

**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
MARY GORDON ELLIS EXECUTIVE BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEPT. 8, 2008
3:00 P.M.
WORKSHOP MINUTES**

CENSUS WORKSHOP

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

ANDREW FULGHUM, ADMINISTRATOR
RONNIE MALPHRUS, DEP. ADM. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
WILBUR DALEY, DEP. ADM. EMERGENCY SERVICES
JUDITH M. FRANK, CLERK TO COUNCIL
MARVIN JONES, COUNTY ATTORNEY
LISA LAMB, PLANNING AND ZONING COORDINATOR

STAFF ABSENT:

DALE TERRY, DEP. ADM. ENGINEERING SERVICES
EVELYN LEE, DEPUTY CLERK TO COUNCIL

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 WORKSHOP TO ORDER.

DISCUSSION:

MR. FULGHUM INTRODUCED MR. LAROCHE. MR. LAROCHE EXPLAINED THAT A CENSUS IS TAKEN EVERY 10 YEARS AND IT IS IMPORTANT TO GET AN ACCURATE COUNT BECAUSE FEDERAL FUNDING IS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS IN THE COUNTY.

MR. LAROCHE EXPLAINED THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE LOCAL PEOPLE INVOLVED BECAUSE THEY KNOW WHERE THE PEOPLE LIVE.

MR. LAROCHE SAID THAT A QUESTIONNAIRE WILL BE MAILED TO EACH HOUSEHOLD TO BE COMPLETED. THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN 85% RETURN RATE ON THE MAIL OUT QUESTIONNAIRE. MR. LAROCHE SAID THAT AFTER THE MAIL OUT QUESTIONNAIRES ARE RETURNED CENSUS TAKERS WILL GO TO THE ADDRESSES THAT DID NOT RETURN THEIR QUESTIONNAIRE. MR. LAROCHE ASKED THE COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH A COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE MADE UP OF PEOPLE FROM ALL AREAS OF THE COUNTY AND THE COMMITTEE WOULD SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF RETURNING THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED MR. FULGHUM IF THE 911 ADDRESSES WERE CORRECT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT GEORGIA DELOACHE HAS WORKED ON THE ADDRESSES AND HE FELT THE INFORMATION SENT IN IS AS GOOD AS THE COUNTY HAS ON RECORD.

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED HOW MUCH MONEY THE COUNTY RECEIVED FOR EACH RESIDENT. MR. DELOACHE SAID HE WAS NOT SURE, BUT IT WAS REVENUE SHARING THAT COMES TO THE COUNTY FROM THE STATE. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF THE COUNTY IS PAID FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE MUNICIPALITIES AND MR. LAROCHE RESPONDED THAT HE WAS NOT SURE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE FUNDING WAS CUT 3% THIS YEAR AND JASPER COUNTY RECEIVED \$1,276,000.00 WHICH IS BASED ON THE POPULATION. MR. LAROCHE SAID THE FUNDING IS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS, NOT CITIZENS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT RESIDENCY IS BASED ON WHERE A PERSON SLEEPS.

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED ABOUT THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE CENSUS TAKERS AND MR. LAROCHE SAID THAT INFORMATION COULD BE FOUND ON THEIR WEBSITE. MR. LAROCHE SAID THEY WOULD BE HIRING PEOPLE IN 2009 FOR THE CENSUS AND NOW WAS THE TIME TO TRY AND FIND PEOPLE FROM THE LOWCOUNTRY TO FILL THOSE POSITIONS.

CHAIRMAN HOOD THANKED MR. LAROCHE FOR HIS PRESENTATION AND IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL THAT THEY WOULD FORM A COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE.

THE WORKSHOP ENDED AT 3:45 P.M.

4:00 P.M.
MEETING MINUTES

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DR. GEORGE M. HOOD, CHAIRMAN
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DAVID JIROUSEK, PLANNING DIRECTOR
LISA LAMB, PLANNING AND ZONING COORDINATOR

STAFF ABSENT:

EVELYN LEE, DEPUTY CLERK TO COUNCIL

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CALL TO ORDER:

CHAIRMAN HOOD CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 4:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CHAIRMAN HOOD LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

INVOCATION:

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN GAVE THE INVOCATION.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 18, 2008 COUNCIL MEETING:

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 18, 2008 AS CORRECTED. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PLANNING DIRECTOR:

CHAIRMAN HOOD INTRODUCED THE NEW PLANNING DIRECTOR, DAVID JIROUSEK. MR. JIROUSEK SAID HE WAS HAPPY TO BE WORKING FOR JASPER COUNTY AND HE LOOKED FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE COUNCIL.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

LINDA STANLEY – UPDATE ON THE GRAYS SCHOOL HISTORICAL MEMORIAL MARKER, AND TO REQUEST PERMISSION TO HAVE MARKER INSTALLED ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS:

LINDA STANLEY INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT SCDOT HAS RECEIVED THE HISTORICAL MARKER FOR THE GRAYS SCHOOL AND SHE ASKED THE COUNCIL FOR PERMISSION TO INSTALL IT ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THE SITUATION REGARDING OWNERSHIP OF THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN HANDLED. MS. STANLEY SAID THAT THE PROPERTY THE SCHOOL IS LOCATED ON IS OWNED BY THE COUNTY, BUT THE TWO AND A HALF ACRES BEHIND THE SCHOOL IS THE PROPERTY THAT WOULD REVERT BACK TO THE ROBINSON FAMILY.

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN MOTIONED AND COUNCILWOMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE PLACING THE HISTORICAL MARKER ON THE GROUNDS OF THE OLD GRAYS SCHOOL. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

TERESA URUHART – UPDATE ON COASTAL CAROLINA HOSPITAL:

MS. URUHART INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THE NAME OF THE HOSPITAL HAS CHANGED FROM COASTAL CAROLINA MEDICAL CENTER TO COASTAL CAROLINA HOSPITAL AT THE REQUEST OF THE HOSPITAL BOARD MEMBERS. MS. URUHART SAID THE HOSPITAL HAS RECEIVED JOINT ACCREDITATION FOR THREE YEARS. MS. URUHART SAID THEY HAVE LOOKED AT THE CHALLENGES, THE POPULATION, THE FUTURE GROWTH, AND THE DOWNTURN IN THE ECONOMY AND THE ON-GOING SUPPORT OF THE PHYSICIANS. MS. URUHART PROVIDED THE COUNCIL WITH A COPY OF THEIR ROSTER OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND A CALENDAR OF EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE HOSPITAL. MS. URUHART SAID THEY HAVE TO THINK DIFFERENTLY THAN THE OTHER COMPANIES THAT OWNED THE HOSPITAL AND THEY ARE FOCUSING ON 5 STRATEGIC AREAS WHICH ARE PRIMARY CARE, ORTHOPEDICS, GENERAL SURGERY, OUT PATIENT SERVICES AND REHABILITATION. MS. URUHART SAID THEY ARE RECRUITING MORE DOCTORS TO COVER THESE AREAS. MS. URUHART SAID BY BEING A PART OF THE HILTON HEAD HOSPITAL, ALL SERVICES CAN BE PROVIDED. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED HOW MANY FULL TIME DOCTORS WERE ON THE HOSPITAL STAFF. MS. URUHART SAID THAT THERE WERE 35 ACTIVE MEDICAL STAFF MEMBERS. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED IF ALL THE PHYSICIANS ON THE ROSTER SERVED COASTAL CAROLINA HOSPITAL. MS. URUHART SAID THAT THEY HAVE A REFERRAL

HOTLINE AND INFORMATION ON THEIR WEBSITE FOR PHONE NUMBERS. MS. URUHART PROVIDED THE REFERRAL HOTLINE NUMBER AS 1-877-582-2737. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THEY PLANNED ON HAVING AN OB DEPARTMENT AND MS. URUHART RESPONDED THAT IT WOULD DEPEND ON THE GROWTH AND IT MAY BE ADDED IN ABOUT 3-5 YEARS. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED MS. URUHART TO MEET WITH B/J/H COMP HEALTH REGARDING THE OB DEPARTMENT AND MS. URUHART SAID SHE WOULD CONTACT THEM.

CHAIRMAN HOOD THANKED MS. URUHART FOR HER PRESENTATION.

MINISTER DERRICK MURRAY AND MRS. LASHAWN MURRAY – REQUEST FOR THE NEW DESTINY CENTER, INC.:

MINISTER MURRAY AND MRS. MURRAY REQUESTED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVE HAVING THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HELP THEM FINISH THE RENOVATIONS OF THE NEW DESTINY CENTER. MINISTER MURRAY EXPLAINED THAT THE NEW DESTINY CENTER IS A PUBLIC NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION AND THE HOME THEY ARE REMODELING WOULD BE A RESIDENTIAL FACILITY FOR YOUNG BOYS WHO SUFFER FROM EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL DISORDERS. MINISTER MURRAY SAID THAT CURRENTLY THERE ARE NO GROUP HOMES IN THE SURROUNDING AREA OF JASPER COUNTY AND THE CHILDREN ARE BEING SENT TO CHARLESTON OR COLUMBIA. MINISTER MURRAY SAID THAT THEY HAVE LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM DSS, DJJ, AND COASTAL EMPIRE MENTAL HEALTH, THE JASPER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND SENATOR PINCKNEY. MINISTER MURRAY EXPLAINED THAT THEY NEED TO HAVE THE WORK COMPLETED BY NOVEMBER, 2008. MINISTER MURRAY SAID THE CENTER WOULD BRING 8 NEW JOBS TO THE COUNTY. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHERE THE OPERATING FUNDS WOULD BE COMING FROM AND MRS. MURRAY RESPONDED THAT ONCE THE LICENSING PROCESS WAS COMPLETE, THE STATE WOULD REIMBURSE THE CENTER FOR THE OPERATIONS COST. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THEY HAD A COMMITMENT FROM THE STATE AND MRS. MURRAY RESPONDED THAT THEY CANNOT BE LICENSED UNTIL THE RENOVATIONS ARE DONE. MRS. MURRAY SAID THAT THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED OFF OF HWY. 321. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED WHAT SERVICES WERE THEY REQUESTING FROM PUBLIC WORKS. MRS. MURRAY SAID THEY NEEDED HELP WITH THE PAINTING AND BASIC RENOVATION WORK. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THEY WERE INSTRUCTED TO GET HELP FROM PUBLIC WORKS. MINISTER MURRAY SAID HE SPOKE WITH MR. TERRY AND MR. TERRY TOLD HIM TO COME BEFORE COUNCIL AND MAKE THE REQUEST. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT THE ATTORNEY NEEDED TO INVESTIGATE THIS REQUEST TO SEE IF THE COUNTY COULD LEGALLY PROVIDE THIS HELP AND THE ATTORNEY SHOULD REPORT BACK TO THE ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE.

JOAN HECK, ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH. REQUEST TO USE SENIOR CENTER IN HARDEEVILLE:

MS. HECK SAID THAT THE CHURCH WAS GROWING AND SHE HELD PROGRAMS ONCE A WEEK AND SHE WAS REQUESTING PERMISSION TO USE THE SENIOR CENTER IN HARDEEVILLE. MS. HECK SAID THAT SHE SPOKE WITH MR. ROACHE AND HE SAID SHE NEEDED TO GET PERMISSION FROM COUNCIL SINCE THE COUNTY OWNED THE BUILDING. MS. HECK SAID SHE WOULD NEED TO USE THE BUILDING FOR ABOUT 2 HOURS ON SUNDAYS AND THEY WOULD BE HAPPY TO PAY FOR ANY INCREASE IN THE UTILITIES AND INSURANCE THAT WOULD RESULT FROM THEM USING THE BUILDING. MS. HECK SAID THAT SHE WAS REQUESTING TO USE THE BUILDINGS ON SUNDAYS FROM 10:00 A.M. TO NOON FROM SEPT. 13, 2008 TO MAY 10, 2009.

CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT THIS SHOULD GO TO THE ENGINEERING COMMITTEE. MR. FULGHUM OFFERED TO HAVE THE ATTORNEY PREPARE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF THE AGREEMENT WOULD BE USED FOR ALL THE JASPER COUNTY FACILITIES OR JUST THIS ONE. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID IT WOULD DEPEND ON THE TYPE OF REQUEST AND WHEN IT WAS RECEIVED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES:

MARVIN JONES - PUBLIC HEARING 3ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUILDING, RESIDENTIAL, FIRE PLUMBING, MECHANICAL, FUEL GAS, ENERGY CONSERVATION CODES, THE NATIONAL CODE, CHAPTER 1 OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING AND FIRE CODES, AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 6-51 THROUGH 6-57 OF THE JASPER COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES:

MARVIN JONES PRESENTED THE ORDINANCE AND EXPLAINED THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN AMENDED SINCE THE LAST READING. MR. JONES SAID THAT THIS ORDINANCE WOULD ADOPT THE MOST RECENT CODES AND BRING THE COUNTY INTO COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW. MR. JONES SAID THE ORDINANCE WILL SEAMLESSLY CHANGE THE CODES THAT ARE ADOPTED.

CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

THERE WERE NO COMMENTS.

CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUILDING, RESIDENTIAL, FIRE PLUMBING, MECHANICAL, FUEL GAS, ENERGY CONSERVATION CODES, THE NATIONAL CODE, CHAPTER 1 OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING AND FIRE CODES, AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 6-51 THROUGH 6-57 OF THE JASPER COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES . THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR

RONNIE MALPHRUS - PUBLIC HEARING AND 3RD READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PERSONNEL POLICY:

MR. MALPHRUS EXPLAINED THAT THIS AMENDMENT TO THE PERSONNEL POLICY COVERS THE POLICE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT WITH REGARDS TO RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE ORDINANCE WAS NOT AMENDED SINCE THE LAST READING. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT REGARDING INSURANCE WOULD BE 25 YEARS OF SERVICE, NOT 28 YEARS YEARS OF SERVICE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THESE TERMS WOULD BE CONSISTANT WITH THE YEARS OF SERVICES NEEDED BY ANYONE WHO IS UNDER THE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT PROGRAM.

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 TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PERSONNEL POLICY. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

LISA LAMB - 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER THE FOLLOWING PARCELS GENERALLY KNOWN AS OSPREY LAKES DEPICTED ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN THE RURAL PRESERVATION ZONE TO THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ZONE: 038-00-06-103 AND 038-00-06-168:

MS. LAMB PRESENTED THE ORDINANCE AND THAT THERE WAS AN ERROR ON THE ZONING MAP THAT NEEDED TO BE CORRECTED REGARDING THE OSPREY LAKES PDD. MS. LAMB SAID THE COUNCIL HAS ALREADY APPROVED THE PDD AND ON THE ZONING MAP IT WAS SHOWN AS RURAL PRESERVATION IN ERROR. MS. LAMB SAID THIS IS A 64 LOT SUBDIVISION AND THE STAFF AND THE PLANNNG COMMISSION RECOMMEND THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVE THIS AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING MAP.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THE PROBLEM WITH THE FIRE HYDRANTS HAS BEEN CORRECTED. MS. LAMB SAID THAT THE PROBLEM WAS CORRECTED AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS SIGNED OFF ON IT.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER 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 FOLLOWING PARCELS GENERALLY KNOWN AS OSPREY LAKES ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN THE RURAL PRESERVATION ZONE TO THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ZONE: 038-00-06-103 AND 038-00-06-168. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

LISA LAMB - 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER THAT PROPERTY CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 22.7 ACRES BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 072-00-01-031 LOCATED ON BELLINGER HILL ROAD NEAR HARDEEVILLE FROM RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE RURAL PRESERVATION ZONE:

MS. LAMB PRESENTED THE ORDINANCE AND EXPLAINED THAT THE OWNERS WERE MAKING THE REQUEST AND THEY PLANNED TO HAVE A HORSE FARM ON THE PROPERTY. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF THERE WAS AN ADVANTAGE TO THE ZONING CHANGE. DAVID JIROUSEK COMMENTED THAT IT DEPENDS ON THE INTENT OF THE LANDOWNER. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT RURAL PRESERVATION ALLOWS ONE UNIT PER ACRE AND THE ADVANTAGE WOULD BE THAT RURAL PRESERVATION ALLOWS AGRICULTURAL USE, LIKE A HORSE FARM, AND RESIDENTIAL DOES NOT. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID ANYONE CAN MAKE A REQUEST, BUT IT IS NOT ALWAYS APPROVED. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT RURAL PRESERVATION WOULD ALSO PREVENT URBAN SPRAWL. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THERE WAS A LIMITED NUMBER OF TIMES A ZONING CHANGE COULD BE REQUESTED. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT IT COULD ONLY BE CHANGED ONE TIME PER YEAR.

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN 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 THAT PROPERTY CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 22.7 ACRES BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 072-00-01-031 LOCATED ON BELLINGER HILL ROAD NEAR HARDEEVILLE FROM RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE RURAL PRESERVATION ZONE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTIONS:

RONNIE MALPHRUS - RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE LEASE PURCHASE PROPOSAL FROM SCB&T FOR \$1,175,000.00 FOR THE RADIO TOWER, FIRE STATION, AND VARIOUS VEHICLES:

MR. MALPHRUS PRESENTED THE RESOLUTION AND EXPLAINED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE LEASE PURCHASE OF SEVERAL ITEMS DURING THE BUDGET PROCESS. MR. MALPHRUS REQUESTED THAT THE AMOUNT BE REDUCED FROM \$1,175,000.00 TO \$1,125,000.00. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THESE FUNDS WOULD PAY FOR SEVERAL VEHICLES, AND THE FIRE STATION AND THE MATCH PORTION FOR THE COMMUNICATION TOWER AND 800 MHZ RADIOS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY WANTED TO CHANGE THE FUNDING FOR THE FUEL TRUCK APPROVED IN THE BUDGET AND TO USE THAT FUND TO PURCHASE A NEW TRUCK FOR THE BUSINESS LICENSE OFFICE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT A FOUR WHEEL DRIVE TRUCK FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT WOULD BE SWAPPED OUT AND USED FOR THE FUEL TRUCK AND THE BUILDING INSPECTOR WOULD USE ONE OF THE OLD VEHICLES BEING TURNED IN BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHAT VEHICLES WERE BEING FINANCED

UNDER THIS LEASE PURCHASE AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE NEW VEHICLES - ONE FOR ADMINISTRATION THAT ARE USED BY ALL DEPARTMENTS, AND THE NEW TRUCK FOR THE BUSINESS LICENSE OFFICE AND 20 NEW VEHICLES FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID \$625,000.00 WOULD BE FOR THE MATCH OF THE COMMUNICATION'S TOWER AND \$275,000.00 WOULD BE FOR THE NEW FIRE STATION ON FIRE-TOWER ROAD. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF ANY MONEY WAS BUDGETED FOR EQUIPMENT AND STAFF AT THE FIRE TOWER ROAD FIRE STATION. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THERE WAS FUNDING FOR SOME EQUIPMENT, BUT NOT FOR STAFF OR VEHICLES. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHY BORROW MONEY AND PAY INTEREST ON THE MONEY, FOR A BUILDING THAT CAN'T BE USED UNTIL NEXT YEAR WHEN STAFF AND EQUIPMENT CAN BE BUDGETED FOR. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THEY HAVE BID OUT THE BUILDING TO GET THE ACTUAL COST. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THIS WAS AN ESTIMATE TO BUILD THE SHELL AND DRY-IN THE BUILDING. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE \$275,000.00 IS TO REPLACE THE \$250,000.00 THAT WAS BUDGETED IN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET TO BUILD THE STATION AND THE STATION WAS NOT BUILT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT HE DID NOT KNOW HOW THE AUDITORS WERE GOING TO SHOW IT AS IT ENDED UP WITH \$250,000.00 IN REVENUE AND NO EXPENSES AND IT NEEDS TO BE REBUDGETED THIS YEAR. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT IF THE \$250,000.00 CAN BE MOVED TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND, THEN MAYBE THEY CAN USE THOSE FUNDS TO PAY OFF THAT PORTION OF THE LEASE PURCHASE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THE FUNDS SHOULD HAVE BEEN IN THAT ACCOUNT AND NOT IN THE GENERAL FUND. MR. MALPHRUS SAID IT WAS MOVED BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT THE STATION WAS GOING TO BE BUILT AND IT WAS NOT BUILT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID HE DID NOT KNOW HOW THE AUDITORS WOULD HANDLE IT. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED HOW THEY COULD SPEND MONEY THAT WAS SET ASIDE FOR A SPECIAL PROJECT IF THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT IS GOING TO BE BUILT. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THE LAND WAS DONATED AND THE COUNTY HAS TO BUILD THE STATION IN TWO YEARS OR GIVE THE LAND BACK. MR. TUTEN SAID THAT MR. MORGAN ALSO GAVE FUNDS TO BUILD THE STATION. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID IT DID NOT MAKE SENSE TO BUILD A STATION IF THERE IS NO STAFF TO MAN IT OR ANY EQUIPMENT. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT IT DID NOT MAKE SENSE SINCE THE PEOPLE WILL ONLY HAVE A SHELL AND NO FIRE PROTECTION. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF THEY HAVE A CHOICE SINCE THEY ACCEPTED THE LAND AND THEY HAVE TO BUILD THE STATION. MR. FULGHUM SAID THEY ARE USING THE LAND AND THE DONATION AND PLAN TO TAKE IT AS FAR AS THEY CAN WITH THE FUNDS AVAILABLE. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID IT DID NOT MAKE ANY SENSE TO HIM, BUT THEY DON'T HAVE A CHOICE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT THE COUNTY ONLY HAD TO START ON THE STATION AND THEY HAVE DONE THAT BY CLEARING THE LAND. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THE PROJECT WAS BID OUT AND IF THE LOAN AGREEMENT WAS

BID OUT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THERE WAS A TYPO IN THE RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ROAD THAT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN OUT OF THE RESOLUTION. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF THIS COULD BE DELAYED. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY PLANNED ON CLOSING ON THE 10TH OF SEPTEMBER, AND IT WOULD HAVE TO START ALL OVER AGAIN AND THEY HAVE ALREADY STARTED TO PURCHASE THE SHERIFF'S CARS AND FRONTED THE MONEY. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THIS TYPE OF FINANCING HAS ALWAYS BEEN BID OUT BEFORE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED THAT THE PORTION OF THE LEASE PURCHASE FOR THE FIRE STATION BE REMOVED. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEN THEY WOULD HAVE TO DO ANOTHER LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE FIRE STATION. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THE LEASE WAS ALREADY SECURED AS IT IS STATED IN THE RESOLUTION. MR. MALPHRUS RESPONDED THAT IT HAS ALREADY BEEN INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID IF THE FIRE STATION IS STARTED IT WOULD LOWER THE ISO RATINGS FOR THE PEOPLE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID NO MONEY FOR STAFF AND EQUIPMENT IS IN THE FUNDING. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT MR. DALEY WAS NOT INVOLVED WITH THIS AND IF THE FIRE STATION IS BUILT THE ISO RATINGS WOULD BE LOWER AND THAT IS STILL THE SAME OBJECTIVE.

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE LEASE PURCHASE PROPOSAL FROM SCB&T FOR \$1,175,000.00 FOR THE RADIO TOWER, THE FIRE TOWER ROAD FIRE STATION, AND VARIOUS VEHICLES. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN AND COUNCILMEN TYLER AND BLACKSHEAR VOTING FOR; COUNCILWOMAN JONES VOTED AGAINST. COUNCILWOMAN JONES COMMENTED THAT \$250,000.00 HAD ALREADY BEEN BUDGETED TO PAY FOR THE FIRE STATION AND THAT MONEY HAS PROBABLY ALREADY BEEN SPENT ON SOMETHING ELSE.

ANDY FULGHUM - RESOLUTION OF BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL AND JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL REGARDING FUNDING THE JASPER PORT:

MR. FULGHUM PRESENTED THE RESOLUTION AND HE INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THE LEGISLATURE APPROPRIATED \$500,000.00 TO THE S.C. DEPT. OF COMMERCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING AND MARKETING THE JASPER PORT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE RESOLUTION OF BOTH BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL AND JASPER COUNTY URGES THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO INSTRUCT THE S.C. DEPT. OF COMMERCE TO RELEASE THE \$500,000.00 SET ASIDE FOR MARKETING THE JASPER PORT AND TRANSFER THE FUNDS TO THE LOWCOUNTRY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE.

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO PASS THE RESOLUTION OF THE BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL REGARDING

FUNDING FOR THE JASPER PORT. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

RONNIE MALPHRUS -APPROVAL OF THE FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT FOR THE DETENTION CENTER:

MR. MALPHRUS PRESENTED THE CONTRACT AND INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THE PRIOR CUT-OFF FOR PRICE INCREASE PER MEAL WAS 60 INMATES AND THAT HAS BEEN DONE AWAY WITH. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE CHARGE WILL BE \$2.15 PER MEAL PER INMATE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THE COUNTY USES THE STATE PROCUREMENT PLAN AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THERE ARE A FEW EXCEPTIONS AND THE COUNTY DOES NOT USE THE STATE PROCUREMENT PLAN. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID SHE FELT EVERYTHING SHOULD GO OUT TO BID. COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT WITH ABL MANAGEMENT FOR THE DETENTION CENTER. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:

COUNCILWOMAN JONES COMMENTED THAT THERE WERE NO MEMBERS FROM HARDEEVILLE ON THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS AND SHE NOMINATED BARBARA CLARK.

COUNCILMAN TYLER NOMINATED DR. SINGLETON.

THE CHAIRMAN ASKED THAT BALLOTS BE CAST AND THE CLERK TO TABULATE THE RESULTS.

DR. SINGLETON WAS APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.

BILL OLENDORF - REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF 3% A-TAX FUNDING FOR LIGHTING THE BJWSA WATER TOWER IN POINT SOUTH:

MR. OLENDORF INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT BJWSA WAS GOING TO CONSTRUCT A 250 GALLON, 170 FOOT WATER TANK IN POINT SOUTH AND HE WAS REQUESTING 3% ACCOMMODATION TAX FUNDS TO PAY FOR HAVING LIGHTS PUT ON THE TOWER AND TO HAVE THE FUNDING ADDED TO THE LIGHT FUND WHICH PAYS FOR LIGHTING AT EXIT 33. MR. OLENDORF SAID HE WAS REQUESTING FUNDING TO HAVE THE LIGHTS INSTALLED ON THE TANK, THE MAINTENANCE OF THE LIGHTS AND THE ELECTRICITY TO POWER THE LIGHTS. MR. OLENDORF SAID THE TANK WILL BE UP IN 90 DAYS IF IT IS APPROVED. MR.. OLENDORF SAID HE WAS NOT SURE HOW MUCH IT WOULD COST, BUT HE FELT IT SHOULD BE SOMEWHERE BETWEEN \$30,000.00 AND \$50,000.00. COUNCILWOMAN JONES COMMENTED THAT THE TOWER WAS NOT APPROVED BY THE BZA. MR. OLENDORF SAID HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE TIME FRAME AND THAT THEY ALREADY SPENT \$40,000.00 ON BILLBOARDS AND THE TOWER WILL

SHOW THE LOCATION OF POINT SOUTH. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF BJWSA AND POINT SOUTH WILL BOTH BE DISPLAYED ON THE TANK. MR. OLENDORF SAID HE WAS TOLD THAT IT WAS APPROVED. MR. OLENDORF SAID THAT BY LIGHTING THE TANK HE FELT IT WOULD GENERATE AN ADDITIONAL \$1,000,000.00 IN REVENUE AT POINT SOUTH. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE HOSPITALITY TAX AND ACCOMMODATIONS TAX COMBINED BRING ABOUT \$250,000.00 TO THE COUNTY. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED HOW MUCH OF THAT MONEY WAS GENERATED BY POINT SOUTH AND MR. MALPHRUS RESPONDED ABOUT \$170,000.00 TO \$180,000.00. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN COMMENTED THERE WAS A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN \$30,000.00 AND \$50,000.00 AND HE ASKED WHY BJWSA DIDN'T LIGHT IT THEMSELVES. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID IF THE MAJORITY OF THE MONEY COMES FROM POINT SOUTH, THEN THE MONEY SHOULD BE USED TO PROMOTE POINT SOUTH. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID SHE DID NOT LIKE THE AMOUNT REQUESTED. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THE COUNCIL COULD PUT A LIMIT ON IT.

MR. JIROUSEK SAID THERE WERE TWO ISSUES INVOLVED. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE USE WAS ALLOWED WITH NO RESTRICTIONS, BUT A VARIANCE WAS REQUESTED AND IT WAS NOT NEEDED. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT WHEN THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BZA CANCELS THEIR MEETING, A PERMIT CAN BE ISSUED. MR. JIROUSEK SAID SIGNAGE WAS ANOTHER ISSUE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE MAINTENANCE AND THE COST OF THE ELECTRICITY NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE UP TO \$25,000.00 FOR THE LIGHTING OF THE WATER TOWER. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN, COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR, AND COUNCILWOMAN JONES VOTING FOR; COUNCILMAN TYLER AND CHAIRMAN HOOD VOTED AGAINST.

MR. OLENDORF ASKED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVE THE ELECTRICITY FOR THE LIGHTS ON THE TOWER. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT THEY NEED MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION AND HE LIKES DEFINITE ANSWERS NOT ESTIMATES.

OLD BUSINESS:

THERE WAS NO OLD BUSINESS.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILWOMAN JONES REPORTED THAT SHE WAS GOING TO COLUMBIA FOR THE SCAC LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE.

CHAIRMAN HOOD REPORTED THAT HE WOULD BE ATTENDING A LAND USE MEETING.

CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED MR. FULGHUM WHEN THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING STUDY WOULD BE COMPLETE. MR. FULGHUM RESPONDED THAT HE WAS NOT SURE OF THE DATE.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS:

ANDY FULGHUM – APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS FOR ANNEX BUILDING:

MR. FULGHUM PRESENTED CHANGE ORDER #4 AND SAID THAT 23 DAYS HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE COMPLETION DATE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THERE WAS A DRIVE THROUGH WINDOW FOR THE TREASURER’S OFFICE AND MR. FULGHUM SAID THERE WAS NOT, AS THE DESIGN OF THE BUILDING WOULD NOT ALLOW IT.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF AN INTERIOR DECORATOR HAS BEEN HIRED AND MR. FULGHUM SAID DECORATING IS PART OF THE ARCHITECT’S SERVICES AND HE GIVES MR. FULGHUM TWO CHOICES AND MR. FULGHUM MAKES THE FINAL DECISION. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THE COUNCIL GETS TO HAVE ANY INPUT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE ARCHITECT MAKES THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND GENERALLY THE COUNCIL IS NOT INVOLVED WITH THE DECISIONS.

CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE FELT MORE INPUT REGARDING THE DÉCOR WAS BETTER THAN JUST ONE PERSON MAKING THE DECISIONS.

MR. FULGHUM SAID THEY STILL HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE FURNITURE AND THE CARPET. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE HAD THE COLOR SCHEMES IN HIS OFFICE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THE PEOPLE IN THE DEPARTMENTS WILL HAVE ANY SAY IN THE CHOICES BEING MADE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT HE HAS ORDERED AN OFFICE SUITE FOR THE PLANNING DIRECTOR AND IT WILL PROVIDED AS A SAMPLE OF WHAT IS BEING USED.

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS #4 FOR THE ANNEX BUILDING. THIS CHANGE ORDER COVERS ROD SUITE REVISIONS (\$3,863.00 CREDIT); ADDED ELECTRICAL OUTLETS FOR REFRIGERATORS AND MICROWAVES (ADDITIONAL \$3,239.00); USE OF STANDARD CORED BRICKS IN LIEU OF SOLID BRICK (CREDIT OF \$1,671.00); FUTURE OFFICE REVISIONS (ADDITIONAL \$647.00); AND COMMUNICATION SLEEVE REVISION (ADDITIONAL \$1,567.00). THE TOTAL CHANGE IN COST THIS CHANGE ORDER IS A CREDIT OF \$81.00. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RONNIE MALPHRUS – UPDATE ON BUDGET FOR ANNEX BUILDING:

MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE TOTAL BUDGET FOR THE ANNEX BUILDING IS \$5,321,000.00 AND THERE HAVE BEEN \$2,477.00 IN CHANGE ORDERS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THROUGH JULY, \$3,019, 000.00 HAS BEEN SPENT ON THE CONTRACT.

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF THE SUB-CONTRACTORS WHO WORKED ON THE FARMERS’ MARKET HAVE BEEN PAID. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT HE WOULD DOUBLE CHECK, BUT HE THOUGHT THEY WERE ALL PAID. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT HE RECEIVED A LIEN RELEASE EACH MONTH FROM FRAZIER.

RONNIE MALPHRUS – UPDATE ON FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPENSES:

THIS ITEM WAS TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.

DALE TERRY – REQUEST TO CLOSE CONVENIENCE SITES ON THE SAME DAYS THAT WASTE MANAGEMENT IS CLOSED:

MR. TERRY REQUESTED THAT THE CONVENIENCE SITES BE CLOSED ON THE SAME HOLIDAYS AS WASTE MANAGEMENT BECAUSE THERE WAS NO WHERE TO TAKE THE TRASH AND IT CAUSES A LARGE BUILD UP OF TRASH ON THE COUNTY SITES. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED HOW THE CITIZENS WOULD BE NOTIFIED OF THE CLOSINGS.

BRIAN EVOLA, REPRESENTATIVE FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT, SAID THAT THE LANDFILL HAS ALWAYS BEEN CLOSED ON THOSE HOLIDAYS AND THIS IS NOT SOMETHING NEW. MR. EVOLA SAID THE LANDFILL IS OPEN UNTIL 2:00 P.M. ON SATURDAYS. MR. TERRY SAID THE SITES HAVE BEEN GETTING MORE AND MORE TRASH AND WHEN THE COUNTY SITES ARE OPEN AND THE LANDFILL IS CLOSED, THERE IS NO WHERE TO PUT ALL THE TRASH. MR. TERRY SAID HE COULD HIRE A PART TIME DRIVER TO HELP MOVE ALL THE TRASH ON THE DAY AFTER THE HOLIDAY WHEN THE LANDFILL OPENS OR HE COULD BUY MORE CONTAINERS. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED HOW MUCH A CONTAINER COSTS AND MR. TERRY RESPONDED ABOUT \$4,500.00. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED HOW MANY SITES GET OVERLOADED AND MR. TERRY RESPONDED 4 OUT OF 6. MR. TERRY SAID HE KNOWS CLOSING THE SITES WILL BE INCONVENIENT, BUT THAT IS THE ONLY WAY HE CAN SEE OF HANDLING IT.

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID TO GET ADDITIONAL CONTAINERS OR HIRE THE PART TIME DRIVER. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SUGGESTED THAT SOME OF THE OVERAGE COULD BE STORED AT THE TWO SITES THAT ARE NOT OVERLOADED.

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THE CONVENIENCE SITES CANNOT BE CLOSED.

MR. EVOLA SAID THAT HE COULD GIVE MR. TERRY A KEY TO THE LANDFILL.

ANDY FULGHUM – APPROVAL OF ROAD NAMES FOR ROADS AT CYPRESS RIDGE BUSINESS INDUSTRIAL PARK:

MR. FULGHUM PRESENTED THE NAMES FOR THE ROADS AT CYPRESS RIDGE BUSINESS INDUSTRIAL PARK. MR. FULGHUM ASKED THE COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE NAMES SUBJECT TO THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND'S PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL

COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE ROAD NAMES FOR CYPRESS WOODS BUSINESS INDUSTRIAL PARK SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE RIDGELAND PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL. THE ROAD NAMES ARE CAROLINA CHERRY DRIVE, CYPRESS RIDGE DRIVE SOUTH, CYPRESS RIDGE DRIVE NORTH, AND CYPRESS RIDGE COURT. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

ANDREW FULGHUM – FARMERS’ MARKET:

MR. FULGHUM ANNOUNCED THAT STARTING SEPT. 13, 2008 THE FARMERS’ MARKET WILL BE OPEN ON SATURDAYS FROM 8:00A.M. UNTIL NOON.

MR. FULGHUM PRESENTED A FACILITIES USAGE AGREEMENT FOR THE FARMERS’ MARKET PREPARED BY ATTORNEY JONES. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE AGREEMENT COVERS ALL THE ISSUES INCLUDING THE USE OF ALCOHOL ON THE PREMISES. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THERE HAS BEEN A REQUEST BY A COUNTY EMPLOYEE TO USE THE FARMERS’ MARKET ON SEPT. 27, 2008 FOR A WEDDING (SAULS/MACDONALD WEDDING) AND THEY WOULD BE SERVING ALCOHOL. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE APPLICANT HAS ALSO ASKED TO BE ALLOWED TO USE THE COUNTY’S TABLES AND CHAIRS FROM EMS AND THEY HAVE AGREED TO MOVE THEM BACK AND FORTH. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE WAS CONTACTED REGARDING THE WEDDING AND HE OFFERED THE USE OF HIS TABLES AND CHAIRS. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE THOUGHT A RESOLUTION WAS PASSED REGARDING THE USE OF COUNTY TABLES AND CHAIRS.

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE WAS AGAINST ALCOHOL AND HE DID NOT THINK IT SHOULD BE PERMITTED IN ANY COUNTY BUILDING OR ON ANY COUNTY PROPERTY. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THE COUNCIL ALREADY APPROVED THE USE OF ALCOHOL AS IT WAS SERVED AT THE TASTE OF JASPER HELD BY THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB.

CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED IF THERE WAS A POLICY. MR. FULGHUM SAID A POLICY HAS NEVER BEEN PASSED. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE THOUGHT THERE WAS A POLICY IN PLACE AND MR. FULGHUM RESPONDED THAT THE COUNCIL DOES NOT HAVE A POLICY.

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILWOMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE FACILITY USAGE AGREEMENT FOR THE FARMERS’ MARKET PRESENTED BY MR. FULGHUM, TO APPROVE THE USE OF ALCOHOL AT THE SAULS/MACDONALD WEDDING AND THAT THE EMPLOYEE MAKING THE REQUEST IS PERMITTED TO USE THE COUNTY’S TABLE AND CHAIRS FROM EMS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH CHAIRMAN HOOD, COUNCILWOMAN JONES AND COUNCILMEN TYLER AND BLACKSHEAR VOTING FOR. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN VOTED AGAINST. HE SAID HE WAS FOR EVERYTHING EXCEPT THE USE OF ALCOHOL.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THE PEOPLE WHO HOLD THE WHOLESALE AUCTION AT THE FARMERS’ MARKET HAVE A BUSINESS LICENSE. MR FULGHUM SAID HE WAS NOT SURE.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHERE THE FEES THAT ARE PAID FOR USING THE FARMERS’ MARKET GO AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY GO INTO THE GENERAL FUND UNDER THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INSPECTING THE FACILITY TO MAKE SURE IT IS CLEAN AND NOTHING HAS BEEN BROKEN. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WAS NOT SURE, BUT HE THOUGHT PUBLIC WORKS WOULD HANDLE THAT. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE MANAGER SHOULD HANDLE THAT. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE FELT

THE MANAGER SHOULD GIVE A REPORT ON THE MARKET TO KEEP THE COUNCIL INFORMED.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHO MONITORS THE EVENTS.

CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID SHAWN SHOULD GIVE THE COUNCIL A REPORT AS TO HOW THIS IS HANDLED.

MR. FULGHUM REPORTED THAT HE WOULD BE TEACHING A CLASS ON THE PORT AT USCB SOUTH.

MR. FULGHUM REPORTED THAT HARDEEVILLE AND THE COUNTY WORKED WITH THE AUDITOR AND THEY WILL BE DOING TAXES TOGETHER.

MR. FULGHUM PRESENTED A REQUEST FROM MS. HOLMES TO REPLACE THE FULLTIME POSITION IN HER OFFICE THAT HANDLES OUT OF STATE TAGS AND TO MAKE THE POSITION TWO PART-TIME POSITIONS. MR. FULGHUM SAID IT WOULD BE A TAX SAVING TO THE COUNTY AS NO BENEFITS WOULD HAVE TO BE PAID. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE 2ND PERSON WOULD WORK NIGHTS AND WEEKENDS, BUT BOTH PART-TIME PEOPLE WOULD BE WORKING ON THE SAME PROJECT. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED IF THE CURRENT EMPLOYEE KNOWS THAT HE WOULD BE LOSING HIS BENEFITS AND MR. MALPHRUS RESPONDED THAT THE EMPLOYEE WAS AWARE OF IT. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE FELT THE COUNTY NEEDED MORE INFORMATION AS TO HOW THE PROJECT WAS PROGRESSING. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILWOMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION TO TABLE THIS DECISION UNTIL THE COUNCIL HAD THE STATISTICS AS TO HOW SUCCESSFUL THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF MR. MALPHRUS HAD ANY STATISTICS REGARDING THE GAS CARDS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE CARDS HAVE NOT BEEN ISSUED AND THIS HAS BEEN PUT ON THE BACK BURNER.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THE COUNTY HAS RECEIVED THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE *IT* PERSON AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE COUNTY HAS THE JOB DESCRIPTION, BUT THE JOB HAS NOT BEEN ADVERTISED. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF IT WOULD BE POSTED AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT IT WOULD BE POSTED. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE FELT THE *IT* POSITION SHOULD BE REVISITED AND THE PERSON SHOULD BE A HANDS-ON PERSON INSTEAD OF A DIRECTOR. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED THAT IT BE BROUGHT BACK TO COUNCIL BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATION DID ANYTHING WITH THIS POSITION. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE *IT* POSITION IS FOR A WORKING DIRECTOR.

OPEN FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER INDIVIDUAL):

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS:

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

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:

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

CHAIRMAN HOOD ANNOUNCED THAT THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED PERSONNEL MATTERS, BUT NO ACTION WAS NECESSARY.

ADJOURN:

COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 7:05 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, CCC
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DR. GEORGE M. HOOD
CHAIRMAN

