



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
J.C. GOVERNMENT BLDG.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
October 4, 2013, 9:30 A.M.  
MINUTES**

**9:30 A.M.**

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Chairman Henry Etheridge, Vice Chairwoman Barbara Clark, Councilman Theodus Drayton, Councilman D. Thomas Johnson, Councilman L. Martin Sauls, IV

**STAFF PRESENT:** Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Judith Frank, Director of Administrative Services Ronnie Malphrus, Director of Emergency Services Wilbur Daley

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.

**CALLS TO ORDER** – Chairman Etheridge called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**INVOCATION** – Councilman Sauls gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Councilman Drayton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION- DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS AND PROPOSED PURCHASE OR SALE OF PROPERTY, 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 A CLAIM – DETENTION CENTER-** Councilman Johnson motioned and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to go into executive session for the discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contract arrangements and proposed purchase or sale of property, 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 a claim regarding the Detention Center. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION** – Councilman Sauls motioned and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to return to open session. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Vice Chairwoman Clark chaired the meeting from this point forward as Chairman Etheridge was going to have to leave at 11:00 a.m. Vice Chairwoman Clark said no action was necessary as a result of executive session.

## ORDINANCES

**RONNIE MALPHRUS – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A THIRD AMENDMENT TO AND RESTATEMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 09-09, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED AND RESTATED BY ORDINANCE NO. 09-20, AND ORDINANCE NO. 2011-17, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF CERTAIN INSTRUMENTS RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPPING, USE, LEASING, AND RENOVATION OF CERTAIN COUNTY FACILITIES; APPROVING THE FORMATION OF THE ST. PETERS PARISH/JASPER COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION; APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF ST. PETERS PARISH/JASPER COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION INSTALLMENT PURCHASE REVENUE BONDS, CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION AND BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES; AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDING, REDEMPTION, OR DEFEASANCE OF CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS FOR DEBT SERVICE SAVINGS; CONSENTING TO THE FORM OF TRUST AGREEMENTS BETWEEN ST. PETERS PARISH/JASPER COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION AND THE CORPORATE TRUSTEE; THE LEASE OF EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES AND CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AND THE BUILDINGS AND OTHER SITE IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON BY JASPER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ST. PETERS PARISH/JASPER COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION, INCLUDING AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A BASE LEASE AGREEMENT, BETWEEN JASPER COUNTY AND ST. PETERS PARISH/JASPER COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PUBLIC (FACILITIES PURCHASE AND OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN JASPER COUNTY AND ST. PETERS PARISH/JASPER COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN JASPER COUNTY AND ST. PETERS PARISH/JASPER COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO ( BY TITLE ONLY) –** Mr. Malphrus informed the Council that the bans have to be renewed by the beginning of November and the interest rate will be less than 1%. Mr. Malphrus explained that they can also borrow money in the ban to prepay \$650,000 of the bond which is at 5.25%. By doing this, Mr. Malphrus said they would save up to \$800,000 over the life of the bond. Mr. Malphrus requested the 1<sup>st</sup> reading by title only and the Council would have the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and the ordinance at the next Council meeting on Monday. Mr. Malphrus said no additional funds are being borrowed. Mr. Malphrus said the only cost is the cost of issuance. Chairman Etheridge motioned and Councilman Sauls seconded the motion that this be the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of an ordinance for a third amendment to and restatement of Ordinance no. 09-09, as previously amended and restated by Ordinance no. 09-20, and Ordinance no. 2011-17, authorizing the execution and delivery of certain instruments relating to the acquisition, construction, equipping, use, leasing, and renovation of certain county facilities; approving the formation of the St. Peters Parish/Jasper County Public Facilities Corporation; approving the issuance of St. Peters Parish/Jasper County Public Facilities Corporation installment purchase revenue bonds, certificates of participation and bond anticipation notes; authorizing the refunding, redemption, or defeasance of certain obligations for debt service savings; consenting to the form of trust agreements between St. Peters Parish/Jasper County Public Facilities Corporation and the Corporate Trustee; the lease of equipment and vehicles and certain real property and the buildings and other site improvements located thereon by Jasper County, South Carolina to St. Peters Parish/Jasper County Public Facilities Corporation, including authorizing the execution and delivery of a base lease agreement, between Jasper County and St. Peters Parish/Jasper County Public Facilities Corporation; authorizing the execution and delivery of a public (facilities purchase and occupancy agreement between Jasper County

and St. Peters Parish/Jasper County Public Facilities Corporation; authorizing the execution and delivery of a lease agreement between Jasper County and St. Peters Parish/Jasper County Public Facilities Corporation; and other matters relating thereto ( by title only). The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS -WILBER DALEY – PRESENTATION OF EMERGENCY SERVICE PLAN-** Mr. Daley introduced staff members Rusty Wells, Clay Lucas and Clay Graves. Mr. Daley said they worked on this plan with him and Mr. Fulghum and Mr. Malphrus. Mr. Daley provided the Council with a copy of the power point presentation explaining the Emergency Service Plan. Mr. Daley said the goal was to bring the ISO ratings down in the rural areas of the County. Mr. Daley explained the way ISO ratings are determined. Mr. Daley said that he needed 5 new tankers and 27 volunteers to make the plan work. Mr. Daley that the JCFR are all trained and he discussed buying additional tankers to get the water to the fires. Mr. Daley explained where the existing stations are located and provided a map of where 11 sub-stations should be located in the future. Mr. Daley said it would cost \$3,575,000 to build the 11 sub-stations and put a fire engine in each sub-station. Mr. Daley said in order for this fire plan to work they would need an additional 48 volunteers or 48 paid personnel. Mr. Daley said the proposed plan for the existing stations is to buy 5 additional tankers at a cost of \$150,000 per year for 7 years and to recruit 17 volunteers. Mr. Daley requested \$10,000 to hold events in improve and increase community involvement. Mr. Daley discussed ideas for the recruitment and retention of volunteers and he said he would like to add on additional person at a cost of \$49,000 annually to be the volunteer coordinator, quartermaster and public information officer. Mr. Daley said 6 volunteers were needed at each of the following stations - Grays, Tillman, Point South and Firetower Road. Mr. Daley said more volunteers would be better, but this is the minimum number needed. Mr. Daley discussed the proposed automatic aid agreement with Hampton County for the Rivershill and Stokes Bluff areas. Mr. Daley discuss that new stations in the Bolan Hall area, Tarboro area , Purrysburg area and the Sandhill area are projected for the future and it would cost about \$800,000 per station to build and equip the station. Mr. Daley said they received one proposal to outsource the ambulance service and it would cost an additional \$350,000 over current cost to outsource. Mr. Daley discussed new locations for the ambulances and that new ambulances would be needed in the near future. It was the consensus of the Council that they will review the presentation and they felt it was well done. The Council thanked the staff for a job well done and the Council will do what they can for the citizens of Jasper County.

**ADJOURN –** Councilman 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 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved by:

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Judith M. Frank, ccc  
Clerk to Council

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Henry Etheridge  
Chairman

