



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS CONFERENCE ROOM  
ENGINEERING SERVICES BUILDING**

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**358 THIRD AVE.  
RIDGELAND, SC 29936  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2009  
3:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

COUNCILMAN SAMUEL GREGORY, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN  
LEROY BLACKSHEAR, COMMITTEE MEMBER

**STAFF PRESENT:**

ANDREW FULGHUM, ADMINISTRATOR  
DALE TERRY, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES  
JUDITH FRANK, CLERK TO COUNCIL  
MARVIN JONES, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
DAVID JIROUSEK, PLANNING 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:**

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 3:10 P.M.

**INVOCATION:**

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY OFFERED THE INVOCATION.

**MONTHLY REPORTS:**

MR. TERRY PRESENTED THE COMMITTEE WITH THE MONTHLY STATISTICS FROM ENGINEERING SERVICES.

MR. TERRY REPORTED:

68 ROADS WERE WORKED

7 ROAD SIDE SLOPES WERE TRIMMED

1 DITCH WAS CUT BACK

1 DITCH DUG OUT WITH BACKHOE

2 TIMES BACKHOE ASSIGNED TO KEEP HAPHAZARD LANDFILL MAINTAINED

70 REQUESTS FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE

64 VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT SERVICED AT THE CENTRAL GARAGE

8 REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

805.58 TONS OF SOLID WASTES HANDLED

\$555.00 REVENUE FROM RECYLABLES

14 INCIDENTS OF LITTERING INVESTIGATED  
8 LITTER SITATIONS ISSUED

**PRINCE COURT ROAD:**

COMMITTEE MEMBER BLACKSHEAR ASKED ABOUT THE DITCHES ON PRINCE COURT ROAD. COMMITTEE MEMBER BLACKSHEAR INFORMED MR. TERRY OF HIGH GRASS IN THE DITCHES AND THE ROAD WAS LIKE A WASHBOARD. MR. TERRY SAID THAT THEY STARTED TO PLOW THE ROAD, BUT A RESIDENT ASKED THEM TO STOP. COMMITTEE MEMBER BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT IT IS A COUNTY ROAD AND IT NEEDS TO BE WORKED UNLESS EVERYONE ON THE ROAD REQUESTS THAT IT NOT BE WORKED. MR. TERRY SAID THAT MORE THAN ONE PERSON COMPLAINED ABOUT THE DUST AND HE GENERALLY TRIES TO DO WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT. COMMITTEE MEMBER BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT IT WAS THE COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITY TO WORK THE ROAD. MR. TERRY SAID HE WOULD HAVE THE ROAD WORKED THE NEXT DAY. COMMITTEE MEMBER BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF A PIPE COULD BE INSTALLED SO THE WATER COULD FLOW ONTO COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY. MR. TERRY SAID THE AREA IS VERY LOW AND THE WATER DOES NOT DRAIN WELL. MR. TERRY SAID HE WOULD REPORT BACK TO THE COMMITTEE HOW THE WATER CAN BE HANDLED. COMMITTEE MEMBER BLACKSHEAR ASKED ABOUT A POND. MR. TERRY SAID PERMITS WOULD BE NEEDED FOR A POND AND HE WAS NOT SURE A POND COULD GO THERE. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED IF MR. TERRY LET THE OPERATORS DECIDE IF A ROAD SHOULD BE WORKED. MR. TERRY SAID HE DID SOME OF THE TIME. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID IF IT WAS TIME TO GRADE A ROAD, THE ROAD SHOULD BE GRADED. COMMITTEE MEMBER BLACKSHEAR SAID THERE ARE TIMES WHEN A ROAD IS IN GOOD SHAPE AND DOES NOT NEED TO BE SCRAPED. MR. TERRY SAID IF THE ROAD IS IN GOOD SHAPE, THEY STILL CUT THE GRASS.

**DRIGGERS LANE:**

MR. TERRY SAID THAT HE WENT TO INSPECT DRIGGERS LANE THE DAY AFTER THE COUNCIL MEETING AND HE DID NOT THINK THE ROAD WAS AS BAD AS IT WAS REPORTED. MR. TERRY SAID HE SENT AN OPERATOR OUT TO SCRAPE IT ANYWAY AND IT WOULD TAKE AT LEAST TWO WEEKS TO MAKE THE ROAD RIGHT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT HE WAS MEETING WITH ATTORNEY JONES TO TRY AND COME UP WITH A LONGTIME SOLUTION. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THAT COUNTY EQUIPMENT SHOULD NOT GO ON PRIVATE ROADS WITHOUT EASEMENTS. MR. FULGHUM TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT THE PRIVATE ROADS ARE ONLY WORKED IF AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE CANNOT GET THROUGH. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE IDEAL SOLUTION WOULD BE FOR THE PROPERTY OWNERS TO GET TOGETHER AND HIRE A PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL TO MAINTAIN THE ROAD. MR. JONES SAID THERE WERE 8-10 OTHER ROADS NOT BEING MAINTAINED IN THE SAME GENERAL VACINITY AND THE LOTS WERE SOLD BY ROY WALKER. MR. JONES SAID HE DID NOT KNOW OF ANY EASY SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM AND IT WOULD BE HARD TO GET THE PEOPLE TO PAY FOR THE ROADS TO BE MAINTAINED. MR. JONES ADDED THAT THIS WAS NO SMALL

MONEY DEA. MR. JONES SAID ALL THE ROADS WERE OWNED BY ROY WALKER. MR. JONES SAID THE PROPERTY OWNERS COULD SUE MR. WALKER. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TOLD THIS AND MR. FULGHUM RESPONDED THAT THE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT IT IS A CIVIL MATTER. ATTORNEY JONES SAID THE COUNTY HAD A LAWSUIT AGAINST MR. WALKER, BUT IT WAS ABANDON BECAUSE THE PROBLEM WAS BETWEEN THE PROPERTY OWNERS AND MR. WALKER. MR. JONES SAID THAT AN OFFER WAS MADE TO MR. WALKER THAT IF HE BROUGHT THE ROADS UP TO COUNTY STANDARD, THE COUNTY WOULD CONSIDER TAKING THEM OVER. MR. JONES SAID MR. WALKER REMARKED THAT IT WOULD COST HIM OVER \$100,000.00 TO DO THAT AND HE WAS NOT GOING TO DO IT. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID TO TAKE HIM TO COURT. COMMITTEE MEMBER BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT THE REQUEST MUST COME FROM THE PROPERTY OWNERS AND THE COUNCIL HAS TO CONSIDER ALL THINGS TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS. COMMITTEE MEMBER BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT IF THE ROAD WAS FIXED PROPERLY, THERE SHOULD NOT BE ANYMORE PROBLEMS. MR. TERRY SAID THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO TALK TO ALL THE PROPERTY OWNERS AND SEE IF THEY AGREE BEFORE ANYTHING CAN BE DONE. MR. FULGHUM SAID A CRITERIA LIST MUST BE AGREED TO BY THE COUNCIL AND THE PROPERTY OWNERS. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THEY COULD GO TO EACH PROPERTY OWNER AND IF THEY DO NOT AGREE TO THE CRITERIA, THE COUNTY WILL HAVE THE ANSWER AS TO WHY THE ROAD IS NOT WORKED. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT IF THE PROPERTY OWNERS WOULD AGREE TO THE CRITERIA, THE COUNTY COULD BRING THE ROAD UP TO GRADE AND THEN THE PROPERTY OWNERS WOULD HAVE TO TAKE OVER ANY FUTURE EXPENSES. COMMITTEE MEMBER BLACKSHEAR ASKED ABOUT THE EMERGENCY VEHICLES. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT A LETTER CAN BE SENT AND EXPLAIN WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. MR. TERRY SAID THE INDIVIDUAL WHO OWNS PROPERTY IN THE MIDDLE OF DRIGGER LANE DOES NOT WANT THE COUNTY TO WORK THE ROAD BY HIS PROPERTY. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THAT THE COUNTY HAS TO BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL ABOUT GOING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AND ROADS. COMMITTEE MEMBER BLACKSHEAR STATED THE PEOPLE CAN NOT SUE IF THE COUNTY ONLY WORKS AND STAYS ON THE ROAD. MR. JONES SAID THAT THIS MAY HELP WITH DRIGGERS LANE, HOWEVER, THE COUNCIL NEEDED TO COME UP WITH A COUNTYWIDE POLICY. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE FELT ALL NEW DEVELOPMENTS SHOULD HAVE TO PAVE THEIR ROADS. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WOULD WORK ON IDEAS FOR THIS PROBLEM.

**MOBILE HOME:**

MR TERRY SAID THAT AN OLD MAN ASKED IF THE COUNTY WOULD TEAR DOWN HIS OLD MOBILE HOME AND THEY COULD KEEP THE SCRAP METAL FROM THE MOBILE HOME. MR. FULGHUM SAID IT MAY NOT BE COST EFFECTIVE FOR THE STAFF TO DO THIS. MR. TERRY SAID THE COUNTY TAKES A CONTAINER TO PEOPLE TO CLEAN OUT BURNT MOBILE HOMES.

**NIMMER FARM ROAD:**

MR. TERRY REPORTED THAT A GENTLEMAN CALLED AND ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYTHING THE COUNTY COULD DO ABOUT ALL THE DUST CAUSED BY THE TRUCKS. IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE THAT NOTHING COULD BE DONE.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:00 P.M. AND BOTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ACCOMPANIED MR. TERRY TO TOUR SOME PRIVATE DIRT ROADS IN THE COUNTY.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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JUDITH M. FRANK, CCC  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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REV. SAMUEL GREGORY  
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN