



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS CONFERENCE ROOM**

**358 THIRD AVE.
RIDGELAND, SC 29936**

**AUGUST 31, 2009
3:00 P.M.**

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

REV. SAMUEL GREGORY, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
LEROY BLACKSHEAR, COMMITTEE MEMBER
HENRY ETHERIDGE, COUNCILMAN

STAFF PRESENT:

ANDREW FULGHUM, ADMINISTRATOR
DALE TERRY, DEP. ADM. ENG. SERVICES
WILBUR DALEY, DEP. ADM. EMG. SERVICES

OTHERS PRESENT:

TIM ANTLEY, DENNIS CORPORATION

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:

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 3:05 P.M.

INVOCATION:

COMMITTEE MEMBER BLACKSHEAR GAVE THE INVOCATION.

MONTHLY REPORT:

MR. TERRY PROVIDED THE COMMITTEE WITH THE MONTHLY REPORT. MR. TERRY'S REPORT INCLUDED THAT 68 ROADS WERE WORKED, 7 ROAD SIDE SLOPES WERE TRIMMED, 1 DITCH WAS CUT BACK, 1 DITCH WAS DUG BY BACK HOE OPERATOR, THE BACK HOE OPERATOR WAS ASSIGNED TO THE LANDFILL TWO TIMES, THERE WERE 70 REQUESTS FOR THE MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR, 64 VEHICLES OR OTHER PIECES OF EQUIPMENT WERE SERVICED AT THE CENTRAL GARAGE, THERE WERE NO REQUESTS FOR MOSQUITO SPRAYING, AND THERE WERE 8 REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE. MR. FULGHUM ASKED WHY THE REVENUE FROM RECYCLABLES WAS ONLY \$555.00.

MR. TERRY EXPLAINED THAT THE AMOUNT VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF RECYCLABLES RECEIVED. MR. TERRY REPORTED THAT 14 LITTER INCIDENTS WERE INVESTIGATED WITH NO EVIDENCE AND 8 LITTER CITATIONS WERE ISSUED. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT THE ROADS. MR. TERRY SAID THE WEATHER HAS HELD THINGS UP AND THAT OUT OF 22 WORKING DAYS, IT RAINED 8 DAYS. MR. TERRY SAID WITHOUT THE RAIN, THE OPERATOR CAN DO 3-4 ROADS PER DAY. MR. TERRY SAID THAT THE MOTOR GRADER IN ROSELAND TOOK 3 MONTHS FOR ONE CYCLE AND 4 MONTHS FOR ANOTHER CYCLE DUE TO THE WEATHER. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED HOW MANY GRADERS DOES THE COUNTY HAVE. MR. TERRY SAID THAT THERE WERE THREE GRADERS. MR. TERRY SAID THAT ONE GRADER IS ASSIGNED TO HARDEEVILLE AREA, ONE IS ASSIGNED TO COOSAWHATCHIE/GRAYS AREA AND ONE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE COVER FROM DAWSON LANDING INTO RIDGELAND. COMMITTEE MEMBER BLACKSHEAR ASKED WHO WAS WORKING THE HARDEEVILLE AREA IN MAY. MR. TERRY SAID THAT FRANK RHETT WORKED THAT AREA IN MAY, BUT HE HAS SINCE RETIRED AND HANCE STANLEY CURRENTLY RUNS THE GRADER IN THAT AREA. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED IF AN AREA FALLS BEHIND, DOES MR. TERRY SEND SOMEONE TO HELP AND MR. TERRY SAID THAT HE DID. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT THE ROADS IN WELLINGTON. MR. TERRY RESPONDED THAT WELLINGTON ACTUALLY GETS WORKED MORE THAN THE OTHER ROADS. MR. TERRY SAID THE ROAD WAS WORKED THE DAY AFTER THE COUNCIL MEETING. COMMITTEE MEMBER BLACKSHEAR ASKED WHAT WAS ON THE ROAD. MR. TERRY SAID THE ROAD HAD ROCK AND CRUSH AND RUN ON IT, BUT IT WAS A HIGH TRAFFIC ROAD. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE FELT THE DEVELOPER SHOULD HAVE PAVED IT.

BIDS FOR 39 YARD COMPACTORS:

MR. TERRY SAID THAT HE RECEIVED TWO BIDS FOR THE PACKERS AND HE WAS GOING TO PRESENT IT AT THE SEPT. 8, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING, HOWEVER, THAT MEETING WAS CANCELED. MR. TERRY ASKED IF HE COULD POLL THE COUNCIL BY PHONE FOR APPROVAL SO HE COULD MOVE FORWARD AND ORDER THE COMPACTORS AND HE WOULD PRESENT THE BID FOR FORMAL APPROVAL AT THE COUNCIL MEETING ON SEPT. 21, 2009. IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE THAT MR. TERRY COULD POLL THE COUNCIL BY PHONE FOR A VERBAL APPROVAL AND THEN PRESENT THE BIDS FOR APPROVAL AT THE SEPT. 21, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING.

KNOWLES ISLAND FISHING PIER:

MR. TERRY INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT HE HAD THE PERMITS TO PUT IN A FISHING PIER AT KNOWLES ISLAND AND NOW ALL HE NEEDED WAS THE MONEY. MR. TERRY TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT HE PLANNED ON LOOKING FOR GRANTS. MR. TERRY SAID THE PIER WOULD COST ABOUT \$168,000.00. MR. TERRY ADDED THAT THE PERMITS ARE GOOD UNTIL 2014.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED MR. TERRY TO HOLD OFF GOING TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE FOR FUNDING FOR THINGS LIKE PARKING LOTS AS THE COUNTY WOULD LIKE TO START PAVING ROADS. MR. FULGHUM STATED THAT THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO HAVE CONTROL OVER THE COUNTY'S REQUESTS TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. MR. FULGHUM SUGGESTED THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD HAVE TO APPROVE ANY COUNTY REQUESTS GOING TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE COUNCIL COULD DISCUSS IT AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

FOX LANE:

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THAT SOMETHING MUST BE DONE SO THAT THE SCHOOL BUS AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES CAN HAVE ACCESS TO FOX LANE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THAT 6/10 OF THE ROAD IS OWNED BY MR. WOEN AND THEN THE PICKNEY PROPERTY IS AFTER THAT. MR. TERRY SAID THAT AT THE REQUEST OF A CITIZEN, THE COUNTY WENT OUT AND FIXED THE HOLES IN THE ROAD. MR. TERRY ADDED THAT AFTER THE WORK WAS DONE, MR. WOEN CALLED AND TOLD HIM THEY DID NOT WANT PEOPLE GOING DOWN THE ROAD AND NOT TO WORK ON IT AGAIN. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE EXPLAINED THAT THE COUNTY OWNS 2/10 OF THE ROAD AND THEN THERE IS ANOTHER PRIVATE OWNER AND MR. WOEN. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THAT THE WOEN'S OWN THE 6/10 OF THE ROAD WHICH IS IN THE MIDDLE AND MR. WOEN NEEDED TO UNDERSTAND THAT ACCESS IS NEEDED TO GET TO THE PINCKNEY PROPERTY. MR. FULGHUM SUGGESTED THAT MR. TERRY SPEAK WITH THE OWNER AND SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THERE WERE A LOT OF LIMBS HANGING OVER AND THEY NEEDED TO MAKE SURE THAT EMS COULD GET TO THE TWO FAMILIES AT THE END OF THE ROAD. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT IT WOULD BE UP TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO HANDLE THE ISSUE ABOUT THE BUS.

DENNIS CORPORATION:

TIM ANTLEY DISCUSSED THE PAVING PROGRAMS THAT THIS COMPANY HAS WORKED ON IN OTHER SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTIES. MR. ANTLEY SAID THE FIRST STEP WOULD BE TO ESTABLISH AN INVENTORY OF ALL THE COUNTY ROADS WITH SKETCHES AND PHOTOS OF THE ROADS. MR ANTLEY SAID EACH COUNCIL MEMBER WOULD GET A NOTEBOOK CONTAINING ALL THE COUNTY ROADS IN THEIR DISTRICT. MR. ANTLEY SAID THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE TO ESTABLISH A PRIORITY LIST. MR. ANTLEY SAID THAT HIS FIRM WOULD COMPILE ALL THE INFORMATION AND RATE THE ROADS. MR. ANTLEY SUGGESTED THAT THE COUNCIL PASS AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH HOW ROADS ARE PICKED TO BE PAVED. MR. ANTLEY SAID THAT ASPHALT COST ABOUT \$240,000.00 PER MILE AND THE PRODUCT HE RECOMMENDED COST ABOUT \$114,000.00 PER MILE. MR. ANTLEY SAID THAT CURRENTLY THEY HAVE WORKED WITH FAIRFIELD COUNTY ON 60 MILES OF ROADS BY DOING ONE OR TWO ROADS PER YEAR. MR. ANTLEY SAID THE COUNTY COULD SAVE MONEY BY HAVING THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PULL THE DITCHES. MR. ANTLEY SAID HIS CREW WOULD DO A FIELD REVIEW AND LOOK AT EACH ROAD AND THE NUMBER OF HOUSES AND IF ANY PIPES NEED REPLACED AND THEY COORDINATE WITH THE UTILITY COMPANIES. MR. ANTLEY TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT HIS COMPANY WOULD HOLD A PREBID CONFERENCE AND THEY PUT THE PROJECT OUT TO BID, THEY CERTIFY THE BIDS AND GIVE A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNTY AND THE COUNTY WOULD APPROVE THE BID. MR. ANTLEY SAID THEY PUT FLYERS ON THE DOOR KNOBS OF THE HOMES ON THE ROAD SO THAT THE OWNERS WILL CONTACT HIS COMPANY WITH THEIR QUESTIONS. MR. ANTLEY SAID THE COUNTY WOULD NEED A KETTLE AND STOVE FOR MAINTENANCE AS THE TOP OF THE ROAD IS ALL THAT WILL NEED REPAIRED. COMMITTEE MEMBER BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THEY WOULD CHECK ALL 300 ROADS. MR. ANTLEY SAID THAT WOULD DEPEND ON WHAT THE COUNTY WANTED DONE. MR. ANTLEY SAID IT TOOK 3 MONTHS TO VERIFY 700 ROADS IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY AND 1 MONTH TO PREPARE THE INFORMATION. COMMITTEE MEMBER BLACKSHEAR ASKED HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST PER MILE TO VERIFY THE ROADS. MR. ANTLEY SAID ABOUT \$200.00 PER MILE TO DO THE INVENTORY. MR. FULGHUM ASKED HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST FOR THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO DO THE INVENTORY. MR. ANTLEY SAID IT WOULD COST ABOUT \$70,000.00 AND MR. FULGHUM ASKED HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE. MR. ANTLEY RESPONDED IT DEPENDED ON HOW QUICKLY THE COUNTY NEEDED IT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO ASK THE

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE FOR THE FUNDING FOR THE ENGINEERING SERVICES. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT HE WOULD NEED TO GO TO COUNCIL AND ASK TO USE DENNIS CORPORATION THE COUNTY'S ROAD ENGINEERS AND THEN AT THAT POINT, THE COMPANY COULD PUT TOGETHER A PROPOSAL FOR THE COUNCIL AND THE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER. THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED TRAVELING TO FAIRFIELD COUNTY TO SEE ROADS THAT HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND PERHAPS A ROAD THAT IS CURRENTLY BEING PAVED. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY TOLD MR. FULGHUM TO ARRANGE THE TRIP TO FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOR THE COUNCIL AND SOME OF THE TRANSPORATION COMMITTEE.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:45 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, CCC
CLERK TO COUNCIL

REV. SAMUEL GREGORY
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN