

**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
MARY GORDON ELLIS EXECUTIVE BUILDING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
JULY 21, 2008  
4:30 P.M.**

**JOINT EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE CITY OF HARDEEVILLE**

**COUNTY OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

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

**HARDEEVILLE OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

BRONCO BOSTICK, MAYOR  
ROY POWELL, MAYOR PRO TEM  
BRUCE WILLIS, COUNCILMAN  
MICHAEL FOSKEY, COUNCILMAN

**COUNTY STAFF PRESENT:**

ANDREW FULGHUM, ADMINISTRATOR  
RONNIE MALPHRUS, DEP. ADM. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES  
MARVIN JONES, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
JUDITH FRANK, CLERK TO COUNCIL

**HARDEEVILLE STAFF PRESENT:**

KEVIN GRIFFIN, CITY MANAGER  
JEFF SLOCUM, ASST. CITY MANAGER  
DAVID TEDDER, CITY ATTORNEY  
TED FELDER, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 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 JOINT MEETING TO ORDER AT 4:30 P.M.  
MAYOR BOSTICK CALLED THE JOINT MEETING TO ORDER AT 4:30 P. M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

CHAIRMAN HOOD LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

**INVOCATION:**

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN GAVE THE INVOCATION.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS AND DISCUSSION OF MATTERS RELATED TO PROPOSED LOCATION OR EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES OR OTHER BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF HARDEEVILLE AND JASPER COUNTY. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

COUNCILMAN FOSKEY MOTIONED AND MAYOR PRO TEM POWELL SECONDED THE MOTION TO go INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS AND DISCUSSION OF MATTERS RELATED TO PROPOSED LOCATION OR EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES OR OTHER BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF HARDEEVILLE AND JASPER COUNTY. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:**

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

COUNCILMAN FOSKEY MOTIONED AND MAYOR PRO TEM POWELL SECONDED THE MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**ADJOURN:**

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

COUNCILMAN FOSKEY MOTIONED AND MAYOR PRO TEM POWELL SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 6:10 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

**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
MARY GORDON ELLIS EXECUTIVE BUILDING  
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JULY 21, 2008  
7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

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FRED TUTEN, VICE CHAIRMAN  
GLADYS JONES, COUNCILWOMAN  
LEROY BLACKSHEAR, COUNCILMAN  
HUBERT TYLER, COUNCILMAN

**STAFF PRESENT:**

ANDREW FULGHUM, ADMINISTRATOR  
RONNIE MALPHRUS, DEPUTY ADM. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES  
WILBUR DALEY, DEP. ADM. EMERGENCY SERVICES  
JUDITH M. FRANK, CLERK TO COUNCIL  
MARVIN JONES, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
EVELYN LEE, DEPUTY CLERK TO COUNCIL

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**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 TUTEN GAVE THE INVOCATION.

CHAIRMAN HOOD ADDRESSED THE AUDIENCE AND SAID THAT IN THE FUTURE IF THEY KNOW THAT SO MANY PEOPLE WOULD BE COMING TO THE MEETING TO LET HIM KNOW IN ADVANCE SO THAT THE LOCATION OF THE MEETING CAN BE CHANGED TO A PLACE WHERE EVERYONE CAN BE SEATED.

CHAIRMAN HOOD STATED THAT HE WOULD AMEND THE AGENDA TO HAVE PUBLIC COMMENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING FOR THE PEOPLE WHO WERE PRESENT THAT WANTED TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

REGARDING THE LEVY FIRE DEPARTMENT. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT HE BELIEVES IN COOPERATION AND WHAT IS GOOD FOR ALL THE PEOPLE. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE REGULAR SCHEDULED OPEN THE FLOOR SECTION OF THE AGENDA WOULD STILL TAKE PLACE FOR THE PEOPLE WHO WANTED TO ADDRESS MATTERS OTHER THAN THE LEVY FIRE DEPARTMENT.

CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT HE WAS ALSO AMENDING THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE A RESOLUTION REGARDING INFORMATION DISCUSSED DURING THE EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE HARDEEVILLE CITY COUNCIL AT THE JOINT COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 4:30 P.M.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILWOMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 6/16/2008, 6/18/2008, 6/25/2008, 6/26/2008 AND 7/10/2008 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON 6/18/2008, 6/24/2008, 6/26/2008, 7/2/2008 AND TWO MEETINGS ON 7/15/2008 FOR INFORMATION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**OPEN THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC:**

CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC WHO WANTED TO DISCUSS THE LEVY FIRE STATION. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE WOULD ALLOT 30 MINUTES TO HEAR THE PEOPLE REGARDING THE LEVY FIRE STATION.

SHERRIE EMANUEL THANKED THE COUNCIL. MS. EMANUEL SAID THAT 20 YEARS AGO HER FATHER AND BROTHER AND OTHER FOUNDERS TRIED TO START THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DOUG GRAHAM STEPPED IN AND GOT THE FIRE STATION GOING. MS. EMANUEL SAID SHE WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT THE COUNCIL CANNOT SEE PAST PERSONALITIES AND THEIR WRATH TOWARDS DOUG GRAHAM WAS DEVASTATING TO THEIR COMMUNITY AND TO DISBAND THIS ORGANIZATION, WHICH IS A VITAL PART OF THE COMMUNITY. MS. EMANUEL SAID THAT IF THE LEVY FIRE STATION IS DISBANDED, THE CITIZEN'S OF LEVY FIRE INSURANCE WILL GO UP. MS. EMANUEL SAID THE COMMUNITY STARTED THIS FIRE STATION AND WHAT THE COUNTY IS DOING EFFECTS THE WHOLE COMMUNITY. MS. EMANUEL SAID THAT HARDEEVILLE DOES NOT RESPOND TO CALLS IN THE LEVY COMMUNITY, THE LEVY FIRE STATION DOES AND SHE HOPED THAT THEY COULD COME TO AN UNDERSTANDING AS THE COUNCIL IS AFFECTING THE WHOLE COMMUNITY.

KENNETH BROWN THANKED THE COUNCIL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. MR. BROWN SAID THE VOLUNTEERS CAME TO LEVY 20 YEARS AGO AND IT WAS THE BEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED TO LEVY. THE LEVY FIRE STATION IS THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ON THE SCENE NOT ONLY TO FIRES, BUT TO ACCIDENTS. MR. BROWN RELATED AN EVENT THAT AFFECTED HIS SON WHEN HE WAS IN A FOUR WHEELER ACCIDENT AND HE SAID MR. DOUG GRAHAM WAS THE FIRST ONE ON THE SCENE TO HELP, THAT MR. GRAHAM

WAS THERE BEFORE THE AMBULANCE. MR BROWN SAID HE DID NOT THINK THE COMMUNITY SHOULD SUFFER BECAUSE TO PERSONALITIES. MR. BROWN SAID THAT THE LEVY FIRE STATION PERFORMS BETTER THAN ANY OTHER FIRE STATION IN JASPER COUNTY.

AARON SAXON SAID THAT HE LIVES IN LEVY AND HAS BEEN A PART OF THE LEVY FIRE STATION FOR FIVE YEARS. MR. SAXON SAID THAT THE LEVY BUDGET REQUEST WAS FOR \$371,000.00 AND THEY WERE TOLD THAT THEY COULD DO IT FOR \$215,000.00. MR. SAXON THAT THE COUNTY PAYS MORE THAN THAT TO OPERATE A STATION. MR. SAXON ASKED THE COUNCIL TO DO THE NUMBERS. MR. SAXON SAID THAT THE VOLUNTEERS OF LEVY WILL NOT ACCEPT A SIX MONTH CONTRACT AS IT IS ONLY A SHORT TERM LEASE AND IF THE COUNTY TAKES OVER FIRE PROTECTION IN THE LEVY AREA, IT WILL COST THE CITIZENS OF LEVY TWICE AS MUCH FOR INSURANCE. MR. SAXON SAID THE VOLUNTEERS IN LEVY WILL ONLY ACCEPT A ONE YEAR CONTRACT WITH AN EQUAL SHARE OF FUNDING AND HE HOPED THAT IS WHAT THE COUNCIL WILL DECIDE. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE THOUGHT THE COUNTY HAD A CONTRACT WITH MR. GRAHAM. MR. SAXON SAID THAT MR. GRAHAM IS THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE VOLUNTEERS.

BARBARA CLARK SAID THAT LEVY IS ASKING FOR A FAIR SHARE LIKE THE OTHERS AND IF THE OTHERS ARE GIVEN A ONE YEAR CONTRACT, THEN LEVY SHOULD GET A ONE YEAR CONTRACT. MS. CLARK SAID SHE WAS APPALLED AND UPSET THAT THIS IS A PERSONALITY CONFLICT AND THAT PRAYER DOES CHANGE THINGS. MS. CLARK ADDRESSED CHAIRMAN HOOD AND SAID THAT ANYTIME THERE IS SOMETHING THAT EFFECTS LEVY, THE HOUSE WILL BE PACKED BECAUSE LEVY HAS TAKEN THEIR COMMUNITY BACK. MS. CLARK SAID THE CITIZENS OF LEVY WANT THE COUNCIL TO KNOW THAT THEY ARE TAX PAYING CITIZENS OF JASPER COUNTY AND THEY WANT TO BE TREATED EQUALLY. MS. CLARK SAID THAT IT WAS SAID THAT THE CITIZENS OF LEVY ARE TIRED OF BEING FOOTBALLS BEING TOSSED AROUND; MS. CLARK SAID THERE WERE A LOT OF FOOTBALLS HERE TONIGHT.

MAY HETCHINS SAID THAT SHE LIVES IN RIVERS EDGE AND SHE IS A CONCERNED TAXPAYER AND THE PEOPLE IN THAT AREA DON'T GET MUCH VALUE FOR THEIR TAX DOLLARS AND SHE SAID THE ONLY THING THE CITIZENS IN THAT AREA HAVE GOING FOR THEM IS THE LEVY FIRE STATION AND DOUG GRAHAM.

LENNETH COOLER SAID THAT SHE LIVES IN LEVY AND THIS IS NOT JUST ABOUT FIRE HAZARDS, BUT THERE WERE 13 PEOPLE HAVE DIED NEAR HER HOME IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS. MS. COOLER SAID THAT A PRICE CANNOT BE PUT ON PEOPLE'S LIVES AND THE LEVY FIRE STATION ARE AT THE SCENE IN MINUTES AND THEY PROTECT EVERYONE FOR ANY REASON, THEY HAVE BEEN MARVELOUS.

THERESA MILLER SAID SHE MOVED TO SOUTH CAROLINA IN 1985 AND HER DAUGHTER WORKED AS AVOLUNTEER AT THE LEVY FIRE STATION AND SHE IS CURRENTLY A PAID FIREMAN FOR THE TOWN OF HARDEEVILLE.

MS. MILLER SAID THAT DOUG GRAHAM AND HIS VOLUNTEERS WILL GET THERE AND SAVE WHAT THE PEOPLE HAVE. MS. MILLER SAID THAT LEVY NEEDS TO KNOW THAT JASPER COUNTY IS BEHIND THEM. MS. MILLER SAID THAT THE CITIZENS OF LEVY WANT DOUG GRAHAM AND HIS FIRE DEPARTMENT TO TAKE CARE OF THEM AND THAT THEY SHOULD BE GIVEN AT THE LEAST A ONE YEAR CONTRACT. MS. MILLER ASKED THE COUNTY NOT TO TAKE DOUG AND HIS FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM THEM.

ANN WILLIAMS SAID THE PEOPLE IN THE LEVY AREA LOVE THE LEVY FIRE STATION AND IF IT IS NOT BROKE, DON'T TRY TO FIX IT.

LULA BROWN SAID THAT THE COMMUNITY NEEDS DOUG GRAHAM, HE IS ALWAYS THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ONE THERE AND SHE ASKED THE COUNCIL NOT TO TAKE THE LEVY FIRE STATION FROM THEM.

WILLIE MAY HERRINGTON ASKED WHY IS THE LEVY FIRE DEPARTMENT ALWAYS PUT ON DISPLAY AND WHY DO THEY HAVE TO COME EVERY YEAR. MS. HERRINGTON SAID THERE ARE NO PROBLEMS WITH THE LEVY FIRE DEPARTMENT. MS. HERRINGTON SAID THAT OTHERS ARE ALLOWED A CERTAIN AMOUNT AND LEVY IS ONLY ASKING FOR WHAT THEY NEED TO OPERATE THE LEVY FIRE STATION. MS. HERRINGTON SAID IF THE COUNCIL HAS A PROBLEM WITH DOUG GRAHAM THAT IS THEIR PROBLEM. MS. HERRINGTON ASKED THE COUNCIL TO GIVE THEM WHAT THEY NEED.

J. W. HARPER DISCUSSED THE \$46,000,000.00 BUDGET AND THAT IT WAS AN 18.5% INCREASE. MR. HARPER SAID THAT THE CHAIRMAN SAID THAT THEY HAD TO HAVE THIS MONEY. MR. HARPER SAID THAT CITIZENS ARE GOING TO LOSE THE LAND AND HAVE TO SELL IT. MR. HARPER SAID THAT GROWTH COSTS MORE AND MORE AND THERE WERE MANY PLACES TO CUT THE BUDGET AND HE FELT THE COUNCIL NEEDED TO DO MUCH BETTER FOR THE CITIZENS OF JASPER COUNTY.

CHAIRMAN HOOD REMINDED THE AUDIENCE THAT THIS PORTION OF THE MEETING WAS TO HEAR FROM THE PEOPLE FROM LEVY AND THE OTHER PEOPLE WHO WANTED TO ADDRESS OTHER ISSUES COULD DO SO DURING THE SCHEDULED OPEN THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC SESSION.

CARL BOGULSKI SAID HE FELT THERE WAS A DIRE NEED FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO STAY WHERE IT IS AND THAT ANOTHER FIRE DEPARTMENT SHOULD NOT BE RESPONDING AS IT COULD BE FATAL. MR. BOGULSKI REMINDED THE COUNCIL THAT THESE ARE VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE PUTTING THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE FOR THE CITIZENS OF LEVY AND IF THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN THEY WILL KNOW WHO TO VOTE FOR.

RITTA BOGULSKI SAID THAT THEY NEEDED THEIR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THEY KNOW THE AREAS OF LEVY. THE LOSS OF THE LEVY FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL CHANGE THEIR LIVES AND THEIR HOME INSURANCE WILL DOUBLE. MS. BOGULSKI SAID THAT JASPER COUNTY CANNOT AFFORD TO SHUT DOWN THE LEVY FIRE DEPARTMENT, SHE CONTINUED THAT LIVES AND PROPERTY DEPEND ON THE 14 VOLUNTEERS FROM THE LEVY FIRE STATION. MS. BOGULSKI SAID THAT THE PEOPLE ARE NOT LESS IMPORTANT BECAUSE THEY LIVE IN LEVY.

CATHERINE THOMAS SAID SHE DID NOT KNOW WHY THE LEVY LIMEHOUSE BELLINGER HILL CITIZENS ARE TREATED LIKE HARDEEVILLE'S UNWANTED STEPCHILD AND THAT THE LEVY FIRE STATION TAKES CARE OF THEM AND THEY NEED IT AND SHE ASKED THE COUNCIL NOT TO TAKE IT AWAY FROM THEM. MS. THOMAS SAID THAT THERE WILL BE UPROAR FROM THE CITIZENS OF LEVY IF THE LEVY FIRE STATION IS TAKEN AWAY FROM THEM.

ROOSEVELT TAYLOR SAID HE HAS LIVED IN LEVY FOR 75 YEARS AND WHEN HE HAD HIS HEART ATTACK AND ANOTHER TIME WHEN HE WENT INTO A DIABETIC SLEEP, DOUG GRAHAM WAS THERE FOR HIM AND TOOK CARE OF HIM. MR. TAYLOR SAID THAT DOUG GRAHAM IS THE BEST THING IN LEVY AND DOUG GRAHAM IS THERE WHENEVER YOU NEED HIM. MR. TAYLOR SAID JUST BECAUSE THE COUNCIL HAD A PROBLEM WITH DOUG GRAHAM, THEY SHOULD NOT TAKE THE LEVY FIRE STATION AWAY FROM THE CITIZENS.

SAMMY BROWN SAID HE ECHOED EVERYTHING THAT EVERYONE SAID TONIGHT. MR. BROWN SAID THAT THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO UNDERSTAND THAT GOOD HELP IS HARD TO GET AND THEY HAVE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WHENEVER THEY ARE CALLED UPON. MR. BROWN SAID THE VOLUNTEERS PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE FOR THE COMMUNITY. MR. BROWN ASKED THE COUNCIL TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THAT THE CITIZENS OF LEVY LOVE THEIR FIRE DEPARTMENT AND WANT TO KEEP IT AS IT IS.

CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED MR. MALPHRUS TO READ THE CONTRACT AMOUNTS FUNDED BY THE COUNTY TO HARDEEVILLE, AND RIDGELAND. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT RIDGELAND WAS FUNDED \$195,000.00 AND HARDEEVILLE WAS FUNDED \$195,000.00 PLUS A PAYMENT FOR A LADDER TRUCK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,000.00 PER YEAR AND \$250,000.00 FOR THE CHERRY POINT AREA WHICH IS OFFSET BY A SPECIAL SOURCE TAX.

CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE WANTED THOSE FIGURES READ SO THE PEOPLE WILL KNOW WHAT THE COUNTY IS PAYING THE OTHER AREAS.

CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE COUNCIL HAD 10-15 MEETINGS FOR THE BUDGET AND AT THE LAST BUDGET MEETING HE ASKED THEM TO COME UP WITH A SOLUTION. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT THE ADMINISTRATION CAME BACK AND MADE THE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL FOR THE 6 MONTH CONTRACT AND TO CONTINUE TO WORK ON A CONTRACT WITH LEVY. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE DID NOT THINK THE COUNCIL SHOULD MAKE THE RECOMMENDATION WITHOUT INPUT FROM THE STAFF AND THERE WOULD BE NO VOTE ON THE LEVY FIRE STATION AT THIS MEETING. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE WANTED THE STAFF TO COME UP WITH A RECOMMENDATION ON WHAT IS BEST FOR ALL THE CITIZENS OF JASPER COUNTY. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE VOTED AND HIS VOTE DID NOT INVOLVE PERSONALITIES, BUT HIS VOTE WAS BASED ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE COUNCIL BY THE STAFF. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDED THE 6 MONTH CONTRACT. CHAIRMAN HOOD TOLD MR. FULGHUM TO SET

UP A SPECIAL MEETING WITH DEP. ADM. DALEY AND ASSISTANT CHIEF GREEN TO COME UP WITH A RECOMMENDATION. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE COUNCIL NEEDED JUSTIFICATIONS FOR THEIR DECISION.

DOUG GRAHAM SAID THAT HE REQUESTED \$381,000.00 AND THAT INCLUDED WILLS FOR THE VOLUNTEERS SINCE THE PAID FIREMAN GET THEM FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY. MR. GRAHAM SAID HE CAME DOWN TO \$371,000.00 AND WHEN HE WAS ASKED IF HE COULD DO IT FOR \$330,000.00 HE SAID THAT THEY WOULD MAKE IT WORK. MR. GRAHAM SAID THAT HE CANNOT OPERATE THE LEVY FIRE STATION FOR 6 MONTHS FOR HALF OF \$195,000.00. MR. GRAHAM SAID HE GAVE HIS REQUEST TO RONNIE MALPHRUS AND MR. FULGHUM AND ASKED THEM TO HIGHLIGHT ANYTHING THAT THEY THOUGHT COULD BE CUT. MR. GRAHAM SAID THEY DID NOT CHANGE ANYTHING. MR. GRAHAM SAID HE ASKED RONNIE MALPHRUS IF HE COULD CUT THE OVERTIME AND MR. MALPHRUS TOLD HIM NO. MR. GRAHAM SAID THAT FIRE AND RESCUE HAS OVER \$4,000,000.00 IN THEIR BUDGET AND IF YOU DIVIDE THAT BY THE 8 STATIONS IT GOES WAY OVER \$400,000.00 PER STATION. MR. GRAHAM SAID HE WOULD GET WITH MR. FULGHUM AND THE STAFF TO TRY AND MAKE IT WORK. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE COUNCIL HAS NO INTENTIONS OF DOING ANYTHING THAT WOULD INCREASE THE ISO RATING OF THE CITIZENS. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE IS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL AND IF THEY WANT HIM TO WORK FULL TIME, THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO PAY HIM MORE. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT IF THE CITIZENS HAVE PROBLEMS WITH THEIR ROADS THEY NEED TO GO TO THE LEGISLATURE AND THE COUNCIL ONLY FUNDS THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THEY CANNOT TELL HIM WHAT TO DO. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT HE WILL CALL A SPECIAL MEETING TO ADDRESS THE LEVY FIRE STATION. DOUG GRAHAM ASKED IF HE COULD SAY ONE MORE THING AND CHAIRMAN HOOD RESPONDED NO.

CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC FOR DISCUSSION OF THE LEVY FIRE DEPARTMENT. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT IF THE PEOPLE WANTED TO TALK AT THE END OF THE MEETING THEY WERE WELCOME TO STAY.

CHAIRMAN HOOD CALLED THE MEETING BACK TO ORDER.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

THERE WERE NO PROCLAMATIONS OR PRESENTATIONS.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES:**

**PUBLIC HEARING AND 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL JASPER COUNTY ZONING MAP OF CERTAIN PARCELS FROM RURAL PRESERVATION ZONE TO RESIDENTIAL ZONE PROPERTIES LOCATED IN HONEY DO SUBDIVISION: 058-02-00-009; 058-02-00-008; 058-02-00-007; 058-02-00-006; 058-02-00-005; 058-02-00-004; 058-02-00-003; 058-02-00-002; 058-02-00-001; 058-03-00-019; 058-03-00-018; 058-03-00-017; 058-03-00-016; 058-03-00-015; 058-03-00-014; 058-03-00-013; 058-03-00-012; 058-**

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**020; 080-03-00-018; 080-03-00-019; 080-03-00-002; 080-03-00-001; 080-03-00-023; AND 080-00-03-066:**

LISA LAMB PRESENTED THE ORDINANCE FOR THE 3<sup>RD</sup> READING AND EXPLAINED THAT IT COVERED 240 LOTS. MS. LAMB SAID THE PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED THE CHANGES AND RECOMMENDS APPROVAL BY THE COUNCIL. MS. LAMB SAID THE PROPERTIES WERE POSTED, THE PROPER PEOPLE WERE NOTIFIED, AND THE PUBLIC HEARING HAS BEEN ADVERTISED. CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS. CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL JASPER COUNTY ZONING MAP OF CERTAIN PARCELS FROM RURAL PRESERVATION ZONE TO RESIDENTIAL ZONE: PROPERTIES LOCATED IN HONEY DO SUBDIVISION: 058-02-00-009; 058-02-00-008; 058-02-00-007; 058-02-00-006; 058-02-00-005; 058-02-00-004; 058-02-00-003; 058-02-00-002; 058-02-00-001; 058-03-00-019; 058-03-00-018; 058-03-00-017; 058-03-00-016; 058-03-00-015; 058-03-00-014; 058-03-00-013; 058-03-00-012; 058-03-00-011; 058-03-00-010; 058-03-00-009; 058-03-00-008; 058-03-00-007; 058-03-00-006; 058-03-00-005; 058-03-00-004; 058-03-00-003; 058-03-00-001; 058-01-00-016; 058-01-00-015; 058-01-00-014; 058-01-00-013; 058-01-00-012; 058-01-00-011; 058-01-00-010; 058-01-00-009; 058-01-00-008; 058-01-00-007; 058-01-00-006; 058-01-00-005; 058-01-00-004; 058-01-00-003; AND 058-01-00-001; AND PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE GRAHAM HALL SUBDIVISION: 064-31-00-013; 064-31-00-012; 064-31-00-011; 064-31-00-014; 064-31-00-010; 064-31-00-015; 064-31-00-009; 064-31-00-016; 064-31-00-008; 064-31-00-017; 064-31-00-018; 064-31-00-006; 064-31-00-005; 064-31-00-019; 064-31-00-020; 064-31-00-004; 064-31-00-021; 064-31-00-003; 064-31-00-022; 064-31-00-023; 064-31-00-026; 064-31-00-001; 064-31-00-024; 064-31-00-025; 064-32-00-050; 064-32-00-049; 064-32-00-026; 064-31-00-24A; 064-32-00-048; 064-32-00-047; 064-32-00-027; 064-31-00-23A; 064-32-00-046; 064-32-00-028; 064-32-00-045; 064-32-00-044; 064-32-00-029; 064-32-00-51A; 064-32-00-043; 064-32-00-030; 064-32-00-042; 064-32-00-031; 064-32-00-041; 064-32-00-032; 064-32-00-040; 064-32-00-033; 064-32-00-039; 064-32-00-034; 064-32-00-038; 064-32-00-035; 064-32-00-036; 064-32-00-051; AND 064-32-00-037; AND PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE OKATIE PARK SUBDIVISION: 081-01-00-112; 081-01-00-113; 081-01-00-032; 081-01-00-033; 081-01-00-034; 081-01-00-091; 081-01-00-035; 081-01-00-092; 081-01-00-036; 081-01-00-088; 081-01-00-089; 081-01-00-090; 081-01-00-093; 081-01-00-037; 081-01-00-087; 081-01-00-094; 081-01-00-038; 081-01-00-086; 081-01-00-095; 081-01-00-039; 081-01-00-040; 081-01-00-085; 081-01-00-096; 081-01-00-041; 081-01-00-084; 081-01-00-097; 081-01-00-042; 081-01-00-098; 081-01-00-043; 081-01-00-082; 081-01-00-044; 081-01-00-099; 081-01-00-045; 081-01-00-081; 081-01-00-100; 081-01-00-046; 081-01-00-080; 081-01-00-101; 081-01-00-047; 081-01-00-079; 081-01-00-102; 081-01-00-048; 081-01-00-078; 081-01-00-103; 081-01-00-049; 081-01-00-077; 081-01-00-050; 081-01-00-104; 081-01-00-051; 081-01-00-052; 081-01-00-116; 081-01-00-053; 081-01-00-054; 081-01-00-055; 081-01-00-076; 081-0100-105; 081-01-00-056; 081-01-00-057; 081-01-00-075; 081-01-00-106; 081-01-00-058; 081-01-00-074; 081-01-00-107; 081-01-00-059; 081-01-00-108; 081-01-00-073; 081-01-00-060; 081-01-00-072; 081-01-00-109;

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**PUBLIC HEARING AND 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL JASPER COUNTY ZONING MAP SO AS TO TRANSFER THAT PROPERTY CONSISTING OF 8.2 ACRES BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 081-00-03-017 FORMERLY OF CHELSEA PLANTATION AND KNOWN GENERALLY AS THE PROPERTY OF SPOTTED DOG FARM, LP FROM RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE:**

LISA LAMB PRESENTED THE ORDINANCE PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEWED THE REQUEST AND FELT THE ZONING WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. MS. LAMB SAID THE PROPERTY WAS POSTED, THE PROPER PEOPLE WERE NOTIFIED, AND THE PUBLIC HEARING HAS BEEN ADVERTISED. CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS. CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL JASPER COUNTY ZONING MAP SO AS TO TRANSFER THAT PROPERTY CONSISTING OF 8.2 ACRES BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 081-00-03-017 FORMERLY OF CHELSEA PLANTATION AND KNOWN GENERALLY AS THE PROPERTY OF SPOTTED DOG FARM, LP FROM RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE JASPER COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY:**

COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE REVIEWED THE POLICY AND MET WITH MR. MALPHRUS AND MS. HOWARD AND SHE SAID THAT THEY HAD RECOMMENDED CHANGES.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT THEY DISCUSSED IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS WORKING IN THE SAME DEPARTMENT AND IT HAS BEEN CHANGED SO THAT IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS CAN WORK IN THE SAME DEPARTMENT, BUT THEY CANNOT SUPERVISE EACH OTHER. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID SHE FELT THAT PEOPLE WHO COHABIT LIKE HUSBAND AND WIFE SHOULD ALSO BE IN THE SAME CATEGORY, BUT THE ADMINISTRATOR DID NOT WANT IT PUT IN, BUT SHE SAID SHE STILL FELT IT SHOULD BE INCLUDED. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THE COUNTY COULD LEGALLY DO THAT AND ATTORNEY JONES SAID THAT THEY COULD LEGALLY ADD THAT AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED HOW THE COUNTY WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVE IT. RONNIE MALPHRUS SAID HE FELT THE GENERAL CONCENSUS WAS NOT TO PUT IT INTO THE PERSONNEL POLICY BUT IT WOULD BE HANDLED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID SHE WAS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE SECTION REGARDING TEMPORARY POSITIONS AND THAT THE COUNCIL ONLY APPROVED ONE TEMPORARY POSITION FOR THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE AND THAT CAME BEFORE COUNCIL, BUT THE POLICY STATES THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR CAN HIRE SOMEONE FOR A TEMPORARY POSITION WHEN THE NEED ARISES, IF THERE IS MONEY IN THE SALARY LINE OF THAT DIVISION. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID SHE FELT THE COUNCIL SHOULD APPROVE ANY NEW TEMPORARY POSITIONS. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT MONEY HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM ONE SALARY LINE TO ANOTHER TO COVER A TEMPORARY. RONNIE MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE FUNDS CAN ONLY BE TRANSFERRED WITHIN A DIVISION AND NOT FROM ONE DIVISION TO ANOTHER. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT EACH DEPARTMENT HAS ITS OWN BUDGET AND FUNDS SHOULD NOT BE MOVED WITHIN THE DIVISION. RONNIE MALPHRUS SAID THAT IN THE CURRENT POLICY PART TIME EMPLOYEES DO NOT EARN LEAVE TIME AND THE NEW POLICY STATES THAT REGULAR PART TIME EMPLOYEES WILL EARN LEAVE TIME. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT MOST PART TIME EMPLOYEES WORK ABOUT 20 HOURS PER WEEK. MR. FULGHUM SAID ONLY THE LEAVE TIME BENEFIT WOULD BE ACCRUED, NOT MEDICAL BENEFITS. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THE NUMBER OF HOURS A PERSON WORKS COULD BE USED TO DETERMINE IF THEY CAN ACCRUE LEAVE TIME. RONNIE MALPHRUS SAID THE COUNCIL CAN SET WHATEVER PERAMETERS THEY WANT. CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. MICHAEL BOUDVEAUX, JR. SAID THAT 36 HOURS OR LESS IS CONSIDERED PART TIME AND IF A DESIGNATION IS NOT STATED THE EMPLOYEES CAN ASK FOR BENEFITS AND THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO SET A POLICY. MR. MALPHRUS RESPONDED THAT CURRENTLY 40 HOURS IS FULL TIME AND 39 HOURS IS PART TIME AND WHEN PEOPLE ARE HIRED, THEY KNOW THEIR SCHEDULE.

J.W. HARPER ASKED WHAT A REGULAR PART TIME PERSON WAS AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT A REGULAR PART TIME PERSON IS SOMEONE WHO WORKS A SET NUMBER OF HOURS UNDER 40 HOURS PER WEEK AS A PART

TIME PERSON. BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THE WORDING IN THE PERSONNEL POLICY BE CHANGED TO STATE THAT PART TIME EMPLOYEES DO NOT EARN BENEFITS. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE JASPER COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORDINANCES OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF OFF PREMISE SIGN PERMITS DESCRIBED IN CODE OF ORDINANCES OF JASPER COUNTY SECTION 22-2:**

MR. KITTY SAID HE WAS ASKING FOR A SIX MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF OFF PREMISES SIGN PERMITS. MS. LAMB SAID THAT THE ORDINANCE NEEDED TO BE AMENDED AND THAT ARTICLE 12 SHOULD BE ARTICLE 15. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT SHE THOUGHT A BUSINESS NEEDED TO BE WITHIN A CERTAIN NUMBER OF FEET FROM A BUSINESS. MR. KITTY SAID OFF PREMISES SIGNS ARE FOR BUSINESSES NOT LOCATED NEAR THE SIGN.

CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

MIKE BRUINS WITH ADAMS SIGNS SAID THAT THEY HAVE THE LARGEST OUTDOOR ADVERTISING COMPANY IN JASPER COUNTY AND THEY ARE NOT OPPOSED TO THE MORATORIUM, BUT THEY ARE CONFUSED AS TO WHY IT IS BEING DONE. HE SAID HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW IF IT WAS FOR PUTTING TOGETHER A NEW ZONING ORDINANCE AND HE OFFERED THEIR EXPERTISE TO THE COUNTY. MR. KITTY SAID THE COUNTY IS EXPERIENCING A VAST AMOUNT OF GROWTH AND THE COUNTY DOES NOT WANT TO BECOME SATURATED WITH BILLBOARDS AND HE WAS TRYING TO ELIMINATE SOME OF THE LOOPHOLES IN THE ORDINANCE AND MAKE SURE THE BILLBOARDS MEET JASPER COUNTY'S AESTHETICS. BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED HOW MUCH DOES THE COUNTY COLLECT FROM THE BILLBOARDS AND MR. KITTY RESPONDED \$42,000.00. COUNCILMAN TUTEN ASKED HOW MANY BILLBOARDS ARE THERE IN JASPER COUNTY AND MR. KITTY RESPONDED AROUND 300. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED ABOUT THE DIGITAL SIGN WHICH HAS ABOUT 8 ADVERTISEMENTS ON IT AND SHE ASKED HOW WERE THEY CHARGED FOR THAT SIGN. MR. KITTY SAID HE WAS WORKING WITH CHARLESTON TO SEE HOW THEY HANDLED IT. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN

SECONDED THE MOTION TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE AND CHANGE ARTICLE 12 TO ARTICLE 15. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

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**PUBLIC HEARING AND 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC WEARING HIS OR HER PANTS BELOW THE WAIST:**

COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF WALKING AROUND TOWN IN A BATHING SUIT WOULD BE A VIOLATION. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE ORDINANCE IS FOR PANTS NOT BATHING SUITS. CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

PASTOR DUNHAM ASKED HOW THIS ORDINANCE WOULD BE ENFORCED AND WHAT ABOUT THE FINE. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE FINE WOULD BE UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$500.00 OR 30 DAYS IN JAIL. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE FELT FOR THE FIRST 30 DAYS THE ORDINANCE WAS IN EFFECT THAT ONLY A WARNING WOULD BE GIVEN AND AFTER 30 DAYS THE FINE WOULD GO INTO EFFECT. PASTOR DUNHAM SAID HE FELT IT WAS A GOOD ORDINANCE AND THERE WAS A NEED TO ADDRESS THE MANY OTHER PROBLEMS IN JASPER COUNTY. PASTOR DUNHAM SAID HE FELT THE ORDINANCE MAY CAUSE THE PARENTS TO TIGHTEN THE RULES.

JOHN HARPER SAID HE COULD NOT THINK OF A WORSE IDEA FOR THE COUNCIL TO SET POLICY HOW THE CITIZENS DRESS AND IT IS NOT THE COUNCIL'S PLACE TO MAKE HOW SOMEONE DRESSES ILLEGAL. MR. HARPER ASKED WHY PASS A LAW IF IT IS NOT GOING TO BE ENFORCED. MR. HARPER SAID HE FELT THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN THIS IF A CASE EVER WENT TO COURT. MR. HARPER SAID THAT BUSINESS COULD POST SIGNS REGARDING THIS, BUT IT IS NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF GOVERNMENT TO ENFORCE THIS. PARENTS AND SCHOOLS NEED TO REGULATE DRESS. MR. HARPER SAID THAT MAKING LAWS LIKE THIS SEEMS WRONG TO HIM.

J.W. HARPER SAID HE DID NOT LIKE THE STYLE, BUT AGREES THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD NOT BE PASSING THIS KIND OF LAW AND SHOULD NOT BE HANDING DOWN THIS HIGH HANDED LAW. MR. J.W. HARPER SAID THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS MORE TO DO THAN SEE HOW PEOPLE ARE WEARING THEIR BRITCHES. MR. J.W. HARPER SAID IT IS NOT THE COUNCIL'S FUNCTION TO TEACH PEOPLE RIGHT FROM WRONG. J.W. HARPER SAID THE ORDINANCE IS VERY VAGUE AND IF IT WENT TO COURT THE JUDGE WOULD LAUGH IT OUT OF COURT.

DEL DAVIDSON SAID HE UNDERSTANDS WHAT YOU SEE THROUGH OUT THE COUNTY, BUT THEY DON'T SEE IT IN POINT SOUTH. MR. DAVIDSON SAID THAT HE DIDN'T THINK THE FINES SHOULD BE SO HIGH AND THAT THE ORDINANCE WOULD MAKE A YOUNG PERSON A CRIMINAL FOR THE WAY HE DRESSES. MR.DAVIDSON THAT WOMEN SHOW MORE THAN THE MEN. MR. DAVIDSON THAT THIS IS BASICALLY INDECENT EXPOSURE AND YOU WOULD NEED PROOF THAT THE PEOPLE ARE BREAKING THE LAW.

GEORGIA BRYANT SAID THE SHE HAS LIVED HERE FOR 30 YEARS AND WHEN SHE HEARD ABOUT THIS ORDINANCE SHE WAS GLAD BECAUSE SHE FELT THAT THE BAGGY PANTS WERE INDECENT AND APPALLING. MS. BYRANT SAID IT MAY NOT BE THE COUNCIL'S JOB TO STOP IT, BUT IT IS SOMEONE'S JOB. MS. BYRANT SAID THERE HAD TO BE A WAY TO REACH THESE PEOPLE AND MAKE THEM STOP VIOLATING OTHER CITIZEN'S RIGHTS. MS. BRYANT CONTINUED AND SAID THE PARENTS NEED BE HELD RESPONSIBLE; IF A CHILD USES A GUN THE PARENTS ARE HELD RESPONSIBLE AND THEY SHOULD ALSO BE HELD RESPONSIBLE IF THEIR CHILDREN ARE WEARING OFFENSIVE CLOTHING. MS. BRYANT SAID THAT PARENTS NEED TO BE MORE STRICT. MS. BRYANT SAID THAT BATHING SUITS ARE MADE FOR THE BEACH, NOT FOR WALKING DOWNTOWN. SHE SAID SHE WANTED DECENCY AND THE PEOPLE NEEDED TO WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE IT.

LEROY SNEED SAID THE BAGGY PANTS BOTHER HIM, BUT THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO REMEMBER THEY ARE DEALING WITH YOUNG ADULTS AND IF THEY ARE CAUGHT UP BY THE SHERIFF WHERE ARE THEY GOING TO GO. MR. SNEED SAID THE COUNCIL NEEDED TO BE CAREFUL IF THEY PASS THIS ORDINANCE. MR. SNEED SAID WHEN PRAYING IN SCHOOL ENDED, THEY WENT TO WASHINGTON. MR. SNEED SAID THIS NEEDS TO BE A STATE LAW AND IF THE COUNCIL PASSES THE LAW THEY WILL HAVE TO PUT ALL THE PEOPLE IN JAIL NOT JUST PART OF THE PEOPLE IN JAIL. MR. SNEED SAID THIS IS A VERY TOUCHY ISSUE AND HE ASKED THE COUNCIL TO TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AND TO MAKE SURE THEY TREAT EVERYONE THE SAME.

THEO DRAYTON COMMENTED THAT HE KNOWS THAT THIS DEAL WITH INDECENCY, BUT HE DID NOT THINK THE ORDINANCE WOULD BE ENFORCABLE. MR. DRAYONS SAID YOU SEE BRAS ALL DAY LONG AND HE ASKED IF NEXT YEAR WILL THERE BE AN ORDINANCE THAT BRAS CAN'T SHOW. MR. DRAYTON SAID YOU CANNOT ARREST EVERYONE, AND HE FELT IT WAS A LAW THAT CANNOT BE ENFORCED PROPERLY. MR. DRAYTON SAID IT WAS NOT THE COUNCIL'S PLACE TO PASS LAWS LIKE THIS.

MICHAEL BOUDVEAUX, JR. SAID THAT THIS DEALS WITH THE 1<sup>ST</sup> AMENDMENT RIGHTS AND HOW CAN THE COUNTY ENFORCE IT ON PRIVATE PROPERTY. THIS IS A LAW THAT WOULD BE UNENFORECABLE. MR. BOUDVEAUX SAID THAT THE SHERIFF AND POLICE HAVE MORE TO DO THAN ENFORCE THIS LAW; THIS LAW IS GOING TO OPEN A CAN OF WORMS

IF IT IS PASSED. MR. BOUDVEAUX IT IS THE COUNCIL'S DECISION, BUT THE CITIZENS WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR IT.

ANDREW FULGHUM, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, PRESENTED THE CHAIRMAN WITH TWO LETTERS HE RECEIVED REGARDING THE ORDINANCE. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT HE NEEDED TO MEET WITH THE SHERIFF FOR HIS INPUT SINCE HE IS GOING TO HAVE TO ENFORCE IT.

CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES COMMENTED ABOUT AN ARTICLE IN THE BEAUFORT GAZETTE AND IT SAID THAT THE COUNTY CANNOT MAKE A LAW LIKE THIS. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT SHERIFF JENKINS THANKED HER FOR HER COMMENTS AT THE LAST MEETING REGARDING THIS ORDINANCE, COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID SHE DID NOT THINK THIS LAW COULD BE ENFORCED. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID SHE DID NOT THINK THE COUNCIL SHOULD PASS THIS ORDINANCE AND PERHAPS THE COUNCIL COULD FORM A COMMITTEE TO MEET WITH THE SCHOOLS AND THE PARENTS. COUNCILMAN TYLER SAID THAT THE SCHOOLS ARE HEADING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION REQUIRING THE STUDENTS TO WEAR UNIFORMS. COUNCILMAN TYLER SUGGESTED THAT THE MINISTERS ADDRESS THIS ISSUE IN CHURCH AND THAT THE CHILDREN NEED TO BE TAUGHT WHEN THEY ARE YOUNG WHAT IS APPROPRIATE. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE DID NOT WANT TO SEE JASPER COUNTY GET INTO A BIND OR DO SOMETHING THAT IS NOT RIGHT. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT HE DID NOT LIKE THE BAGGY PANTS AND MAYBE THE STATE SHOULD MAKE THIS LAW. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED THAT MARVIN JONES AND MR. FULGHUM FIND OUT EXACTLY IF THIS IS AN ENFORCEABLE LAW. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT MAYBE A FEW COUNCIL MEMBERS COULD MEET WITH THE SHERIFF. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE DID NOT WANT TO DO ANYTHING THAT THE COUNCIL CANNOT DO AND THIS ISSUE NEEDS TO BE LOOKED INTO DEEPER.

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID EVERYONE IS SAYING WHAT CAN'T BE DONE AND IT HAS NOT EVEN BEEN TRIED YET. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID IT IS NOT THE SHERIFF'S PERROGATIVE AS TO WHAT LAWS HE WILL ENFORCE. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT HE DID NOT THINK IT IS A BAD ISSUE AND THE SCHOOL HAS ENOUGH TO DO TRYING TO GET THE GRADES UP. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE YOUTH ARE NOT BEING TAUGHT IN THE SCHOOLS, THEIR HOMES OR CHURCHES AND SOMEONE NEEDS TO TEACH THEM. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID IT WOULD TAKE A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COUNCIL TO PASS THIS. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE HOPED THAT THEY COULD FIND A COMMON GROUND TO HELP IMPROVE THE HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY OF THE CITIZENS. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE VOTED FOR IT BEFORE AND THE COUNTY MUST BECOME A VILLAGE AND TRY TO IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT IT BOTHERED HIM THAT THE VALUES ARE BEING DESTROYED. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THEY NEEDED TO MEET WITH THE SHERIFF, BUT THE COUNCIL CANNOT

MAKE THE SHERIFF DO ANYTHING. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID EVERYONE NEEDS TO WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM.

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SECONDED THE MOTION BUT VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ( SAID HE WOULD NOT VOTE FOR PASSAGE OF THIS ORDINANCE UPON THE THIRD READING UNTIL SOMEONE CONFIRMS THAT THE COUNCIL CAN DO IT) THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC WEARING HIS OR HER PANTS BELOW THE WAIST. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH CHAIRMAN HOOD, VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR VOTING FOR. COUNCILMAN TYLER AND COUNCILWOMAN JONES VOTED AGAINST.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER THAT PROPERTY CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 319 ACRES BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 081-00-03-019 AND KNOWN GENERALLY AS CENTER POINT FROM THE RURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT TO THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

MS. LAMB PRESENTED THE ORDINANCE AND SAID THE LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY WAS ON HWY. 170 GOING TOWARD BEAUFORT COUNTY AND IT WAS TO BE CHANGED FROM THE RURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT TO THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER THAT PROPERTY CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 319 ACRES BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 081-00-03-019 AND KNOWN GENERALLY AS CENTER POINT FROM THE RURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT TO THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT. 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 BY AND BETWEEN JASPER COUNTY AND THE FIRST CAROLINA CORPORATION OF SC. FOR CENTER POINT:**

MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED TO THE COUNCIL THAT SINCE THE FIRST READING THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MET WITH THE DEVELOPER AND DISCUSSED THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE COMMITTEE FELT THAT THE COUNTY DID NOT NEED 2 ACRES OF LAND FOR AN ADDITIONAL FIRE STATION AND THEY DID NOT FEEL THAT THE COUNTY NEEDED THE 3 ACRES TO DEVELOP A PARK WITHIN THE CENTER POINT DEVELOPMENT AND IN LIEU OF THE ACREAGE THAT THE COUNTY WOULD ACCEPT THE FEES FOR PARKS AND RECREATION AND A NEW AMBULANCE IN LIEU OF THE LAND FOR THE NEW FIRE STATION. MR TRASK AGREED TO THE TERMS. ATTORNEY JONES SAID THAT THERE WAS A TYPO REGARDING THE OLD ZONING

ORDINANCE THAT NEEDED TO BE CORRECTED AND THE DEVELOPER SAID THAT THE ESTIMATED VALUE OF THE HOME MAY NEED TO BE CHANGED, BUT HE WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MEET THE CURRENT VALUES LISTED.

CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS. CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN MOTIONED AND COUNCILWOMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN JASPER COUNTY AND THE FIRST CAROLINA CORPORATION OF SC. FOR CENTER POINT. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO LEASE PROPERTY AT SGT. JASPER PARK TO SUE CHAPMAN, dba THE SWAMP GIRLS:**

MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THIS ORDINANCE RATIFIES THE LEASE AGREEMENT THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVED AT THE LAST MEETING.

CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

J.W. HARPER ASKED WHAT PART OF THE PARK WAS BEING LEASED AND HOW MUCH THEY WERE PAYING. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT A PORTION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S HOUSE WAS BEING LEASED AND THEY WERE GOING TO DO KAYAK AND CANOE RENTING, AND OFFER EXCURSIONS. MR. HARPER ASKED IF THIS WAS IN THE PART OF THE PARK THAT THE COUNTY IS NOT SUPPOSE TO DO ANYTHING WITH ACCORDING TO THE COUNTY'S ORIGINAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THIS IS JUST A LEASE AND WILL NOT STOP ANYONE FROM USING THE PARK.

BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO LEASE PROPERTY AT SGT. JASPER PARK TO SUE CHAPMAN, dba THE SWAMP GIRLS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER THE FOLLOWING PARCELS DEPICTED ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONE: 081-00-04-049; 081-00-04-001; 081-00-04-006; AND 081-00-04-005;**

MS. LAMB SAID THAT THIS ORDINANCE IS TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP FOR FOUR PIECES OF PROPERTY ON HWY. 170 NEAR THE OLD BAILEY LOOP. MS. LAMB SAID THIS CHANGE WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE STAFF AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION. MS. LAMB SAID THAT COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL IS A BETTER FIT FOR THESE PIECES OF PROPERTY.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER THE FOLLOWING PARCELS DEPICTED ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONE: 081-00-04-049; 081-00-04-001; 081-00-04-006; AND 081-00-04-005. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION CREATING THE LOWCOUNTRY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE BETWEEN JASPER COUNTY AND BEAUFORT COUNTY:**

MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THIS RESOLUTION SPELLS OUT THE MISSION OF THE LOWCOUNTRY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE AND THE BY-LAWS, PURPOSE, VISION AND MISSION, THE STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE, OPERATIONS, REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES, AND AMENDMENTS ARE ATTACHED AND PART OF THE RESOLUTION.

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION CREATING THE LOWCOUNTRY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE BETWEEN JASPER COUNTY AND BEAUFORT COUNTY. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A PUBLIC INVOCATION TO OPEN PUBLIC MEETING OF DELIBERATIVE PUBLIC BODIES OF THE COUNTY:**

ATTORNEY JONES EXPLAINED THAT THE LEGISLATURE PASSED A STATE LAW THAT ESTABLISHES THE PROCEDURE FOR LOCAL BODIES TO HAVE AN INVOCATION TO OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS. MR. JONES SAID THAT THE COUNCIL NEEDED TO DESIGNATE THE PROCEDURE THEY PLANNED TO USE AND THAT ALL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES UNDER THE COUNCIL ARE TO USE THE SAME PROCEDURE.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO PASS THE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A PUBLIC INVOCATION TO OPEN PUBLIC MEETING OF DELIBERATIVE PUBLIC BODIES OF THE COUNTY AND THAT A COUNCIL MEMBER OR COMMITTEE MEMBER WILL GIVE THE INVOCATION ON A ROTATION BASIS.. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**RESOLUTION TO INDUCE SEMBLER ATLANTA, INC., TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN THE COUNTY BY COMMITTING TO THE COMPANY THAT THE COUNTY WILL TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS AND PROVIDE CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A NEGOTIATED FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAX ARRANGEMENT AND DESIGNATION AS A MULTI-COUNTY PARK; TO MAKE CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS RELATING TO THE PROJECT; TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES**

**TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS; AND TO OFFICIALLY IDENTIFY THE PROJECT FOR PURPOSES OF SPECIAL LAWS:**

ATTORNEY JONES EXPLAINED THAT DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION THE COUNCIL RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM BOND COUNSEL REGARDING THE SEMBER ATLANTA, INC. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN MOTIONED AND COUNCILWOMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO INDUCE SEMBLER ATLANTIC, INC. TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN JASPER COUNTY IN FORM SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THAT PRESENTED TO COUNCIL AS THE SAME MAY BE MODIFIED ON OUR BEHALF BY THE ADMINISTRATOR, COUNTY ATTORNEY AND BOND COUNSEL FOR A TERM NOT TO EXCEED 35 YEARS AND AUTHORIZEE THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE CLERK TO COUNTY COUNCIL TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER THE RESOLUTION ON OUR BEHALF. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ANDREW FULGHUM – UPDATE ON SURPLUS LOT IN HARDEEVILLE AND PROCEDURE FOR SELLING COUNTY OWNED SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY:**

MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT 3 PROPERTIES WERE DECLARED SURPLUS AND HE INSPECTED THE PROPERTY IN HARDEEVILLE WITH MR. TERRY AND THEY RECOMMENDED NOT TO SELL THAT PIECE OF COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE HAS NOT PREPARED THE PACKETS FOR COUNCIL.

**NAMING OF ROOMS COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS AND TERM:**

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE ALLTHE NAMES SUBMITTED TO SERVE ON THIS COMMITTEE AND THAT THEY SERVE ON A ROTATION BASIS. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE REQUESTS NEEDS TO BE DETERMINED AND THEN THEY CAN ROTATE. THE COUNCIL AGREED THAT 5 MEMBERS SHOULD SERVE ON EACH REQUEST SITUATION AND THEN THE NEXT FIVE SHOULD SERVE. IF ONE PERSON CANNOT SERVE, THE NEXT PERSON ON THE LIST SHOULD MOVE INTO THAT PLACE. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING FAVOR.

**MARVIN JONES – UPDATE ON LEGAL MATTERS:**

MR. JONES SAID HE PROVIDED THE COUNCIL WITH A WRITTEN UPDATE ON PENDING LEGAL MATTERS.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RONNIE MALPHRUS – INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS FOR TAXES:**

MR. MALPHRUS INFORMED THE COUNCIL OF THE RESULTS OF THE RESEARCH HE DID REGARDING INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS FOR TAXES. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT OF THE 46 COUNTIES ONLY 4 ALLOWED INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS FOR TAXES. THE FOUR COUNTIES WERE GEORGETOWN, GREENWOOD, HORRY, AND RICHLAND AND THIS IS THE FIRST YEAR THAT GEORGETOWN AND GREENWOOD ARE DOING THE INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS. THE CODE ALLOWS FOR EITHER MONTHLY OR QUARTERLY PAYMENTS. GEORGETOWN AND GREENWOOD COLLECT QUARTERLY INSTALLMENTS. HORRY COUNTY DOES AN EVERY OTHER MONTH PAYMENT FROM FEBRUARY TO OCTOBER. RICHLAND COUNTY IS THE ONLY COUNTY THAT DOES MONTHLY PAYMENTS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE PAYMENTS ARE ONLY ESTIMATES AS THE TAX BILL DOES NOT COME OUT UNTIL NOVEMBER. MR. MALPHRUS SAID INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS GIVES THE TAXPAYER A LITTLE MORE FLEXIBILITY, AND THEY DO NOT HAVE TO COME UP WITH A LARGE SUM OF MONEY ALL AT ONE TIME. MR. MALPHRUS SAID IT MAY ALSO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PROPERTIES THAT GO DELINQUENT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT IN ORDER TO DO THIS, NEW SOFTWARE WOULD BE REQUIRED AND THE SOFTWARE WOULD COST ABOUT \$20,000.00 - \$30,000.00 AND IT WOULD ONLY APPLY TO RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES THAT ARE NOT UNDER ESCROW. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL MAY BE NEEDED DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS WHICH WOULD COST ABOUT \$35,000.00. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS WOULD NOT GIVE THE TAXPAYERS ANY ADDITIONAL TIME AND IN THE OTHER COUNTIES ONLY ABOUT 1% OF THE PEOPLE PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED WHAT WOULD 1% BE IN JASPER COUNTY AND HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE FOR THE COUNTY TO GET ITS INVESTMENT BACK. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE COUNTY WOULD COLLECT THE SAME AMOUNT OF TAXES AND THE FIGURE HE STATED WAS ONLY AN ESTIMATE FROM SMITH DATA. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID IF IT WAS NOT IN THE BUDGET HE DID NOT THINK IT SHOULD BE ADDED. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SUGGESTED TO WAIT AND SEE HOW SUCCESSFUL IT IS IN THE TWO COUNTIES THAT ARE TRYING IT THIS YEAR. CHIARMAN HOOD SAID HE THINKS IT SHOULD BE AT LEAST A 10% INCREASE IN ORDER TO SPEND THE FUNDS ON THE SOFTWARE.

**APPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE LIBRARY BOARD:**

THIS WAS TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING AND CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED THE COUNCIL TO BRING NAMES TO THE NEXT MEETING.

**RONNIE MALPHRUS – APPROVAL OF THE MANATRON CONTRACT:**

MR. MALPHRUS PRESENTED THE MANATRON CONTRACT FOR THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE AND THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THIS WAS DISCUSSED AND THIS YEAR'S PAYMENT IS INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE SOFTWARE WILL COST \$319,732.00 AND THIS AMOUNT ALSO INCLUDES SOME OF THE

NUMBERS FOR THE AUDITOR AND TREASURER WANT TO BE ADDED IN THE FUTURE. MR. MALPHRUS ASKED THE COUNCIL TO APPROVE \$184,452.00 FOR THE SOFTWARE AND THIS WOULD BE PAYABLE IN THREE PAYMENTS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE 1<sup>ST</sup> PAYMENT IS \$60,000.00 IS INCLUDED IN THIS YEARS BUDGET AND \$62,226.00 WILL BE NEED TO BE INCLUDED IN BUDGET OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THIS SOFTWARE COMPATIBLE WITH SMITH DATA AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT IT WAS. COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCIL MAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MANATRON CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$184,452.00 AND THAT THE 1<sup>ST</sup> PAYMENT OF \$60,000.00 WILL BE PAID OUT OF THIS YEARS BUDGET AND THE PAYMENT OF \$62,226.00 WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT TWO BUDGETS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**ANDREW FULGHUM - APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH WATSON TATE SAVORY FOR COURTHOUSE RENOVATION:**

MR. TATE GAVE THE COUNCIL COPIES OF THE FLOOR PLAN FOR THE COURTHOUSE RENOVATION AND ADDITION. MR. TATE EXPLAINED THAT THERE WILL BE THREE LEVELS INCLUDING THE BASEMENT. MR. TATE SAID HE WORKED WITH MRS. BOSTICK AND JUDGE MALPHRUS AND THE NEXT PHASE WAS TO PUT THE PLANS OUT TO BID. MR. TATE CONFIRMED THAT THERE WILL BE AN ELEVATOR IN THE BUILDING. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT IN ORDER TO RESOLVE A SPACE ISSUE, MS. BOSTICK AND JUDGE MALPHRUS AGREED THAT THEY REQUEST THAT JUDGE MALPHRUS USE THE OLD MALPHRUS LAW OFFICE BUILDING FOR HIS OPERATION. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHY HE NEEDED MORE SPACE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT JUDGE MALPHRUS FELT HE WAS THE ONLY DEPARTMENT THAT WAS RECEIVING THE SAME AMOUNT OF SPACE AND HE WAS NOT GAINING ANY SPACE. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE DID NOT FEEL THAT JUSTIFIES ADDITIONAL SPACE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT JUDGE MALPHRUS SAID THAT HE HAD A LACK OF MEETING SPACE. MR. TATE SAID HE WAS GIVEN THEIR NEEDS AFTER THEY VISITED THE WALTERBORO COURTHOUSE AND JUDGE MALPHRUS REQUESTED MORE FORMAL SPACE FOR THE CONTINUED GROWTH AND THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET PRIVATELY IN THE MALPHRUS BUILDING. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID EVERYTHING NEEDS TO BE CONTAINED IN THE COURTHOUSE AND THE ANNEX BUILDING. THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED WHO WOULD BE USING THE VARIOUS OFFICES IN THE COURTHOUSE. MR. TATE SAID THE TWO ADDITONS WILL HAVE BATHROOMS, CELLS, STAIRWAYS AND SOME SECURE AREAS. MR. TATE SAID THAT THE ORIGINAL COURTHOUSE AREA IS 12,000 SQ. FT. AND THE ADDITION WILL BRING THE SQUARE FOOTAGE UP TO 16,000 SQ. FT. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT FAMILY COURT DOES NOT MEET EVERYDAY AND HE ASKED WHY JUDGE MALPHRUS COULD N'T USE THAT AREA. COUNCILMAN TYLER MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE PLANS FOR THE COURTHOUSE RENOVATION AND THAT THE

PROBATE JUDGE'S OFFICE IS NOT TO EXPAND BEYOND THE COURTHOUSE. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH CHAIRMAN HOOD, COUNCILWOMAN JONES, AND COUNCILMEN BLACKSHEAR AND TYLER VOTING FOR. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN VOTED AGAINST.

**LISA LAMB – RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION CONCERNING CARFIELD ENTERPRISES REQUEST:**

MS. LAMB EXPLAINED THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION MET ON JULY 8, 2008 AND HAD A ZONING CHANGE REQUESTED BY CARFIELD ENTERPRISES AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION DID NOT SEE IT AS A FIT AND THEY FORWARDED THE REQUEST TO COUNCIL WITH AN UNFAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED WHY THEY SENT IT TO COUNCIL. CHAIRMAN HOOD RESPONDED THAT THEY WANTED COUNCIL TO KNOW.

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BOARD**  
THIS ITEM WAS TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

COUNCILWOMAN JONES COMMENTED ON THE SMELL AT WASTE MANAGEMENT AND SHE SAID SHE DID NOT THINK THE COUNTY SHOULD ALLOW THEM TO EXPAND UNTIL THEY TAKE CARE OF THE ODORS.

MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT HE HAS BEEN WORKING ON A SERVICE AGREEMENT AND THAT HAS BEEN NEGOTIATED AND IS WAITING UNTIL A PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE GOES BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED ABOUT A DHEC APPLICATION FOR A FISHING PIER AT THE KNOWLES ISLAND TRESTLE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE CLEMSON REPORT LISTED IT AND HE HAS CONTINUED TO WORK ON A PLAN WITH THE STAFF TO RESEARCH WAYS TO GET FUNDS TO DO IT AND TO REQUEST A PERMIT TO SEE WHAT WAS DOABLE. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED ABOUT THE NO TRESPASSING SIGNS AND CONSTRUCTION SIGNS. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN STATED THAT HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THIS PROJECT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THERE WERE SIGNS THERE AND HE DID NOT KNOW WHY THEY WERE THERE AND THE SIGNS ARE NOW AT PUBLIC WORKS. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE HAD NO IDEA WHO OWNED THE SIGNS.

MR. FULGHUM SAID HE SIGNED THE APPLICATION FOR THE PERMIT FOR THE FISHING PIER AT KNOWLES ISLAND TO SEE IF IT COULD BE DONE. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WOULD REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL REGARDING THIS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT DALE TERRY CANNOT MOVE FORWARD ON AN APPLICATION UNTIL THE COUNTY SEES IF IT IS FEASIBLE.

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT BE GOING TO HILTON HEAD FOR THE SCAC CONFERENCE AND THAT HE TALKED IT OVER WITH THE OTHER COUNCILMEN AND HE TOLD MR. ETHERIDGE HE COULD TAKE HIS PLACE AT THE SCAC CONFERENCE.

COUNCILMAN TYLER SAID THAT IT WAS VERY INTERESTING BEING THE CHAIRMAN OF A COMMITTEE.

CHAIRMAN HOOD TOLD MR FULGHUM, MR. DALEY AND CHIEF GREEN TO COME UP WITH A SOLUTION FOR THE LEVY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND TO GET A PLAN IN PLACE THAT THEY CAN LIVE WITH AND THEY NEED TO COMMUNICATE WITH FACTS AND THEY NEEDED TO DO A BETTER JOB GETTING THE FACTS OUT AND THEY SHOULD NOT TRY TO DEAL WITH PERSONALITIES. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE WANTED A GOOD SOLID RECOMMENDATION AND HE DID NOT WANT THE ISO RATING IN LEVY TO CHANGE. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THEY NEEDED TO GET THE PEOPLE HERE WHO DO THE ISO RATINGS AN THEY NEEDED TO GET OUT AND TALK TO THE PEOPLE. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE COUNCIL NEEDED TO REPRESENT THE PEOPLE TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY AND THEY NEED TO BE ABLE TO JUSTIFY THEIR DECISIONS AND THE PEOPLE WILL ACCEPT FACTS. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE WOULD CALL A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING TO VOTE ON LEVY.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES COMMENTED ON THE TEN HOUR FOUR DAY WORK WEEKS AND THE COUNCIL APPROVED PUBLIC WORKS GOING TO THAT SCHEDULE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED ABOUT THE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND MR. JONES SAID THAT HE PUT IT INTO PLACE LAST WEEK AFTER HE DISCUSSED IT WITH MR. FULGHUM. MR. JONES SAID THAT HE WORKS 3.5 DAYS PER WEEK AND HIS SECRETARY CAN ONLY ANSWER PHONE CALLS WHEN HE IS NOT THERE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE PUBLIC DOES NOT GO TO THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE .

COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHEN THE LAWYER WAS COMING TO SPEAK TO THE EMPLOYEES. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE WOULD GET HER THE INFORMATION.

**ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS:**

**ANDREW FULGHUM –APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER FOR THE ANNEX BUILDING:**

MR. FULGHUM PRESENTED CHANGE ORDER #3. MR. FULGHUM SAID THERE WAS AN ADDITONAL \$7,026.00 FOR ELECTRICAL COORDINATION REVISIONS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT VARIOUS ITEMS IN THE ELECTRICAL ENGINEER'S DESIGN CALLED FOR CERTAIN ASSUMPTIONS TO BE MADE OR AS BASIS-OF-DESIGN PRODUCT CALLED OUT WITH THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE ELECTRICAL SUBCONTRACTOR VERIFY AND COORDINATE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE LARGEST ITEM WAS DRIVEN BY THE ELEVATOR MANUFACTURER. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE ARCHITECT REVIEWED THE CHANGE ORDER AND RECOMMENDED APPROVAL. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE OTHER ITEM ON CHANGE ORDER #3 WAS A CREDIT ADJUSTMENT OF \$15,111.00. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THIS WAS TO RETURN THE EXTRA MONEY INCLUDED IN THE BID AMOUNT AS SELECTED BRICK AND MORTAR DID NOT COST AS MUCH AS THE ALLOWED AMOUNT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE ARCHITECT REVIEWED THE INVOICES AND

FELT THAT THE AMOUNT WAS ACCURATE AND RECOMMENDED THAT IT BE ACCEPTED. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #3 WHICH INCLUDED A \$7,026.00 INCREASE FOR ELECTRICAL COORDINATION REVISIONS AND A CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,111.00 FOR THE BRICK AND MORTAR ALLOWANCE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

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

J.W. HARPER DISCUSSED THE 3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER INDIVIDUAL THAT IS IMPOSED ON THE PUBLIC AND THAT WAS DONE WHEN LEROY SNEED WAS CHAIRMAN OF COUNTY COUNCIL AND THERE ARE TIMES WHEN THE CHAIR ALLOWS PEOPLE TO TALK LONGER THAN 3 MINUTES AND IF IT THEY ARE GOING TO LIMIT IT TO 3MINUTES, THEN IT NEEDS TO BE ENFORCED FOR EVERYONE. CHAIRMAN HOOD TOLD MR. MALPHRUS TO KEEP TIME AND TO LET HIM KNOW WHEN THE 3 MINUTES ARE UP. BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC.

**ADJOURN:**

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

THE MEETING ENDED AT 10:15 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