

**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
MARY GORDON ELLIS EXECUTIVE BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**MAY 5, 2008
4:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

DR. GEORGE HOOD, CHAIRMAN
FRED TUTEN, VICE CHAIRMAN
GLADYS JONES, COUNCILWOMAN
LEROY BLACKSHEAR, COUNCILMAN
HUBERT TYLER, COUNCILMAN

STAFF PRESENT:

ANDREW FULGHUM, ADMINISTRATOR
RONNIE MALPHRUS, DEP. ADM. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE
DALE TERRY, DEP. ADM. ENGINEERING SERVICES
STEVEN MALPHRUS, DEP. DIRECTOR EMERGENCY SERVICES
MARVIN JONES, ATTORNEY
JUDITH FRANK, CLERK TO COUNCIL
EVELYN LEE, DEP. CLERK TO COUNCIL
LISA LAMB, PLANNING AND ZONING COORDINATOR

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.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CHAIRMAN HOOD LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

INVOCATION:

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN GAVE THE INVOCATION.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER
SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 10, 2008,
APRIL 21, 2008, AND APRIL 22, 2008 MEETING OF THE JASPER COUNTY
COUNCIL. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED MR. FULGHUM IF THE FIRE
CONTRACT FOR \$195,000.00 WAS THE CONTRACT TO COVER THE
PURRYSBURG AREA AND IF CHERRY POINT WAS ADDED TO THAT

CONTRACT. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED THE ADMINISTRATOR IF THERE WAS ONE OR TWO FIRE CONTRACTS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THERE WAS ONE CONTRACT THAT WOULD EXPIRE IN 2010 AND IT WOULD BE RENEWED ANNUALLY. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

STEVEN MALPHRUS – PROCLAMATION MAY 18-24 2008 AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE WEEK:

MR. MALPHRUS READ THE PROCLAMATION. COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES:

3RD READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE SO AS TO MAKE MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS:

MS. LAMB EXPLAINED THAT THE ORDINANCE HAS HAD TWO READINGS AND RECEIVED PUBLIC COMMENTS DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING AT THE LAST MEETING. MS. LAMB EXPLAINED THAT THIS AMENDMENT WAS TO CORRECT THE GRAMMATICAL AND TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS.

COUNCILMAN TYLER SAID HE REVIEWED IT AND IT DIDN'T MAKE ANY SENSE AND IF THERE WERE PROBLEMS IN THE FUTURE HOW WOULD THEY BE HANDLED. MS. LAMB SAID THAT ALL NECESSARY CHANGES WOULD BE CORRECTED. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE CITIZENS CAN BRING THEIR PROBLEMS TO COUNCIL IF THEY CAN'T GET THEM CORRECTED.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 3RD READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE SO AS TO MAKE MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

3RD READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP:

MS. LAMB PRESENTED THE MAP AND SHOWED THE AREAS THAT WERE CHANGED TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL AND ONE AREA THAT THE OWNER REQUESTED BE CHANGED TO COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE MET WITH THE RESIDENTS AND THEY WERE TO CONTACT HIM PRIOR TO THE MEETING IF THEY HAD A PROBLEM WITH THE CHANGES. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT NO ONE CONTACTED HIM. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF THESE MISTAKES WERE MADE BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION. MS. LAMB SAID THAT THIS WAS A MASSIVE JOB AND NO ONE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ERRORS. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF THE CITIZENS WILL HAVE TO PAY TO HAVE THE CHANGES MADE AND MS. LAMB SAID THAT THEY WOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY AT THIS TIME. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN MOTIONED AND

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 3RD READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

PUBLIC HEARING AND 2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE COUNCIL'S RULES AND PROCEDURES:

ATTORNEY JONES EXPLAINED THAT THE COUNCIL HAD A DRAFT OF THE ORDINANCE AND THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD REVIEW THE CHANGES AND HIS RECOMMENDATIONS. ATTORNEY JONES SUGGESTED THAT THE COUNCIL HAVE A WORKSHOP PRIOR TO THE 3RD READING. ATTORNEY JONES SAID THE LANGUAGE IN CERTAIN AREAS NEEDED TO BE ADDRESSED AND HE ALSO DISCUSSED THAT A FOUR MEMBER VOTE WOULD BE NEEDED FOR PASSAGE OF CERTAIN ITEMS. ATTORNEY JONES DISCUSSED THE FACT THAT A LOT OF COUNTIES REQUIRE THAT THE ATTORNEY REVIEW ALL ORDINANCES AND ALL THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS BE ATTACHED, BUT HE SAID THIS WOULD ALSO ELIMINATE THE OPTION OF HAVING AN ORDINANCE READ BY TITLE ONLY. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED ABOUT THE SECTION REGARDING THE ELECTION AND DUTIES OF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN AND IF THE VICE CHAIRMAN WOULD SERVE THE REMAINING TERM OF THE CHAIRMAN IF THE CHAIRMAN COULD NOT SERVE HIS TERM. ATTORNEY JONES SAID THE VICE CHAIRMAN WOULD TAKE OVER IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CHAIR, HOWEVER, IF FOR SOME REASON THE CHAIR WAS VACATED, THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO DECIDE IF IT WOULD HOLD A NEW ELECTION OR IF THE VICE CHAIRMAN WOULD MOVE INTO THE CHAIRMAN'S POSITION AND HOW A VICE CHAIRMAN WOULD BE CHOSEN. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE WOULD SCHEDULE A WORKSHOP AND ATTORNEY JONES SAID HE WOULD PROVIDE THE COUNCIL WITH A LIST OF ISSUES. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE FELT THE 2ND READING SHOULD BE DELAYED. CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC. PAMELA WILLIAMS ASKED IF THE ORDINANCE WAS ONLINE FOR THE PUBLIC TO REVIEW. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE WOULD HAVE IT PUT ONLINE AND HE FELT ALL THE PENDING ORDINANCES SHOULD BE PUT ONLINE PRIOR TO PASSAGE AND THE PUBLIC HEARINGS SO THE PUBLIC COULD REVIEW THEM. BARBARA BARTOLDUS ASKED IF THERE COULD BE A 2ND PUBLIC HEARING AND CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE WOULD HAVE THE CLERK SCHEDULE ANOTHER PUBLIC HEARING. ATTORNEY JONES ASKED IF THE ORDINANCE SHOULD BE PLACED ONLINE AND CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID YES, AND TO MARK IT AS A DRAFT. BEING NO OTHER COMMENTS, CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC. THIS ITEM WILL RETURN FOR 2ND READING AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING AFTER THE WORKSHOP.

PUBLIC HEARING AND 2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JASPER COUNTY 2007-2008 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$513,495.00:

MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE AMENDMENT WAS TO COVER UNFORSEEN EXPENDITURES. THE EXPENSES WERE LISTED AS;

EMERGENCY FUND (10-062-2835) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$143,395.00 TO PURCHASE PROPERTY

WORKER'S COMPENSATION (10-56-2060) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,000.00 FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

WORKER'S COMPENSATION (10-57-2060) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,000.00 FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

GAS, OIL AND GREASE (10-57-2300) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INMATE HOUSING (10-58-2690) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000.00 FOR THE DETENTION CENTER

FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT (10-28-2700) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000.00 FOR THE DETENTION CENTER

WORKER'S COMPENSATION (10-81-2060) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES/ROADS

GAS, OIL AND GREASE (10-81-2300) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000.00 FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES/ROADS

WORKER'S COMPENSATION (10-84-2060) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,000.00 FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES/ SOLID WASTE

GAS, OIL, AND GREASE (10-84-2300) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES/SOLID WASTE

COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THE COUNTY PAID WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BASED ON MANHOURS. MR. MALPHRUS RESPONDED THAT EACH YEAR A FORM IS SENT IN WITH THE CURRENT PAYROLL AND THEY DO AN ESTIMATE OF THE AMOUNT WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION WILL COST AND DURING EACH YEAR THEY DO A FISCAL AUDIT FOR THE PRIOR YEAR AND THEY FOUND THAT THE COUNTY DID NOT PAY THE CORRECT AMOUNT. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED ABOUT THE \$125,000.00 OWED FOR WORKERS COMPENSATION AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT OVERTIME WAS ALSO A FACTOR. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED IF THERE WAS A WAY TO CONTROL THIS AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THERE WAS VERY LITTLE THAT COULD BE DONE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID IT SEEMED THAT THE BIGGEST PROBLEM WAS THE OVERTIME AND THERE HAVE BEEN POSITIONS APPROVED IN THE BUDGET THAT WERE NOT FILLED AND IF THEY WERE FILLED IN A TIMELY MANNER THE COUNTY WOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY OVERTIME. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF EACH EMPLOYEE WAS CLASSIFIED AND MR MALPHRUS SAID THAT THEY WERE.

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED ABOUT PRISONER HOUSING AND MR. MALPRHUS EXPLAINED THAT CERTAIN INMATES NEED SPECIAL CARE THAT THE COUNTY CANNOT PROVIDE SO THEY ARE SENT TO A SPECIAL FACILITY IN COLUMBIA AND THE COUNTY HAS TO PAY FOR THEM TO BE

THERE. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO VISIT THE SITUATION WITH THE MUNICIPALITIES AND THEY SHOULD HAVE TO PAY FOR PUTTING PEOPLE IN THE JAIL. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THIS COULD BE VISITED DURING BUDGET TIME. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WOULD CHECK INTO THIS AND HE WOULD REPORT BACK TO THE EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THE MUNICIPALITIES ARE WORKING ON THEIR BUDGET TOO AND THEY NEED TO BE NOTIFIED SO THAT THEY CAN INCLUDE IT THEIR BUDGET. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THIS WAS THE 1ST BUDGET AMENDMENT AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT IT WAS, HOWEVER, HE WILL BE BRINGING SOME BUDGET TRANSFERS TO THE COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL. CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS. CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JASPER COUNTY 2007-2008 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$513, 495.00. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER PARK AGREEMENT GOVERNING THE MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK BY AND BETWEEN JASPER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND BEAUFORT COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA IN ORDER TO EXPAND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PARK TO INCLUDE PROPERTY LOCATED IN BEAUFORT COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO:

MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT THE COUNTY HAD AN AGREEMENT WITH BEAUFORT AND THE COUNTY WOULD RECEIVE 1% OF THE REVENUE BEAUFORT COUNTY RECEIVED FROM THE PARK. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT BEAUFORT WANTED TO EXPAND THE AREAS TO INCLUDE BEAUFORT TOWN CENTER AND TECH PARK AT BUCKWALTER PLACE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THIS WOULD ALLOW THE BUSINESSES TO QUALIFY FOR FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAXES. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT IT WOULD ALLOW THE BUSINESS TO GET CREDITS AND SPECIALIZED TRAINING FOR EMPLOYEES AND THE FEE – IN – LIEU IS ALSO POSSIBLE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER PARK AGREEMENT GOVERNING THE MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK BY AND BETWEEN JASPER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND BEAUFORT COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA IN ORDER TO EXPAND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PARK TO INCLUDE PROPERTY LOCATED IN BEAUFORT COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT VERY RARELY IS IT

POSSIBLE TO BRING ADDITIONAL REVENUE TO THE COUNTY AND IT WILL NOT COST THE COUNTY ANYTHING.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION TO PETITION THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR COMPLETION OF THE JASPER COUNTY FARMERS MARKET:

MR. FULGHUM SAID THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROVE FUNDING FOR REGIONAL FARMERS MARKETS AND THIS ORDINANCE WOULD TASK THE ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR THE FUNDING FOR THE COUNTY'S FARMERS MARKET. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT BEAUFORT COUNTY WAS ALSO TRYING TO GET THE FUNDING FOR A REGIONAL FARMERS MARKET. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE SPOKE TO SENATOR PINCKNEY AND SENATOR PINCKNEY ASSURED HIM THAT JASPER COUNTY WOULD GET ITS FAIR SHARE OF THE FUNDING.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO PASS THE RESOLUTION TO PETITION THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR COMPLETION OF THE JASPER COUNTY FARMERS MARKET. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS:

ANDREW FULGHUM – APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT OF CONTRACT FOR ROAD AT CYPRESS RIDGE BUSINESS/ INDUSTRIAL PARK TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL 450 FEET OF ROAD:

MR. FULGHUM ASKED THAT THIS ITEM BE TABLED AS IT WAS NOT COMPLETE.

REQUEST FOR WRITTEN RESPONSE TO MR. LANGFORD'S COMPLAINT:

CHAIRMAN HOOD STATED THAT MR. LANGFORD REQUESTED A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO HIS COMPLAINT. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH DHEC AND THEY ARE TRYING TO SET UP A MEETING TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE AND IT SHOULD BE SETTLED IN SHORT ORDER. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID MR. LANGFORD SHOULD BE SENT FORMAL NOTICE OF THIS MEETING. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THE ENGINEERING COMMITTEE LOOKED AT THE PROPERTY. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT PEOPLE DUMPED GARBAGE IN THE WOODS AND IT HAS DETERIORATED OVER THE YEARS AND THERE HAS BEEN A DISPUTE AMONG THE PROPERTY OWNERS. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE COMMITTEE LOOKED AT THE PROPERTY AND HE WALKED THE PROPERTY AND THE ROAD TO MR. LANGFORD'S PROPERTY IS CLEAR. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF THIS CAN BE RESOLVED. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT IT CAN BE RESOLVED, BUT IT SHOULD NOT BE THE COUNCIL WHO RESOLVES IT AS IT IS DHEC'S RESPONSIBILITY. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THE TRASH WAS LOCATED ON MR. LANGFORD'S PROPERTY AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT THE TRASH WAS NOT ON MR. LANGFORD'S PROPERTY.

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR STATED THE COUNCIL CANNOT DO ANYTHING IF IT IS ON PERSONAL PROPERTY AND IT CAN'T BE SEEN FROM THE HIGHWAY. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE DEBRIS CAN BE SEEN FROM THE DIRT ROAD. COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO HAVE THE ADMINISTRATOR AND THE ATTORNEY WRITE A LETTER TO MR. LANGFORD TO INFORM HIM OF THE COUNTY'S CONTACT WITH DHEC AND THE MEETING THAT DHEC IS PLANNING TO SCHEDULE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY HELP FOR THE VOTER'S REGISTRATION OFFICE:

MR. MALPHRUS EXPLAINED THAT MS. BUCKNER WAS IN AN ACCIDENT AND SHE CAN'T DO ALL THE THINGS SHE NEEDS TO DO FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID MS. BUCKNER HAS A WOMAN WHO IS VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE VOTER'S REGISTRATION OFFICE PROCEDURES AND SHE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THIS WOMAN AS TEMPORARY HELP. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHEN MS. BUCKNER WILL BE BACK TO WORK AND MR. MALPHRUS RESPONDED THAT SHE IS STILL WORKING, BUT CAN'T DO SOME OF THE PHYSICAL THINGS THAT NEED TO BE DONE. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF THE STATE WOULD HELP AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE STATE WOULD REIMBURSE THE COUNTY FOR ONE WEEK, BUT MS. BUCKNER NEEDS THE HELP FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH., MR. MALPHRUS SAID IT WOULD BE THE SAME PERSON, BUT FOR A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE TEMPORARY HELP FOR THE VOTER'S REGISTRATION OFFICE. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE WANTED A CAP ON THE AMOUNT OF TIME THE TEMPORARY WOULD WORK. MR. MALPHRUS SUGGESTED JUNE 30, 2008 AND IF THE HELP WAS NOT NEEDED THAT LONG HE WOULD REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR AMENDED HIS MOTION AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SECONDED THE AMENDED MOTION TO APPROVE THE TEMPORARY HELP FOR THE VOTERS' REGISTRATION OFFICE UNTIL JULY 1, 2008. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT WITH MOSELY ARCHITECTS – DETENTION CENTER:

MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT DUE TO THE OVERCROWDING AT THE DETENTION CENTER HE HAS STARTED TO INVESTIGATE EXPANDING THE FACILITY. MR. MALPHRUS SAID HE MET WITH DAN MACE AND HE PROPOSED A NEEDS ASSESSMENT STUDY AND IT WOULD PROJECT THE COUNTY'S NEEDS OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS, IT WOULD ALSO INCLUDE AN INMATE PROFILE TO DETERMINE WHAT KINDS OF BEDS WOULD BE NEEDED AND AN ESTIMATED COST FOR THE EXPANSION. MR. MALPHRUS

SAID THE STUDY WOULD COST \$18,500.00 AND IT COULD BE PAID FOR WITH THE REMAINING FUNDS FROM THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DETENTION CENTER. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF THE COUNTY HAS BEEN SATISFIED WITH MOSELY ARCHITECTS AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY WERE THE ORIGINAL ARCHITECTS FOR THE DETENTION CENTER AND HE WAS VERY SATISFIED WITH THEM. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF THE COUNTY HAS RECEIVED PROPOSALS FROM ANY OTHER FIRMS AND MR. MALPHRUS RESPONDED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE ANY OTHER PROPOSALS. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THE LOBBY AREA WAS TO BE REDESIGNED SO THAT IT IS MORE SECURE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID YES. COUNCILMAN TYLER MOTIONED AND COUNCILWOMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH MOSELY ARCHITECTS FOR THE DETENTION CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,500.00 AND THAT THE STUDY BE PAID FOR FROM THE REMAINING DETENTION CENTER CONSTRUCTION FUNDS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE RECEIVED SEVERAL CALLS REGARDING NAMING A ROOM IN THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AREA OF THE NEW ANNEX BUILDING IN HONOR OF ZENIE INGRAM. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID SHE HAS TALKED ABOUT NAMING THE SECTION OF THE PERRY HOUSE THAT WILL HOUSE THE JASPER COUNTY MUSEUM AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR ZENIE SINCE SHE WORKED FOR THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND WAS DEDICATED TO PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF JASPER COUNTY. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE WAS ONLY THINKING OF THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES SIDE OF IT AND THAT WAS WHAT HE WAS PROPOSING. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR WAS PROPOSING A ONE TIME THING OF PLACING A PLAQUE IN HONOR OF THAT ONE INDIVIDUAL. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE SPECIFICALLY WANTED TO NAME A ROOM IN THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AREA OF THE NEW ANNEX BUILDING FOR ZENIE INGRAM, NOT A ONE TIME THING. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT CONSIDERING THE LAYOUT OF THE BUILDING THERE WAS NOT A SPECIFIC ROOM FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE FELT SOME GROUND WORK WAS NEEDED AND HE FELT THERE SHOULD BE FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID A PROCESS NEEDED TO BE DEVELOPED FOR THE FUTURE. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THEY ALSO NEEDED TO KNOW WHAT ROOM WOULD BE NAMED FOR MS. INGRAM. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT THEY WERE NOT REQUESTING TO NAME THE BUILDING, JUST A ROOM AND HE AGREED ABOUT NOT NAMING BUILDINGS FOR PEOPLE. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO NAME THE CONFERENCE ROOM IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA OF THE NEW ANNEX BUILDING FOR ZENIE INGRAM. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID SHE FELT THE COUNCIL NEEDED TO

RESEARCH AND SET UP RULES FOR NAMING COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY AND GUIDELINES NEEDED TO BE SET TO DETERMINE QUALIFICATIONS. COUNCILMAN TYLER SAID HE AGREED THAT THE PROPOSAL NEEDS TO START AT THE BEGINNING AND THINGS ARE CHANGING AND GUIDELINES ARE NEEDED. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE FAILS TO UNDERSTAND AND HE FEELS THAT ANYONE WHO HAS WORKED FOR THE COUNTY A LONG TIME SHOULD BE HONORED AND HE FEELS IT IS DISRESPECTFUL NOT TO NAME THE ROOM FOR HER. COUNCILMAN TYLER SAID HE WAS NOT TRYING TO CUT ANYONE DOWN, BUT MORE NAMES WILL BE COMING AND A COMMITTEE NEEDS TO BE FORMED TO DETERMINE THE QUALIFICATIONS. THE MOTION FAILED. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN VOTED FOR; COUNCILMAN TYLER, COUNCILWOMAN JONES, AND CHAIRMAN HOOD VOTED AGAINST. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID IN NO WAY WERE THEY BEING DISRESPECTFUL TO MS. INGRAM; THEY FELT THAT A PROCESS AND GUIDELINES NEEDED TO BE ESTABLISHED BEFORE ANYTHING IS NAMED FOR AN INDIVIDUAL. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED ABOUT INVOLVING THE GENERAL PUBLIC. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID IN THE PAST HE SERVED ON A COMMITTEE AND THE COUNCIL VOTED AGAINST THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND HE FELT IT WAS A WASTE OF THE CITIZEN'S TIME AND EFFORT. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE FELT THE COUNCIL MEMBERS SHOULD TALK WITH THEIR CONSTITUENTS AND BRING BACK SOME GUIDELINES AND A PROCESS TO CONSIDER. COUNCILWOMAN JONES REPORTED ON A MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE THAT SHE ATTENDED. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THE NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE AREA AND HABITAT CONSERVATIONS. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER INVESTING IN LAND TO PROTECT THE HABITAT. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ALSO DISCUSSED A MORATORIUM ON BILLBOARDS. AND SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT PERSUED UNTIL THE COUNTY CAN GET A BETTER HANDLE ON WHAT IS BEING PUT UP. MARVIN JONES SAID HE WAS WORKING ON THE ORDINANCE FOR THE MORATORIUM ON BILLBOARDS AND HE FELT IT WOULD BE READY FOR THE NEXT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING. CHAIRMAN HOOD REPORTED ON HIS TRIP TO THE NATIONAL PLANNERS CONFERENCE IN LAS VEGAS. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THERE WERE A LOT OF WORKSHOPS AND HE MET WITH PLANNERS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND HOPEFULLY THE COUNTY WILL HAVE A PLANNER VERY SOON. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE SPOKE WITH QUITE A FEW PLANNERS WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN RELOCATING TO JASPER COUNTY. CHAIRMAN HOOD PRESENTED THE PROCLAMATION FOR MAY BEING PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH. THE COUNCIL AGREED TO PASS THE PROCLAMATION.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS:

MR. FULGHUM SAID HE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM JASPER COUNTY NORTHERN NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION COMMENDING THE WORK DONE BY THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

MR. FULGHUM SAID HE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM SECRETARY LIMEHOUSE THANKING DR. HOOD FOR HIS PRESENTATION.

MR. FULGHUM REPORTED THAT HE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM OHIO GRATING AND THEY PLANNED TO RENEW THE LEASE AND HE WILL DISCUSS THIS WITH THE ATTORNEY.

MR. FULGHUM SAID HE RECEIVED AN E-MAIL FROM MR. WITTIGER THANKING MR. TERRY FOR TAKING CARE OF THE MOSQUITO PROBLEM.

OPEN FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER INDIVIDUAL):
CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC.

MILTON WOODS SAID HE WAS A FORMER CLASSMATE OF ZENIE INGRAM AND HE ALSO WORKED ON THE COMMITTEE THAT CAME BEFORE COUNCIL A YEAR AGO AND MADE A PRESENTATION REGARDING NAMING A BUILDING FOR MS. INGRAM. MR. WOODS SAID HE WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT THE COUNCIL WANTS TO STUDY IT SOME MORE. MR. WOODS SAID THAT ZENIE INGRAM IS THE FIRST LADY OF JASPER COUNTY AND THE COUNCIL CAN MAKE ALL THE RULES AND REGULATIONS THEY WANT, AND THERE WAS NOTHING STOPPING THE COUNCIL TO VOTE AND NAME A ROOM FOR MS. INGRAM AND IF THE COUNCIL VOTED FOR IT NOW, THEY COULD SET UP RULES FOR IT AFTER THEY NAME THIS ROOM FOR MS. INGRAM. MR. WOODS ASKED THE COUNCIL TO PUT THIS ON THE NEXT AGENDA AND STATED THEY WERE ONLY ASKING TO NAME ONE ROOM FOR MS. INGRAM FOR ALL HER YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AND COMMITMENT AND HE THOUGHT IF THE COUNTY WANTED TO RECOGNIZE HER DON'T BELABOR THE SITUATION AND HE ASKED THE COUNCIL TO HONOR HIS REQUEST. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE WOULD ONLY PUT THIS TOPIC ON THE AGENDA IF THE COUNCIL HAS COMPLETED THE GUIDELINES. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED WHO WOULD SET UP THE MEETING AND CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE CLERK TO COUNCIL WILL SET UP THE MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS EMPLOYMENT MATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

NO ACTION TAKEN AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

ADJOURN:

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

THE MEETING ENDED AT 6:20 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, CCC
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DR. GEORGE M. HOOD
CHAIRMAN