



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
358 THIRD AVE.
RIDGELAND, SC 29936
APRIL 5, 2010
4:00 P.M.
MEETING
MINUTES**

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
WILBUR DALEY, DEP. ADM. EMERGENCY SERVICES
DALE TERRY, DEP. ADM. ENGINEERING SERVICES
JUDITH FRANK, CLERK TO COUNCIL
MARVIN JONES, ATTORNEY
DAVID JIROUSEK, PLANNING DIRECTOR
HERMAN SMITH, BUILDING DEPT. DIRECTOR
STEVEN MALPHRUS, ASSISTANT EMS DIRECTOR
CHRISTY HERMAN, DEVELOPMENT PROJECT COORDINATOR

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 WORKSHOP TO ORDER AT 4:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CHAIRMAN HOOD LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR GAVE THE INVOCATION.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL RETREAT, 3/15/2010, and 3/16/2010 COUNCIL MEETINGS AND TO RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION THE MINUTES FROM THE 3/25/2010 EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, 3/31/2010 ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING 3/8/2010 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING AND THE 3/17/2010 CYPRESS RIDGE BUSINESS INDUSTRIAL PARK REVIEW BOARD MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

STEVEN MALPHRUS – PROCLAMATION NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATOR’S WEEK:

MR. MALPHRUS PRESENTED THE PROCLAMATION MAKING THE WEEK OF APRIL 11TH -17TH, 2010 NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATOR’S WEEK. MR. MALPHRUS EXPLAINED THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A TELECOMMUNICATOR WHICH INCLUDE KEEPING THE COUNTY SAFE. MR. MALPHRUS INTRODUCED THREE DISPATCH EMPLOYEES. MR. MALPHRUS SAID ABOUT 45,000 CALLS PER YEAR ARE PUT INTO THE SYSTEM AND DOUBLE THAT MANY CALLS COME IN. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATOR’S WEEK IN JASPER COUNTY. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

ANDREW FULGHUM – PROCLAMATION NATIONAL GOVERNMENT MONTH:

MR. FULGHUM READ THE PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL AS NATIONAL GOVERNMENT WEEK. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THERE ARE 3,068 COUNTIES IN THE NATION. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL AS NATIONAL GOVERNMENT WEEK IN JASPER COUNTY. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

ANDREW FULGHUM – PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JASPER COUNTY COMMUNITY FUND:

MR. FULGHUM INTRODUCED MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM NIMMER. MR. NIMMER DISCUSSED THE FOUNDATION AND HOW IT WILL HELP JASPER COUNTY. MR. NIMMER EXPLAINED THAT THIS WOULD BE A PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND FOR NON-PROFIT AGENCIES IN THE COUNTY. MR. NIMMER SAID THAT A FUND DONATOR WILL MATCH ALL DONATIONS UP TO \$30,000.00. CHAIRMAN HOOD ENCOURAGED THE CITIZENS TO DONATE TO THIS COMMUNITY FUND. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE JASPER COUNTY COMMUNITY FUND.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES:

DAVID JIROUSEK – 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER A 650’ DEEP PORTION OF THAT PROPERTY CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 93.2 ACRES BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 030-00-10-029 AND GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF SC 46 AND SC 170 FROM RURAL PRESERVATION TO THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONE ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP:

MR. JIROUSEK PROVIDED THE COUNCIL WITH A MAP SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY THAT IS OWNED BY THE JEFFERS FAMILY. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST WOULD EXPAND THE COMMERCIAL AREA FROM APPROXIMATELY 8 ACRES TO 11.5 ACRES. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THIS PROPERTY WAS SPLIT ZONED. THE STAFF AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS A CONDITION OF APPROVAL THAT THE PARCEL IS SUBDIVIDED AT APPROXIMATELY 650 FEET INTO THE PROPERTY TO DIVIDE THE COMMERCIAL AREA FOR THE RURAL PRESERVATION DESIGNATED LAND. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE SUBDIVISION WAS NEEDED FOR SUBSEQUENT SALE AND TRANSFER IN ADDITION TO SEPARATING LAND USES AND ESTABLISHING A LINE TO APPLY SETBACKS AND STANDARD BUFFERS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED WHAT WAS LOCATED ON THE LAND. MR. JIROUSEK RESPONDED THAT THE IMAGES ON THE MAP WERE EQUIPMENT. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THIS WAS FOR A SHOPPING CENTER. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE REQUESTED ZONING WOULD ALLOW GENERAL RETAIL USES. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT A TIMEFRAME FOR DEVELOPMENT. MR. JIROUSEK SAID A TIMELINE HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED, BUT THE REQUEST IS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID HE WOULD LIKE A TIMELINE FOR DEVELOPMENT. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE FELT IT WOULD MOVE FORWARD FAIRLY FAST. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THIS PROPERTY IS LOCATED NORTH OF THE LEVY AREA AND THE REQUEST IS SO THAT THEY CAN EXPAND THE FAMILY BUSINESS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER A 650’ DEEP PORTION OF THAT PROPERTY CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 93.2 ACRES BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 030-00-10-029 AND GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF SC 46 AND SC 170 FROM RURAL PRESERVATION TO THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONE ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

DAVID JIROUSEK – 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO REVISE REGULATIONS RELATING TO NONCONFORMING USES, STRUCTURES, LOTS, AND SITES; TO AMEND ARTICLE 9:3, AS AMENDED, OF THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE:

MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT THE 2007 ZONING PROJECT CREATED NUMEROUS NONCONFORMING SITUATIONS AND THIS ORDINANCE HAS

BEEN DEVELOPED TO ACCOMMODATE NONCONFORMITIES IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS. THE MAIN CHANGE TO THE REGULATIONS WOULD GRANT THE PLANNING COMMISSION THE ABILITY TO ACCOMMODATE AND ALLOW CERTAIN CONDITIONS OF NONCONFORMING USES AT THEIR DISCRETION WHEN IT IS DETERMINED THAT THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE CAN BE MAINTAINED. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF IT WOULD ONLY AFFECT THE AREA DISCRIBED. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THERE WERE OVER 100 SITUATIONS THAT THIS WOULD APPLY TO. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED WHAT IF THE LAND IS ANNEXED. MR. JIROUSEK RESPONDED THAT THE PROPERTY WOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE ZONING IT ANNEXED INTO. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THIS WOULD AFFECT PROPERTY ALREADY ANNEXED. MR. JIROUSEK SAID IF THE PROPERTY IS ANNEXED, THE MUNICIPALITY WOULD DETERMINE THE ZONING. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF AS LONG AS IT IS OPERATING AND DOES NOT CLOSE FOR 12 MONTHS, THE ZONING IS GRANDFATHERED IN AND HE ALSO ASKED IF THE PROPERTY CAN BE LEASED OR SOLD FOR THE SAME USE. MR. JIROUSEK SAID IF THE PROPERTY IS LEASED OR SOLD, IT CAN BE USED ONLY IF IT IS FOR EXACTLY THE SAME USE. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE COUNCIL APPROVED THIS ORDINANCE WOULD COUNCIL HAVE THE FINAL DECISION OR WOULD THE PLANNING COMMISSION. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE PLANNING COMMISSION WOULD HAVE FINAL APPROVAL, HOWEVER, IF THE COUNCIL WANTS TO HAVE THE FINAL APPROVAL THAT CAN BE INCLUDED IN THE ORDINANCE. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THE COUNCIL SHOULD BE MADE AWARE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING AND NOT HEAR ABOUT IT ON THE STREET. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID HE DOES NOT LIKE IT WHEN THE PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT THINGS BEFORE THE COUNCIL. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO REVISE REGULATIONS RELATING TO NONCONFORMING USES, STRUCTURES, LOTS, AND SITES; TO AMEND ARTICLE 9:3, AS AMENDED, OF THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

DAVID JIROUSEK- 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER PARCELS BEARING TAX MAP NUMBERS 081-00-01-010, 081-00-01-022, 081-00-01-011, 081-00-01-018, 081-00-01-019, 081-00-01-015, 081-00-01-13 DEPICTED ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN THE RURAL PRESERVATION ZONE TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND TO ADOPT THE LOWCOUNTRY COMMERCE PARK PLANNED DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT PLAN DOCUMENT AND MAP:

MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE APPLICANT HAS SUBMITTED A REQUEST FOR A PDD ZONING DESIGNATION WITH A PDD DOCUMENT, CONCEPT PLAN AND ASSOCIATED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THE 222 ACRE PROPERTY IS ZONED RURAL PRESERVATION AND IS LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF SC-170 AND SC- 462. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT TWO PUBLIC NOTICE SIGNS WERE PLACED ON THE SITE ONE WEEK PRIOR TO

THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT PUBLIC NOTICE LETTERS WERE SENT TO ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECEIVED NO RESPONSES. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE THE MASTER PLAN TO BE PRESENTED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW BOARD AT STAFF LEVEL. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THE DENSITY FIGURES WOULD BE APPROVED AT THE MASTER PLAN LEVEL. RYAN SMITH, REPRESENTING THE OWNERS, WAS PRESENT TO RESPOND TO ANY QUESTIONS. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THE STORMWATER AND WATER QUALITY HAS BEEN ADDRESSED AND THE RETAIL WOULD BE LIMITED TO 35% OF THE PDD BUILDABLE AREA. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT MINING AND RESOURCE EXTRACTION WAS ADDRESSED BY ADDING SPECIFIC WORDING TO THE PDD TEXT. MR. JIROUSEK TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE ORDINANCE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT THE RESIDENTIAL AREA AND MR. JIROUSEK RESPONDED THAT IT WOULD BE CAPPED AT 535 RESIDENTIAL UNITS. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE PREVIOUSLY REVIEWED THIS PROJECT WITH THE ALLIANCE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER PARCELS BEARING TAX MAP NUMBERS 081-00-01-010, 081-00-01-022, 081-00-01-011, 081-00-01-018, 081-00-01-019, 081-00-01-015, 081-00-01-13 DEPICTED ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN THE RURAL PRESERVATION ZONE TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND TO ADOPT THE LOWCOUNTRY COMMERCE PARK PLANNED DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT PLAN DOCUMENT AND MAP. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

DAVID JIROUSEK – 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 20-102 OF THE JASPER COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES SO AS TO REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF TWENTY-FIVE ACRES OF HIGHLAND TO BE INCLUDED IN A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND TO CORRECT TYPOGRAPHICAL AND GRAMMATICAL ERRORS :

MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT STATE LAW REQUIRES 25 ACRES OF HIGHLAND FOR A PPD, THE JASPER COUNTY ORDINANCE REQUIRES 150 ACRES. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THIS ORDINANCE IS TO BRING THE COUNTY'S REQUIREMENTS TO BE CONSISTANT WITH THE STATE. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 20-102 OF THE JASPER COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES SO AS TO REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF TWENTY-FIVE ACRES OF HIGHLAND TO BE INCLUDED IN A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND TO CORRECT TYPOGRAPHICAL AND GRAMMATICAL ERRORS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

DAVID JIROUSEK – 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE LOWCOUNTRY COMMERCE PARK PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (BY TITLE ONLY):

COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE LOWCOUNTRY COMMERCE PARK PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (BY TITLE ONLY). THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

ANDREW FULGHUM – 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE GRANTING AN EASEMENT TO THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND (BY TITLE ONLY):

MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT THIS IS AN EXISTING EASEMENT BY THE MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE TO GET TO THE WELL. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE TOWN NEEDS LEGAL ACCESS IN ORDER TO GET A GRANT. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE GRANTING AN EASEMENT TO THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND (BY TITLE ONLY). THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTIONS:

ANDREW FULGHUM - FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION:

MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT THIS IS A RESOLUTION THAT THE COUNTY MUST PASS EVERY YEAR. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

ANDREW FULGHUM - RESOLUTION APPROVING THE POLICY OF NON-DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITIES STATUS:

MR. FULGHUM REQUESTED THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE TABLED. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO TABLE UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING THE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE POLICY OF NON-DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITES STATUS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

CHAIRMAN HOOD - RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COUNTY COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT AND GOALS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011:

CHAIRMAN HOOD PRESENTED THE RESOLUTION AND HE READ THE MISSION STATEMENT AND 12 GOALS FOR THE 2010-2011 YEAR. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO ADD EFFICIENT AND A NEED TO QUALIFY RURAL FIRE AS IT MAY NOT BE EFFICIENT TO COVER RURAL FIRE AS IT IS DONE NOW, DUE TO THE LACK OF FUNDS. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO PASS THE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COUNTY COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT AND GOALS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE HOPED THE CITIZENS WOULD HOLD THE COUNCIL ACCOUNTABLE AND

EXPECT THEM TO MEET THESE GOALS. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THAT THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE STAFF CARRIES OUT THE GOALS ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNCIL.

ANDREW FULGHUM- RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CBDG GRANT MATCH FOR THE PURRYSBURG SEWER PROJECT:

MR. FULGHUM PRESENTED THE RESOLUTION AND EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS NEEDED TO ENDORSE THE GRANT AND A 10% MATCH OF THE GRANT FUNDS WERE NEEDED. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE COUNTY'S MATCH OF \$50,000.00 WOULD NEED TO BE INCLUDED IN THE 2010-2011 BUDGET. MR. FULGHUM INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT BJWSA IS PUTTING \$58,600.00 INTO THE PROJECT. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO PASS THE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CBDG GRANT MATCH FOR THE PURRYSBURG SEWER PROJECT. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENT OF THREE MEMBERS TO THE NEW LIFE CENTER BOARD:

COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPOINT DELORES STONE AND JUDY TUTEN TO THE NEW LIFE CENTER BOARD. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. THIS ITEM WILL BE PLACED ON THE AGEND OF THE NEXT COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ONE ADDITIONAL MEMBER.

APPOINTMENT OF FIVE MEMBERS TO THE LIBRARY BOARD:

COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPOINT GLENICE WATTS, TOM VANSTEENBERGH, AND CHRISTY TILTON TO THE LIBRARY BOARD. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. THIS ITEM WILL BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.

APPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER TO THE EMERGENCY SHELTER BOARD:

THIS ITEM WAS TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

EMBLEMS ON COUNTY VEHICLES:

MR. TERRY SAID EMBLEMS ARE ON ALL COUNTY VEHICLES EXCEPT THE DETENTION CENTER. MR. TERRY SAID HE WILL MEET WITH MR. BENJAMIN AND THE DECALS WILL BE IN PLACE NEXT WEEK.

NEW BUSINESS:

WILBUR DALEY – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR SOFTWARE AND COMPUTERS FOR EMS AMBULANCES:

MR. DALEY PRESENTED A PROPOSAL TO PLACE COMPUTERS IN THE AMBULANCES. MR. DALEY SAID THAT DHEC IS NO LONGER ACCEPTING PAPER FORMS AND BY PLACING THE COMPUTERS IN THE AMBULANCES, THE TEAM WOULD NOT HAVE TO ENTER THEM WHEN THEY RETURN TO BASE. MR. TERRY SAID HE HAD A GRANT THAT WOULD COVER ALL BUT \$3550.00 WHICH HE WOULD COVER WITH FUNDS IN HIS BUDGET. HE ASKED FOR THE COUNCIL'S APPROVAL SPENDING THE \$30,156.20 GRANT FUNDS AND \$3550.00 FROM HIS BUDGET TO PURCHASE THE COMPUTERS, SOFTWARE, AND HARDWARE. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST THAT THE \$30,156.20 OF GRANT FUNDS AND \$3,550.00 FROM THE ES BUDGET TO PURCHASE COMPUTERS, HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE TO BE USED IN THE AMBULANCES. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. EOS WAS THE COMPANY CHOSEN TO PROVIDE THE SYSTEM. MR. DALEY TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT AFTER EVERYTHING IS UP AND RUNNING THERE WILL BE AN ANNUAL FEE OF \$7,995.00 FOR THE SYSTEM AND HE HAS PLACED THAT AMOUNT IN HIS BUDGET REQUEST.

RONNIE MALPHRUS – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE SMITH DATA FORMS CONTRACT:

MR. MALPHRUS ASKED THE COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE FORMS CONTRACT WITH SMITH DATA. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE FORMS WERE FOR THE TAX OFFICES. THE CONTRACT IS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,026.47 WHICH IS \$250.00 HIGHER THAN LAST YEAR DUE TO THE NUMBER OF FORMS THAT ARE NEEDED. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE SMITH DATA FORM CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,026.47. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

ANDREW FULGHUM – RIDGELAND AIRPORT GRANT PROJECT – STORM WATER SOLUTION PREVENTION PLAN:

MR. FULGHUM PRESENTED A TASK ORDER FROM WILBUR SMITH ASSOCIATES TO PREPARE THE SWP3 FOR \$20,567.50. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THIS WAS REQUIRED AND WHERE WOULD THE MONEY COME FROM. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THIS CAN BE PAID FOR FROM FUNDS REMAINING FROM THE FAA GRANT; \$20,567.50 WOULD COME FROM THE GRANT, \$1,082.00 WOULD BE THE COUNTY'S MATCH AND IT WOULD COME FROM THE GRANT MATCH LINE IN THE BUDGET. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RIDGELAND AIRPORT GRANT PROJECT STORMWATER SOLUTION PREVENTION PLAN TO BE PAID FOR FROM FAA GRANT AND THE COUNTY'S GRANT MATCHING FUND. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

ANDREW FULGHUM – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE JOINT CBDG GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND FOR THE CAPTAIN BILL ROAD SEWER PROJECT:

MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND WAS APPLYING FOR A GRANT TO EXTEND SEWERS AND PART OF THE SYSTEM IS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE TOWN WANTS TO MAKE A JOINT APPLICATION WITH THE COUNTY. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE JOINT APPLICATION WOULD NOT INHIBIT THE COUNTY OR OBLIGATE THE COUNTY IN ANY WAY. MR. FULGHUM ASKED THE COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE REQUEST AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS TO MAKE IT HAPPEN. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHERE THE SEWER LINE WAS GOING AND WOULD IT GO TO THE END OF CAPTAIN BILL ROAD. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE DID NOT HAVE THAT INFORMATION, BUT HE DID KNOW THAT IT WOULD AFFECT 55 PROPERTIES. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR A JOINT CBDG GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND FOR THE CAPTAIN BILL ROAD SEWER PROJECT AND THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR WAS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE DOCUMENTS TO MAKE IT HAPPEN. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILMAN GREGORY - UPDATE FROM THE ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE:

COUNCILMAN GREGORY INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THE DENNIS CORPORATION CAME TO JASPER COUNTY, REVIEWED SOME ROADS AND PRICED THEM FOR PAVING. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVE DALE TERRY GOING TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE TO REQUEST FUNDS TO START PAVING COUNTY ROADS TO COUNTY STANDARDS. THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE VARIOUS ROADS PRESENTED AND HOW ROADS WOULD BE CHOSEN FOR PAVING. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THE ROAD TO BE PAVED WOULD HAVE TO BE IN THE COUNTY SYSTEM. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO SECURE FUNDS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE FOR PAVING COUNTY ROADS TO COUNTY STANDARDS. CHAIRMAN HOOD AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THAT CRITERIA NEEDED TO BE ESTABLISHED AS HOW ROADS WOULD BE CHOSEN, SO THAT IT WOULD BE FAIR TO EVERYONE. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID IF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH THE ROADS CHOSEN THEY SHOULD NOTIFY THE COMMITTEE OF WHAT ROADS THEY THINK SHOULD BE PAVED AND THE COUNCIL WILL VOTE. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THAT MR. TERRY CAN BRINGS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE AND IF THE COMMITTEE APPROVES THE ROADS, THEY WILL BE PRESENTED AND VOTED UPON BY THE ENTIRE COUNCIL. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE FELT THE COUNTY SHOULD PAVE EVERY ROAD THAT CAN BE PAVED. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE KNEW IT WOULD TAKE SOME TIME, BUT IT HAS TO START SOMEWHERE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

MR. FULGHUM ASKED MR. JIROUSEK TO UPDATE THE COUNCIL ON THE OLD HOUSE SCDOT PROJECT. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT HE HAS BEEN TALKING WITH THE PEOPLE FROM SCDOT ABOUT A COMMUNITY MEETING AND HE WILL NOTIFY THE CLERK TO COUNCIL WHEN SCDOT CONFIRMS THE DATE AND TIME. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED THE ATTORNEY TO LOOK INTO A STOP WORK ORDER IF THEY TRY TO START THE PROJECT PRIOR TO A COMMUNITY MEETING.

MR. FULGHUM REPORTED THAT HE HAD REPORTS IN HIS OFFICE FROM PALMETTO BREEZE AND SC DHEC HEALTH REGION 8 ANNUAL REPORT IF THE COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW THEM.

MR. FULGHUM TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THERE WAS A REPORT IN THEIR PACKET REGARDING CDBG OPPORTUNITES.

MR. FULGHUM SAID THERE WILL BE A SOUP AND SANDWICH TALK-ABOUT ON MONDAY, APRIL 19TH, 2010 AT 5:00 P.M. HOSTED BY THE FRIENDS OF PRATT LIBRARY.

MR. FULGHUM INFORMED THE COUNCIL OF A PUBLIC HEARING AT THE MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH FOR THE PURRYSBURG SEWER PROJECT.

MR. FULGHUM TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE 2011 MILLAGE CAP IS 2.1% FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011.

CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED MR. FULGHUM TO HAVE MS. HERMAN WORK ON GRANTS FOR THE LIBRARY.

OPEN FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER INDIVIDUAL):

CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC.

MR. ROACHE, COUNCIL ON AGING, REQUESTED THE COUNCIL'S PERMISSION TO CHANGE THE SIGNAGE AT THE ROBERTVILLE SCHOOL CENTER. MR. ROACHE SAID THEY WILL GET INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY PRIOR TO MAKING ANY CHANGES. CHAIRMAN HOOD TOLD MR. FULGHUM TO WORK WITH MR. ROACHE AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL.

PEACHES MORRISON, LOW COUNTRY TOURISM, PRESENTED THE COUNCIL WITH COPIES OF THE NEW GUIDEBOOK.

LINDA NEESE THANKED THE COUNCIL FOR THE WONDERFUL RECYCLING CENTERS IN JASPER COUNTY. MS. NEESE SAID THE EMPLOYEES AT THE RECYCLING CENTER ARE WONDERFUL AND SHE HAS HAD GREAT PERSONAL EXPERIENCES WITH THEM AND THEY ARE DEVOTED TO THEIR JOB.

CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED THE CITIZENS TO PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THEIR CENSUS FORMS.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

DISCUSSION OF MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED LOCATION, EXPANSION, OR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES ENCOURAGING LOCATION OR EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES OR OTHER BUSINESSES IN THE AREA SERVED BY A PUBLIC BODY AND DISCUSSION REGARDING 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:

MOTIONED AND SECONDED THE MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO FOR DISCUSSION OF MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED LOCATION, EXPANSION, OR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES ENCOURAGING LOCATION OR EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES OR OTHER BUSINESSES IN THE AREA SERVED BY A PUBLIC BODY AND DISCUSSION REGARDING 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. THE MOTION 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. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT THE COUNCIL RECEIVED INFORMATION ON CONTRATUAL MATTERS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED THE ADMINISTRATOR TO CHECK INTO SEVERAL MATTERS AND TO REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL IN A TIMELY MANNER.

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 8:00 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DR. GEORGE M. HOOD
CHAIRMAN

