



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

358 THIRD AVE., RIDGELAND, SC 29936

JUNE 21, 2010, 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

OFFICIALS PRESENT: GEORGE HOOD-CHAIRMAN, LEROY BLACKSHEAR-VICE CHAIRMAN, HENRY ETHERIDGE-COUNCILMAN, REV. SAMUEL GREGORY-COUNCILMAN, HUBERT TYLER-COUNCILMAN

STAFF PRESENT: ANDREW FULGHUM-ADMINISTRATOR, MARVIN JONE-COUNTY ATTORNEY, JUDITH FRANK-CLERK TO COUNCIL, RONNIE MALPHRUS-DEP. ADMINISTRATOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, WILBUR DALEY-DEP. ADM. EMERGENCY SERVICES, DALE TERRY-DEP. ADMINISTRATOR ENGINEERING SERVICES, DAVID JIROUSEK-PLANNING DIRECTOR, HERMAN SMITH, BUILDING DEPT. DIRECTOR

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 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: CHAIRMAN HOOD LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION: VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR GAVE THE INVOCATION.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE 06/07/2010 COUNCIL MEETING, AND THE MINUTES FROM THE 06/02/2010 AND 06/09/2010 BUDGET WORKSHOPS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS: NONE

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES:

ANDREW FULGHUM – PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE 2010-2011 JASPER COUNTY BUDGET: MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT THE COUNCIL WAS STILL WORKING ON THE BUDGET AND

THE PUBLIC HEARING IS BEING HELD SO THE PUBLIC CAN HAVE INPUT PRIOR TO THE BUDGET BEING PASSED. CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS. CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE COMMENTED THAT THERE WERE BUDGETS AVAILABLE OUTSIDE OF THE CHAMBERS FOR ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE A COPY. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE COUNCIL PROVIDED THE ADMINISTRATOR WITH VARIOUS SUGGESTIONS AND ITEMS TO BE REVISED. CHAIRMAN HOOD ANNOUNCED THAT THERE WOULD BE ANOTHER BUDGET WORKSHOP/MEETING ON WEDNESDAY AND THE 2ND READING OF THE BUDGET WAS ON THE AGENDA.

DAVID JIROUSEK – 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER THE PROPERTIES BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBERS 039-00-02-001, 039-00-02-002, 039-00-02-003 , 039-00-02-004 AND GENERALLY LOCATED ON SPEEDWAY BOULEVARD FROM THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONE TO THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP: MR. JIROUSEK INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THE CHANGE OF ZONING WAS REQUESTED BY MR. KEITH ROBERTSON AND IT WAS STAFF INITIATED. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE PROPERTIES ARE LOCATED ALONG SPEEDWAY BLVD. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THERE IS CURRENTLY A COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE ON THE SITE WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY USED AS A BINGO HALL. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE APPLICANT PLANS TO ESTABLISH AN ENTERTAINMENT VENUE KNOWN AS STALLIONS AND IT WILL INCLUDE THE SALE OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER AMUSEMENT/RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES. THE PLANNING COMMISSION DISCUSSED REZONING THE FOUR PROPERTIES AND THE PROPERTIES WERE CONSIDERED AS A GROUP TO AVOID SPOT ZONING CLAIMS AS ONE PROPERTY WILL NOT BE SINGLED OUT FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION AND BENEFIT. MR. JIROUSEK REVIEWED THE OTHER FACTORS THAT MUST BE CONSIDERED. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THE PROPERTY TO THE WEST AND SOUTH IS ZONED HARDEEVILLE PDD (RIVERPORT INDUSTRIAL TRACT) AND TO THE NORTH IN UNDEVELOPED LAND ZONED RESIDENTIAL. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT TWO ADJACENT PROPERTIES HAVE TWO COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS LOCATED ON THEM. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SETBACK, BUFFER, AND YARD REQUIREMENTS OF THE CURRENT AND PROPOSED ZONING DESIGNATIONS. MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT THE PROPOSED DISTRICT (GC) ALLOWS MORE USES THAN THE CURRENT DISTRICT (CC). THESE GENERALLY INCLUDE UTILITIES - ELECTRIC GENERATION, WATER STORAGE/TREATMENT, SEWER TREATMENT, CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES, WHOLESALE TRADE, RETAIL TRADE, MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS, LUMBER, BUILDING MATERIALS, MANUFACTURED HOME DEALERS, AIR, TRUCK AND PIPELINES, PUBLISHING, SOUND INDUSTRIES, MOTION PICTURE THEATERS, FINANCE AND INSURANCE, PAWN SHOPS, MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES, EDUCATION SERVICES, AND EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT, HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE, DAY CARE, ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS, AMUSEMENT, RECREATION, GUN

CLUB, SKEET RANGE, ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES, DRINKING PLACES, SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES, SECOND SINGLE FAMILY UNIT, AND MULTI-FAMILY UNITS. MR. JIROUSEK TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT TWO ROUNDS OF PUBLIC NOTICE LETTERS WERE SENT TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS AND ADJACENT NEIGHBORS, THE PROPERTY WAS POSTED A WEEK PRIOR TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AND PUBLIC NOTICE, MAILINGS AND POSTING WILL BE DONE 15 DAYS PRIOR TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING IN JULY. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT WHILE THE PROPOSED DISTRICT ALLOWS FOR A VARIETY OF ADDITIONAL USES, THE POTENTIAL FUTURE DEVELOPMENT WOULD GENERALLY REMAIN COMPATIBLE WITH NEARBY DEVELOPMENT AND FUTURE PLANNED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AT RIVERPORT. MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE WOULD NOT BE DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY ALLOWING AN EXPANDED LIST OF USES FOR THIS PARCEL. STAFF AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE ZONING MAP AMENDMENT. MR. JIROUSEK TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE OWNER OF ORIGINAL PARCEL HAS REQUESTED THAT HIS PROPERTY BE ANNEXED IN TO HARDEEVILLE AND CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED IF THE PLANNING COMMISSION WOULD BE REQUIRED TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION IF THE PROPERTY IS ANNEXED INTO HARDEEVILLE. MR. JIROUSEK SAID IF THE ORIGINAL PARCEL IS ANNEXED, THEN THE ORDINANCE WOULD BE AMENDED. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF ALL FOUR PARCELS WERE GOING TO ANNEX. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE COUNTY HAS TREATED THE FOUR PARCELS AS A GROUP ZONING AND ONLY ONE PARCEL HAS APPLIED FOR ANNEXATION. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF ANY HOMES WERE LOCATED NEAR THE PROPERTY. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THE CLOSEST HOME IS ABOUT A HALF A MILE FROM THE PROPERTY. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED WHY ONLY ONE PARCEL WAS APPLYING FOR ANNEXATION. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THE FOUR PARCELS WERE OWNED BY TWO PEOPLE AND WHEN PROPERTY IS ANNEXED, AN ADDITIONAL TAX IS ADDED. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER THE PROPERTIES BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBERS 039-00-02-001, 039-00-02-002, 039-00-02-003, 039-00-02-004 AND GENERALLY LOCATED ON SPEEDWAY BOULEVARD FROM THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONE TO THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTIONS:

RONNIE MALPHRUS - RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE JASPER COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS OF CONVEYANCE OF TIMBER HERETOFORE AUTHORIZED TO BE SOLD TO COLLUM'S SAWMILL, L.L.C. AND BENTON AND RHODES, INC., IN FORM APPROVED BY THE JASPER COUNTY ATTORNEY: MR. MALPHRUS EXPLAINED THAT A RESOLUTION WAS NEEDED TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE DOCUMENTS FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF

TIMBER TO COLLUM'S SAWMILL, L.L.C. AND BENTON AND RHODES, INC. MR. MALPHRUS TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT ATTORNEY JONES HAS REVIEWED AND APPROVED THE FORM OF THE RESOLUTION. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE JASPER COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS OF CONVEYANCE OF TIMBER HERETOFORE AUTHORIZED TO BE SOLD TO COLLUM'S SAWMILL, L.L.C. AND BENTON AND RHODES, INC., IN FORM APPROVED BY THE JASPER COUNTY ATTORNEY. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RONNIE MALPHRUS – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY ST. PETERS PARISH/JASPER COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION OF INSTALLMENT PURCHASE REVENUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES; THE CONSENT TO THE DELIVERY OF A SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST AGREEMENT BY ST. PETERS PARISH/JASPER COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO: MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT A RESOLUTION WAS NECESSARY TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE BY ST. PETERS PARISH/JASPER COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION OF INSTALLMENT PURCHASE REVENUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES AND THE CONSENT TO THE DELIVERY OF A SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST AGREEMENT BY ST. PETERS PARISH/JASPER COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE BONDS ARE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING AND THE EQUIPMENT LEASES THAT WERE REFINANCED. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE BOND ATTORNEY RECOMMENDED RENEWING THE NOTES FOR ONE MORE YEAR AND THEN DO PERMANENT FINANCING. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE INTEREST RATE WAS VERY FAVORABLE FOR SHORT TERM LOANS AND THAT IT WAS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COUNTY TO RENEW THE NOTES. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE AMOUNT OF THE NOTE IS \$12,250,000.00 AND THE TERM WOULD BE FOR ONE YEAR, STARTING JULY 1, 2010. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THIS WAS THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE BANS FOR THIS YEAR. MR. MALPHRUS RESPONDED THAT IT WAS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED HOW MUCH THE OTHER BAN WAS AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID IT WAS \$2,950,000.00. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE TWO BANS WOULD BE SEPARATE AND THAT THE DEBT HAS NOT HAD A PAYMENT FOR TWO YEARS AND HE DID NOT WANT THE \$2,950,000.00 INCLUDED IN THE BOND FOR THE BUILDINGS THAT IS GOING TO BE FOR 20 YEARS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THERE CAN BE TWO SEPARATE ISSUES IF THAT IS HOW THE COUNCIL WANTS IT DONE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THERE WOULD BE TWO DIFFERENT AMORIZATION SCHEDULES. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED WHEN THE COURTHOUSE, PARKING LOT AND LANDSCAPING WILL BE COMPLETE. MR. MALPHRUS RESPONDED THAT CONTRACT WISE, THE COURTHOUSE SHOULD BE DONE BY THE END OF AUGUST AND HIS BEST GUESS ON ALL THE OTHER ITEMS WOULD BE NOVEMBER. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE THE 1ST OF THE YEAR BEFORE EVERYTHING WAS COMPLETE. COUNCILMAN

ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT THE LOCATION OF THE PARKING LOTS AND WHY ARE THEY BEING DONE NOW. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE PARKING LOTS ARE LOCATED WHERE THE OLD MANNING HOUSE WAS LOCATED, THE SITE OF THE OLD JAIL AND THE LOT ACROSS FROM THE NEW GOVERNMENT BUILDING. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT ALL THE PARKING LOTS ARE TO BE DONE AT THE SAME TIME AND THE COUNCIL JUST APPROVED THE ENGINEERING CONTRACT. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE COURTHOUSE IS GOING TO BE DONE ON TIME. MR. FULGHUM SAID SOME DAYS WERE ADDED DUE TO THE CHANGE ORDERS THAT WERE PRESENTED THAT INCREASED THE COST AND THE DAYS TO COMPLETION. MR. FULGHUM SAID UNFORSEEN THINGS ARE FOUND WHEN DOING RENOVATION WORK. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE BUILDER INSPECTED THE BUILDING PRIOR TO SUBMITTING HIS BID. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT EVEN WITH THE EXTRA ITEMS, THEY ARE STILL WITHIN THE CONTINGENCY AMOUNT. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID SOMEONE CAN BID LOWER AND IF THEY USE THE CONTINGENCY FUND THEIR BID MAY HAVE BEEN HIGHER THAN SOMEONE ELSE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT \$1,000,000.00 IN PAYMENTS WERE DEFERRED FOR ONE YEAR AND THEN THEY WERE TO BE PUT ON A PERMANENT NOTE AND THEY WERE TO START PAYING ON THAT NOTE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT WAS THE INTENTION AT THE TIME; HOWEVER, THE SHORT TERM INTEREST RATES ARE BETTER AND THEY HAVE SAVED MONEY BY NOT DOING THE PERMANENT NOTE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT DEBT SERVICE WILL BE INCLUDED IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THAT SOME OF THE CARS AND EQUIPMENT WILL NOT BE HERE WHEN THEY START TO PAY FOR THEM. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF A VEHICLE WAS WRECKED AND INSURANCE PAID FOR IT, SHOULDN'T THE PROCEEDS GO TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF THE NOTE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE MONEY GOES INTO THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID 20 NEW CARS WERE PURCHASED FOR THE SHERIFF, AND 20 CARS SHOULD HAVE BEEN TURNED IN. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED HOW MANY VEHICLES DOES THE SHERIFF HAVE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE MAJORITY WERE SOLD AND THE SHERIFF KEPT A FEW AS SPARES. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED MR. MALPHRUS FOR A TOTAL OF CARS BEING USED AND WHERE THEY WERE LOCATED, HOW MANY WERE SOLD AND HOW MUCH DID THEY SELL FOR. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE FELT THE MONEY FROM THE SALE OF THE VEHICLES SHOULD BE USED TO PAY DOWN THE NOTE AND HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT SET UP THAT WAY. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT IF SEPARATE BOND ISSUANCES ARE CHEAPER IN JULY OF NEXT YEAR, AND THEY WILL GO TO PERMANENT FINANCING. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH CHAIRMAN HOOD, VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR, AND COUNCILMAN TYLER VOTING FOR. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE VOTED AGAINST AND COUNCILMAN GREGORY DID NOT VOTE.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

KENDALL MALPHRUS – JASPER COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REQUEST FOR A-TAX FUNDING FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE J.C. FARMERS MARKET:

MR. SAULS AND MS. MALPHRUS EXPLAINED THAT THE REQUEST WAS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF FOUR EVENTS AT THE J.C. FARMERS' MARKET. MS. MALPHRUS LISTED THE EVENTS HELD THIS PAST YEAR. MS. MALPHRUS SAID THEY SPENT \$60,000.00 ON THE EVENTS AND THEY STILL HAVE SOME OUTSTANDING INVOICES. MS. MALPHRUS TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT OVER 500 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE SHAG CONCERT AND THE OTHER EVENTS WERE ALSO SUCCESSFUL. MS. MALPHRUS SAID A LOT OF NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS USE THE FARMERS' MARKET. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT THE ADVERTISING OF THE EVENTS COSTING \$17,500.00 PER EVENT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT THE DUES AND INCOME FROM THE EVENTS. MR. SAULS RESPONDED THAT THE DUES ARE COMPLETELY SEPARATE FROM THE FARMERS' MARKET. MR. SAULS SAID MANAGING THE EVENTS AT THE FARMERS' MARKET ADDS A LOT OF EXTRA WORK FOR THE STAFF ON TOP OF WHAT THEY ALREADY DO. MR. SAULS SAID THAT THE MONEY COLLECTED AT THE EVENTS GOES TOWARDS ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES. MR. SAULS SAID THE MONEY ALSO GOES TO THE STAFF FOR THE EXTRA HOURS THEY HAVE TO WORK. MR. SAULS INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THEY ALSO PAY SOMEONE TO CLEAN UP. MR. SAULS ADDED THAT THE CHAMBER LOSES ABOUT \$100.00 EVERYTIME A NON-PROFIT GROUP USES THE FARMERS' MARKET. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THERE WERE ENOUGH FUNDS IN THE A-TAX ACCOUNT TO COVER THE REQUEST. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT IF EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED IS PAID OUT, THE ACCOUNT WOULD HAVE A \$92,000.00 BALANCE, BUT IF SOME OF THE LARGER AMOUNTS WOULD HAVE TO COME OUT NOW, THERE WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH MONEY. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT A-TAX FUNDS CAN ONLY BE SPENT ON TOURIST RELATED EXPENSES. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT CHARGING THE NON-PROFITS FOR USING THE FARMERS' MARKET. MS. MALPHRUS SAID SHE WAS GOING TO TALK TO THE COUNTY ATTORNEY ABOUT REVISING THE RENTAL AGREEMENT THAT WILL INCLUDE AN AMOUNT FOR CLEAN-UP. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED IF STUDENTS WERE USED TO HELP KEEP THE COST DOWN. MS. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THEY DO HAVE STUDENTS HELP AND IT COUNTS AS COMMUNITY SERVICE; HOWEVER, IF ALCOHOL IS SERVED, STUDENTS CANNOT HELP. CHAIRMAN HOOD SUGGESTED CONTACTING THE UNIVERSITY FOR OLDER STUDENTS TO HELP. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE JASPER COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REQUEST FOR A-TAX FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,000.00 FOR PUTTING ON FOUR SPECIAL EVENTS THIS YEAR AT THE J.C. FARMERS MARKET AND MANAGEMENT OF THE FARMERS' MARKET EVENTS AND RENTALS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

KENDAL MALPHRUS – JASPER COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY REQUEST FOR A-TAX FUNDING FOR

UTILITIES AND SECURITY AT THE PERRY HOUSE: MR. ROUNDTREE SAID HE WAS REPRESENTING THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND THE CHAMBER AND THEY WERE REQUESTING \$4,020.00 OF A-TAX FUNDS TO PAY FOR THE UTILITIES AND SECURITY AT THE PERRY HOUSE. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED WHAT TYPE OF SECURITY WERE THEY PLANNING AND MR. ROUNDTREE SAID AN ALARM SYSTEM FROM PALMETTO ELECTRIC. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THE COUNCIL AGREED TO PAY THE UTILITES UNTIL JUNE 30, 2010 AND THE CHAMBER KNEW THEY WERE TO PAY THE UTILITIES STARTING JULY 1, 2010. MS. MALPHRUS SAID THAT WAS THE PLAN, BUT THE UTILITES WERE NOT IN HER BUDGET AND THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY HAS NO FUNDS. MS. MALPHRUS SAID SHE WAS TOLD THAT A-TAX FUNDS COULD BE USED TO PAY FOR THE UTILITIES. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE TOWN WAS TAKING CARE OF THE GROUNDS. MS. MALPHRUS SAID YES. MR. MALPHRUS POINTED OUT TO THE COUNCIL THAT ONLY 20% OF A-TAX FUNDS CAN BE USED FOR OPERATIONS AND WITH THE EXPENSES BEING PAID AT POINT SOUTH, THIS REQUEST WOULD PUT THE COUNTY AT THE LIMIT AND IF LESS MONEY COMES IN, THEN THE AMOUNT MAY HAVE TO BE DECREASED. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT PERHAPS THEY SHOULD PUT A CAP ON THE AMOUNT. MR. SAULS SAID IF THE ELECTRIC IS MORE THAN THE \$300.00 THEY ESTIMATED, THE CHAMBER WOULD PAY THE DIFFERENCE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED HOW MUCH MONEY HAS THE COUNTY GIVEN TO THE CHAMBER INCLUDING A-TAX AND GENERL FUND MONIES. MR. MALPHRUS SAID ABOUT \$105,000.00. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE FELT THE CHAMBER SHOULD BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR AND PAY FOR HALF OF THE UTILITIES. MS. MALPHRUS SAID THE COUNTY OWNS THE MUSEUM AND THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS THE CUSTODIAN. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF MR. MALPHRUS INCLUDED THE AMOUNT THAT THE COUNTY GIVES THE CHAMBER FOR THE GOPHER HILL FESTIVAL. MS. MALPHRUS SAID THOSE FUNDS GO DIRECTLY FROM THE CHAMBER TO THE GOPHER HILL COMMITTEE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE GOPHER HILL FUNDS COME FROM THE STATE A-TAX FUND. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THAT THE TENANTS WERE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE UTILITIES ON JULY 1, 2011. MR. FULGHUM SAID WHEN THE LEASE WAS DONE, THEY WERE ASKED IF UTILITES WERE AN ALLOWABLE A-TAX EXPENSE. MR. FULGHUM SAID MR. MALPHRUS CONFIRMED THAT THE A-TAX FUNDS COULD BE USED FOR THE UTILITIES. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO GRANT THE REQUEST OF UP TO \$4,020.00 FOR ONE YEAR ONLY AND THE UTILITIES WOULD BE NEGOTIATED ANNUALLY AND THAT THE FUNDS PROVIDED WOULD NOT EXCEED THE 20% CAP; THE FUNDS WERE TO COME FROM THE A-TAX ACCOUNT. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

ANDREW FULGHUM – REQUEST FROM THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND FOR A-TAX FUNDING FOR FIREWORKS: MR. FULGHUM INFORMED THE COUNCIL OF A REQUEST FROM THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND FOR \$1,000.00 FOR THE 4TH OF JULY FIREWORK DISPLAY. MR. SHAWN SWELBA,

REPRESENTING THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND EXPLAINED THAT HE PUT ON THE FIREWORK SHOW AT RV WORLD AND CURRENTLY THEY WERE \$1,300.00 SHORT AND ASKED FOR SUPPORT FROM THE COUNTY FROM THE COUNTY'S A-TAX ACCOUNT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THIS USE WOULD FALL WITHIN THE ALLOWABLE USES OF A-TAX MONEY. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED WHEN AND IF THE BUSINESSES IN THE COMMUNITEE HAVE BEEN ASKED FOR DONATIONS. MR. SWELBA SAID THEY STARTED REQUESTING DONATIONS IN MAY. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED HOW DOES THIS EVENT PROMOTE BUSINESSES. MR. SWELBA SAID THE PEOPLE WHO MADE DONATIONS WOULD BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILLBOARD, ANNOUCED AT DIFFERENT EVENTS FOR THE PARTICIPANTS. MR. SWELBA SAID THERE WERE BE VENDORS AT THE EVENT AND THEY PAY A FEE TO BE THERE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED HOW MUCH THE EVENT COST AND MR. SWELBA SAID AROUND \$6,000.00 AND THEY ALREADY RAISED \$4,800.00. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED HOW THIS EVENT WAS ADVERTISED AND HOW DID IT MARKET THE COUNTY. MR. SWELBA SAID THE EVENT WAS SPONSORED BY THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND AND FLYERS AND WORD OF MOUTH IS HOW IT IS PROMOTED. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THE EVENT GENERATED ANY FUNDS. MR. SWELBA SAID ANYONE CAN COME TO THE EVENT AND THEY DO NOT CHARGE A FEE, BUT ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE UNITED WAY WILL HAVE AN ACTIVITY BOOTH TO RAISE FUNDS. MR. SWELBA SAID THEY HAVE SECURITY AND NO ONE HAS ACCESS TO THE FIREWORKS. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED ABOUT THE VENDORS. MR. SWELBA SAID FOUR VENDORS PAY A LARGER DONATION TO BE AT THE EVENT AND THEY WILL BE LUCKY IF THEY BREAK EVEN. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED WHY THE VENDORS WERE LIMITED TO FOUR. MR. SWELBA SAID THEY OFFER A GOOD VARIETY AND IF THERE ARE TOO MANY VENDORS IT CUTS INTO THE PROFITS. MR. SWELBA SAID HE CAME TO THE COUNTY BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO HAVE A BIGGER EVENT SINCE 2010 IS THE START OF A NEW DECADE. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO TAKE THE REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT KNOWING THAT MONEY IS TIGHT AND HE DOES NOT KNOW WHERE THEY CAN COME UP WITH THE MONEY AND THEY REALLY CAN'T AFFORD TO MAKE THE DONATION, HE DID NOT THINK THEY SHOULD TELL THE MAN THEY WOULD TAKE IT UNDER CONSIDERATION. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH COUNCILMEN GREGORY, TYLER AND ETHERIDGE VOTING IN FAVOR. CHAIRMAN HOOD AND VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR VOTED AGAINST.

ANN WALKER – REQUEST FOR A-TAX FUNDING FOR PROMOTION OF THE TASTE OF JASPER FUND RAISER FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB: MS. WALKER, MS. HENDERSON AND MS. RHODES, REPRESENTING THE BOARD OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, REQUESTED \$5,000.00 OF A-TAX FUNDS TO PROMOTE THEIR TASTE OF JASPER FUND RAISER. MS. RHODES SAID THIS WILL BE THE THIRD YEAR FOR THE EVENT AND LAST YEAR OVER 300 PEOPLE ATTENDED AND 50% CAME FROM OUTSIDE OF JASPER COUNTY. MS. RHODES SAID THE FUND RAISER WILL BENEFIT THE 80 CHILDREN WHO ATTEND THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB. MS. RHODES SAID

THEIR MARKETING PLAN WILL COST \$13,000.00 AND THAT WILL REACH OVER 200,000 PEOPLE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THEY CONTACTED THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND AS THE A-TAX FROM THE EVENT WOULD GO TO THE TOWN, NOT THE COUNTY. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE COUNTY HAD THE FUNDS IN THE A-TAX ACCOUNT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY HAD THE FUNDS NOW, BUT THIS TIME NEXT YEAR THEY MAY NEED TO PUT THE BRAKES ON. MS. RHODES SAID THAT RIDGELAND IS PART OF JASPER COUNTY AND THEY CANNOT APPROACH THE TOWN FOR FUNDING UNTIL JULY. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THE CHILDREN AT THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB COME FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTY. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE THOUGHT THE A-TAX ACCOUNT WAS MAXED OUT WHEN THEY APPROVED THE FUNDS FOR THE CHAMBER. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THIS IS NOT PART OF THE 20% FOR OPERATING FUNDS. MS. WALKER SAID THEY ARE TRYING TO USE THE \$5,000.00 TO GENERATE \$30,000.00. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR \$5,000.00 JUST THIS ONE TIME AND THE FUNDS WOULD COME FROM THE A-TAX ACCOUNT. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

ANDREW FULGHUM – APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE VETERANS’ AFFAIRS OFFICE: MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT THE LEASE FOR THE VA OFFICE NEEDED TO BE RENEWED. MR. FULGHUM SAID IT WAS A THREE YEAR LEASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,940.00 FOR 295 SQ. FEET. MR. FULGHUM ALSO ASKED THE COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE LEASE AGREEMENT. MR. FULGHUM TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE LEASE CAN BE BROKEN WITH 30 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE FROM EITHER PARTY. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE COUNTY HAD ANY SPACE AVAILABLE FOR THIS OFFICE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT CURRENTLY THEY HAD NO SPACE. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HAVING SERVED AS THE VA OFFICER, HE FELT IT WAS BETTER TO RENEW THE LEASE AS THE VA OFFICE IS ESTABLISHED THERE AND THE PEOPLE KNOW WHERE THEY ARE LOCATED. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE VERTERANS’ AFFAIRS OFFICE AND THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE LEASE AGREEMENT. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: CHAIRMAN HOOD ANNOUNCED THAT THERE WOULD BE A BUDGET WORKSHOP ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2010 AT 3:00 P.M.

COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED TO GO BACK TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO REQUEST THAT VOLUNTEER PARK ROAD BE PAVED TO COUNTY STANDARDS. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF VOLUNTEER PARK ROAD WAS A COUNTY ROAD. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT IT WAS. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION FOR COUNCILMAN GREGORY TO GO TO THE

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO REQUEST FUNDING TO PAVE VOLUNTEER PARK ROAD TO COUNTY STANDARDS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: MR. FULGHUM DISCUSSED THE F-35B THAT WILL BE LOCATING AT THE AIR STATION IN BEAUFORT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC MEETING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2010 AND HE ENCOURAGED THE PEOPLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING AND SHOW THEIR SUPPORT. MR. FULGHUM ASKED THAT THE COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE F-35B LOCATING IN BEAUFORT. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE F-35B LOCATING IN BEAUFORT. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

MR. FULGHUM TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE WAS SUCCESSFUL IN ATTAINING A GRANT AND EMS HAS RECEIVED A FORMULA FUNDING GRANT. MR. FULGHUM ADDED THAT THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE FIRE STATION WAS UNSUCCESSFUL.

MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT HE RECEIVED A LETTER FOR JASPER COUNTY NEIGHBORS UNITED REGARDING THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND HE FELT AN AD HOC COMMITTEE WITH THE TWO MUNICIPALITIES WAS NEEDED TO EXPLORE THE OPTIONS. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE HOUSING AUTHORITY UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE COUNTY. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THEY WILL HAVE TO MEET AND DISCUSS THIS FURTHER.

MR. FULGHUM PRESENTED A POWER POINT PRESENTATION OF VARIOUS EXAMPLES OF ANNUAL REPORTS. MR. FUGLHUM EXPLAINED THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF INFORMATION AND CHARTS THAT WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE FELT IT WILL BE A GOOD TOOL AND WILL BE HELPFUL TO THE CITIZENS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE VARIOUS SERVICES COST. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF IT COULD BE ADDED TO THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE AND MR. FULGHUM SAID IT COULD BE INCLUDED ON THE WEBSITE.

DAVID JIROUSEK TOLD THE COUNCIL HE SENT A LETTER TO DHEC REGARDING THE CONCERNS OF THE STROBHART COMMUNITY. MR. JIROUSEK SAID HE WAS TRYING TO PROACTIVELY RESPOND TO CONCERNS AND DEVELOP AN ACTION PLAN. MR. JIROUSEK SAID HIS LETTER ASKED THAT A COOPERATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN DHEC AND JASPER COUNTY TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF THE CITIZENS. MR. JIROUSEK SAID CONCERNS INCLUDED GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION, INCINERATOR OPERATIONS AND AIR QUALITY, TRUCK TRAFFIC, SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION FOR SAFETY, LITTER CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT, DUST SUPPRESSION AND GENERAL LAND USE AND ZONING REGULATIONS.

MR. JIROUSEK UPDATED THE COUNCIL ON THE INTERSECTION IN THE OLD HOUSE AREA. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THE INTERSECTION WAS REDESIGNED TO AVOID ANY IMPACT ON THE LIVE OAKS IN THE AREA. MR. JIROUSEK SAID HE PLANNED TO HOLD ANOTHER COMMUNITY MEETING. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF DHEC WOULD SEND THE PLANNING

COMMISSION THE RESULTS OF THE AIR QUALITY STUDY OR IS IT A DEAD ISSUE. MR. JIROUSEK SAID HE WAS RELYING ON DHEC. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE INCINERATOR IS A LEGAL NON-CONFORMING USE AND IT CAN LEGALLY STAY IN PLACE, BUT IF IT IS A HEALTH HAZARD, PERHAPS THE COMMUNITY CAN TAKE ACTION. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT ANY VIOLATIONS SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE COUNTY.

OPEN FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC (3 MINUTES PER INDIVIDUAL): CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC. LOUISE RAWLING ASKED HOW THE RESIDENTS KNOW OF THE VIOLATIONS WHEN DHEC DOES A STUDY. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE STAFF WILL STAY IN CONTACT WITH THE PEOPLE AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH KEY CONTACTS IN THE COMMUNITY ON ALL ISSUES. MRS. RAWLINGS SAID SHE WAS STILL CONCERNED ABOUT DHEC AND THE PEOPLE NOT KNOWING ABOUT THE RESULTS. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE ADMINISTRATOR CAN REQUEST THAT DHEC KEEP THE COUNTY INFORMED. MRS. RAWLINGS ASKED IF THE CITIZENS CAN REQUEST COPIES OF THE STUDY RESULTS. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT HE FELT THE CITIZENS SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET THE RESULTS UNDER A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST. BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS CANCELLED.

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

THE MEETING ENDED AT 9:00 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DR. GEORGE M. HOOD
CHAIRMAN