

**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
MARY GORDON ELLIS EXECUTIVE BUILDING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
JULY 16, 2007  
7:00 P.M.**

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

DR. GEORGE M. HOOD, CHAIRMAN  
GLADY JONES, VICE CHAIRMAN  
LEROY BLACKSHEAR, COUNCILMAN  
HUBERT TYLER, COUNCILMAN

**STAFF PRESENT:**

ANDREW FULGHUM, ADMINISTRATOR  
RONNIE MALPHRUS, DEP. ADM. ADM. SER.  
STEVE SAGER, DEP. ADM. ECO. DEV.  
MARVIN JONES, ATTORNEY  
JUDITH FRANK, CLERK TO COUNCIL

**OFFICIALS ABSENT:**

FRED TUTEN, COUNCILMAN

**STAFF ABSENT:**

TOM WATSON, DEP. ADM. EMG. SER.  
DALE TERRY, DEP. ADM. ENG. SER.

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

DURING PERIODS OF DISCUSSION AND/OR PRESENTATIONS THE 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:**

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR GAVE THE INVOCATION.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 18, JUNE 25, AND JUNE 28, 2007. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

**RECOGNITION OF DELIA CASKEY WINNER OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD:**

MR. FULGHUM INTRODUCED MS. CASKEY AND EXPLAINED THAT SHE WON THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR HER WORK WITH KEEP JASPER BEAUTIFUL AND JASPER COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION.

**PROCLAMATION**

ROLAND GARDNER READ A PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE WEEK OF AUGUST 5-11, 2007 AS COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH WEEK AND MR. GARDNER INVITED EVERYONE TO THE OPEN HOUSES BEING HELD IN ALL THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH LOCATIONS IN THE COUNTY. VICE CHAIRMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO PASS THE PROCLAMATION. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES:**

**3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE SALE OF THE LOW COUNTRY GENERAL HOSPITAL PROPERTY TO GSM PROPERTIES, LLC:**

MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE COMPLETE AND THE COUNCIL HAS HAD THE NECESSARY PUBLIC HEARINGS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT ATTORNEY JONES WAS PRESENT AND THAT HE DID THE NEGOTIATIONS AND A CONTRACT HAS BEEN COMPLETED. ATTORNEY JONES SAID THAT PRICE WAS \$189,300.00 FOR 6.31 ACRES OF LAND AND HE SAID THE TERMS INCLUDED THE TIME LIMITS, USAGE AND THAT GSM PROPERTIES WOULD BE GIVEN THE RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL ON ANY ADJOINING PROPERTIES. ATTORNEY JONES SAID THAT BUYER WARRANTS THAT THEY WILL NOT

SELL OR TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF THE PROPERTY FOR 5 YEARS, BUT THAT IT COULD BE TRANSFERRED WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION. VICE CHAIRMAN JONES SAID THAT SEVERAL ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED THAT THE AGAPE GROUP WAS GOING TO DO AND ATTORNEY JONES SAID THEY WERE INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT. VICE CHAIRMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE SALE OF THE LOW COUNTRY GENERAL HOSPITAL PROPERTY (6.31 ACRES) TO GSM PROPERTIES LLC FOR \$189,300.00. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE REGARDING THE CREATION OF THE JASPER COUNTY FIRE – RESCUE PROTECTION DISTRICT:**

ATTORNEY JONES SAID THAT CURRENTLY HE IS DEALING WITH THE LEVY FIRE DISTRICT AND THAT THE LEVY DISTRICT WOULD BE DEALT WITH IN THE FUTURE AND WOULD NOT BE PART OF THIS FIRE – RESCUE DISTRICT. ATTORNEY JONES SAID THAT CHERRY POINT FIRE DISTRICT WOULD STAY AS IT IS AND THE COUNTY WOULD CONTINUE TO NEGOTIATE WITH LEVY FIRE DISTRICT, ATTORNEY JONES SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE WAY THE FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICTS ARE SET UP AND HE WAS WORKING ON THOSE DETAILS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT ONE OF THE REQUIREMENTS WAS TO ADVERTISE. VICE CHAIRMAN JONES ASKED WHO WAS THE COUNTY'S FIRE CHIEF AND MR. FULGHUM RESPONDED THAT TOM WATSON WAS THE FIRE CHIEF. VICE CHAIRMAN JONES ASKED ABOUT ADDITIONAL TAXES, MR. FULGHUM SAID THIS WOULD ALLOW ADDITIONAL TAXES IN THE FUTURE, BUT THE COUNCIL CAN SAY THAT THEY DO NOT INTEND TO DO THAT. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF THEY WERE CREATING A NEW FIRE DISTRICT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THEY WERE LEGALIZING WHAT WAS IN PLACE, AND THE COUNCIL WOULD NOT BE DOING ANYTHING THAT HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN DONE.

CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMENTS. 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 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE REGARDING THE CREATION OF THE JASPER COUNTY FIRE – RESCUE DISTRICT, THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO CREATE A PDD FOR TELFAIR PLANTATION, LLC:**

MR. SAGER EXPLAINED THAT THE PDD DEALT WITH REZONING THE PROPERTY AND THAT THE PROJECT HAS BEEN REVIEWED RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION. 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 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO CREATE A PDD FOR TELFAIR PLANTATION, LLC. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH TELFAIR PLANTATION, LLC:**

MR. SAGER SAID THAT THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT SETS FORTH THE DETAILS TO IMPLEMENT THE DEVELOPMENT AND ALSO ESTABLISHES THE VOLUNTARY FEES PAID BY THE DEVELOPER. CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS. CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. VICE CHAIRMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH TELFAIR PLANTATION, LLC. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. VICE CHAIRMAN JONES SAID THAT SHE WANTED THE PUBLIC TO BE AWARE OF WHAT WAS IN THE DA AND CHAIRMAN HOOD TOLD MR. SAGER TO MAKE SURE IT WAS ADDED FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS:**

MR. SAGER SAID THAT THERE HAS BEEN MUCH PUBLIC REVIEW AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND LAND USE REGULATIONS. MR. SAGER SAID THE PLANNING COMMISSION TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE REQUESTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS AND THEY HAVE REVISED THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT. MR. SAGER

SAID THAT THE ATTORNEY'S REVIEW AND ATM'S COMMENTS THE DOCUMENT WERE PRESENTED, MR. SAGER CONTINUED THAT THIS IS A LIVING DOCUMENT AND THE STAFF REVIEW IS UNDERWAY AND THAT A WORKSHOP FOR THE COUNCIL AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION SHOULD BE SCHEDULED. VICE CHAIRMAN JONES ASKED IF THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAS SEEN THE ZONING MAP AS THE ONLY THING INCLUDED FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION WAS THE ATM DOCUMENTS AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION MADE THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE ATM DOCUMENTS. MR. MAGLIONE, ATM, SAID THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE STAFF HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF REQUESTS AS TO HOW THE PROPERTIES WERE CHANGED ON THE MAP AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION IS AWARE OF THE CHANGES, BUT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN SEEN BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED IF THE PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEWED ATM'S JUNE 19, 2007 MEMO AND MR. SAGER SAID THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION DID REVIEW IT AND THEY INCORPORATED THE RECOMMENDATIONS. CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. DOUG COOK SAID HE DID NOT THINK THE COUNCIL SHOULD HAVE A SECOND READING AS THE PUBLIC CANNOT GET A COPY OF THE REVISED DOCUMENT AND THAT IT IS NOT ON THE INTERNET. STEVEN MALPHRUS SAID HE WAS NOT SURE IF IT WAS ON THE NEW WEBSITE, MR. FULGHUM SAID THE DOCUMENT IS NOT ON THE WEBSITE. MR. COOK SAID THAT HE HAS BEEN TOLD FOR A MONTH THE REVISED EDITION WOULD BE ON THE WEBSITE. MR. SAGER SAID IT WOULD BE ON THE WEBSITE ON JULY 17, 2007. RITA THOMAS SAID SHE MAILED THE PLANNING COMMISSION REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN THINGS AND ASKED THAT ALT. 170 BE ADDED AND THAT A NOISE ORDINANCE NEEDED TO BE ADDRESSED AND REGULATIONS FOR LIVE ENTERTAINMENT VENUES ALSO NEED TO BE CONSIDERED. MS. THOMAS ASKED WHEN THE MAPS WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC TO REVIEW. DEL DAVIDSON SAID THAT HE HAS TRIED TO BRING THE CHANGES UP ON HIS COMPUTER AND HE WENT TO TEDD MOYD'S OFFICE AND MR. DAVIDSON SAID THAT HE WAS TOLD THAT MR. MOYD WOULD HAVE TO DOWNLOAD IT FOR HIM. MR. DAVIDSON ALSO ADDRESSED THE COUNTY GRAVEL ROADS AND THAT THE COUNTY NEEDS TO MAINTAIN THE ROADS THE DEVELOPERS ARE NOT TAKING CARE OF SO THAT 911 CAN GET THROUGH. MR. SAGER SAID THAT THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF DIRT ROADS AND THAT COUNTY HAS A STANDING POLICY OF APPROVING PRIVATE ROADS IN SUBDIVISIONS AND THE PROPERTY OWNERS ARE TO MAINTAIN THEM. MR. SAGER SAID NOTHING HAS BEEN PROPOSED TO CHANGE THAT POLICY. MR. SAGER SAID THAT PEOPLE WHO LIVE ON PRIVATE DIRT ROADS BECAUSE THAT COUNTY DID NOT APPROVE MAINTAINING THOSE ROADS WHEN THE SUBDIVISION WAS APPROVED. MR. SAGER SAID IF THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO CHANGE ITS POLICY, NOW WOULD BE THE TIME. EARL BOSTICK SAID THAT THE NAMING OF ROADS WAS DONE BY THE COUNTY AND HE FELT THAT IF SOMEONE WANTED TO RENAME A FEE IS CHARGED AND THE HE DID NOT FEEL THE CITIZENS SHOULD HAVE TO PAY TO HAVE A ROAD NAME CHANGED IF THE COUNTY MISSED IT. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW OTHER ROADS THAT WERE MISSED WERE HANDLED AND ASKED THE ADMINISTRATOR TO FIND OUT. CAROLYN FLINT SAID THAT SHE MET WITH VICE CHAIRMAN JONES AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR REGARDING THE REVISED DOCUMENT. MS. FLINT SAID SHE PROVIDED THEM, THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE COUNCIL WITH A LIST OF HER CONCERNS AND WHAT CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE. MS. FLINT ASKED IF THE NEWLY REVISED ORDINANCE WAS AVAILABLE. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT IT WOULD BE ONLINE TOMORROW. MS. FLINT SAID SHE WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A HARD COPY WITH THE CHANGES. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WOULD GO OVER IT WITH HER. MS. FLINT SAID SHE WOULD PICK UP A COPY TO REVIEW. MS. FLINT ASKED IF THE COUNCIL READ THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID SOME OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE READ THE DOCUMENT COMPLETELY. THE CHAIRMAN TOLD MS. FLINT THAT MR. SAGER WOULD GET A COPY TO THE CLERK TO COUNCIL FOR HER THE NEXT DAY. DEL DAVIDSON ASKED IF THE VACANCIES ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAVE BEEN FILLED AND IF NOT WHY IS IT TAKING SO LONG TO FILL THOSE VACANCIES. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE COUNCIL WOULD BE REVIEWING THE APPLICATIONS AND WORKING ON ALL THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. MR. PRINCE JACKSON SAID HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE R-30 AND HEIRS PROPERTY AND ASKED ABOUT PUTTING ONLY 1 HOUSE ON 5 ACRES OF LAND. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE ISSUE REGARDING THE 5 ACRES HAS BEEN ADDRESSED. BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC. VICE CHAIRMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE

AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

VICE CHAIRMAN JONES SAID THE PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HAVE A MEETING ON JULY 19, 2007 AT 6:30 P.M. TO DISCUSS THE DOCUMENTS RECEIVED FROM ATTORNEY JONES AND ATM.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN LIVE OAK GROUP, LLC, AND JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL:**

MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT THIS RESOLUTION WAS BEFORE THE COUNCIL PREVIOUSLY AND THAT VICE CHAIRMAN JONES QUESTIONED IF THE ASSIGNMENT MUST BE DONE BY ORDINANCE SINCE THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT WAS DONE BY ORDINANCE. ATTORNEY JONES SAID THAT THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WAS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE, BUT THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT STATED THAT IT IS ASSIGNABLE AND FOR THAT REASON HE FELT THE ASSIGNMENT COULD BE DONE BY RESOLUTION. ATTORNEY JONES SAID THE ORDINANCE WAS NOT BEING CHANGED SO THE ASSIGNMENT COULD BE DONE BY RESOLUTION. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION TO PASS THE RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN LIVE OAK GROUP, LLC AND THE JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**RENEWAL OF LEASE FOR ANIMAL SHELTER – J.A.R.M.:**

MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE LEASE WOULD BE FROM JULY 1, 2007 TO JUNE 30, 2008 AND HE ASKED THAT HE BE ALLOWED TO EXECUTE THE LEASE. VICE CHAIRMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO ALLOW THE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE LEASE FOR THE ANIMAL SHELTER WITH J.A. R. M. FOR THE 1 YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2007 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2008. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**SOLICITOR DUFFY STONE – BOND ESCHEATMENT:**

SOLICITOR DUFFY STONE DID NOT APPEAR.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**APPROVAL OF ROAD NAMES:**

VICE CHAIRMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE ROAD NAMES TRACY DRIVE AND MCCULLOUGH DR. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. VICE CHAIRMAN JONES STATED THAT IF THE COUNTY MISSED THE ROADS, THEN THE COUNTY SHOULD PAY FOR THE SIGNS.

**APPROVAL OF HARGRAY COMMUNICATIONS GROUP AND ALL SUBSIDIARIES**

**SERVICE AGREEMENT:**

STEVEN MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE AGREEMENT WAS TO PROVIDE DIRECT FIBER FROM HARDEEVILLE AND THAT IT WOULD COST \$500.00 PER MONTH AND HARDEEVILLE WOULD PAY \$250.00 OF THAT AMOUNT EACH MONTH. VICE CHAIRMAN JONES ASKED WHAT THIS WOULD DO AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID IT WOULD CREATE A BETTER CONNECTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, MAPPING DATA WILL BE ABLE TO BE SHARED, AND WILL OPEN UP NEW AREAS FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THIS IS A LARGE PROJECT, BUT IT WILL HELP ALL AREAS CONCERNED. MR. FULGHUM SAID IT WOULD ALSO ALLOW THE COUNTY TO HAVE A PRESENCE IN THAT AREA AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT IT WOULD ALSO ENABLE THE COURT SYSTEM TO OPERATE ON FIBER RATHER THAN WIRELESS. VICE CHAIRMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE HARGRAY CONTRACT AND THE ANNUAL FEE OF \$3,000.00 WILL BE PAID FOR FROM THE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT LINE OF THE IT DEPARTMENT. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**NEW WEBSITE:**

STEVEN MALPHRUS DISCUSSED THE NEW WEBSITE FOR THE COUNTY WHICH IS [WWW.JASPERCOUNTYSC.ORG](http://WWW.JASPERCOUNTYSC.ORG). MR MALPHRUS SAID THAT EACH OF THE DEPARTMENTS ARE REPRESENTED AND THAT THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE ACCESS TO PAY TAXES ONLINE, ESTIMATE TAXES, SEARCH PROPERTIES, ACQUIRE FORMS AND APPLICATIONS, REVIEW THE COUNTY'S SCHEDULED MEETINGS, MINUTES, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY WERE STILL WORKING ON THE WEBSITE, HOWEVER, IT IS MOVING FORWARD. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT EVERY DEPARTMENT HEAD HELPED WITH THE WEBSITE. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED HOW THE WEBSITE WOULD EFFECT THE EMPLOYEES AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID IT SHOULD HELP ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY PHONE CALLS AND IT MAKES THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC 24 HOURS A DAY. MR. FULGHUM SAID IT IS GREAT FOR THE EMPLOYEES AS THEY CAN RETRIEVE INFORMATION WITHOUT GOING TO THE DIFFERENT OFFICES.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

VICE CHAIRMAN JONES SAID SHE TOURED THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IN CHERRY POINT AND PURRYSBURG WITH BJWSA. VICE CHAIRMAN JONES ASKED THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR SCHEDULE A WORKSHOP TO WORK ON THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. VICE CHAIRMAN JONES ASKED ABOUT THE SALE OF THE CHERRY POINT FIRE STATION TO HARDEEVILLE AND MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT HE WAS WAITING FOR THE SURVEY. VICE CHAIRMAN JONES ASKED ABOUT THE CONTRACT WITH THE LEVY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WAS WORKING ON IT. VICE CHAIRMAN JONES ASKED ABOUT THE LAWSUIT WITH ROY WALKER AND THE COMPLAINT THAT THE ROAD AT RIVERS EDGE IS NOT BEING MAINTAINED. ATTORNEY JONES SAID THAT THE PLEADINGS HAVE BEEN FILED AND HE IS WAITING TO BE HEARD. MR. JONES SAID HE INSPECTED THE AREA WITH MR. WALKER. MR. JONES SAID THE LAWSUIT HAS BEEN FILED AND HE IS WAITING FOR IT TO BE HEARD.

COUNCILMAN TYLER SAID HE FELT MR. TERRY IS DOING A FINE JOB WITH THE ROADS, BUT HIS BIG CONCERN IS ABOUT LETTER FROM RIVER EDGE AND HE LOOKED AT THE ROAD AND THE COUNTY HAS ALOT OF DIRT AND THAT THE ROADS ARE IN GOOD SHAPE. COUNCILMAN TYLER SAID HE FELT PUBLIC WORKS IS DOING A GOOD JOB KEEPING THE ROAD TAKEN CARE OF AND ALSO THEY ARE DOING A GOOD JOB PICKING UP THE TRASH ALONG THE ROADWAYS.

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT BOTH OF HIS COMMITTEES MET AND THAT HE ATTENDED THE MEETING HELD BY TENET REGARDING THE COASTAL CAROLINA HOSPITAL TAKEOVER AND HE SAID TENET ASSURED THE PUBLIC THAT THE HOSPITAL'S NAME AND SERVICES WILL REMAIN THE SAME. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE IS STILL RECEIVING CALLS FROM THE DAYS INN ABOUT THE NOISE AND THAT THEY ARE LOSING CUSTOMERS. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE COUNTY NEEDS AN ORDINANCE THAT THE SHERIFF CAN ENFORCE. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE ALSO RECEIVED A COMPLAINT THAT THE ROAD AT COOKS LANDING TO THE CEMETERY NEEDED TO BE REPAIRING. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED THE ADMINISTRATOR TO WORK ON THE NOISE ORDINANCE. VICE CHAIRMAN JONES SAID TO MAKE SURE THE ORDINANCE HAD SOME TEETH IN IT SO THAT THE SHERIFF CAN TAKE ACTION. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MET AND THEY WERE GIVEN A LIST OF 24 JOB OPENINGS IN THE COUNTY AND THEY WERE ALL TO BE ADVERTISED.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

MR FULGHUM SAID THAT HE APPLIED FOR AN AWARD AT THE SCAC CONFERENCE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT IT IS A JOINT SUBMITTAL WITH HAMPTON AND BEAUFORT COUNTIES AND IT DEALS WITH THE COURT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

MR FULGHUM SAID THAT TENET WOULD BE HAVING A MEETING IN HARDEEVILLE ON JULY 24, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M.

MR. FULGHUM SAID THE UNEMPLOYEMENT RATE IN JASPER COUNTY IS LOWER THAN THE STATE AVERAGE – JASPER COUNTY IS AT 4.4% AND ONLY 4 COUNTIES HAVE LOWER UNEMPLOYMENT RATES. MR. FULGHUM SAID JASPER COUNTY'S WEEKLY SALARY RATES ARE LOWER – STATE IS \$657 – BEAUFORT IS \$587 – CHARLESTON IS \$671 AND JASPR COUNTY IS \$568.

STEVEN MALPHRUS INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THE COUNTY'S FIRE COMPETITION TEAM WOULD BE COMPETING IN MYRTLE BEACH AND THAT THEY RAISED ALL THE FUNDS TO COVER THEIR TRIP AND THEY ARE TAKING VACATION DAYS TO PARTICIPATE.

VICE CHAIRMAN JONES SAID THAT BEAUFORT COUNTY IS TRYING TO GET A TRANSFER FEE AND SHE WOULD LIKE JASPER COUNTY TO JOIN THIS EFFORT. VICE CHAIRMAN JONES ASKED THE ADMINISTRATOR TO WRITE A LETTER REGARDING THIS, BUT TO FAX IT TO THE COUNCIL BEFORE MAILING IT.

**OPEN FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC:**

CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS. CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

VICE CHAIRMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LEGAL AND EMPLOYMENT MATTERS. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:**

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

CHAIRMAN HOOD STATED THAT THE COUNCIL WENT OVER THE ADMINISTRATOR'S ANNUAL REVIEW AND HE WAS GIVEN A SCORE OF 3.4 OUT OF 4.0.

CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT THEY ALSO DISCUSSED THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S POSITION AND IT WAS THE CONCENSUS OF THE COUNCIL THAT 39.5 HOURS QUALIFIED FOR BENEFITS TO BE PAID.

**ADJOURN:**

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

THE MEETING ENDED AT 9:20 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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JUDITH M. FRANK, CCC  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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DR. GEORGE M. HOOD  
CHAIRMAN