessible Playground.** Provide trailhead parking for access to the newly built Shot Pouch Greenway at Swan Lake, an information kiosk, green space, picnic area accessible playground.

22. **\$1,800,000 – Accessible Playgrounds Improvements (County-wide).** To install new modern playground systems at the rural county community centers. New equipment will be designed with latest ADA standard surfaces.

23. **\$4,750,000 – Accessible Playgrounds Improvements (City-wide).** Enhance Sumter’s public playgrounds with uniform up to date playground equipment accessible for all children.

24. **\$1,300,000 – Pinewood Sports Complex.** Construct a new community park to include walking trails, playground equipment, outdoor basketball courts, picnic shelter and stage area, concession area and parking lot.

25. **\$5,500,000 – Public Services Building.** Construct a new Public Services Administration Building that is easily accessible, with ample parking, and updated technology to support the infrastructure needs of the community.

26. **\$2,500,000 – Shot Pouch Park and Greenway Trailhead Enhancement.** A new park, and additional trailhead parking for access to the Shot Pouch Greenway at Broad Street; to include accessible playground, pump track, modern skate park, and event space.

27. **\$6,500,000 - Downtown Parking Facility.** Construct a two-story parking garage to support downtown development and provide needed infrastructure.

28. **\$1,000,000 – Airport Facility Upgrade.** Construct a 10,000 sq. ft. box hangar to enhance industrial recruitment.

29. **\$1,000,000 – CCTC Classroom Conversion.** Renovation of the D1000 Health Center building into classroom space for additional Health Sciences programs. Create walkways to connect the D1000 Health Center, H2000 Health Science building, and the Annex.

30. **\$900,000 – Pinewood Area Road Paving.** New road paving on 1.11 miles of dirt roads to ease public travel and emergency vehicle accessibility and to improve maintenance service on other Sumter County roads. Roads to be paved in the downtown area.

31. **\$3,500,000 – City and County Community**

Sidewalks / Activity Paths.

Expands the community sidewalk network, providing safe walking connections to neighborhoods, schools, parks, and commercial areas to include Patriot Parkway, Ebenezer Road, Oswego Hwy., Winn St., Mason Rd., S. Harvin St., E. Charlotte St., Wise Dr., Calhoun Dr., Boulevard Rd., S. Sumter St., Miller Rd, Hoyt St., Stadium Rd., and Club Ln.

32. **\$900,000 – Pinewood Area Sidewalks / Bus Shelters.** Expands the community sidewalk network, providing safe walking connections to neighborhoods, schools, parks, and commercial areas to include Highway 120, from Clark Street to Highway 120, parallel with Highway 261, S. Hampton Street to N. Hampton Street and connect at Reynolds Road. Repair existing sidewalks. Install bus shelters to provide shelter for school children and others awaiting transportation that will be strategically located throughout the Town of Pinewood.

33. **\$2,500,000 Community-wide Acquisition of Distressed Structures.** To improve the community by acquiring and removing distressed structures that degrade neighborhoods and major corridors.

34. **\$16,500 – Pinewood Area Blight Removal.** Remove 11 blight structures in the town limits of Pinewood. Project will leverage CDBG grant of \$164,439.

[TOTAL COST OF ALL CAPITAL PROJECTS: \$107,266,500.00.]

The maximum amount of net proceeds of the Sales And Use Tax which may be applied to the payment of the principal of and interest on the County’s General Obligation Bonds (the “Bonds”) must not exceed \$50,000,000.00 (based upon expected Sales And Use Tax collections of \$117,266,500.00 less administrative expenses of collection). The not-to-exceed \$40,000,000.00 principal amount of Bonds to be issued shall be repaid from the net proceeds of the Sales And Use Tax which shall be pledged for the repayment of the Bonds.

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS :

- [] YES, in favor of imposing the tax and issuing General Obligation Bonds
[] NO, opposed to imposing the tax and issuing General Obligation Bonds