



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
TRAINING ROOM, 3RD FLOOR
358 THIRD AVE., RIDGELAND, SC 29936
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2010
3:30 P.M.**

OFFICIALS PRESENT: DR. GEORGE HOOD - CHAIRMAN, LEROY BLACKSHEAR – VICE CHAIRMAN, REV. SAMUEL GREGORY– COUNCILMAN, HENRY ETHERIDGE – COUNCILMAN, HUBERT TYLER – COUNCILMAN

STAFF PRESENT: ANDREW FULGHUM - ADMINISTRATOR, RONNIE MALPHRUS - DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, JUDITH FRANK – CLERK TO COUNCIL, MARVIN JONES – COUNTY ATTORNEY

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: VERNA GARVIN- TREASURER, MARGARET BOSTICK-CLERK OF COURT

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 MEETING TO ORDER AT 3:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: CHAIRMAN HOOD LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

INVOCATION: VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR GAVE THE INVOCATION.

SATELLITE OFFICE-TREASURER: CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO DISCUSS THE SATELLITE OFFICE IN HARDEEVILLE WITH THE TREASURER. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT AT THE LAST JOINT MEETING THE MAYOR OF HARDEEVILLE ASKED WHY THE TREASURER WAS NOT COMING TO HARDEEVILLE. MS. GARVIN SAID THAT THERE WERE NO FUNDS IN HER BUDGET FOR ANOTHER PERSON SO THAT HER OFFICE COULD BE OPEN ONE DAY A WEEK IN HARDEEVILLE. MS. GARVIN SAID SHE TOLD THE COUNCIL INITIALLY THAT SHE DID NOT HAVE

ENOUGH STAFF TO GO TO HARDEEVILLE. MS. GARVIN SAID SHE STRESSED TO THE COUNCIL THAT SHE DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH STAFF TO GO TO HARDEEVILLE AT BUDGET TIME. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT BOTH MS. GARVIN AND MS. HOLMES REQUESTED ADDITIONAL HELP DURING THE BUDGET AND IF THEIR WORKLOAD WAS HEAVY, THEY SHOULD DO A WORK ANALYSIS. MS. GARVIN SAID SHE KNOWS WHAT IS DONE IN HER OFFICE AND SHE DID NOT NEED A WORK ANALYSIS; MS. GARVIN SAID SHE REQUESTED EITHER A FULL OR A PART-TIME PERSON IN HER BUDGET REQUEST AND IT WAS DENIED. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT WHEN THE REQUEST WAS MADE THE COUNCIL WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE TREASURER HAD AN ADEQUATE STAFF. MS. GARVIN SAID SHE COULD USE ANOTHER PERSON AND THAT SHE TAKES WORK HOME WITH HER. MS. GARVIN SAID IF SOMEONE IS OUT, SHE CANNOT AFFORD TO SEND SOMEONE TO HARDEEVILLE. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE PEOPLE FROM HARDEEVILLE WOULD NOT BE COMING TO RIDGELAND AND THAT SHOULD EASE THE WORK LOAD IN RIDGELAND. MS. GARVIN SAID THAT THIS IS A VERY BUSY TIME OF THE YEAR FOR THE TREASURER AND SHE DOES NOT HAVE THE STAFF TO SEND A PERSON TO HARDEEVILLE. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED HOW HELPFUL MR. MELLEN WAS TO HER OFFICE. MS. GARVIN SAID THAT SHE DOES THE WORK AND HE TAKES HER BOOKS AND LOOKS OVER WHAT SHE HAS BEEN DONE. MS. GARVIN SAID SHE WOULD STILL HAVE THE SAME WORK IF MR. MELLEN DID NOT COME. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF MS. GARVIN THOUGHT HER WORKLOAD IN RIDGELAND WOULD DECREASE IF SHE SENT SOMEONE TO HARDEEVILLE DUE TO THE BUSINESS BEING DONE DOWN THERE. MS. GARVIN SAID THAT SOME THINGS ARE DONE EACH DAY AND THERE WOULD STILL BE PEOPLE COMING TO RIDGELAND, THERE WOULD STILL BE THE MAIL, THERE WOULD STILL BE PEOPLE TO DEAL WITH AND ALL THE RECORDS ARE IN HER OFFICE IN RIDGELAND. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF MS. GARVIN WOULD BE WILLING TO GIVE IT A TRY. MS. GARVIN RESPONDED THAT SHE KNOWS WHAT HER WORKLOAD IS IN HER OFFICE AND SHE REQUESTED A PART-TIME PERSON FOR \$7,500 AT BUDGET TIME AND THAT IF SHE HAD THE STAFF SHE WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEND THEM TO HARDEEVILLE. MS. GARVIN SAID THERE ARE ALSO DEALER REPORTS AND FOLLOW-UP LETTERS TO THE DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS FOR VEHICLE TAXES. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF HER WORK WAS CONSISTANT OR DURING CERTAIN PERIODS. MS. GARVIN SAID IT IS CONSISTANT YEAR ROUND AND SHE DOES NOT THINK SHE COULD SEND ONE PERSON, ONE DAY A WEEK TO HARDEEVILLE. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED HOW THE OFFICE SURVIVED WHEN 2 PEOPLE FROM THE OFFICE WERE ON A CRUISE. MS. GARVIN SAID SHE AND ONE OF HER EMPLOYEES TOOK WORK HOME AND COMPLETED IT AT HOME. MS. GARVIN SAID SHE DID NOT HAVE THE STAFF TO SEND TO HARDEEVILLE. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF SHE EVER HAD A SLACK SEASON AND MS. GARVIN SAID THEY ARE BUSY FROM THE TIME THAT THEY GET TO WORK UNTIL THE TIME THEY LEAVE. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED MS. GARVIN WHAT SHE THOUGHT IT WOULD DO TO HER POLITICALLY NOT GOING TO HARDEEVILLE. MS. GARVIN ASKED HOW MANY TIMES ANYONE

TALKED TO THE ELECTED OFFICIALS ABOUT OPENING THE OFFICE IN HARDEEVILLE. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID ONLY THE AUDITOR AND THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT ARE AT THE HARDEEVILLE OFFICE. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED ABOUT THE DOWN SEASON AND HE SAID THAT IF THERE WAS A SUDDEN INCREASE IN WORK, THE PEOPLE CAN BE PULLED OUT. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THERE SHOULD BE LESS WORK BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE NOT PAYING THEIR TAXES DUE TO THE ECONOMY. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID HE WAS NOT TELLING HER WHAT TO DO, BUT IT IS A CONCERN THAT SHE IS NOT SENDING SOMEONE TO HARDEEVILLE. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THE TRAFFIC FLOW IN RIDGELAND SHOULD DECREASE DUE TO THE PEOPLE IN HARDEEVILLE PAYING THEIR TAXES AT THE HARDEEVILLE OFFICE. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THE FUNDS ARE NOT THERE FOR EXTRA EMPLOYEES AND THEY NEED TO WORK AS A TEAM AND WHEN THINGS GET BETTER AND THEN THE COUNTY WILL IS ABLE TO AFFORD TO GIVE WHAT IS REQUESTED. MS. GARVIN SAID IF SHE HAD THE STAFF SHE WOULD GO TO HARDEEVILLE, BUT THERE NEEDS TO BE CHECKS AND BALANCES IN PLACE. MS. GARVIN SAID IF SHE HAD THE STAFF, SHE WOULD GO TO HARDEEVILLE TO HELP THE PEOPLE. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THE COUNCIL DOES NOT KNOW WHY SHE NEEDS ANOTHER PERSON, THEY NEED HER TO TELL THEM WHY SHE NEEDS AN ADDITIONAL PERSON. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THAT IF THE PEOPLE IN HER OFFICE MAKE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE TO THE PEOPLE FROM HARDEEVILLE HERE, IF THEY COLLECTED THE MONEY IN HARDEEVILLE, IT WOULD CUT THE WORKLOAD HERE. MS. GARVIN SAID THE COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED TO VISIT HER OFFICE FOR ONE DAY AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS. MS. GARVIN SAID THAT FROM NOW UNTIL FEBRUARY SHE DOESN'T HAVE THE STAFF TO SEND TO HARDEEVILLE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF SHE MAY BE ABLE TO SEND SOMEONE TO HARDEEVILLE IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH. MS. GARVIN RESPONDED THEY WOULD HAVE TO SEE WHAT GOES ON IN HER OFFICE EVERYDAY. MS. GARVIN SAID IF SHE SENT SOMEONE TO HARDEEVILLE, HER OFFICE WOULD HAVE TO PLAY CATCH UP. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE AUDITOR PREPARED THE TAX BILLS AND THE PEOPLE COME TO THE TREASURER TO PAY THE TAXES. MS. GARVIN SAID THAT TAXES ARE GENERATED MONTHLY. MS. GARVIN SAID THE AUDITOR HAS THREE EMPLOYEES, BUT SHE ONLY HAS TWO. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT SMITH DATA PREPARES, PROCESSES AND MAILES THE TAX BILL FOR THE AUDITOR. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED WHAT PAPERWORK DOES THE TREASURER'S OFFICE DO AND MS. GARVIN SAID THEY HAVE TO CORRECT ADDRESSES, AND KEEP RECORDS. MS. GARVIN SAID THE COUNCIL NEEDED TO SPEND A DAY IN HER OFFICE TO SEE WHAT IS DONE EACH DAY. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THEY GET THE NOTICE AND PAY IT. MS. GARVIN SAID THAT THE TAX IS ATTACHED TO A RECIEPT, A REPORT IS RUN, DEPOSITS ARE MADE, REMOTE CHECKS ARE ACCEPTED, CREDIT CARDS ARE ACCEPTED, PAYPAL IS ACCEPTED, PARTIAL PAYMENTS ARE ACCEPTED AND HER OFFICE HAS TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING BALANCES. MS. GARVIN SAID EVERYTHING HAS TO BE KEYED INTO THE COMPUTER. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED IF THE STAFF COULD DO IT SO IT IS ALL TOTALED IN A REPORT. MS. GARVIN SAID EVERYTHING IS ADDED TO

MAKE SURE THE FUNDS ALL BALANCE. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED HOW A RECEIPT CAN BE DIFFERENT FROM THE BALANCE. MS. GARVIN SAID THE COUNCIL NEEDED TO SPEND A DAY IN HER OFFICE TO SEE HOW THINGS HAVE TO BE DONE. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE HAS BEEN TRYING TO UNDERSTAND AND HE WOULD HAVE COME TO THE OFFICE SO HE COULD UNDERSTAND AND WITH ALL THE NEW TECHNOLOGY HE IS WONDERING WHY THE JOB IS SO HARD. COUNCILMAN TYLER SAID THE SYSTEM NEEDS TO BE SET UP RIGHT SO THAT IT CAN WORK. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED IF THE COMPUTERS IN HARDEEVILLE CAN COMMUNICATE WITH THE COMPUTERS IN HER OFFICE IN RIDGELAND. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT THE COUNCIL CANNOT TELL THE TREASURER HOW TO RUN HER OFFICE, BUT THE TREASURER NEEDS TO SEND A CLERK TO HARDEEVILLE. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE AUDITOR AND TREASURER WERE WILLING TO SEND A PERSON TO HARDEEVILLE AND EVEN HAD INPUT ON THE FLOOR PLANS FOR THE BUILDING. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT ORIGINALLY THEY WERE GOING TO SEND SOMEONE THREE DAYS A WEEK, BUT THEY FELT THEY SHOULD START WITH ONE DAY A WEEK. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW IF ANOTHER PERSON WOULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE OR NOT. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE ONLY THING HE WAS HOLDING AGAINST MS. GARVIN WAS SHE DIDN'T EVEN TRY AND FLAT REFUSED TO SEND SOMEONE THERE. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID MS. GARVIN SHOULD HAVE A CLERK IN HARDEEVILLE. MS. GARVIN SAID SHE COMES EARLY IN THE MORNING TO GET THINGS DONE. MS. GARVIN SAID SHE WAS NOT CONTACTED BY ANYONE REGARDING THE HARDEEVILLE OFFICE AND THE ONLY WAY SHE FOUND OUT THEY WERE GOING ONLY ONE DAY PER WEEK WAS WHEN MS. HOLMES TOLD HER. MS. GARVIN SAID SHE FELT THE ELECTED OFFICIALS SHOULD HAVE SAT DOWN TOGETHER AND DISCUSSED THIS TO SEE WHAT WAS NEEDED. MS. GARVIN SAID THAT SHE ALSO COLLECTS TAXES FOR HARDEEVILLE AND IF HARDEEVILLE IS PAYING FOR THIS SERVICE MAYBE SOME OF THAT MONEY COULD BE USED TO HELP PAY FOR THE ADDITIONAL PERSON FOR HER OFFICE. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT THE OFFICE WAS OPENED TO PROVIDE SERVICES IN HARDEEVILLE AND EVERYONE NEEDS TO COOPERATE AND THAT SHE SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST TRIED. MS. GARVIN SAID SHE DID NOT HAVE THE STAFF TO SEND DOWN THERE WITHOUT AN ADDITIONAL PERSON. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED WHAT IF THE COUNCIL CLOSED HER OFFICE IN RIDGELAND FOR A DAY A WEEK AND SHE WOULD OPERATE FROM HARDEEVILLE. MS. GARVIN ASKED WHY VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR WOULD EVEN SAY THAT. MS. GARVIN SAID THAT SHE RESPECTS THE COUNCIL AND SHE TOLD THEM SHE NEEDED ADDITIONAL STAFF AND THEY SHOULD NOT BLAME HER FOR NOT BEING IN HARDEEVILLE BECAUSE SHE DOES NOT HAVE THE STAFF TO GO TO HARDEEVILLE. MS. GARVIN SAID THEY ARE SAYING ON TELEVISION AND IN THE STREET THAT SHE REFUSES TO GO TO HARDEEVILLE AND SHE FELT THEY SHOULD RESPECT HER AND SHE KNOWS WHAT HER WORKLOAD IS. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE HAS BEEN IN ADMINISTRATION FOR 30 YEARS AND WHERE THERE IS A WILL THERE IS A WAY, BUT THEY DO NOT HAVE ANY FUNDS FOR NEW PEOPLE.

CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT SINCE HE HAS BEEN ON COUNCIL THE EMPLOYEES SALARIES HAVE GONE UP AND PEOPLE TALK ABOUT HOW MUCH THE COUNTY PAYS THEIR EMPLOYEES. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT THE ECONOMY IS DOWN AND THE COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE THE MONEY. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT HE HAS NOT SEEN ANY COOPERATION AND IT SEEMS LIKE THE COUNCIL HAS NO POWER AND THAT BOTHERS HIM. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT HE FELT MS. GARVIN SHOULD TRY TO DO IT. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE HAS BENT OVER BACKWARDS TO BE KIND TO THE STAFF AND THE SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATIONS, BUT THEY CANNOT MAKE ELECTED OFFICIALS DO ANYTHING. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE FELT THAT MS. GARVIN SHOULD HAVE PROVIDED THE COUNCIL WITH EXAMPLES OF HER WORKLOAD AND DAILY SCHEDULE AND PUT FORTH AN EFFORT WHEN THEY MAKE A REQUEST. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THEY WILL HAVE TO TELL THE CITIZENS THAT SHE WILL NOT COME. MS. GARVIN SAID THEY NEED TO TELL THE CITIZENS SHE WILL NOT COME BECAUSE SHE DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH STAFF AND THAT DURING BUDGET SHE DISCUSSED HER WORKLOAD AND TOLD THE COUNCIL WHAT HER WORKLOAD WAS AND THEY STILL WENT AHEAD AND OPENED THE SATELITTE OFFICE AND THEY KNEW SHE DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE TO SEND SOMEONE TO WORK THERE. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED THE ATTORNEY TO SEE IF THE COUNCIL CAN CLOSE THE TREASURER'S OFFICE ONE DAY PER WEEK AND HAVE THE STAFF GO TO HARDEEVILLE. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE WANTED MS. GARVIN TO TRY IT AND HE WILL OBSERVE BOTH OFFICES. MS. GARVIN SAID THEY HAVE STACKS OF WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED IF MS. GARVIN EVER ASKED FOR A VOLUNTEER. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE WOULD COME AND OPEN MAIL FOR HER. MS. GARVIN SAID SHE IS VERY PARTICULAR WHO WORKS IN HER OFFICE AND SHE HAS NOT ASKED FOR A VOLUNTEER. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT WHEN HE WAS THE VA OFFICIER, HE DID NOT HAVE AN ASSISTANT AND HE EVEN HAD TO FIGHT TO GET A COMPUTER AND HE DID WHAT HE HAD TO DO. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID IF YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING, YOU HAVE TO IMPROVISE. MS. GARVIN ASKED WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN SOMEONE IS SICK. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID YOU CAN TALK ABOUT WHAT IF AND NEVER GET ANYTHING DONE. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID MS. GARVIN NEEDED TO TRY IT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS. MS. GARVIN SAID THIS IS A VERY BUSY SEASON FOR HER AND SHE CANNOT SEND ANYONE. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF THERE WAS A PROBLEM IN EITHER AREA. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE AUDITOR IS AT THE SATELITTE OFFICE, BUT NOT THE TREASURER AND THERE IS NO NEED FOR THE AUDITOR TO BE THERE WITHOUT THE TREASURER. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT THIS ON TV AND IF HE HAD KNOWN ABOUT THIS TYPE OF ATTITUDE, HE TRUSTED THE PEOPLE AND THERE IS NOT THANKS FOR IT. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE HAS WORKED WITH FOUR OTHER PEOPLE AND HE KNOWS THE COUNTY IS BETTER OFF NOW THAN IT WAS 8 YEARS AGO. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE FELT THE PEOPLE FROM HARDEEVILLE SHOULD BE SERVED. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE NEVER TOLD THE PEOPLE SHE REFUSED TO COME TO HARDEEVILLE, HE SAID HE TOLD THEM SHE HAS ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE

WORKED OUT AND HE FELT THAT SHE WOULD HELP. MS. GARVIN PROVIDED THE COUNCIL WITH A HANDOUT OF THE INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE WAS THE ONE WHO SAID MS. GARVIN REFUSED TO COME TO HARDEEVILLE AND THAT IS HIS OPINION AND HE WILL CONTINUE TO SAY IT. MS. GARVIN SAID THAT HE DID NOT SAY WHY SHE WOULD NOT COME. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID MS. GARVIN'S EXCUSE WAS NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR HIM AND SHE HAS NOT PUT FORTH ANY EFFORT. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THAT MS. GARVIN IS THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS WHAT HER WORKLOAD IS AND THERE WAS NO NEED TO CONTINUE WITH THE SATELITTE OFFICE IN HARDEEVILLE IF BOTH THE AUDITOR'S AND TREASURER'S OFFICE ARE NOT THERE. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THEY NEED TO REASON TOGETHER AND TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT FOR THE CITIZENS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE FELT THAT THEY OWED IT TO THE CITIZENS OF HARDEEVILLE TO HAVE AN OFFICE THERE. MS. GARVIN SAID THAT WHEN THE COUNCIL FIRST DECIDED TO OPEN THE OFFICE, THEY NEEDED TO MEET WITH HER AND MS. HOLMES TO SEE WHAT WAS NEEDED AND MAKE SURE THEY HAD THE MONEY TO FUND THE OFFICE. MS. GARVIN SAID ONLY \$7,500 WAS NEEDED TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID HE ASKED PREVIOUSLY WHAT THE EMPLOYEE WOULD DO AND HE DID NOT REMEMBER GETTING AN ANSWER. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED IF THE AUDITOR COULD COLLECT THE FUNDS IN HARDEEVILLE. MS. GARVIN SAID SHE COULD NOT DO THAT. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE DID NOT WANT TO CLOSE THE OFFICE IN HARDEEVILLE AND IF THE PEOPLE GET THE BILLS FROM THE AUDITOR, THEY CAN MAIL THEIR PAYMENTS TO THE TREASURER. CHAIRMAN HOOD DISCUSSED CROSS TRAINING AND ACCOUNTABILITY. MS. GARVIN TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT SOME PEOPLE WHO SIGNED UP FOR INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN MAKING MONTHLY INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THEY HAD TO SIGN UP, BUT THEY COULD PAY HOWEVER MUCH THEY WANTED, WHEN THEY WANTED. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT REFUNDING THE MONEY. MS. GARVIN SAID SHE WILL BE SENDING A LETTER WITH THE AMOUNT PAID DEDUCTED AND THE NEW BALANCE OWED TO THE PEOPLE ON THE TAX INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN.

CHAIRMAN HOOD DISCUSSED AN INDIVIDUAL THAT HAD BEEN BADLY TREATED BY AN ELECTED OFFICIAL IN THE COURTHOUSE AND HE HOPED THAT THEY WOULD RECONSIDER AND TREAT PEOPLE PROPERLY. MS. BOSTICK SAID THERE WERE CERTAIN AGENCIES OVER THE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THE COUNCIL NEEDED TO HAVE ATTORNEY JONES GET THE INFORMATION TOGETHER AS TO WHOM THEY CAN REPORT THE INCIDENTS.

MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT MS. BOSTICK WAS PRESENT TO REQUEST THAT HER BUILDING BE CLEANED BY THE INDIVIDUAL CLEANING THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE INDIVIDUAL WORKS 20 HOURS FOR THE COUNTY AND MS. BOSTICK WOULD PAY FOR THE OTHER 20 HOURS AND NO BENEFITS WOULD BE INVOLVED. MS. BOSTICK SAID HE WOULD BE CONSIDERED A TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE. MS. BOSTICK SAID THE

FIRST COURT DATE IN THE RENOVATED COURTHOUSE WILL BE ON NOV. 4, 2010 AND THE FIRST JURY COURT WILL BE HELD ON NOV. 29, 2010. MS. BOSTICK SAID THE FIRST CRIMINAL COURT WILL BE HELD IN JANUARY. MS. BOSTICK SAID THE COURTHOUSE IS NOT SECURE. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED WHEN IT WOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF AND MS. BOSTICK SAID IT IS SUPPOSE TO BE TAKEN CARE OF TOMORROW. MS. BOSTICK SAID SHE IS GOING TO ASK FOR AN EXTENSION UNTIL NOV. 1, 2010 TO MAKE SURE IT IS DONE. MS. BOSTICK SAID THE SCANNER WILL BE INSTALLED AFTER THE DOORS AND THE REST OF THE BUILDING IS SECURE. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WOULD WORK ON IT.

MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT HE WAS MEETING WITH PALMETTO ELECTRIC REGARDING THE RDA FUNDS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE MONEY WAS IN A SEPARATE FUND, BUT NOT A SEPARATE BANK ACCOUNT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THERE WAS \$900,000 IN THE RDA FUND AND SOME MONEY FROM CENTURY LINK WAS ALSO IN THAT FUND. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT \$700,000 WOULD BE USED FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AT CYPRESS RIDGE AND \$200,000 TO PURCHASE PROPERTY. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE FUNDS ARE RESTRICTED, BUT THE FUNDS ARE NOT THERE AND THEY COULD NOT SPEND THE MONEY. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE MONEY FLOW IS SLOW.

CHAIRMAN HOOD DISCUSSED THE JOINT MEETING AND THAT SEN. DAVIS AGREED TO WORK WITH KIM STATLER ON LOCAL PROJECTS. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID SEN. PINCKNEY ALSO ATTENDED THE MEETING. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE FELT IT WAS A VERY PRODUCTIVE MEETING. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE AGEED THAT IT WAS A VERY POSITIVE MEETING AND THAT BEAUFORT COUNTY IS READY TO WORK WITH JASPER COUNTY. MR. FUGLHUM SAID EVERYONE WILL BE GOING TO WASHINGTON, D.C. TOGETHER AT ONE TIME TO ARGUE FOR THE SAME PROJECT. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THEY HAVE TO BE CAREFUL THAT NO MORE THAN TWO MEMBERS OF COUNCIL ATTEND THE EVENTS SO AS TO NOT HAVE A QUORUM. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT MORE THAN TWO MEMBERS OF COUNCIL CAN ATTEND; HOWEVER, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE NOTICED.

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

THE MEETING ENDED AT 5:15 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DR. GEORGE M. HOOD
CHAIRMAN

