



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
358 THIRD AVE., RIDGELAND, SC 29936
NOVEMBER 14, 2011, 9:30 A.M.
MINUTES**

OFFICIALS PRESENT: CHAIRMAN LEROY BLACKSHEAR, COUNCILMAN THEODUS L. DRAYTON, COUNCILMAN L. MARTIN SAULS IV.

OFFICIALS ABSENT: VICE CHAIRMAN SAMUEL GREGORY, COUNCILMAN HENRY ETHERIDGE

STAFF PRESENT: ADMINISTRATOR ANDREW FULGHUM, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RONNIE MALPHRUS, ATTORNEY MARVIN JONES, CLERK TO COUNCIL JUDITH FRANK

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

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

INVOCATION – CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR GAVE THE INVOCATION.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE AUDITING SERVICE CONTRACT- MR. MALPHRUS EXPLAINED THAT THE RESOLUTION WAS TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR AUDITING THE TREASURER'S OFFICE. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE AUDITING SERVICE CONTRACT. COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED IF THERE WAS A NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE CONTRACT WAS FOR \$30,000 PLUS OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES AND HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT THAT AMOUNT WOULD BE. COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED IF THE WOMAN ACCUSED OF SHOP LIFTING WAS STILL WORKING IN THE TREASURER'S OFFICE AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT SHE WAS AND HE DID HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF THE CHARGES. COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED ABOUT A

TIMELINE FOR THE AUDIT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT DEPENDED ON WHAT THEY FOUND AND HOW QUICKLY THEY FIND IT. COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED IF THE SOLICITOR HAS BEEN BROUGHT IN AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE SOLICITOR WOULD ONLY BE BROUGHT IN IF SOMETHING WAS FOUND. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED IF THE TREASURER KNEW ABOUT THE AUDIT AND MR. FULGHUM SAID SHE DID NOT. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED ABOUT ANY EXTRA COSTS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID IT MAY COST A LITTLE MORE IF THEY HAVE TO GO INTO PHASE II AND WHILE \$70,000 WAS BUDGETED, HE DID NOT THINK IT WOULD GO OVER \$50,000 -\$70,000 AND IF IT DID THERE WOULD BE A SHORTFALL IN THE BUDGET. MR. MALPHRUS SAID HE FELT PHASE I WOULD BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT A WEEK AND PHASE II HAD NOT TIMETABLE AT THIS TIME. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

MR. FULGHUM PROVIDED COUNCILMAN SAULS INFORMATION FROM THE FINANCE SEMINAR AND PROVIDED THE CLERK WITH A COPY FOR VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY.

MR. FULGHUM PROVIDED THE COUNCIL WITH A SPREADSHEET EXPLAINING THE ADDITIONAL HEALTHCARE COSTS AND COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED WHAT THE ADDITIONAL BURDEN WOULD BE ON THE EMPLOYEES AND THE COUNTY. MR. MALPHRUS SAID IT WOULD COST THE COUNTY ABOUT \$3560 PER MONTH AND THE EMPLOYEES RATES WOULD INCREASE FOR SINGLE COVERAGE FROM \$93.46 TO \$97.83 PER MONTH, EMPLOYEE FAMILY COVERAGE WOULD INCREASE FROM \$294 TO \$307 PER MONTH AND EMPLOYEE SPOUSE COVERAGE WOULD INCREASE FROM \$237.50 TO \$253.36 PER MONTH.

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THE AUDITORS WERE ON THE CAMPUS AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY WILL ARRIVE AROUND NOON AND HE WILL INFORM THE TREASURER AFTER THE MEETING.

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 9:50 A.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc
CLERK TO COUNCIL

LEROY BLACKSHEAR
CHAIRMAN