

**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
MARY GORDON ELLIS EXECUTIVE BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
APRIL 20, 2009
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

DR. GEORGE HOOD, CHAIRMAN
LEROY BLACKSHEAR, VICE CHAIRMAN
HENRY ETHERIDGE, COUNCILMAN
REV. SAMUEL GREGORY, COUNCILMAN
HUBERT TYLER, COUNCILMAN

STAFF PRESENT:

ANDREW FULGHUM, ADMINISTRATOR
RONNIE MALPHRUS, DEP. ADM. ADM. SERVICES
DALE TERRY, DEP. ADM. ENG. SERVICES
WILBUR DALEY, DEP. ADM. EMG. SERVICES
WENDY KELLY, DEP. ADM. DEV. SERVICES
JUDITH FRANK, CLERK TO COUNCIL
MARVIN JONES, ATTORNEY
DAVID JIROUSEK, PLANNING DIRECTOR
LISA LAMB, PLANNING AND ZONING COORDINATOR
HONEY JOHNSON, ASSISTANT TO THE ADMINISTRATOR
SUSAN WAITE, ASSESSOR

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 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CHAIRMAN HOOD LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

INVOCATION:

COUNCILMAN GREGORY OFFERED THE INVOCATION.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**APRIL 1, 2009 BUDGET WORKSHOP, APRIL 6, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING,
APRIL 7, 2009 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING,**

APRIL 9, 2009 AND APRIL 13, 2009 EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2009 BUDGET WORKSHOP, APRIL 6, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING, AND TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 7, 2009 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, APRIL 9, 2009 AND APRIL 13, 2009 EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR INFORMATION.

COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE COMMENTED THAT HE WANTED THE PUBLIC TO KNOW THAT IN THE APRIL 6, 2009 MINUTES, THE COUNCIL APPROVED HIRING CONTRACT HELP FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, AND THEY WERE NOT APPROVING HIRING ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED THAT THE APRIL 9, 2009 MINUTES REFLECT THAT A LEASE CONTRACT WAS OFFERED TO LEVY FIRE DEPARTMENT, NOT A CONTRACT FOR SERVICES. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

PRESENTATION OF THE JASPER COUNTY/CITY OF HARDEEVILLE STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK APPLICATION FOR THE CREATION OF THE NEW INTERSTATE 95 EXIT 3:

MR. ROBERT PROBST EXPLAINED THAT THE STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK DOES NOT ACT LIKE A BANK, IT GIVES GRANTS AND THE COMMUNITIES ARE TO COME UP WITH A MATCH, AND THEN THEY SELL BONDS. MR. PROBST SAID THE REQUEST WAS FOR \$68,260,111.00 AND THE LOCALITIES MATCH WOULD BE \$53,373,336.00. MR. PROBST SAID THAT THE LOCAL MATCH WOULD BE FUNDED BY THE STATFORD COMPANY. MR. PROBST HIGHLIGHTED THE ROADS THAT WOULD BE EXPANDED AND THE NUMBER OF JOBS THAT WILL BE CREATED. MR. PROBST SAID IS A VERY SIGNIFICANT PROJECT WITH AN ESTIMATE OF OVER SEVEN BILLION DOLLARS IN NEW CAPTIAL INVESTMENTS AT BUILD OUT. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF THIS WOULD AFFECT THE NORTH END OF I-95 BECAUSE THERE ARE PROBLEMS THERE ALSO. MR. PROBST AGREED THAT I-95 HAD PROBLEMS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT ADDITIONAL JOBS IN THE COUNTY AND MR. PROBST RESPONDED THAT ABOUT 24,000 ONGOING JOBS WILL BE CREATED. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THE BLUFFTON PARKWAY PLAYED A PART IN THIS PROJECT. MR. PROBST SAID THAT EVENTUALLY IT WOULD GO TO EXIT 3 AND PROVIDE SOME RELIEF FOR THE RESIDENTS OF BLUFFTON.

KEVIN GRIFFIN, CITY OF HARDEEVILLE ADMINISTRATOR, STATED THAT THEY APPRECIATE THE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY. MR. GRIFFIN SAID THIS WAS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT VEHICLE TO CREATE JOBS AND THE AREA WILL BE PREPARED WHEN THE JASPER PORT IS BUILT. MR. GRIFFIN SAID THE FIRST PHASE OF RIVERPORT IS CURRENTLY BEING MARKETED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES:

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE LOWCOUNTRY HOME CONSORTIUM CONSOLIDATED PLAN:

BARBARA JOHNSON FROM LCOG EXPLAINED THE LOWCOUNTRY HOME CONSORTIUM CONSOLIDATED PLAN THAT WILL BE PRESENTED TO HUD BASED ON LAST YEAR'S ALLOCATION OF \$677,985.00 WITH A LOCAL MATCH OF \$81,948.00 WHICH IS BROKEN DOWN BY POPULATION OF THE FOUR PARTICIPATING COUNTIES. MS. JOHNSON SAID THAT FUNDS ARE AWARDED AS PROJECTS ARE PRESENTED BECAUSE THEY DO NOT WANT TO LOOSE ANY OF THE FUNDING. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF THERE WERE EVER ANY PROBLEMS WITH PEOPLE FORFEITING AND MS. JOHNSON RESPONDED THAT THEY ARE ALL GRANT FUNDS THAT ARE FORGIVABLE, HOWEVER, THERE ARE RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS. MS. JOHNSON SAID THAT TO DATE, THEY HAVE NOT EXPERIENCED ANY PROBLEMS. CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS. CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

3RD READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO CORRECT SCRIVENER'S ERRORS IN SECTION FOUR (4) OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 09-08:

MARVIN JONES PRESENTED THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 09-08. MR. JONES INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THE AMENDMENT DEALT WITH AN ERROR ON THE AMOUNT OF THE FINE. MR. JONES SAID THE FINE IS \$500.00 AND IN THE ORDINANCE 09-08 THE FINE WAS LISTED AS \$50.00. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 3RD READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO CORRECT SCRIVENER'S ERRORS IN SECTION FOUR (4) OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 09-08. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

PUBLIC HEARING AND 3RD READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER THAT PROPERTY CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 4.94 ACRES BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 080-00-03-159 AND GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE END OF PEARLSTINE ROAD FROM THE RURAL PRESERVATION ZONE TO THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP:

DAVID JIROUSEK PRESENTED THE ORDINANCE AND SHOWED THE LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY AND EXPLAINED THAT THE SURROUNDING PROPERTIES WERE ZONED COMMERCIAL OR LIGHT INDUSTRIAL. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THE STAFF AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND APPROVAL. CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS. CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 3RD READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER THAT

PROPERTY CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 4.94 ACRES BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 080-00-03-159 AND GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE END OF PEARLSTINE ROAD FROM THE RURAL PRESERVATION ZONE TO THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ORDINANCE REGARDING THE OKATIE CROSSINGS MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK AGREEMENT:

MS. KELLY SAID THAT THIS WAS TO BE A PUBLIC HEARING AND SHE WAS NOT REQUESTING A 2ND READING AT THIS TIME. MS. KELLY EXPLAINED THE ORDINANCE AND HOW THE FUNDS WERE TO BE DISTRIBUTED. MS. KELLY SAID THAT BEAUFORT COUNTY AND HAMPTON COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO PASS ORDINANCES REGARDING THE MULTI-COUNTY PARK. CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

ANDREA MALLORY, REPRESENTING THE COASTAL CONSERVATION LEAGUE, ASKED THE COUNCIL TO REFRAIN FROM PARTICIPATION AND TO HALT ALL APPROVALS UNTIL THE STATE MAKES ITS DETERMINATIONS REGARDING THE OYSTER BEDS IN THE OKATIE RIVER.

GLADYS JONES QUESTIONED WHY HAMPTON COUNTY WAS INCLUDED AS THERE WAS NO REASON FOR IT. MS. JONES SAID THE ECONOMIC ALLIANCE AND THE MULT-COUNTY PARK WERE TWO SEPARATE ISSUES AND HAMPTON COUNTY SHOULD NOT BE PART OF THE MULTI-COUNTY PARK.

BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC. CHAIRMAN HOOD INSTRUCTED THE STAFF TO TAKE THE COMMENTS INTO CONSIDERATION AND BRING BACK A RECOMMENDATION TO THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

PUBLIC HEARING AND 2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR THE PERMITTING, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF ALL EXCAVATION ACTIVITIES WITHIN JASPER COUNTY; TO AMEND ARTICLE 3 OF THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, SO AS TO ADD SECTION 3:6.1.2A TITLED “EXCAVATION PERMIT”; TO AMEND ARTICLE 4 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF JASPER COUNTY AS AMENDED, TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR “EXCAVATION PLAN”; TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF “EXCAVATION, EXCAVATION ACTIVITIES, AND EXCAVATION OPERATIONS” FOUND IN ARTICLE 4 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF JASPER COUNTY, AS AMENDED; TO AMEND ARTICLE 5 OF THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, SO AS TO ADD “RESOURCE EXTRACTION” TO SECTION 5.1; TO AMEND ARTICLE 5 OF THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, SO AS TO ADD THE INTENT OF “RESOURCE EXTRACTION” TO SECTION 5.3; TO AMEND TABLE 1 OF SECTION 6:1 OF ZONING ORDINANCE OF JASPER

COUNTY, AS AMENDED, TO REPLACE CERTAIN ENTRIES IN SECTOR 21 AND TO AMEND ZONE RC TO CHANGE “C” TO “N”, TO AMEND ZONE RP TO CHANGE “C TO N”; TO AMEND SECTION 6:2 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF JASPER COUNTY, AS AMENDED, TO CHANGE THE TABLE ENTRY FOR “MINING” TO “MINING OR EXCAVATION”; TO AMEND THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE RURAL RESOURCE DISTRICT (RE) AND TO ADD “RE” USE REQUIREMENTS TO SECTION 6.1; TO MAKE CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 6:2.14 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF JASPER COUNTY, AS AMENDED; TO AMEND ARTICLE 7 OF THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, SO AS TO ADD “RE” SETBACK AND AREA REQUIREMENTS TO SECTION 7.3, TABLE 1; TO AMEND ARTICLE 2 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF JASPER COUNTY, AS AMENDED, SO AS TO ADD SECTION 11:7 TITLED “EXCAVATION, EXCAVATION ACTIVITIES AND EXCAVATION OPERATIONS” TO INCLUDE SECTION 11:7.1, 11:7.2, 11:7.3, 11:7.4, 11:7.5, 11:7.6 AND 11:7.7; TO AMEND ARTICLE 12 OF THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, SO AS TO ADD “RE” USE AND PARKING REQUIREMENTS TO SECTION 12:1, TABLE 12:1; TO AMEND TABLE 4 OF SECTION 12:8.2-3 OF THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, TO ADD “EXCAVATION ACTIVITIES” AS PROPOSED USE AND ADD CERTAIN BUFFER REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 12:8.2-4 OF THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, TO ADD BUFFERYARD 7A AND 7B TO THE BUFFERYARD ILLUSTRATION TABLE; AND TO REPEAL ARTICLE 14 OF THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED:

MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT THE ORDINANCE WAS AMENDED SINCE THE LAST READING. MR. JIROUSEK SAID SOME OF THE WORDING WAS CHANGED AND A 20 FOOT SET BACK FROM THE PROPERTY LINE WAS ADDED FOR LARGE FISH PONDS. MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT MINING IS AS INDUSTRY AND EXCAVATION IS A PROCESS. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THE INTENT OF THE ORDINANCE REMAINED THE SAME.

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VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE ORDINANCE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR THE PERMITTING, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF ALL EXCAVATION ACTIVITIES WITHIN JASPER COUNTY; TO AMEND ARTICLE 3 OF THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, SO AS TO ADD SECTION 3:6.1.2A TITLED “EXCAVATION PERMIT”; TO AMEND ARTICLE 4 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF JASPER COUNTY AS AMENDED, TO ADD

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PUBLIC HEARING AND 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER THE FOLLOWING PARCEL BEARING TAX MAP NUMBER 052-00-05-005 DEPICTED ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE AND RURAL PRESERVATION ZONE TO THE RURAL PRESERVATION ZONE; TO TRANSFER THE FOLLOWING PARCEL BEARING TAX MAP NUMBER 16-00-02-100 DEPICTED ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE RURAL PRESERVATION ZONE; TO TRANSFER PARCELS BEARING TAX MAP NUMBER(S) 067-00-02-014 AND 042-00-04-034 DEPICTED ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN THE RURAL

PRESERVATION ZONE TO THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE; TO TRANSFER PARCEL BEARING TAX MAP NUMBER 063-20-01-001 DEPICTED ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE TO THE RURAL PRESERVATION ZONE; TO TRANSFER PARCEL BEARING TAX MAP NUMBER 063-00-06-002 DEPICTED ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN THE RURAL PRESERVATION ZONE TO THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; TO TRANSFER PARCEL BEARING TAX MAP NUMBER 038-00-06-032 DEPICTED ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONE AND THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONE AND TO TRANSFER PARCEL BEARING TAX MAP NUMBER 039-00-02-005 DEPICTED ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONE:

MR. JIROUSEK PRESENTED THE ORDINANCE AND EXPLAINED THE LOCATIONS OF THE PARCELS AND THE REASONS FOR CHANGING THE ZONING.

CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS. CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

COUNCILMAN GREGORY COMMENTED THERE WERE A LOT OF ERRORS IN THE ORIGINAL ZONING ORDINANCE AND HE ASKED IF THOSE PEOPLE WERE STILL WORKING FOR THE COUNTY. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THERE HAS BEEN SOME CHANGES IN THE PERSONNEL. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER THE FOLLOWING PARCEL BEARING TAX MAP NUMBER 052-00-05-005 DEPICTED ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE AND RURAL PRESERVATION ZONE TO THE RURAL PRESERVATION ZONE; TO TRANSFER THE FOLLOWING PARCEL BEARING TAX MAP NUMBER 16-00-02-100 DEPICTED ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE RURAL PRESERVATION ZONE; TO TRANSFER PARCELS BEARING TAX MAP NUMBER(S) 067-00-02-014 AND 042-00-04-034 DEPICTED ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN THE RURAL PRESERVATION ZONE TO THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE; TO TRANSFER PARCEL BEARING TAX MAP NUMBER 063-20-01-001 DEPICTED ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE TO THE RURAL PRESERVATION ZONE; TO TRANSFER PARCEL BEARING TAX MAP NUMBER 063-00-06-002 DEPICTED ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN THE RURAL PRESERVATION ZONE TO THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; TO TRANSFER PARCEL BEARING TAX MAP NUMBER 038-00-06-032 DEPICTED ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONE AND THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONE AND TO TRANSFER PARCEL BEARING TAX MAP NUMBER 039-00-02-005

DEPICTED ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

1ST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2008-2009 COUNTY BUDGETS:

MR. MALPHRUS EXPLAINED THAT DUE TO DECLINING REVENUE, THE STAFF REVIEWED THE CURRENT BUDGET AND WERE ABLE TO MAKE DEDUCTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$247,000.00. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED IF THIS WOULD COVER THE CUTS FROM THE STATE AND MR. MALPHRUS RESPONDED THAT IT WOULD NOT AND THE SENATE HAS NOT PASSED THE NEXT ROUND OF CUTS, BUT THEY WILL AFFECT NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THAT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES HAD A VACANCY. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY ALSO CUT THE FUNDING FROM THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR'S SALARY THAT WAS NOT USED SINCE THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR WAS NOT HIRED UNTIL JANUARY. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE VACANT POSITION WAS NOT FILLED. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT THE REDUCTION TO THE LINE DEALING WITH THE PONDS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE PONDS WERE IN PRETTY GOOD SHAPE AND THEY FELT THEY COULD GET AWAY WITH NOT TREATING THEM THIS YEAR. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT THE \$9,000.00 CUT FROM MOSQUITO CONTROL AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE FUNDS WERE TO REPLACE A PUMP. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THE MOSQUITOES ARE VERY BAD THIS YEAR AND ASKED IF THEY HAD A SPARE PUMP. MR. TERRY RESPONDED THE COUNTY DID HAVE A SPARE PUMP. COUNCILMAN TYLER MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1ST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2008-2009 COUNTY BUDGET. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER PARK AGREEMENT GOVERNING THE MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS PARK BY AND BETWEEN JASPER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND BEAUFORT COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN ORDER TO EXPAND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PARK TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN BEAUFORT COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO:

MS. KELLY EXPLAINED THAT THE ORDINANCE WAS TO AMEND AN AGREEMENT FOR A MULTI-COUNTY WITH BEAUFORT COUNTY LOCATED IN PORT ROYAL. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF AS LONG AS THE COUNTY OWNS THE PROPERTY WOULD THE PROPERTY BE TAX EXEMPT. MS. KELLY SAID THAT WAS CORRECT AND THAT WHEN THE PROPERTY IS PRIVATELY DEVELOPED THE FILOT WOULD GO INTO EFFECT. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER PARK AGREEMENT

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1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE REGARDING THE LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE SECTION OF THE COUNTY'S PROCUREMENT POLICY:

MR. JONES PRESENTED THE ORDINANCE AND EXPLAINED THAT THE ORDINANCE WOULD GIVE THE LOCAL VENDOR WITH THE LOWEST BID THE OPPORTUNITY TO MATCH THE LOW BID. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE REGARDING THE LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE SECTION OF THE COUNTY'S PROCUREMENT POLICY. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF THE JASPER COUNTY/CITY OF HARDEEVILLE STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK APPLICATION FOR THE CREATION OF A NEW INTERSTATE 95 EXIT 3:

COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO PASS THE RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF THE JASPER COUNTY/CITY OF HARDEEVILLE STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK APPLICATION FOR THE CREATION OF A NEW INTERSTATE 95 EXIT 3. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS:

RONNIE MALPHRUS -APPROVAL OF BID FOR FENCE AT THE JASPER COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING:

MR. MALPHRUS SAID AT THE LAST MEETING HE ASKED COUNCIL TO TABLE THE APPROVAL OF THE BID FOR THE FENCE UNTIL HE RESEARCHED IT FURTHER. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE BID IS FOR THE PRIVACY FENCE TO ENCLOSE THE GENERATOR, THE DUMPSTER PAD AND ALONG THE PARKING LOT AND HE RECEIVED TWO BIDS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT DID AN ESTIMATE OF \$28,000.00 AND THE LOW BID WAS FROM RIVERSIDE SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,875.00. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED WHY THE OTHER BID WAS SO HIGH AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID HE DID NOT KNOW, BUT THE LOW BID WAS IN LINE WITH THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT'S ESTIMATE. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED HOW MANY FEET OF FENCING WAS TO BE INSTALLED AND MR. MALPHRUS RESPONDED 113 FEET. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THE MATERIAL WAS AS SPECIFIED IN THE BID ANNOUNCEMENT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE MATERIAL WAS TONGUE AND GROVE WOOD AND WOULD MOVE LESS AND WOULD NOT

DEVELOP GAPS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT LAPBOARD WOULD ONLY BE ABOUT \$2,000.00 LESS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED WHERE RIVERSIDE SERVICES WAS LOCATED. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY WERE A LOCAL CONTRACTOR FROM RIDGELAND. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT WHEN THE COURTHOUSE RENOVATION IS COMPLETE, THERE WILL BE A NEED FOR MORE PARKING. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT SEVERAL SMALL LOTS ARE GOING TO BE PAVED OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED ABOUT PARKING AROUND THE HOUSE WHERE THE UNITED WAY IS LOCATED AND HE COMMENTED THE FENCE WOULD BE A BARRIER. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THERE COULD BE PARKING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FENCE, BUT THERE WAS A DITCH THERE AND PEOPLE WOULD STILL HAVE TO WALK AROUND. COUNCILMAN GREGORY COMMENTED THAT THE CURRENT PARKING LOT IS LOCATED BEHIND THE BUILDING AND EVERYONE HAS TO WALK AROUND THE BUILDING TO GET INSIDE. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THIS IS ESPECIALLY HARD ON THE SENIOR CITIZENS AND HE ASKED IF THERE WAS A PARKING AREA PLANNED FOR THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING. MR. MALPHRUS SAID A COURTYARD WAS PLANNED BETWEEN THE COURTHOUSE AND THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING, BUT NO PARKING. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID IT IS ESPECIALLY INCONVENIENT TO HAVE TO GO AROUND THE BUILDING TO GET INSIDE ESPECIALLY IN BAD WEATHER. MR. MALPHRUS SAID ALL EXTERIOR DOORS EXCEPT FOR THE FRONT DOOR ARE LOCKED DURING WORKING HOURS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THEY JUST KEEP COMING BACK TO COUNCIL TO APPROVE THINGS THAT WERE NOT INCLUDED. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE COUNTY HAD TO MAKE A PAYMENT ON THE BOND THIS YEAR COULD THEY DO IT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID ALL THE FIGURES WERE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL WHEN THEY APPROVED THE \$18,000,000.00. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE DID NOT REMEMBER GETTING A LIST OF ALL THE EXTRAS. COUNCILMAN GREGORY COMMENTED THAT THIS COUNCIL IS JUST GOING THROUGH THE PHASES BECAUSE EVERYTHING WAS ALREADY APPROVED. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE LOW BID FROM RIVERSIDE SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,875.00 AND THAT IT BE PAID FOR FROM THE BOND FINANCINGS. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR, COUNCILMEN TYLER, AND GREGORY VOTING FOR; CHAIRMAN HOOD AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE VOTED AGAINST.

APPROVAL OF EASEMENT AND AMENDMENT TO THE GREENERY CONTRACT FOR THE EXTENSION OF SIDEWALK:

MS. KELLY PRESENTED THE PROPOSAL TO EXTEND THE SIDEWALK AND THE AMENDED CONTRACT FROM THE GREENERY. MS. KELLY SAID THAT WHEN THE PLANS FOR THE PARKING LOT WERE CHANGED A SIDEWALK WAS NEEDED. MS. KELLY SAID THAT FIVE FEET OF THE SIDEWALK WOULD BE ON BADGETT PROPERTY. MS. KELLY SAID SHE WORKED WITH THE ARCHITECT AND CONTACTED THE GREENERY FOR A PROPOSAL.

COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT PUTTING A SIDEWALK ON PRIVATE PROPERTY. MS. KELLY RESPONDED THAT THE ATTORNEY WAS WORKING ON AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE BADGETTS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED HOW MUCH MONEY WAS SPENT ON THE ANNEX AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID ROUGHLY \$9,000,000.00. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED HOW MUCH MORE IS IT GOING TO COST TO COMPLETE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE ITEMS PRESENTED TONIGHT, LANDSCAPING, PAVING FOR PARKING AND SIDEWALKS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE COUNCIL APPROVED A CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE ANNEX WAS \$5,321,000.00 AND A CONTINGENCY FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$266,000.00 AND HE WOULD PROVIDE THE COUNCIL WITH THAT INFORMATION. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE HAD ABOUT \$50,000.00 IN CHANGE ORDERS THAT HE WILL BE PRESENTING AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. CHAIRMAN HOOD EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE PAVERS COULD BE BROKEN DURING THE WORK BEING DONE ON THE COURTHOUSE. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OF THE DAMAGE DONE TO THE BADGETT PROPERTY. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE SIDEWALK WAS NOT DAMAGED, HE SAID THE SIDEWALK IS TO GIVE ACCESS TO THE STREET. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE COUNTY HAD TO MAKE A PAYMENT THIS YEAR ON THE BOND, WOULD THEY BE ABLE TO MAKE IT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE PAYMENT WOULD BE IN THE 2009-2010 BUDGET. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF IT WAS A FULL PAYMENT AND MR. MALPHRUS RESPONDED THAT IT WAS A PARTIAL PAYMENT. THE PROPOSAL DIED FOR LACK OF A MOTION.

APPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER BOARD:

MR. MALPHRUS INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THE CLERK TO COUNCIL ADVERTISED THE VACANCIES AND SEVERAL PEOPLE VOLUNTEERED. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE CLERK TO COUNCIL PROVIDED THE COUNCIL WITH THE LIST OF THE VOLUNTEERS. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED THE COUNCIL TO DO A PAPER BALLOT AND THE TWO INDIVIDUALS WITH THE MOST VOTES WOULD BE APPOINTED. MARTHA JACKSON AND JOHN MAJOR SMITH WERE APPOINTED TO BE MEMBERS OF THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER BOARD.

APPROVAL OF BID FOR COURTHOUSE RENOVATION PROJECT:

MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE APPROVAL OF THE BID WAS POSTPONED BECAUSE THEY WERE GOING TO TRY AND GET STIMULUS FUNDING. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT AT THIS TIME IT DOES NOT LOOK LIKE STIMULUS FUNDING WILL BE AVAILABLE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE BIDS RECEIVED WERE ONLY GOOD UNTIL APRIL 24, 2009 AND THE ARCHITECT DID NOT THINK IT WOULD BE TO THE COUNTY'S ADVANTAGE TO REBID THE PROJECT. MR. MALPHRUS ASKED THE COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE BID OF INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS, OUT OF CHARLESTON, IN THE AMOUNT

OF \$3,862,144.00 WHICH INCLUDES A \$350,000.00 CONTINGENCY FUND BECAUSE THIS IS A RENOVATION JOB. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE RENOVATION OF THE COURTHOUSE COULD BE PUT OFF. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE COUNTY WAS TOO FAR ALONG IN THE PROCESS TO TURN AROUND. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE COURTHOUSE RENOVATION WAS BEING DONE FOR SAFETY REASONS. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FROM INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,863,144.00. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH CHAIRMAN HOOD, VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR, COUNCILMAN TYLER, AND COUNCILMAN GREGORY VOTING FOR. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE VOTED AGAINST. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE BID WAS ONLY FOR THE RENOVATION WORK AND DID NOT INCLUDE SIDEWALKS, LANDSCAPING, FURNITURE AND OTHER EXPENSES.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE COURTHOUSE RENOVATION PROJECT:

MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE ARCHITECT HAS RECOMMENDED USING WHITAKER LABORATORY, INC. ON THE COURTHOUSE RENOVATION PROJECT FOR SPECIAL INSPECTIONS TO MAKE SURE THE CONTRACTORS ARE USING THE RIGHT TYPES OF MATERIAL. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE SERVICE CONTRACT WAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,000.00 AND THAT THE WORK WOULD BE DONE ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE SERVICE CONTRACT FROM WHITAKER LABORATORY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,000.00. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED WHY THERE WAS ONLY ONE BID. MR. MALPHRUS SAID IT WAS NOT PUT OUT TO BID BECAUSE IT WAS NOT REQUIRED BY THE COUNTY PROCUREMENT POLICY AND THE COMPANY HAS BEEN USED BY THE ARCHITECTS IN THE PAST. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COUNCILMEN TYLER AND GREGORY, VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR AND CHAIRMAN HOOD VOTING FOR. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE DID NOT VOTE.

APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE JASPER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD FOR USE OF THE RIDGELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA DURING THE RENOVATION OF THE COURTHOUSE:

MARVIN JONES SAID THAT THE COUNCIL HAD AGREED TO THE TERMS OF THE OFFER FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE CLERK OF COURT TO USE THE RIDGELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA FOR COURT DURING THE COURTHOUSE RENOVATION. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE COUNTY WOULD BE PAYING FOR PART OF THE UTILITIES SINCE THE CLERK OF COURT WAS ONLY USING PART OF THE BUILDING. MR. FULGHUM RESPONDED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE THAT ANSWER. MR. JONES SAID IF THE SCHOOL BOARD IS NOT USING ANY PART OF THE

BUILDING, THEN THE COUNTY WOULD PAY THE UTILITIES AND IF THE SCHOOL BOARD USED THE BUILDING, THE UTILITIES WOULD HAVE TO BE NEGOTIATED. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH THE JASPER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD FOR USE OF THE RIDGELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA DURING THE RENOVATION OF THE COURTHOUSE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

NEW BUSINESS:

DAVID JIROUSEK – ROAD NAME CHANGE FROM SPRINGWOOD DRIVE TO OTIS CANNICK DRIVE:

MR. JIROUSEK PRESENTED THE REQUEST FOR THE NAME CHANGE AND TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT STATE LAW ONLY REQUIRES THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE CHANGE, THE CHAIRMAN STILL MUST SIGN THE APPLICATION. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE ROAD NAME CHANGE FROM SPRINGWOOD DRIVE TO OTIS CANNICK DRIVE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

WENDY KELLY – CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT REQUEST FROM JASPER COUNTY NEIGHBORS UNITED:

MS. KELLY EXPLAINED THAT JCNU WAS REQUESTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$180,000.00. TO HELP WITH THE PURCHASE OF APARTMENT UNITS THAT WILL BE USED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. MS. KELLY SAID THAT THE TERMS OF THE GRANT WOULD INCLUDE THAT 1% OR NINE UNITS THAT WERE FUNDED BY THIS GRANT WOULD REMAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR 10 YEARS. MS. KELLY SAID IT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED THAT THE COUNTY WOULD FUND \$90,000.00 AND THE CITY OF HARDEEVILLE WOULD FUND \$90,000.00. MS. KELLY SAID SHE WAS NOT SURE OF HARDEEVILLE'S POSITION. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THAT THIS COULD NOT BE DONE IN THIS BUDGET YEAR, BUT THE COUNCIL SHOULD TRY TO WORK IT INTO NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AS THERE WAS A REAL NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE COUNTY. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED WHERE WOULD THE MONEY COME FROM AND MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WAS NOT SURE WHERE THE MONEY COULD COME FROM AND THE PROPOSAL MS. KELLY WAS PRESENTING WAS CONTINGENT UPON HARDEEVILLE PROVIDING 50% AND IT WAS ALSO CONTINGENT UPON BEING ABLE TO FIND THE FUNDS IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE DID NOT KNOW IF THE COUNTY HAD THE FUNDS. MR. FULGHUM SUGGESTED BRINGING THE MATTER UP AT A LATER DATE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THERE WAS A TIME LIMIT AS TO WHEN THE MONEY WAS NEEDED. MR. MOYD, REPRESENTING JCNU, SAID THEY WERE HOPING TO CLOSE ON APRIL 27, 2009. MR. MOYD SAID THEY WOULD ALSO CONSIDER A LOAN AND PAYING THE MONEY BACK. SISTER LUPE ADDED THAT THEY WOULD LOOK AT A PAYING LOW

INTEREST FOR A THREE YEAR LOAN AND THE LOAN WOULD BE FORGIVEN AT THE END OF THREE YEARS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE COUNCIL COULD NOT GIVE A COMMITMENT. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THEY COULD BORROW FROM THE \$18,000,000.00 BOND. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT COULD NOT BE DONE. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE COUNCIL WAS LOOKING AT CUTS AND TRYING TO KEEP THE STAFF AND HE DID NOT KNOW WHERE THEY COULD GET \$90,000.00. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT THE RESERVE FUND. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT IN JUNE, 2008 THE FUND HAD \$6,800,000.00, BUT \$4,100,000.00 OF THAT WAS IN THE CURRENT BUDGET AND ONLY \$2,500,000.00 WILL BE LEFT IN THE RESERVE FUND. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER FUNDS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THERE WERE NOT ANY OTHER FUNDS. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THE COUNTY SHOULD HAVE HAD BETTER CARETAKERS OF THE FUNDS. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN GOOD STEWARDS OF THE TAXPAYER'S MONEY. MR. FULGHUM SUGGESTED DISCUSSING THIS REQUEST AT THE BUDGET WORKSHOP.

WILBUR DALEY – A/C COMPUTER SYSTEM UPGRADE AND A/C REPAIRS AT THE DETENTION CENTER:

MR. DALEY INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THE HVAC HAS BEEN HAVING ISSUES AND THAT THE AIR CONDITIONING IS RUN BY COMPUTER. MR. DALEY ADDED THAT 4 CONDENSER UNITS ARE BAD AND NEED TO BE REPLACED. MR. DALEY SAID THE ISSUES HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED AND IT IS GOING TO COST \$9,050.00. MR. DALEY SAID THERE ARE FUNDS REMAINING FROM THE 1% SALES TAX MONEY THAT WAS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DETENTION CENTER AND THESE FUNDS CAN ONLY BE USED ON THE DETENTION CENTER. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED HOW MUCH MONEY WAS IN THAT ACCOUNT AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID \$465,000.00. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO REPAIR THE HVAC AT THE DETENTION CENTER AND TO PAY FOR THE REPAIRS FROM SPECIAL 1% SALES TAX DETENTION CENTER ACCOUNT.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

NONE

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

MR. FULGHUM REPORTED ON THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA FINANCIAL REPORT AND THAT THE STATE REVENUE WAS \$266,000,000.00 SHORT. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE HAD A REQUEST FROM COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE AND HE PROVIDED THE COUNCIL MEMBERS WITH COPIES OF THE INFORMATION THAT COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE REQUESTED. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE HAD ASKED ABOUT CHARGING THE MUNICIPALITIES FOR HOUSING PRISONERS AND HE HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION.

COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID HE WANTED A LIST OF ALL COUNTY ACCOUNTS AND THE BALANCE IN EACH. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WOULD GO THROUGH THE DIFFERENT FUNDS AND ONCE THE BUDGET IS PREPARED AND GIVEN TO THE COUNCIL, THE DEPARTMENT HEADS CAN COME TO THE MEETING AND THEY CAN ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL.

COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE ADMINISTRATION HANDLED THE REQUEST FROM MS. WILLIAMS THAT THEY ASKED HIM TO HANDLE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT FACILITY IS NOT ONE THAT IS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, AND HE THOUGHT IT NEEDED TO GO BACK TO THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE FOR THEM TO REVIEW AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THAT THERE IS A PRIVATELY OWNED COMMUNITY CENTER IN RIVERSHILL, BUT THE ORGANIZATION DOES NOT HAVE THE FUNDS TO RENT A FACILITY AND THAT IS WHY THEY ARE REQUESTING THE USE OF THE BUILDING IN GRAYS. MR. FULGHUM ASKED IF PEOPLE WERE TO USE THE FACILITY LIKE THE OTHER COUNTY OWNED FACILITIES. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT THE FEE COULD BE WAIVED SINCE THEY ARE PART OF THE ROBERTVILLE ORGANIZATION WHICH IS A 501C. THE COUNCIL ASKED MR. FULGHUM TO CONTACT MS. WILLIAMS AND LET HER KNOW SHE CAN USE THE BUILDING.

OPEN FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER INDIVIDUAL):
ROY POWELL SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE OF THAT HARDEEVILLE DID A PDD FOR THE PROPERTY BETWEEN MCDONALDS AND JOKER JOES. MR. POWELL SAID HE WOULD CHECK ON IT. MR. POWELL ASKED HOW LONG HAS THE COUNTY BEEN WORKING WITH THE MUNICIPALITIES TO BE ABLE TO PAY BOND FEES ONLINE. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED MR. MALPHRUS TO LOOK INTO IT AND GET MR. POWELL THE INFORMATION.
BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC,

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS:

COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS EMPLOYMENT MATTERS. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:

COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION.

ADJOURN:

COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE
SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOUR THE MEETING. THE MOTION
CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 10:10 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, CCC
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DR. GEORGE M. HOOD
CHAIRMAN