



JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

358 THIRD AVE.

RIDGELAND, SC 29936

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012, 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

OFFICIALS PRESENT: CHAIRMAN SAMUEL GREGORY, VICE CHAIRMAN MARTIN SAULS IV, COUNCILMAN HENRY ETHERIDGE, COUNCILMAN THEODUS L. DRAYTON, COUNCILMAN LEROY BLACKSHEAR

STAFF PRESENT: ADMINISTRATOR ANDREW FULGHUM, DEP. ADM. GEORGE HOOD, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RONNIE MALPHRUS, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES WILBUR DALEY, DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES DALE TERRY, ATTORNEY MARVIN JONES, CLERK TO COUNCIL JUDITH FRANK, CHIEF BUILDING INSPECTOR HERMAN SMITH, ASSESSOR SUSAN WAITE, IT DIRECTOR EARL BOSTICK, JR.

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.

CHAIRMAN GREGORY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- CHAIRMAN GREGORY LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

INVOCATION – VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS GAVE THE INVOCATION.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA- VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO REMOVE ITEM C UNDER ORDINANCES FROM THE AGENDA. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADD A RESOLUTION REGARDING A HIRING FREEZE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH CHAIRMAN GREGORY, VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE VOTING FOR; COUNCILMEN BLACKSHEAR AND DRAYTON VOTED AGAINST. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE COUNCIL ALREADY HAS TO APPROVE REPLACING AN EMPLOYEE. CHAIRMAN GREGORY EXPLAINED THAT THE RESOLUTION ALSO COVERS EMPLOYEES OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE COUNCIL CANNOT TELL THE ELECTED OFFICIALS WHO THEY CAN HIRE AND HE FELT THIS WAS MICRO MANAGING. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE WANTS TO MAKE SURE THERE IS NO OVER SPENDING AND THAT IT IS EQUAL ACROSS THE BOARD. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE ELECTED OFFICIALS HAVE A BUDGET AND THE COUNCIL CANNOT TELL THEM WHAT TO DO. CHAIRMAN

GREGORY SAID THE MOTION TO APPROVE ADDING THE RESOLUTION TO THE AGENDA HAS BEEN PASSED AND IT CAN BE DISCUSSED LATER IN THE MEETING.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

ANDREA LONEY – SC HELP- MORTGAGE PAYMENT ASSISTANCE TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS

– MS. LONEY INFORMED THE COUNCIL OF A PROGRAM TO HELP THE PEOPLE WHO ARE FACING FORECLOSURE DUE TO THE LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT OR BEING UNDER EMPLOYED. MS. LONEY PROVIDED HANDOUTS TO THE COUNCIL AND TO THE PEOPLE. MS. LONEY SAID THAT THERE WERE 313 FORECLOSURE FILLINGS IN JASPER COUNTY FROM NOV.-NOV. AND ONLY 4 LOANS WERE CLOSED IN JASPER COUNTY DURING THAT TIME PERIOD. MS. LONEY SAID THAT MOBILE HOMES THAT ARE TAXED AS REAL ESTATE ARE ELIGIBLE. MS. LONEY SAID THE HOMES MUST BE OWNER OCCUPIED. MS. LONEY ASKED THE COUNCIL TO SHARE THE INFORMATION WITH PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY WHO NEED HELP. CHAIRMAN GREGORY THANKED MS. LONEY FOR THE SHARING THE INFORMATION.

ORDINANCES

MARVIN JONES - 2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE REGARDING A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT – RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

– MR. JONES EXPLAINED THAT THIS IS THE 2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE DESIGNED TO IMPOSE A LIMITATION THAT NO MORE THAN 3 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES CAN BE STORED IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA AND OTHER DISTRICTS WOULD HAVE TO CREATE A PARK. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SAID THAT SOME PEOPLE LEASE LAND TO HUNTERS AND HAVE THE RECREATIONAL VEHICLES IN DESIGNATED AREAS. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS ASKED WHAT EFFECT THIS ORDINANCE WOULD HAVE IN THE RURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT. MR. JONES SAID IT WOULD NOT PROHIBIT THEM, BUT THE PROPERTY OWNER WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH A QUALIFICATION PROCESS. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED HOW MANY VEHICLES. MR. JONES SAID HE WAS NOT SURE WHAT PARTICIPATED IT, BUT THE CONCERN WAS ABOUT THE NUMBER OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES IN A SINGLE YARD. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE DID NOT ALWAYS AGREE WITH DICTATING WHAT PEOPLE CAN DO WITH THEIR PROPERTY. MR. JONES SAID THIS ORDINANCE DOES NOT DEAL WITH CARS, TRUCKS OR BOATS. MR. JONES SAID THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT WILL ENFORCE THE ORDINANCE. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SAID HE THOUGHT BOATS WERE ALSO INCLUDED. MR. JONES SAID BOATS ARE NOT INCLUDED. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID SECTION 9.5.1 STATES NO RECREATIONAL VEHICLES OR BOATS. MR. JONES SAID THIS IS AN AMENDMENT TO THE CURRENT REGULATIONS AND WILL NOT INCLUDE BOATS. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO TABLE THE 2ND READING OF THIS ORDINANCE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

MARVIN JONES – 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE REGARDING LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TEXT AMENDMENT – MINOR SUBDIVISIONS AND ACCESS EASEMENT-

MR. JONES SAID THE 1ST READING WAS CARRIED OVER TO THIS MEETING. MR. JONES SAID THE ORDINANCE IS TO ALLOW FOR MORE FLEXIBILITY FOR SUBDIVISIONS OF LESS THAN 10 LOTS. MR. JONES

REVIEWED THE 3 WAYS THAT LOTS CAN QUALIFY AND EXPLAINED THE CRITERIA THAT MUST BE MET. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED WHY THIS IS COMING BACK BEFORE COUNCIL. MR. JONES SAID IT WAS CARRIED OVER SO THE COUNCIL COULD HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ORDINANCE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THAT THE COUNTY HAS MANY PROBLEMS WITH THE ROADS AND THIS CONCERNS HIM. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE MAINTENANCE AND HOW TO ENFORCE IT. MR. JONES SAID THAT THERE CANNOT BE MORE THAN 4 HOMES AND IT WOULD HAVE TO MEET THE FIRE MARSHALL'S REQUIREMENTS. MR. JONES SAID THAT A PRIVATE ROAD MUST BE APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO INSURE THAT THE EASEMENTS TOUCH A PRIVATE ROAD AND HAVE ACCESS ACROSS THE PRIVATE ROAD. CHAIRMAN GREGORY TABLED THIS MATTER AND IT IS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A WORKSHOP ON FEB. 3, 2012 AT 3:30 P.M.

ANDY FULGHUM – 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE BY LAWS OF THE LOW COUNTRY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE, INC. – THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA AT THE REQUEST OF MR. FULGHUM.

RESOLUTIONS- RESOLUTION TO IMPOSE A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE HIRING OF STAFF BY JASPER COUNTY AND BY OTHER AGENCIES WHOSE STAFF IS FUNDED THROUGH THE JASPER COUNTY OPERATIONAL BUDGET- MR. FULGHUM PRESENTED THE RESOLUTION AND EXPLAINED THAT CURRENTLY IF THERE IS A VACANCY, OTHER THAN PUBLIC SAFETY POSITIONS, IT IS DISCUSSED WITH COUNCIL PRIOR TO FILLING THE POSITION. MR. FULGHUM SAID THIS ORDINANCE WOULD MEMORIALIZE THAT PRACTICE AND IT WOULD INCLUDE VACANCIES IN THE OFFICES OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID HE THOUGHT THE COUNCIL WAS DOING THIS NOW AND MR. FULGHUM RESPONDED, HE DOES NOT ALWAYS DO IT WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE WANTED EVERYONE TO BE TREATED FAIRLY AND TO FREEZE THE POSITIONS FOR ALL EMPLOYEES ACROSS THE BOARD TO KEEP THE COUNCIL AWARE OF THE VACANT POSITIONS. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE KNOWS THAT THE COUNCIL CANNOT TELL AN ELECTED OFFICIAL WHO TO HIRE, BUT THE COUNCIL CONTROLS THEIR BUDGET AND IF THERE IS A POSITION OPEN AND IF THERE IS A SHORTFALL IN THEIR BUDGET, THEN THAT POSITION SHOULD BE HELD OPEN. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THIS WAS NOT LEGITIMATE AND IT WAS BEING DONE TO APPEASE THE BULLIES AND THIS IS MICRO-MANAGEMENT. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION NOT TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO IMPOSE A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE HIRING OF STAFF BY JASPER COUNTY AND BY OTHER AGENCIES WHO'S STAFF IS FUNDED THROUGH THE JASPER COUNTY OPERATIONAL BUDGET. THE MOTION FAILED WITH CHAIRMAN GREGORY, VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS, AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE VOTING AGAINST. COUNCILMEN BLACKSHEAR AND DRAYTON VOTED FOR.

OLD BUSINESS

JOHNNY DAVIS – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING FIRM FOR DESIGN OF WALKING/BIKE TRAIL AT SGT. JASPER PARK- MR. DAVIS EXPLAINED THAT THE PROJECT WAS

ADVERTISED FOR BIDS AND THE CRITERIA AND SPECS WERE LISTED FOR THE BID PROPOSALS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID A PACKET WAS GIVEN TO ALL THE PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED IF E. PAUL WAL, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL, LLC WAS A REPUTABLE FIRM. MR. DAVIS SAID ALL THE BIDDERS MET THE QUALIFICATIONS. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE LOW BID FROM E. PAUL WAL, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

NEW BUSINESS – NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS – COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE REPORTED THAT A REQUEST WAS MADE FOR NAMING THE DETENTION CENTER AFTER SHERIFF CLARENCE FLOYD WHO DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY 50 YEARS AGO. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID A RESOLUTION WAS PASSED AND THAT A COMMITTEE NEEDED TO BE FORMED TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION ABOUT NAMING THE DETENTION CENTER FOR SHERIFF FLOYD. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION THAT SHERIFF FLOYD'S NAME BE SENT TO A COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE FOR TO CONSIDER NAMING THE DETENTION CENTER FOR SHERIFF FLOYD. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF A COUNCIL MEMBER CAN SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION THAT EACH COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINT ONE MEMBER TO THE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER NAMING THE DETENTION CENTER FOR SHERIFF CLARENCE FLOYD. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBER PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED THAT EACH COUNCILMEMBER TO HAVE THE NAME OF THE PERSON THEY ARE GOING TO APPOINT TO THIS COMMITTEE READY FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING.

VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS REMINDED THE PUBLIC OF THE STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS ON JANUARY 18, 2012 AT 8:30 A.M. AT THE PALMETTO ELECTRIC BUILDING IN HARDEEVILLE.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – MR. FULGHUM TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE JASPER COUNTY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 30, 2012 IN THE COURTHOUSE COURTYARD.

OPEN FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC – REQUEST TO BE HEARD PER ORDINANCE 08-17- ANY CITIZEN OF THE COUNTY MAY SIGN UP TO SPEAK AT ANY COUNCIL MEETING ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO COUNTY SERVICES AND OPERATIONS. INTERESTED CITIZENS MAY SIGN AN AGENDA LIST MAINTAINED BY THE CLERK TO COUNCIL PRIOR TO EACH REGULAR MEETING. CITIZENS WISHING TO SPEAK MUST INDICATE THE SUBJECT AND PURPOSE FOR WHICH THEY SEEK TO ADDRESS COUNCIL AND INCLUDE THEIR NAME ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER. PRESENTATIONS WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES. THE CHAIRMAN MAY PERMIT ADDITIONAL TIME FOR SPEAKERS. NO SPEAKER MAY US LANGUAGE THAT IS OBSCENE, DISRUPTIVE, SCURRILOUS OR RECKLESSLY DEFAMATORY

(TOTAL PUBLIC INPUT WILL BE LIMITED TO 30 MINUTES) - CHAIRMAN GREGORY TOLD THE PUBLIC THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CALLING OF NAMES AND THE TOTAL TIME ALLOTTED FOR THIS PORTION OF THE MEETING WOULD BE 30 MINUTES. CHAIRMAN GREGORY OPENED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC.

MILTON WOODS- MR. WOODS COMMENDED THE COUNCIL FOR HAVING THE TAX WORKSHOP WHICH WAS VERY INFORMATIVE AND ANSWERED A LOT OF QUESTIONS. MR. WOODS SAID THAT IN OCTOBER HE MADE REFERENCE TO THE FORECLOSURE PROBLEM AND THAT HE HOPED THE COUNCIL WOULD FOLLOW THROUGH ON MS. LONEY'S REQUEST. MR. WOODS SAID THAT SALARIES WERE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CHAIRMAN BY A COUNCILMAN AND HE SAID THAT SALARIES MAKE UP 20% OF THE BUDGET, BUT THAT WAS INCORRECT AND SALARIES ARE 40-50% OF THE BUDGET. MR. WOODS SAID THE SAME COUNCILMAN ASKED WHY JASPER COUNTY WAS PAYING LIKE A CLASS 2 OR A CLASS 3 COUNTY WHEN JASPER COUNTY IS A CLASS 4. MR. WOODS EXPLAINED THAT THE CLASSES ARE DETERMINED BY THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY. MR. WOODS SAID THAT SAME COUNCIL MEMBER SAID THAT WE ALL HAVE TO GIVE UP SOMETHING. MR. WOODS SAID THE TAXPAYERS HAVE ALREADY GIVEN UP SOMETHING. MR. WOODS SAID HE ASKED THAT COUNCILMAN, 2 WEEKS AGO, TO MAKE A MOTION TO PUT THE COUNCILMEN'S SALARIES BACK IN THE CLASS 4 RANGE. MR. WOODS SAID HE WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT THE COUNCILMAN DID NOT MAKE THE MOTION AND THAT COUNCILMAN WAS NOT SERIOUS ABOUT WHAT HE SAID.

DENISE DAVIDSON- MS. DAVIDSON THANKED THE COUNCIL FOR PASSING THE RESOLUTION TO IMPOSE A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE HIRING OF STAFF BY JASPER COUNTY AND BY OTHER AGENCIES WHOSE STAFF IS FUNDED THROUGH THE JASPER COUNTY OPERATIONAL BUDGET. MS. DAVIDSON TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT SHE HAS BEEN REVIEWING THE MINUTES FROM THE BUDGET WORKSHOP AND SHE THOUGHT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN HELPFUL IF IT WAS DONE AT THAT TIME. MS. DAVIDSON ASKED IF THE RESOLUTION AFFECTED THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND WILL THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BE HELD TO THAT LEVEL OF SCRUTINY. MS. DAVIDSON ASKED IF THE RESOLUTION WOULD ALSO APPLY TO ANY MAJOR PURCHASES.

GARY HODGES - MR. HODGES THANKED THE COUNCIL FOR TAKING A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION FOR SHERIFF FLOYD. MR. HODGES SAID THAT SHERIFF FLOYD WAS THE ONLY JASPER COUNTY EMPLOYEE TO BE KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, CHAIRMAN GREGORY CLOSED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS AND PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY, THE RECEIPT OF LEGAL ADVICE WHERE THE LEGAL ADVICE RELATES TO A PENDING, THREATENED, OR POTENTIAL CLAIM OR OTHER MATTERS COVERED BY THE ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE, SETTLEMENT OF LEGAL CLAIMS, OR THE POSITION OF THE PUBLIC AGENCY IN OTHER ADVERSARY SITUATIONS INVOLVING THE ASSERTION AGAINST THE AGENCY OF THE CLAIM -AUDITING SERVICES AND DISCUSSION OF EMPLOYMENT,

APPOINTMENT, COMPENSATION, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, DISCIPLINE, OR RELEASE OF AN EMPLOYEE, A STUDENT, OR A PERSON REGULATED BY A PUBLIC BODY OR THE APPOINTMENT OF A PERSON TO A PUBLIC BODY; HOWEVER, IF AN ADVERSARY HEARING INVOLVING AN EMPLOYEE OR CLIENT IS HELD, THE EMPLOYEE OR CLIENT HAS THE RIGHT TO DEMAND THAT THE HEARING BE CONDUCTED PUBLICLY NOTHING, CONTAINED IN THIS ITEM SHALL PREVENT THE PUBLIC BODY, IN ITS DISCRETION, FROM DELETING THE NAMES OF OTHER EMPLOYEES OR CLIENTS WHOSE RECORDS ARE SUBMITTED FOR USE AT THE HEARING - APPOINTMENT COMPENSATION, IT DEPARTMENT, BUILDING AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT - VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS AND PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY, THE RECEIPT OF LEGAL ADVICE WHERE THE LEGAL ADVICE RELATES TO A PENDING, THREATENED, OR POTENTIAL CLAIM OR OTHER MATTERS COVERED BY THE ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE, SETTLEMENT OF LEGAL CLAIMS, OR THE POSITION OF THE PUBLIC AGENCY IN OTHER ADVERSARY SITUATIONS INVOLVING THE ASSERTION AGAINST THE AGENCY OF THE CLAIM -AUDITING SERVICES AND DISCUSSION OF EMPLOYMENT, APPOINTMENT, COMPENSATION, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, DISCIPLINE, OR RELEASE OF AN EMPLOYEE, A STUDENT, OR A PERSON REGULATED BY A PUBLIC BODY OR THE APPOINTMENT OF A PERSON TO A PUBLIC BODY; HOWEVER, IF AN ADVERSARY HEARING INVOLVING AN EMPLOYEE OR CLIENT IS HELD, THE EMPLOYEE OR CLIENT HAS THE RIGHT TO DEMAND THAT THE HEARING BE CONDUCTED PUBLICLY NOTHING, CONTAINED IN THIS ITEM SHALL PREVENT THE PUBLIC BODY, IN ITS DISCRETION, FROM DELETING THE NAMES OF OTHER EMPLOYEES OR CLIENTS WHOSE RECORDS ARE SUBMITTED FOR USE AT THE HEARING - APPOINTMENT COMPENSATION, IT DEPARTMENT, BUILDING AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR LEFT THE MEETING DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION- VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO PASS THE RESOLUTION TO IMPOSE A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE HIRING OF STAFF BY JASPER COUNTY AND BY OTHER AGENCIES WHO'S STAFF IS FUNDED THROUGH THE JASPER COUNTY OPERATIONAL BUDGET. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH CHAIRMAN GREGORY, VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE VOTING FOR; COUNCILMAN DRAYTON VOTED AGAINST.

VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE I-T DEPARTMENT HIRING A PART-TIME PERSON 3 DAYS

PER WEEK. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

ADJOURN - VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION 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:

JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc
CLERK TO COUNCIL

REV. SAMUEL GREGORY
CHAIRMAN