

**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
MARY GORDON ELLIS EXECUTIVE BUILDING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
BUDGET WORKSHOP  
MAY 27, 2008  
10:00 A.M.**

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

ANDREW FULGHUM, ADMINISTRATOR  
RONNIE MALPHRUS, DEPUTY ADM. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES  
JUDITH FRANK, CLERK TO COUNCIL  
STEVEN MALPHRUS, DEP. DIRECTOR EMS

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 10:00 A.M.

**INVOCATION:**

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN GAVE THE INVOCATION.

**TOWNE CENTER UPDATE:**

MR. FULGHUM DISCUSSED THE METHOD TO APPROVE THE EASEMENT AND SAID THAT THE ATTORNEY WAS WORKING ON AN AGREEMENT AND AN ORDINANCE BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF ATM. THE AGREEMENT AND ORDINANCE WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE IMPROVEMENT TO BE MADE BY THE DEVELOPER. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT ATM IS CHARGING \$1,950.00 TO REVIEW THE PROJECT AND THE DEVELOPER HAS AGREED TO PAY THE \$1,950.00. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION REGARDING THIS MATTER AT THE JUNE 2, 2008 MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING KICKOFF MEETING:**

MR. FULGHUM INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 23, 2008 AND ASKED IF THEY COULD ATTEND. IT WAS THE

CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION ATTEND THE MEETING.

**BID FOR THE ROOF AT ROBERTVILLE SCHOOL:**

MR. TERRY SAID THAT THE GRAFTON GROUP WHO WAS AWARDED THE BID DID NOT HAVE THE PROPER LICENSE TO DO THE WORK, BUT THEY HAD AN AFFILIATE COMPANY THAT DID HAVE THE PROPER LICENSE AND THEY WOULD DO THE WORK. THE COMPANY WAS BRUNSON ROOFING OUT OF HAMPTON, SOUTH CAROLINA. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED MR. TERRY TO CHECK ON THE LEGALITIES OF ASSIGNING THE BID TO BRUNSON ROOFING. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID SHE WOULD LIKE REFERENCES FOR BRUNSON ROOFING. MR. FULGHUM SAID IT WOULD BE UNDER THE SAME TERMS. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED WHO THE NEXT BIDDER WAS. MR. TERRY SAID IT WAS ADVANCED COMMERCIAL ROOFING. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT SINCE THERE IS A \$13,000.00 DIFFERENCE, HE FELT THE ROOF SHOULD BE RE-BID. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY WERE TRYING TO PAY FOR THE ROOF OUT OF THIS YEAR'S BUDGET AND THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH TIME TO RE-BID THE ROOF AND GET IT DONE IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN MOTIONED AND COUNCILWOMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION TO USE THE GRAFTON GROUP IF THEY CAN GET THE PAPERWORK TOGETHER AND THE ATTORNEY STATES THAT THE CHANGE CAN BE DONE LEGALLY AND REFERENCES ARE PROVIDED; IF THIS CANNOT BE DONE LEGALLY THEN THE BID SHOULD BE AWARDED TO THE SECOND BIDDER THAT MR. TERRY RECOMMENDED ADVANCED COMMERCIAL ROOFING. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**GAIL LOVELL- LOW COUNTRY LEGAL AID, INC.**

MS. LOVELL EXPLAINED THAT HER GROUP REPRESENTS PEOPLE WHO CANNOT AFFORD AN ATTORNEY. MS. LOVELL SAID SHE WAS REQUESTING \$25,000.00 FOR OPERATING EXPENSES AND TO EXPAND INTO JASPER COUNTY. MS. LOVELL SAID ALL THE WORK WAS DONE PRO-BONO AND RETIRED ATTORNEYS WORK WITH HER. MS. LOVELL SAID THE PEOPLE CONTACT THEM AND THEY SEE PEOPLE IN THEIR BLUFFTON OFFICE.

**COMMUNITY FIRE GRANT:**

STEVEN MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE COUNTY HAS RECEIVED TWO GRANT AWARDS TALLING \$936,000.00. STEVEN MALPHRUS SAID THAT A MATCH IS REQUIRED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$224,000.00 AND THAT IT HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE 2008-2009 BUDGET, BUT THEY MUST ACCEPT THE GRANT BY MAY 30, 2008. STEVEN MALPHRUS SAID THAT LAND MAY BE USED AS PART OF THE MATCH, BUT HE HAS NOT RECEIVED CONFIRMATION ON THAT. STEVEN MALPHRUS SAID THE GRANTS WILL BE USED FOR THE COMMUNICATION TOWER AND FOR NEW DIGITAL RADIOS. STEVEN MALPHRUS SAID THE TOWER IS BEING ENGINEERED SO THAT SPACE CAN BE SOLD TO HELP RECOUP THE COST OF THE TOWER.

COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED WHO APPLIED FOR THE GRANT AND STEVEN MALPHRUS SAID THAT HE WROTE THE GRANT APPLICATION. STEVEN MALPHRUS SAID THAT HE HAS BEEN WORKING OVER SIX YEARS TO GET THE TOWER. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN MOTIONED AND COUNCILWOMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION TO INCLUDE THE GRANT MATCHING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$224,000.00 FOR THE TWO COMMUNICATION GRANTS AND FOR THE COUNTY TO ACCEPT THE GRANTS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH CHAIRMAN HOOD, VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN, COUNCILMAN TYLER, AND COUNCILWOMAN JONES VOTING IN FAVOR. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ABSTAINED.

**DOUG GRAHAM - LEVY FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

MR. GRAHAM SAID THAT HE WAS REQUESTING 3 PEOPLE FOR HIS STATION AND WHEN HE CALCULATED THE EXPENSES FOR THE LEVY STATION THEY TOTALED \$375,820.00 WHICH INCLUDED OVERTIME FOR THE FIREMEN. MR. GRAHAM SAID HE ASKED MR. MALPHRUS FOR A BREAKDOWN OF THE FIGURES HE USED TO COME UP WITH THE AMOUNT THEY OFFERED LEVY IN THEIR CONTRACT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID HE PRORATED THE AMOUNT BASED ON WHAT WAS AWARDED IN THE LEVY CONTRACT LAST YEAR. MR. GRAHAM SAID THAT THE MUNICIPALITIES SUPPLEMENT THEIR FIRE DEPARTMENTS, BUT LEVY ONLY GETS FUNDING FROM THE COUNTY. MR. GRAHAM SAID THAT HARDEEVILLE GETS \$250,000.00 FOR CHERRY POINT, \$195,000.00 PLUS A TRUCK PAYMENT FOR HARDEEVILLE AND RIDGELAND GETS \$195,000.00. MR. GRAHAM ASKED HOW THE ADMINISTRATION EXPECTS LEVY TO OPERATE ON \$175,000.00. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT IT LOOKS LIKE LEVY HAS AS MANY CALLS AS HARDEEVILLE DOES. MR. FULGHUM SAID THERE IS NO SCIENCE AS TO HOW THE AMOUNTS ARE CALCULATED. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED HOW MANY MILES LEVY COVERS AND MR. GRAHAM SAID THEY COVER NEW RIVER, BELLINGER HILL AND TO THE BACK RIVER OF THE SAVANNAH RIVER. COUNCILMAN TYLER SAID THAT HE FELT THE NUMBER SHOULD BE THE SAME. MR. GRAHAM SAID THAT RIDGELAND AND HARDEEVILLE DO NOT HAVE TO PAY THEIR OWN UTILITES OR FUEL COSTS AND WORKERS COMPENSATION LIKE LEVY HAS TO PAY. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT MR. GRAHAM HAS TO PROVIDE HIS OWN WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION AS THAT WAS PART OF THE AGREEMENT. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT HARDEEVILLE AND RIDGELAND ARE ANNEXING A LOT OF LAND AND THE COUNTY IS NOT OBLIGATED TO COVER THE AREAS THAT ARE ANNEXED AND LEVY IS NOT ANNEXING LAND. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT MOSTLY VACANT LAND IS BEING ANNEXED. MR. GRAHAM SAID THAT LAST YEAR HE COULD NOT HEAT THE STATION BECAUSE HE WAS AFRAID THEY WOULD RUN OUT OF MONEY. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT WORKER'S COMPENSATION RATES HAVE GONE UP AND FUEL HAS GONE UP AND SHE FELT THOSE WERE ONLY TWO OF THE AREAS THAT NEEDED TO BE INCREASED IN LEVY'S BUDGET. MR. TYLER SAID LEVY'S BUDGET NEEDED TO BE SCRUTINIZED

BETTER SO THAT EVERYTHING IS BEING COVERED. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THE COUNTY COULD NOT BUILD AND OPERATE A FIRE STATION FOR \$195,000.00. MR. GRAHAM SAID THAT WHEN HE MADE HIS REQUEST, HE DIDN'T JUST PUT NUMBERS IN. MR. GRAHAM SAID HE PUT IN A LOT OF WORK AND REVIEWED HIS EXPENSES FOR THE PAST YEAR WHEN HE MADE HIS REQUEST.

**BUDGET DISCUSSION:**

MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE SCHOOL DEBT WAS INCLUDED AT \$904,000.00 AND THAT THE SCHOOLS ARE GOING TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000,000.00. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THE MONEY FROM THE POWER PLANT WOULD PAY FOR THE BONDS AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT COVERED THE OLD BONDS AND THIS IS NEW DEBT OVER THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SCHOOLS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE SCHOOLS CAN DO GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS UP TO \$8,000,000.00 WITHOUT A REFERENDUM. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE SCHOOL MILL IS WORTH 89,000 AND THE COUNTY MILL IS WORTH \$113,000.00. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THERE WOULD BE A 5 MILL INCREASE FOR THE SCHOOLS.

MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE INCREASES OVER LAST YEAR'S BUDGET WERE GIVEN TO COUNCIL AT THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT SOME OF THOSE NUMBERS HAVE BEEN CUT. MR. MALPHRUS REFERENCED A MISCELLANEOUS FINANCE AND THAT NUMBER REFLECTED PAYMENTS FOR VEHICLES THAT WOULD BE PURCHASED AND FINANCED OVER THREE YEARS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE VEHICLE FOR COUNCIL WAS REMOVED, THE VEHICLE FOR THE AUDITOR WAS CUT, THE VEHICLE FOR BUSINESS LICENSE WAS CUT, AND THE NUMBER OF CARS FOR THE SHERIFF WAS REDUCED.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHY MORE MONEY WAS BUDGETED FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THEY HAVE JUST ABOUT USED ALL THE OVERTIME MONEY THAT WAS BUDGETED THIS YEAR ALREADY AND THERE WERE STILL TWO PAY PERIODS LEFT. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT THEY NEEDED TO DISCIPLINE THE OVERTIME. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED ABOUT MONEY LEFT IN THE BUDGET, AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT IF THEY HAD MONEY LEFT, THEY COULD USE IT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY ALSO CUT THE COOLER FOR THE MORGUE AND FINANCED THE TWO TRUCKS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES. MR. MALPHRUS SAID BOTH TRUCKS HAVE HIGH MILEAGE AND NEED TO BE REPLACED. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID SHE FELT THE EMPLOYEES SHOULD STOP TAKING THE VEHICLES HOME SINCE THE COST OF FUEL IS SO HIGH. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHERE THE EXPENSES FOR THE ATTORNEY WERE PAID FROM OUT OF THIS YEAR'S BUDGET AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID PART WAS PAID FROM LEGAL FEES AND THAT THE LEGAL FEES THIS YEAR WERE CUT FROM \$140,000.00 TO \$70,000.00.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID SHE FELT ALL THE NEW EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE CUT FROM THE BUDGET. COUNCILMAN TUTEN ASKED WHY A RECEPTIONIST WAS NEEDED SINCE MS. LEE WAS GOING TO CONTINUE WORKING. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE NEEDED SOMEONE TO DIRECT THE PEOPLE AND TO ANSWER THE PHONE AND THAT WOULD ENABLE HIM TO UTILIZE THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.

CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED WHY THE *IT PERSON* COST \$80,000.00 AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT INCLUDED BENEFITS. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT SHE DID NOT THINK THE TAXES SHOULD GO UP AND THAT ALL NEW EMPLOYEES BE CUT.

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID IF MORE PART-TIME PEOPLE WERE HIRED AT EMS THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR SO MUCH OVERTIME. THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE FACT THAT PEOPLE COULD NOT WORK IN THE SAME DIVISION AS A FAMILY MEMBER AND THAT NEEDED TO BE CHANGED. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE NEW PERSONNEL POLICY STATES THEY CANNOT WORK IN THE SAME DIVISION, NOT DEPARTMENT AND THEY CANNOT SUPERVISE A FAMILY MEMBER. MR. FULGHUM ASKED WHERE THE PERSONNEL POLICY STOOD. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE POLICY SIDE IS COMPLETE, BUT THE DRUG PORTION IS NOT COMPLETE. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED TO HAVE THE 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE PERSONNEL POLICY BY TITLE ONLY AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT THE SPECIAL PROJECTS MANAGER POSITION THAT WAS CREATED NEEDED TO BE CUT AS IT WAS ESTABLISHED FOR ONE REASON ONLY. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, THE PLANNING DIRECTOR, AND THE SPECIAL PROJECTS MANAGER'S POSITION WERE ALL OPEN AND HE WAS TRYING TO HIRE THE PLANNING DIRECTOR. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE POSITION WAS OFFERED TO TWO PEOPLE, BUT IT DID NOT WORK OUT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT HE NEEDED SOME LEVEL OF SUPPORT, AND HE NEEDED TO FILL THE VACANCIES. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE AGREED WITH COUNCILWOMAN JONES AND THE SPECIAL PROJECT MANAGER POSITION NEEDED TO BE ELIMINATED AND HE ALSO FELT THE PLANNING DIRECTOR SHOULD HAVE BEEN HIRED A LONG TIME AGO. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE NEEDED TO HIRE A DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND THE PROJECT MANAGER POSITION WAS IN THE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID HE COULD HAVE THE PROJECT MANAGER AND THE PLANNING DIRECTOR WORK TOGETHER AND ELIMINATE THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES WAS AVAILABLE TO HIM WHEN HE CAME TO WORK FOR THE COUNTY. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED WHICH POSITION HE NEEDED THE MOST. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES. IT WAS THE CONCENSUS OF THE COUNCIL THAT THE SPECIAL

PROJECT MANAGER POSITION BE ELIMINATED AND REMOVED FROM THE BUDGET. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE WANTED ACCOUNTABILITY. MR. MALPHRUS REVIEWED THE FIRST FOUR PAGES OF THE REVENUE AND SAID THERE WERE NOT A LOT OF BIG CHANGES.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED ABOUT THE ADDITIONAL \$100,000.00 LISTED FOR CHERRY POINT AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT CAME FROM NICKEL PLATE ROAD DEVELOPMENT. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THAT AMOUNT WILL HAVE TO BE PAID TO HARDEEVILLE AND MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT WHATEVER IS COLLECTED WILL HAVE TO BE PAID, BUT HE WAS NOT SURE WHAT THAT AMOUNT WILL BE. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF THE SALE OF CHERRY POINT FIRE STATION WAS A BENEFIT TO THE COUNTY OR TO THE TOWN OF HARDEEVILLE. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE FELT IT WAS A BENEFIT TO THE COUNTY. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF IT WAS GOING TO COST THE COUNTY ANYTHING BUT THE FEES AND MR. FULGHUM RESPONDED THAT HE FEELS IT IS A GOOD THING FOR JASPER COUNTY. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID SHE FELT THAT FOR WHAT HARDEEVILLE RECEIVED, THE COUNTY SOLD IT TOO CHEAP, BUT IN THE LONG RUN IT WILL BE GOOD FOR JASPER COUNTY.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED ABOUT THE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT AND THE FACT THAT THE EXPENSES ON SPEC. BUILDING II HAS JUST ABOUT DEPLETED THE ACCOUNT. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THE MONEY THAT PALMETTO ELECTRIC PAID JASPER COUNTY IN DECEMBER FOR SPEC BUILDING III WAS INCLUDED IN THAT ACCOUNT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE COUNTY HAS NOT RECEIVED THOSE FUNDS YET AND THEY ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID HE DID NOT RECALL GETTING ANY FUNDS FROM PALMETTO, BUT THOSE FUNDS USUALLY GO INTO THE RDA ACCOUNT.

MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT \$3,500,000.00 OF THE CASH CARRY FORWARD IS BEING USED TO MAKE THE BUDGET WORK AND MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT HE HOPES TO MAKE IT BACK AND THEY NEED TO GET AWAY FROM THIS PROCESS AND THAT IS WHY HE HAD TO CAPITALIZE BY FINANCING THINGS.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED ABOUT THE \$250,000.00 FOR THE FIRE STATION AND IF ANYTHING HAS BEEN DONE. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE NEEDED TO SEE WHAT CAN BE BUILT ON THE SITE, BUT SOME SITE WORK HAS BEEN DONE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT FIGURE DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY PERSONNEL AT THE STATION. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHY PEOPLE WERE STILL STATIONED IN THE RIDGELAND FIRE STATION AT EMS HEADQUARTERS SINCE THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND COVERS THAT AREA. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE DIDN'T WANT PEOPLE TO THINK THAT THEY HAVE COVERAGE THAT THEY DON'T HAVE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE REALITY IS THAT A FIRE STATION WITH A TRUCK PROVIDES MORE PROTECTION THAN IF IT WAS NOT THERE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID

THAT \$300,000.00 WAS BUDGETED FOR THE STATION, THE COUNTY HAD THE \$250,000.00, AND \$50,000.00 WAS IN THE FINANCE PACKAGE. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THE COUNTY RECEIVED ANY REVENUE FROM SPRINT OR HARGRAY AND DOES THE COUNTY HAVE ANY CONTROL OVER WHAT SERVICES THEY PROVIDE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE COUNTY GETS SOME FRANCHISE FEE, BUT THE COUNTY HAS NO CONTROL OVER WHAT SERVICES THEY PROVIDE. MR. FULGHUM SAID ELECTRICITY IS DETERMINED BY TERRITORY AND BJWSA WILL ONLY RUN LINES TO AREAS THAT AGREE WITH THE COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE JASPER BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB ASKED FOR A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR A DONATION THEY REQUESTED FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT. IT WAS THE CONCENSUS OF THE COUNCIL THAT THEY WOULD SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT.

HONEY JOHNSON ASKED CHAIRMAN HOOD TO SEND A LETTER TO JOE WILSON AND ASK HIM TO BE A SPEAKER AT THE GRAND OPENING OF THE FARMERS MARKET. IT WAS THE CONCENSUS OF THE COUNCIL TO SEND THE LETTER TO JOE WILSON.

DEPT. 46 – MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THIS WAS A NEW DEPARTMENT AND IT COVERED FIRE AND RESCUE. IT IS SEPARATE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION SECTION OF EMS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THERE WERE NO MAJOR CHANGES AND THE NEW VEHICLE AND PERSONNEL REQUESTED HAVE BEEN CUT. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THERE WILL BE A FIRE TRUCK TO PUT IN THE NEW STATION. STEVEN MALPHRUS SAID THERE WAS A RESERVE TRUCK, BUT IT WAS ABOUT WORN OUT.

DEPT. 47 – MR. MALPHRUS SAID THERE WERE NO MAJOR CHANGES.

DEPT. 48 – MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT OVERTIME WAS DECREASED AND HE INCREASED THE PART-TIME HOURS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE PERSONNEL REQUESTED WERE CUT.

DEPT. 49 – MR. MALPHRUS SAID AN *IT DIRECTOR* WAS INCLUDED AT A SALARY OF \$50,000.00 PLUS BENEFITS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID A JOB DESCRIPTION WOULD NEED TO BE DONE.

DEPT. 53 – ADDED \$40,000.00 FOR POSTING DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTIES, BUT THIS WILL COME BACK TO THE COUNTY AS A FEE WHEN PROPERTY IS SOLD OR TAXES ARE PAID. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHY A PARALEGAL WAS STILL IN THE BUDGET SINCE THE COUNTY HIRED AN ATTORNEY AND HE HAS A PARALEGAL. MR. MALPHRUS SAID HE LEFT THAT IN TO DO THE TITLE SEARCHES AND THAT AMOUNT WILL ALSO COME BACK TO THE COUNTY.

DEPT. 54 – MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE SALARIES ARE HIGHER BECAUSE THEY ARE FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR.

DEPT. 55 – MR. MALPHRUS REPORTED THAT THERE ARE NO MAJOR CHANGES, A NEW VEHICLE WAS REQUESTED, BUT IT WAS CUT. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SUGGESTED THAT ONE OF THE CARS THAT ARE TURNED IN COULD BE USED.

DEPT. 56 – MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE SALARY LINE IS DOWN BECAUSE FIRE AND RESCUE WAS PUT IN DEPT. 46.

DEPT. 57 – MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE OVERTIME WAS INCREASED AND THE NEW OFFICERS REQUESTED WERE CUT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE LOAN PAYMENT WOULD BE THE SAME AND THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REPLACE THE ENTIRE FLEET. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF EXTENDED 100,000 MILE WARRANTIES WOULD BE ON THE NEW VEHICLES AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID YES THEY WOULD.

DEPT. 58 – MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE NEW VEHICLES AND PERSONNEL WERE CUT, BUT OVERTIME WAS INCREASED BECAUSE THEY WERE SHORT STAFFED. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF THEY TALKED TO THE SHERIFF ABOUT TAKING OVER THE DETENTION CENTER. MR. FULGHUM SAID THEY HAVE TO BUDGET FOR IT AND THE SHERIFF SAID THAT PERHAPS AFTER THE FISCAL YEAR. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY REQUESTED TO UPDATE THE SOFTWARE, BUT IT WAS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION. THE FOOD AND MEDICAL LINES WERE INCREASED DUE TO THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF INMATES AND THE INMATES THAT NEED SPECIALIZED CARE. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED WHEY THE INMATES COULDN'T COOK FOR THEMSELVES. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE THOUGHT THINGS WERE BEING MADE TOO EASY FOR THE INMATES. MR. MALPHRUS SAID FUNDING FOR AN ASSESSMENT STUDY FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE DETENTION CENTER WAS INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET AND THAT COULD BE PAID FOR WITH FUNDS THAT REMAINED FROM THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW DETENTION CENTER. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE COUNTY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENTIRE COST OF OPERATING THE DETENTION CENTER.

DEPT. 60 – MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE CHANGE IN THIS DEPARTMENT WAS BECAUSE THE SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFITS OF THE PLANNING DIRECTOR AND THE PLANNING AND ZONING COORDINATOR WERE INCLUDED.

DEPT. 61 – MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT A NEW PERSON FOR HR WAS INCLUDED. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT POSITION NEEDED TO BE CUT.

DEPT. 62 – MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE COST OF LIVING INCREASE FOR THE EMPLOYEES WAS CUT BY THE ADMINISTRATION FROM 2% TO 1%.

DEPT. 63 – MR. MALPHRUS SAID THERE WERE NO BIG CHANGES.

DEPT. 64 – MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE NEW PERSONNEL REQUESTED WERE CUT BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

DEPT. 65 – MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE NEW PERSONNEL AND PART TIME EMPLOYEES WERE CUT BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

DEPT. 68 – MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE ADMINISTRATION CUT THE NEW PERSONNEL, THE VEHICLE, AND THE OFFICE EQUIPMENT.

DEPT. 67 – MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE ADMINISTRATION APPROVED THE CONTRACT LABOR OF \$5,100.00. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED ABOUT INSTALLMENT PAYMENT OF TAXES. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT HE WAS WORKING ON IT AND HE WOULD HAVE A PACKET TOGETHER FOR COUNCIL IN JULY.

DEPT. 69 – MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE ADMINISTRATION CUT THE NEW PERSONNEL. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THE TEMPORARY HELP WAS INCLUDED AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THEY DO NOT BUDGET FOR TEMPORARIES AND THAT THE TEMPORARIES ARE PAID FROM OTHER LINES OR OTHER SALARY LINES. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE ADMINISTRATION APPROVED THE REQUEST FOR \$60,000.00 FOR NEW SOFTWARE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF IT WAS COMPATIBLE WITH THE SOFTWARE IN THE TREASURER AND AUDITORS OFFICE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY WERE NOT INTERESTED IN CHANGING SOFTWARE, BUT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO ACCESS THE INFORMATION.

DEPT. 72 – MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE ADMINISTRATION CUT THE NEW PERSONNEL, BUT INCREASED THE ELECTION EXPENSES.

DEPT. 74 – COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHO WAS INCLUDED IN THE SALARY LINE FOR THIS DEPARTMENT. MR. MALPHRUS RESPONDED HONEY JOHNSON AND THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES . COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT THE PLANNING DIRECTOR SHOULD REDUCE THE NEED FOR GENERAL SERVICES.

DEPT. 75 – MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE ADMINISTRATION CUT THE COOLER FOR THE MORGUE, BUT APPROVED THE SECRETARIAL SERVICES.

DEPT. 77 - MR. MALPHRUS SAID THIS DEPARTMENT WAS SET UP DIFFERENTLY LAST YEAR. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE ADMINISTRATION CUT ADVERTISING.

DEPT. 78 – MR MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE ADMINISTRATION CUT THE NEW PERSONNEL AND THE VEHICLE INCREASED THE OVERTIME AN ADDITIONAL \$1,000.00. MR. MALHRUS SAID HE FELT THAT ENOUGH WAS BUDGETED TO MAINTAIN WHAT HE HAS. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT ENOUGH WAS BUDGETED TO HANDLE ANY MAINTENANCE THAT NEEDED TO BE DONE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID FUNDS FROM THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE LINE IN DEPT. 84 CAN ALSO BE USED FOR REPAIRS IF NEEDED.

DEPT. 80 – MR. MALPHRUS REPORTED THAT THERE WERE NO BIG INCREASES.

DEPT. 81 – MR. MALPHRUS SAID THIS DEPARTMENT SHOULD ONLY BE ROADS SINCE THE COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE ANY BRIDGES. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THERE WERE NO BIG CHANGES. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED ABOUT THE \$30,000.00 FOR OVERTIME AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT COVERS THE MEN TO DO THE MOSQUITO SPRAYING. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED ABOUT THE \$20,000.00 IN THE OVERTIME LINE FOR THE CENTRAL GARAGE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID HE WAS NOT SURE WHAT THAT WAS FOR. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE MEN WHO WORK THE ROAD CREWS ARE PAID OVERTIME FROM THE DEPARTMENT WHERE THEY WORK. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE THOUGHT SAMMY ORR REQUESTED TO OVERSEE THE WORK CREWS ON A PART TIME BASIS WHICH WOULD ELIMINATE THE OVERTIME. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE NEW VEHICLE REQUESTED WAS APPROVED AND IS PART OF THE FINANCE PACKAGE.

DEPT. 83 – MR. MALPHRUS SAID THERE WERE NO BIG CHANGES,

DEPT. 84 – MR MALPHRUS SAID THE VEHICLE WAS CUT. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF SOLID WASTE WORKED 6 DAYS A WEEK AND THE OTHER PEOPLE IN ENGINEERING SERVICES ONLY WORK 4 DAYS A WEEK. HE ASKED WHY SOLID WASTE EMPLOYEES WERE BEING PAID OVERTIME.

DEPT. 85 – MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT WHEN THE MOVE IS MADE TO THE NEW BUILDING THE SPACE WILL BE LIMITED AND MRS. GREENE HAS REQUESTED A TABLE THAT CAN ALSO STORE SOME OF THE BOOKS. THIS TABLE WILL NOT BE PART OF THE FURNITURE PACKAGE FOR THE NEW FACILITY. THE TABLE COSTS \$11,000.00 AND IS INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET.

DEPT. 86 – MR. MALPHRUS SAID THERE WERE NO BIG CHANGES. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THE EMPLOYEES WERE TAKING THE

VEHICLES HOME AND MR. FULGHUM SAID THE INSPECTORS WERE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT THE EMPLOYEES NEED TO STOP TAKING THE VEHICLES HOME.

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DEPT. 90 – MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE AGENCY APPROPRIATIONS WERE THE SAME AS THIS YEAR’S BUDGET WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING WHICH WAS INCREASED \$20,000.00 FOR FURNITURE FOR THE NEW CENTER IN HARDEEVILLE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID \$3,000.00 WAS ADDED FOR THE SILVER HAIR LEGISLATURE TRAVEL.

MR. MALPHRUS SAID NO FUNDS WERE ADDED FOR THE WILDLIFE INTERFACE COUNCIL.

DEPT. 92 – MR. MALPHRUS SAID THERE WERE NO BIG CHANGES, MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY ASKED FOR AN ADDITIONAL LITTER CONTROL OFFICER, BUT THE ADMINISTRATION CUT THE POSITION.

DEPT. 93 – MR. MALPHRUS SAID THERE WERE NO BIG CHANGES AND THE COUNTY WAS REIMBURSED FOR ALMOST THE ENTIRE COST OF THIS DEPARTMENT.

DEPT. 94- MR. MALPHRUS SAID THERE WERE NO BIG CHANGES.

DEPT. 95 – MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT \$20,000.00 WAS ADDED FOR THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING STUDY.

DEPT. 96 – MR. MALPHRUS SAID THERE WERE NO BIG CHANGES.

DEPT. 98 – MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE ADMINISTRATION CUT ALL NEW PERSONNEL. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHY JUDGE RAWL HAD A CLERK AND MAGISTRATE MCDONALD DOES NOT HAVE ONE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT PERSON WAS MOVED TO ANOTHER MAGISTRATE AND THE BUDGET DOES NOT HAVE A DEDICATED CLERK JUST FOR HER TO USE.

DEPT. 99 – MR. MALPHRUS SAID THERE WERE NO BIG CHANGES.

DEPT. 102 – MR. MALPHRUS SAID THIS IS A NEW DEPARTMENT. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED ABOUT THE \$6,000.00 FOR THE LAW LIBRARY AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID HE THAT WAS FOR AN ONLINE SERVICE AND BOOKS.

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED WHAT BUILDINGS THE COUNTY OWNED IN HARDEEVILLE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE MAGISTRATES OFFICE AND THE EMS STATION. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED WHO OWNED THE SENIOR CITIZENS BUILDING AND WHO WAS IN THE MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO BUY THE SENIOR CENTER AND HARDEEVILLE RECREATION DEPARTMENT IS IN THE MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE, BUT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THEM TO BE THERE. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE IS IN DEPLORABLE CONDITION AND THE NEW MAGISTRATE APPROACHED HIM. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED THE ADMINISTRATOR TO CHECK INTO THE SITUATION AND TO ORGANIZE THE OCCUPANTS. MR. FULGHUM SUGGESTED HAVING THE 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF THE BUDGET ORDINANCE ON JUNE 16, 2008 AND THE FINAL READING ON JUNE 30, 2008. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE WOULD TAKE HIS SUGGESTION UNDER CONSIDERATION, BUT HE FELT THE BUDGET COULD BE PASSED BEFORE JUNE 30, 2008. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE ADMINISTRATION WAS DONE WITH THE BUDGET AND THE FIVE MILLS INCREASE ON THE COUNTY'S SIDE EQUALS ABOUT \$565,000.00. COUNCILMAN TUTEN ASKED ABOUT THE \$7,000,000.00 FUND BALANCE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE COUNTY CAN PUT IT'S HANDS ON \$4,000,000.00 TO \$5,000,000.00 IF NEEDED AND THEY SHOULD KEEP 3 MONTHS OPERATING EXPENSES ON HAND AT ALL TIMES. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID SHE FELT THE \$565,000.00 COULD BE CUT FROM THE BUDGET. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID BY CUTTING THE PROJECT MANAGERS POSITION, \$74,000 IS ALREADY CUT. COUNCILMAN TUTEN SAID THE *IT DIRECTOR* WAS NEEDED. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE *IT DIRECTOR* WAS IMPORTANT AND NEEDS TO STAY IN THE BUDGET. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THE HR POSITION AND THE RECEPTIONIST POSITION CAN BE CUT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE HR POSITION WAS DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY, BUT IT WAS THE COUNCIL'S CALL. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE RECEPTIONIST WOULD FREE UP THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO HELP HIM MORE. COUNCILMAN TUTEN SAID PART TIME PEOPLE COULD BE HIRED. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT MS. MYERS AND MRS. SAULS COULD WORK PART TIME AS THE RECEPTIONIST AND HELP THE CLERK WHEN SHE NEEDS ONE OF THEM. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE WOULD AGREE TO FUNDING A PART TIME POSITION FOR THE RECEPTIONIST POSITION. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID WHY NOT GIVE THE ADMINISTRATOR WHAT HE WANTS. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID MS. MYERS AND MS. SAULS ALREADY KNOW THE POSITION AND PERHAPS THE COUNTY CAN GET ANOTHER PERSON FROM EXPERIENCE WORKS. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THE HR PERSON AND THE SPECIAL PROJECT MANAGER NEED TO BE CUT. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT THE HR PERSON WAS PLACED THERE TO TAKE MS. LUCAS'S PLACE WHILE SHE WAS ON HER LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND THE ADMINISTRATION WAS TOLD THAT THE POSITION WOULD BE

CONSIDERED DURING THE BUDGET PROCESS AND THE COUNCIL NEVER COMMITTED TO APPROVE THAT POSITION.

MR MALPHRUS SAID THAT HE WILL HAVE A SPREADSHEET FOR THE COUNCIL'S NEXT WORKSHOP. MR MALPHRUS SAID THAT A 5 MILLS INCREASE WOULD COST THE TAXPAYERS AN ADDITIONAL \$11.00 ON A HOME VALUED AT \$150,000.00.

CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE DID NOT WANT ANY INCREASE IN THE TAXES. THE COUNCIL AGREED TO MEET ON MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2008 AT 2:00 P.M. TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BUDGET.

THE BUDGET WORKSHOP ENDED AT 2:30 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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CLERK TO COUNCIL

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CHAIRMAN