



JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**358 THIRD AVE.
RIDGELAND, SC 29936
FEBRUARY 6, 2012, 4:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

OFFICIALS PRESENT: CHAIRMAN SAMUEL GREGORY, VICE CHAIRMAN MARTIN SAULS IV, COUNCILMAN HENRY ETHERIDGE, COUNCILMAN THEODUS L. DRAYTON, COUNCILMAN LEROY BLACKSHEAR

STAFF PRESENT: ADMINISTRATOR ANDREW FULGHUM, DEP. ADM. GEORGE HOOD, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RONNIE MALPHRUS, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES WILBUR DALEY, DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES DALE TERRY, ATTORNEY MARVIN JONES, CLERK TO COUNCIL JUDITH FRANK, CHIEF BUILDING INSPECTOR HERMAN SMITH, ASSESSOR SUSAN WAITE, IT DIRECTOR EARL BOSTICK, JR.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT THE ELECTRONIC AND PRINT MEDIA WERE NOTIFIED.

DURING PERIODS OF DISCUSSION AND/OR PRESENTATIONS MINUTES ARE TYPICALLY CONDENSED AND PARAPHRASED.

CHAIRMAN GREGORY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 4:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - CHAIRMAN GREGORY LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

INVOCATION - VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS GAVE THE INVOCATION.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA- VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF 1/3/2012 COUNCIL MEETING, 1/12/2012 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING, 1/12/2012 JOINT MEETING WITH HARDEEVILLE, AND 1/17/2012 COUNCIL MEETING - VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 1/3/2012 COUNCIL MEETING, 1/12/2012 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING, 1/12/2012 JOINT MEETING WITH HARDEEVILLE, AND 1/17/2012 COUNCIL MEETING. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED THAT PAGE 6 OF THE JANUARY 3, 2012 MINUTES BE AMENDED WITH REFERENCE TO HIS NAME. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

DR. WASHINGTON-UPDATE ON COUNTY SCHOOLS- DR. WASHINGTON EXPLAINED THAT SHE BROUGHT STAFF MEMBERS AND BOARD MEMBERS TO THE MEETING TO PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

DR. WASHINGTON SAID IT WAS HER JOB TO MAKE SURE THE CHILDREN ARE EDUCATED AND SHE HAS GREAT HOPES FOR JASPER COUNTY. DR. WASHINGTON SAID THE STUDENTS HAVE NOT FAILED, BUT THEY STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO. DR. WASHINGTON THANKED MS. WALKER AND DR. YOUNG FOR THE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS THEY OFFER AND DR. WASHINGTON ALSO THANKED THE COUNCIL FOR THEIR SUPPORT. DR. WASHINGTON SAID SHE WANTED TO CORRECT SOME MISINFORMATION THAT WAS GIVEN BY CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE. MS. GERALD PROVIDED INFORMATION ON THE GUIDELINES AND WHILE THE STATE STANDARD FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS IS 73.6%, JASPER COUNTY IS AT 77.6% OF STUDENTS GRADUATING AND THAT IS FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING JC SCHOOLS FROM THE 9TH GRADE. DR. WASHINGTON DISCUSSED COMMENTS MADE BY SOME INDIVIDUALS THAT WANT TO PIT THE COUNCIL AGAINST THE SCHOOLS. MS. MACHUFF DISCUSSED HOW TAXES AFFECT THE SCHOOLS AND THE COST OF OPERATING THE SCHOOLS. MS. MACHUFF SAID THE SCHOOL DISTRICT RECEIVES \$1,765 PER STUDENT CURRENTLY, BUT IN THE PAST THEY RECEIVED \$2,400 PER STUDENT. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS THANKED THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR COMING AND PROVIDING THE COUNCIL WITH THIS INFORMATION. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE EXPLAINED THAT IF THERE IS NOT ENOUGH SALE TAX COLLECTED, THE SCHOOLS ARE STILL GUARANTEED THAT AMOUNT FROM THE STATE. MS. MACHUFF SAID THEY WILL BE WORKING TO GET THE BEST FUNDS THEY CAN GET FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE SCHOOLS WERE GUARANTEED \$2,500,000 AND JASPER COUNTY COLLECTED \$1,800,000. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THAT THERE WAS A REFERENDUM TO BUILD THE SCHOOL AND NOW THE TAXPAYERS ARE OBLIGATED TO PAY FOR THEM. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE SCHOOL DISTRICT CAME TO COUNCIL REGARDING THE \$11,000,000 SHORTAGE AND TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM, BANS WERE ISSUED AND THEY ARE BEING PAID FOR FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PORTION OF THE SCANA POWER PLANT TAXES. DR. WASHINGTON SAID THAT OWNER OCCUPIED RESIDENTS DO NOT PAY SCHOOL TAX AND THE FUNDING SOURCES HAVE GONE DOWN, BUT THEY BARE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO OPERATE THE SCHOOLS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THERE WAS A SMALL INCREASE FOR OPERATING FUNDS, BUT IT WAS LIMITED. DR. WASHINGTON SAID THEY ARE DOING THE BEST THEY CAN WITH WHAT THEY HAVE. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED IF IT WAS THE SAME IN OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND DR. WASHINGTON SAID THAT IT WAS; CHAIRMAN GREGORY ADDED THAT THE EMPLOYEES WERE FURLOUGHED DUE TO THE SHORTAGE OF FUNDS. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ADDED WHAT WHEN THE FUNDS ARE CUT, THE EDUCATION FOR THE CHILDREN IS ALSO CUT. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE FELT THERE SHOULD BE SOME TYPE OF INCENTIVE FOR THE TEACHERS WHO ARE DOING A GOOD JOB.

MR. JINX REGARDING THE RED ZONE AND FIRE INSPECTOR- MR. JINX WAS NOT PRESENT AND DEP. ADM. HOOD SAID THAT MR. JINX'S ISSUE WAS RESOLVED.

ANDREW FULGHUM - RECOGNITION OF STUDENT INTERN AND STUDENT VOLUNTEER – MR. FULGHUM INTRODUCED MS. CASSANDRA MONCRIEF AND MS. C'ANA MUNGIN WHO ARE BOTH INTERNING AT THE COUNTY. MS. MONCRIEF IS GRADUATED FROM FRANCIS MARION WITH A DEGREE IN ACCOUNTING AND MS.

MUNGIN IS A GRADUATE STUDENT AT SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY STUDYING PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.

ORDINANCES

MARVIN JONES – PUBLIC HEARING AND 2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE REGARDING A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT – RECREATIONAL VEHICLES- MR. JONES EXPLAINED THAT THIS ORDINANCE LIMITS THE NUMBER OF RV THAT CAN BE STORED ON A LOT IN A RESIDENTIAL ZONE AND NO MORE THAN 3 RV CAN BE STORED IN OTHER AREAS WITHOUT FOLLOWING THE PROPER PROCEDURES. MR. JONES SAID THAT PERMANENT POWER SOURCES CANNOT BE PROVIDED TO THE RV. CHAIRMAN GREGORY OPENED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS. CHAIRMAN GREGORY CLOSED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE REGARDING A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT – RECREATIONAL VEHICLES. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

MARVIN JONES – PUBLIC HEARING AND 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE REGARDING LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TEXT AMENDMENT – MINOR SUBDIVISIONS AND ACCESS EASEMENT – MR. JONES EXPLAINED THAT THE COUNCIL HAD A WORKSHOP ON THIS ORDINANCE AND THEY DECIDED TO HAVE THE PUBLIC HEARING, BUT THEY WERE GOING TO HOLD ANOTHER WORKSHOP PRIOR TO ANY MORE READINGS OF THIS ORDINANCE. CHAIRMAN GREGORY OPENED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC.

ALEX PINCKNEY SAID THAT THE NATIONAL FIRE CODE CALLS FOR THE ROADS TO BE 26 FT. WIDE AND HAVE A 96 FT. CUL-DE-SAC. MR. PINCKNEY SAID THE MAIN ROADS ARE ONLY 21 FT. WIDE AND HE ASKED THE COUNCIL TO FIND A WAY TO MAKE THIS MORE AFFORDABLE TO THE PUBLIC. MR. PINCKNEY SAID THE COUNTY CAN CREATE THEIR OWN STANDARDS AND NOT FOLLOW THE NATIONAL FIRE CODE STANDARDS.

BARBARA BARTOLDUS SAID IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE EMERGENCY SERVICE VEHICLES CAN GET IN AND OUT OF THE ROAD AND SHE ASKED THE COUNCIL TO REVIEW EACH APPLICATION SEPARATELY. MS. BARTOLDUS SAID THAT THE PEOPLE WHO PURCHASE THE LOTS NEED TO BE SURE THAT THE EMS CAN GET TO THEIR PROPERTY. MS. BARTOLDUS SAID THIS NEEDS TO BE THOUGHT OUT AND THE COUNCIL NEEDS INPUT FROM THE FIRE MARSHALL. BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, CHAIRMAN GREGORY CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING.

ANDY FULGHUM – 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE BY-LAWS OF THE LOW COUNTRY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE, INC. – MR. FULGHUM SAID THE BOARD IS SUGGESTING CHANGES AND HE RECOMMENDED NOT TO APPROVE THE BY-LAWS AS PRESENTED. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION NOT TO APPROVE THE BY-LAWS OF THE LOW COUNTRY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE, LLC. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTIONS

ANDY FULGHUM – RESOLUTION APPROVING COUNTY POSITIONS THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM THE HIRING MORATORIUM - THIS ITEM WAS TO BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

OLD BUSINESS

WILBUR DALEY – UPDATE ON EMS PARKING LOT- MR. DALEY SAID THAT THE PARKING LOT WAS PUT OUT TO BID AND ALL THE BIDS WERE HIGH. MR. DALEY SAID HE WAS WAITING ON OPTIONS THAT COULD BRING THE COST DOWN. MR. DALEY SAID THAT HE COULD REVISIT THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AND REQUEST ADDITIONAL FUND OR ASK THAT THE BALANCE OF THE MONEY LEFTOVER FROM THE TRESTLE PROJECT BE APPLIED TO THE PARKING LOT PROJECT. MR. DALEY SAID THE COST OF THE PROJECT IS \$433,000 AND HE HAS \$313,000. MR. DALEY SAID THE CHANGES COULD HURT THE PROJECT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE REPORT WAS FOR INFORMATION ONLY. MR. SMITH FROM THOMAS AND HUTTON SAID THE HIGHER COST WAS DUE TO THE INCREASE IN THE COST OF THE CEMENT. CHAIRMAN GREGORY TOLD MR. DALEY TO CUT IT UNTIL THEY GET IT DOWN TO \$313,000 AND HE WAS NOT TO GO BACK TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED WHERE THE \$313,000 FIGURE CAME FROM AND MR. DALEY SAID IT WAS TAKEN FROM A HAND DRAWN EXAMPLE, BUT CHANGES WERE ADDED TO THE ORIGINAL RFP. CHAIRMAN GREGORY TOLD MR. DALEY TO BRING THE DRAWING BACK TO COUNCIL.

WILBUR DALEY – UPDATE ON FIRE TOWER ROAD FIRE STATION – MR. DALEY TOLD THE COUNCIL HE WAS WAITING ON A PRICE FOR A METAL BUILDING AND THAT THEY HAVE \$275,000 FOR THE STATION AND THEY ARE LOOKING AT DIFFERENT OPTIONS. MR. DALEY SAID HE WAS ALSO TALKING TO SOME SUB-CONTRACTORS. CHAIRMAN GREGORY REMINDED MR. DALEY ABOUT GETTING THE VOLUNTEERS AND CHURCHES INVOLVED.

WILBUR DALEY – REQUEST TO PURCHASE VEHICLES FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES- MR. DALEY EXPLAINED THAT THE GRANTS CAN ONLY BE USED FOR SPECIFIC ITEMS AND THE GRANTS WOULD COVER THE ENTIRE COST OF THE SUBURBAN AND THE TAHOE. THIS ITEM WAS TO BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

DR. GEORGE HOOD – UPDATE ON HEALTH DEPARTMENT – DR. HOOD PROVIDED TWO SCENARIOS FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. DR. HOOD SAID HE MET WITH MICHELLE KNIGHT AND BARBARA JOHNSON OF LCOG REGARDING A \$500,000 CDBG GRANT. MR. HOOD SAID THERE IS ALSO \$250,000 REMAINING FROM THE COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS ASKED ABOUT THE \$415,000 SHORTFALL FOR THE PROJECT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THEY ARE TRYING TO SEE HOW MANY POTS OF MONEY WILL BE AVAILABLE. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SAID HE WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT IT WOULD COST \$250,000 BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY MR. JIROUSEK. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT WAS JUST FOR THE ROOF. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE COUNCIL NEEDED A CHART SHOWING THE PROS AND CONS OF BUILDING NEW OR REMODELING THE OLD. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED DR. HOOD WHERE

WOULD THE OTHER FUNDS COME FROM AND DR. HOOD SAID IT WOULD BE UP TO MR. FULGHUM AND MR. MALPHRUS TO FIND THE MONEY.

CHAIRMAN GREGORY – APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE FOR THE NAMING OF THE DETENTION CENTER- CHAIRMAN GREGORY APPOINTED ARTHUR MURPHY, VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS APPOINTED LAWRENCE BOWERS, COUNCILMAN DRAYTON APPOINTED JAMES WILLIAMS, COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE APPOINTED VIRGINIA WELLS. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR DID NOT MAKE AN APPOINTMENT. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE COMMITTEE IS TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS; HOWEVER, THE COUNCIL WILL HAVE THE FINAL SAY.

NEW BUSINESS

MARGARET BOSTICK – POSITION IN CLERK OF COURT’S OFFICE – THIS ITEM WAS TO BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

ANDREW FULGHUM – TASK ORDER FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – PLANNING DEPARTMENT MISC. TASKS- MR. FULGHUM PRESENTED A TASK ORDER FOR MISCELLANEOUS TASKS IN THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THERE WAS NO SET DOLLAR AMOUNT, BUT IS WOULD BE ON AS NEEDED BASIS AND WOULD BE PAID FROM THE SALARY LINE OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE TASK ORDER FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – PLANNING DEPARTMENT MISC. TASKS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS REPORTED THAT THE RIDGELAND TOWN COUNCIL HELD A SPECIAL MEETING AND PASSED A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE RESORT PROJECT IN HARDEEVILLE.

VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS DISCUSSED THE ANNUAL JAMBOREE HELD BY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS ALSO DISCUSSED THE STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS THAT WAS HELD.

COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED THAT THE COUNCIL GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH AN OPEN MIND REGARDING THE HIRING FREEZE AND THE OPENINGS IF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES DIVISION.

COUNCILMAN DRAYTON DISCUSSED THE HIRING FREEZE AND THEN THEY COME BACK AT THE NEXT MEETING WANTING TO HIRE PEOPLE. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID HE DID NOT THINK IT WAS A WELL THOUGHT OUT AND HE DOES NOT LIKE TO MAKE DECISIONS THAT WAY.

CHAIRMAN GREGORY DISCUSSED THE 100 YEARS CELEBRATION AND HE SAID HE WAS WORKING ON BRINGING THE PEOPLE CLOSER TOGETHER AND MAKING JASPER COUNTY A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT- MR. FULGHUM SAID THE INFORMATION HE PROVIDED IN THE COUNCIL PACKETS WAS FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

RONNIE MALPHRUS – UPDATE OF 2011-2012 BUDGET- MR. MALPHRUS PROVIDED THE COUNCIL WITH A BUDGET UPDATE THROUGH JAN.31, 2012 AND

HE SAID THAT 52% OF THE BUDGET HAS BEEN SPENT AND WE ARE CURRENTLY 58% OF THE WAY THROUGH THE BUDGET YEAR. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY WERE AHEAD OF SCHEDULE AT THIS POINT OF THE BUDGET YEAR. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT THE SALE OF PROPERTY AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT WAS THE SALE OF THE OLD SOLID WASTE TRUCKS. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO LOOK INTO THE SURPLUS PROPERTY OWNED BY THE COUNTY AND SELL IT TO BRING DOWN THE DEBT. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SAID HE WOULD LIKE INTO CONSOLIDATING SOME OF THE OFFICE SPACE AND SELLING THE EXTRA BUILDINGS.

RONNIE MALPHRUS – DISTRIBUTION OF 2010-2011 AUDIT – MR. MALPHRUS PROVIDED THE COUNCIL WITH A COPY OF THE AUDIT AND HE SAID THAT THE AUDITOR WOULD BE MAKING HIS PRESENTATION AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE AUDIT IS ALSO POSTED ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED HOW MUCH WERE THEY UNDER BUDGET, AND MR. MALPHRUS RESPONDED ABOUT \$800,000, BUT THEY ARE SHORT ON TAXES.

OPEN FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC –PER ORDINANCE 08-17- ANY CITIZEN OF THE COUNTY MAY SIGN UP TO SPEAK AT ANY COUNCIL MEETING ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO COUNTY SERVICES AND OPERATIONS. PRESENTATIONS WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES. (TOTAL PUBLIC INPUT WILL BE LIMITED TO 30 MINUTES).

DENISE DAVIDSON- CONGRATULATED THE INTERNS AND SHE SAID SHE WAS GLAD TO SEE THE ATTENDANCE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. MS. DAVIDSON SAID SHE WAS CONFUSED BECAUSE AT THE JANUARY 3, 2012 COUNCIL MEETING THE PUBLIC WAS TOLD THAT SCHOOL MATTERS NEEDED TO BE DISCUSSED WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD, NOT AT A COUNCIL MEETING. MS. DAVIDSON SAID SHE LOOKED AT THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION PAGE AND IT SHOWS THE COUNTY SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN AT RISK FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS. MS. DAVIDSON SAID THE TEACHERS HAVE A HEAVY BURDEN AND THEY CANNOT DO EVERYTHING. MS. DAVIDSON ASKED WHY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING WAS ALLOWED TO BECOME IN SUCH DISREPAIR. MS. DAVIDSON ASKED WHY IT WAS IGNORED FOR SO LONG. MS. DAVIDSON SAID NOW THE TAXPAYERS ARE GOING TO BE STUCK WITH THE BILL TO REPAIR OR REPLACE IT. MS. DAVIDSON ASKED IF AN INVENTORY OF COUNTY OWNED VEHICLES HAS BEEN DONE AND SHE ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY THAT COULD BE USED SO THAT NEW ONES DO NOT HAVE TO BE PURCHASED.

CHAIRMAN GREGORY INFORMED THE PUBLIC THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUESTED TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA TO UPDATE THE COUNCIL AND THE PUBLIC.

MILTON WOODS – MR. WOODS QUESTIONED THE REPORT FROM THE SCHOOL SYSTEM AND SAID HE WAS LOOKING AT THE 2011 ANNUAL REPORT CARD FOR SCHOOLS AND HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT TO REVIEW HIS REPORTS AND THEIRS. MR. WOODS SAID HE KNOWS THAT GOOD SCHOOL AND GOOD GOVERNMENT PROMOTES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. MR. WOODS SAID THAT GOOD GOVERNMENT WITH REASONABLE TAXES ALSO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, CHAIRMAN GREGORY CLOSED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS AND PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY, THE RECEIPT OF LEGAL ADVICE WHERE THE LEGAL ADVICE RELATES TO A PENDING, THREATENED, OR POTENTIAL CLAIM OR OTHER MATTERS COVERED BY THE ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE, SETTLEMENT OF LEGAL CLAIMS, OR THE POSITION OF THE PUBLIC AGENCY IN OTHER ADVERSARY SITUATIONS INVOLVING THE ASSERTION AGAINST THE AGENCY OF THE CLAIM

✚ AUDITING SERVICES

✚ PROPERTY ADJACENT TO COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMPLEX

DISCUSSION OF EMPLOYMENT, APPOINTMENT, COMPENSATION, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, DISCIPLINE, OR RELEASE OF AN EMPLOYEE, A STUDENT, OR A PERSON REGULATED BY A PUBLIC BODY OR THE APPOINTMENT OF A PERSON TO A PUBLIC BODY; HOWEVER, IF AN ADVERSARY HEARING INVOLVING AN EMPLOYEE OR CLIENT IS HELD, THE EMPLOYEE OR CLIENT HAS THE RIGHT TO DEMAND THAT THE HEARING BE CONDUCTED PUBLICLY NOTHING, CONTAINED IN THIS ITEM SHALL PREVENT THE PUBLIC BODY, IN ITS DISCRETION, FROM DELETING THE NAMES OF OTHER EMPLOYEES OR CLIENTS WHOSE RECORDS ARE SUBMITTED FOR USE AT THE HEARING

DISCUSSION OF MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED LOCATION, EXPANSION, OR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES ENCOURAGING LOCATION OR EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES OR OTHER BUSINESSES IN THE AREA SERVED BY A PUBLIC BODY

✚ JASPER OCEAN TERMINAL

VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS AND PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY, THE RECEIPT OF LEGAL ADVICE WHERE THE LEGAL ADVICE RELATES TO A PENDING, THREATENED, OR POTENTIAL CLAIM OR OTHER MATTERS COVERED BY THE ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE, SETTLEMENT OF LEGAL CLAIMS, OR THE POSITION OF THE PUBLIC AGENCY IN OTHER ADVERSARY SITUATIONS INVOLVING THE ASSERTION AGAINST THE AGENCY OF THE CLAIM AUDITING SERVICES; PROPERTY ADJACENT TO COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMPLEX; DISCUSSION OF EMPLOYMENT, APPOINTMENT, COMPENSATION, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, DISCIPLINE, OR RELEASE OF AN EMPLOYEE, A STUDENT, OR A PERSON REGULATED BY A PUBLIC BODY OR THE APPOINTMENT OF A PERSON TO A PUBLIC BODY; HOWEVER, IF AN ADVERSARY HEARING INVOLVING AN EMPLOYEE OR CLIENT IS HELD, THE EMPLOYEE OR CLIENT HAS THE RIGHT TO DEMAND THAT THE HEARING BE CONDUCTED

PUBLICLY NOTHING, CONTAINED IN THIS ITEM SHALL PREVENT THE PUBLIC BODY, IN ITS DISCRETION, FROM DELETING THE NAMES OF OTHER EMPLOYEES OR CLIENTS WHOSE RECORDS ARE SUBMITTED FOR USE AT THE HEARING; AND DISCUSSION OF MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED LOCATION, EXPANSION, OR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES ENCOURAGING LOCATION OR EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES OR OTHER BUSINESSES IN THE AREA SERVED BY A PUBLIC BODY JASPER OCEAN TERMINAL. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE FILLING THE OPEN POSITION IN THE CLERK OF COURT'S OFFICE; FILLING THE OPENINGS IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE; AND FILLING THE OPENINGS IN EMERGENCY SERVICES. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASING THE TWO VEHICLES FOR EMS WITH THE GRANT FUNDS THEY RECEIVED. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

ADJOURN - VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 7:10 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc
CLERK TO COUNCIL

REV. SAMUEL GREGORY
CHAIRMAN