



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
358 THIRD AVE.
RIDGELAND, SC 29936
MAY 12, 2010
AGENDA
3:00 P.M.
BUDGET WORKSHOP/MEETING**

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

OFFICIALS ABSENT: REV. SAMUEL GREGORY – COUNCILMAN

STAFF PRESENT: ANDREW FULGHUM - ADMINISTRATOR, RONNIE MALPHRUS - DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, JUDITH FRANK – CLERK TO COUNCIL, DAVID JIROUSEK- PLANNING DIRECTOR

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 BUDGET WORKSHOP TO ORDER AT 3:00 P.M.

INVOCATION: COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE GAVE THE INVOCATION.

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

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO INITIATE PLANNING MEASURES TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY:

MR. FULGHUM TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THIS RESOLUTION WAS IN RESPONSE TO A GRANT OPPORTUNITY AND HE FELT THE RESOLUTION

WOULD SHOW THE COUNCIL IS MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION AND THAT THE COUNCIL WAS TAKING PLANNING MEASURES TO PROTECT THE WATER QUALITY. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED WHAT DID PROTECT THE WATER QUALITY ACTUALLY MEAN. MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT THEY NEEDED TO PLAN HOW TO CONTROL THE STORMWATER RUNOFF AND THE INCREASE OF WATER INTO THE WATERWAYS. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT HE WILL BE PREPARING AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SURE THE DEVELOPERS DESIGN THEIR PROJECTS CORRECTLY. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE ORDINANCE WILL DEAL WITH DEVELOPMENTS AND NOT INDIVIDUAL HOMES. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT THE STORMWATER CAN AFFECT THE QUALITY OF THE WATER. MR. JIROUSEK SAID HE WAS ASKING THAT THE COUNCIL INSTRUCT HIM TO MOVE FORWARD ON STORM WATER POLLUTION AND WATER MANAGEMENT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO INITIATE PLANNING MEASURES TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

PRESENTATIONS:

BOARD OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS – DEBORAH WALSH:

DEBORAH WALSH THANKED THE COUNCIL FOR THEIR CONTINUING SUPPORT AND EXPLAINED THAT THE STATE HAS ALREADY CUT THEIR BUDGET \$112,000.00. MS. WALSH REQUESTED \$75,000.00 WHICH IS THE SAME FUNDING AS LAST YEAR. MS. WALSH EXPLAINED THAT THE BDSN PROVIDES CARE FOR ABOUT 150 INDIVIDUALS AND PROVIDES HELP FOR THEIR FAMILIES. MS. WALSH SAID THE BDSN PROVIDES CARE, FOOD, MEALS, MEDICINES, AND DIAPERS. MS. WALSH SAID THEY HAVE 4 RESIDENTIAL HOMES WHERE SOME OF THEIR CONSUMERS LIVE. MS. WALSH SAID THAT THE INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN THE RESIDENTIAL HOMES NEED CARE TWENTY FOUR HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. MS. WALSH SAID 4 CONSUMERS LIVE IN EACH HOME. MS. WALSH SAID THEY ALSO HAVE DAY PROGRAMS FOR CONSUMERS THAT LIVE AT HOME. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED ABOUT FUNDING. MS. WALSH SAID THEY GET FUNDS FROM THE STATE, SOME SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FROM THE CONSUMERS AND MEDICAID IF THEY QUALIFY. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED HOW THE CONSUMERS QUALIFY. MS. WALSH SAID THAT EVERYONE WHO IS A CONSUMER OF THE BDSN HAS A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY. MS. WALSH SAID THEY ALSO HAVE A DISABLED CHILDRENS' PROGRAM THAT COVERS FROM BIRTH TO THREE YEARS OLD. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED ABOUT MEDICAL SERVICES. MS. WALSH SAID THAT THEY ASSIST FINDING MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE CONSUMERS AND TRANSPORTS THEM FOR THE SERVICES. CHAIRMAN HOOD THANKED MS. WALSH AND TOLD HER THE COUNCIL WOULD DO THE BEST THAT THEY CAN.

JARM- MARY ELISE GABBARD:

MS. GABBARD SAID THAT SHE HAD NEW INFORMATION SHE WANTED TO SHARE WITH THE COUNCIL REGARDING THEIR FUNDING REQUEST. MS. GABBARD TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THEY HAVE BEEN GETTING THE FOOD FREE, BUT THE COMPANY MAY HAVE A CHANGE IN POLICY. MS. GABBARD SAID IN THE PAST, CAT FOOD, TREATS, AND CANNED DOG FOOD WERE THE ONLY FOOD ITEMS THAT THEY HAD TO PURCHASE. MS. GABBARD SAID THEY WERE HAVING TROUBLE GETTING THE KIND OF FOOD THEY NEED FOR FREE. MS. GABBARD SAID THAT THEY RECEIVED 3 PALLETS OF ADULT WEIGHT MANAGEMENT FOOD AND THEY HAD REQUESTED PUPPY FOOD. MS. GABBARD SAID THEY HAVE TO USE SUPPLEMENTS IF THEY ARE GOING TO GIVE THE ADULT WEIGHT MANAGEMENT FOOD TO THE PUPPIES. MS. GABBARD SAID THEY CANNOT DEPEND ON THE FREE FOOD SOURCE ALL THE TIME TO PROVIDE WHAT IS NEEDED. MS. GABBARD SAID THAT SHE FELT THEIR REQUEST INCLUDED A LOW ESTIMATE FOR FOOD AND SHE WAS NOT SURE THAT IT WOULD COVER WHAT THEY NEEDED TO OPERATE AT THE LEVEL THEY HAVE BEEN OPERATING. MS. GABBARD REMINDED THE COUNCIL THAT JARM IS PROVIDING A COUNTY FUNCTION AND THE COUNTY IS THEIR PRIMARY SOURCE OF REVENUE. MS. GABBARD SAID SHE WAS VERY NERVOUS ABOUT WHAT HAS BEEN DONE. COUNCILMAN TYLER SAID THE COUNCIL WAS JUST TALKING ABOUT FEEDING PEOPLE AND PROVIDING SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND THESE PEOPLE ARE HERE TALKING ABOUT FOOD FOR ANIMALS. MS. GABBARD SAID THEY HAVE TO HOLD THE ANIMALS FOR FIVE DAYS AND WHEN THE COUNTY RAN THE SHELTER THEY ONLY HELD THEM THREE DAYS. MS. GABBARD SAID THAT THEY ARE FINDING HOMES FOR ABOUT 30% OF THE DOGS AND 25% OF THE CATS. MS. GABBARD SAID MOST OF THE ANIMALS ARE EUTHONIZED. MS. GABBARD SAID THEY GET CALLS ASKING IF THEY ARE A NO KILL SHELTER AND THEY ARE A NO KILL SHELTER, BUT THEY EUTHONIZE. MS. GABBARD SAID THEIR ONLY INCOME IS FROM THE COUNTY AND THEY CAN'T GET FUNDS FROM THE STATE LIKE OTHER AGENCIES. MS. GABBARD SAID JARM IS DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB AND JASPER COUNTY HAS A SHELTER THAT THEY CAN BE PROUD OF. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THEY GET ANY GRANTS AND MS. GABBARD RESPONDED THE THEY HAVE RECEIVED GRANTS FOR SPECIAL REASONS LIKE THE SPAY AND NEUTER GRANT. MS. GABBARD SAID THE ADOPTION FEE IS \$85.00 AND THEY DO NOT WANT TO RAISE IT SO PEOPLE CAN'T AFFORD TO ADOPT THE ANIMALS. MS. GABBARD SAID THE VOLUNTEERS WILL STAND AT WAL-MART AND ASK PEOPLE TO PURCHASE CLEANING MATERIALS, DOG AND CAT FOOD AND OTHER ITEMS FOR THE SHELTER AND THEY TRY TO FILL THE TRUCK. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED IF MS. GABBARD FOLLOWED UP ON WHY THEY SENT DIFFERENT FOOD. MS. GABBARD SAID THEY GET WHAT IS LEFTOVER AND WHAT THEY HAVE EXTRA. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE COUNCIL WILL DO THE BEST THAT IT CAN.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – SHERIFF JENKINS:

SHERIFF JENKINS DISCUSSED AN OFFICER THAT HAS WRITTEN OVER 150 TICKETS IN ONE MONTH. SHERIFF JENKINS SAID THAT DUE TO THE RESULTS OF THE ONE OFFICER, HE WANTED TO START A TRAFFIC SAFETY TEAM OF 2 OFFICERS. SHERIFF JENKINS SAID HE FELT THIS TEAM COULD GENERATE \$200,000.00 - \$300,000.00 PER YEAR. SHERIFF JENKINS SAID HE WOULD NEED ABOUT \$100,000.00 ADDED TO HIS BUDGET FOR THE TRAFFIC SAFETY TEAM. SHERIFF JENKINS SAID SOME OF HIS VEHICLES WERE FROM 2003-2008 AND HE DID NOT GET ANY NEW VEHICLES LAST YEAR. SHERIFF JENKINS REQUESTED \$125,000.00 FOR NEW VECHILES. SHERIFF JENKINS REQUESTED THAT OVERTIME BE RESTORED AND THAT THE UNIFORM, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES NOT BE CUT. SHERIFF JENKINS SAID HE WAS REQUESTING \$13,000.00 FOR TRAVEL AND TRAINING, \$20,000.00 FOR UNIFORMS, \$20,000.00 FOR EQUIPMENT AND \$150,000.00 TO RESTORE OVERTIME. SHERIFF JENKINS SAID THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM IS SOMETHING THE CITIZENS WANT AND THE TWO NEW OFFICERS WOULD BE OUT THERE TO WRITE THE TICKETS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE REVENUE FROM THE TICKETS IS SPLIT WITH THE STATE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE COUNTY GETS 40% AND THE STATE GETS 60%. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED WHAT THE \$100,000.00 START UP WOULD COVER. SHERIFF JENKINS SAID IT WOULD COVER TWO OFFICERS AND VEHICLES. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THEY WOULD ONLY DEAL WITH TRAFFIC. SHERIFF JENKINS SAID THEY WOULD ALSO TAKE PART IN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR TOLD THE SHERIFF THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVED TWO OFFICERS FOR TRAFFIC BEFORE. SHERIFF JENKINS SAID THAT THERE HAS BEEN A RASH OF ROBBERIES AND HE MOVED THEM FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CITIZENS. SHERIFF JENKINS SAID HIS DEPARTMENT COVERS 633 SQUARE MILES AND THE OFFICERS RESPOND TO OTHER CALLS, BUT IN ONE MONTH, THE OFFICER ALSO ISSUED 150 TICKETS AND THAT OFFICER SHOWED HIM WHAT CAN TAKE PLACE. SHERIFF JENKINS EXPLAINED THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CAN ISSUE TICKETS ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTY. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED ABOUT RESERVE OFFICERS AND SHERIFF JENKINS SAID THERE WERE TWO RESERVE OFFICERS AND \$500.00 WAS BUDGETED FOR THEIR UNIFORMS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE RESERVE OFFICERS HAVE VEHICLES. SHERIFF JENKINS SAID THAT ZEKE HAD A VEHICLE, BUT RESERVE OFFICER ANOLA LIVED IN BLUFFTON AND HE DOES NOT HAVE A CAR CHAIRMAN HOOD TOLD THE SHERIFF THEY WOULD DO THE BEST THAT THEY CAN.

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

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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 AND 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:

COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE 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 AND 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. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:

VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE LEAVES THE MEETING AT THIS TIME.

VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE OPTION AND LETTER OF AGREEMENT FOR PROJECT KELLY. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

ADJOURN:

VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE BUDGET WORKSHOP/MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 5:10 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DR. GEORGE M. HOOD
CHAIRMAN