



JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL

JASPER COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MAY 18, 2009

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

PRESENT:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 4, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING, THE BUDGET WORKSHOP

MINUTES OF APRIL 29, 2009 AND MAY 6, 2009. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

ERICKA GORDON - MAY TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH:

MS. GORDON DISCUSSED THE PROCLAMATION AND ASKED THE COUNCIL TO PROCLAIM MAY AS TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH. MS. GORDON SAID THAT IN 2008 THERE WERE 67 TEEN PREGNANCIES IN JASPER COUNTY BETWEEN THE AGES OF 10 AND 19. MS. GORDON SAID THEY HAVE PREGNANCY SERVICES AT THE SCHOOLS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES LIKE PARENTING CLASSES AND MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKERS. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO PROCLAIM MAY AS TEEN PREGNANCY PROVENTION MONTH. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES:

RONNIE MALPHRUS-PUBLIC HEARING AND 3RD READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2008-2009 COUNTY BUDGET:

MR. MALPHRUS EXPLAINED THAT IN LIGHT OF THE SHORTAGE OF REVENUE THEY HAVE CUT \$247,000.00 FROM THE BUDGET. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED WHAT IMPACT WILL THIS HAVE ON THE BUDGET AND MR. MALPHRUS RESPONDED THAT IT WILL HELP OFFSET THE SHORTAGE OF REVENUE. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THIS WAS FOR THE NEW BUDGET AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE CUTS WERE MADE FROM THE EXISTING BUDGET.

CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

ROY POWELL ASKED IF ANY MONEY WAS PULLED OUT OF THE CASH RESERVE FUND TO MAKE THE BUDGET WORK. MR. MALPHRUS SAID \$4,100,000.00 FROM THE RESERVE WAS USED TO MAKE THE BUDGET WORK.

BEING NO FURTHER 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 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2008-2009 COUNTY BUDGET. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RONNIE MALPHRUS - 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE 2009-2010 JASPER COUNTY BUDGET:

MR. MALPRHUS SAID THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS BUDGET WORKSHOPS AND THERE WILL STILL BE SOME CHANGES, HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO GET THE BUDGET PASSED ON TIME, IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE THE 1ST READING NOW. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE BUDGET AMOUNT IS \$41,525,742.00 AND THAT AMOUNT INCLUDED AN ESTIMATE FOR THE SCHOOLS. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT THE LOCAL EFFORT AND MR. MALPHRUS RESPONDED THAT HE HEARD THE STATE WAS NOT SENDING THAT OUT THIS YEAR, BUT HE ALLOWED FOR A 5.8% INCREASE FOR THE SCHOOLS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE PUBLIC HAD A COPY OF THE BUDGET AND MR. MALPHRUS RESPONDED THAT THEY DID NOT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF \$4,100,000.00 WAS TAKEN OUT OF THE RESERVE FUND FOR THE CURRENT BUDGET AND THEY WERE RECOMMENDING THAT \$1,000,000.00 BE TAKEN OUT OF THE RESERVE FUND FOR THE NEW BUDGET. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT IS WHERE IT STANDS RIGHT NOW.

COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE 2009-2010 JASPER COUNTY BUDGET WITH CHANGES TO FOLLOW. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

WENDY KELLY - 3RD 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 SAID THAT THIS ORDINANCE WILL EXPAND THE BORDERS OF THE MULTI-COUNTY PARK LOCATED IN BEAUFORT COUNTY AND JASPER COUNTY WILL RECEIVE 1% OF THE REVENUES GENERATED FROM THAT PARK. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF ONLY TWO COUNTIES WERE NEEDED AND MS. KELLY SAID THAT WAS CORRECT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 3RD 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. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

WENDY KELLY- 2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO DEVELOP A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH BEAUFORT COUNTY AND/OR HAMPTON COUNTY, SUCH INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK TO BE GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED IN JASPER COUNTY AND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SEC. 4-1-170 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS 1976, AS AMENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH BEAUFORT COUNTY AND/OR HAMPTON COUNTY TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE PARK, THE PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE APPLICATION, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES TO THE COUNTIES AND RELEVANT TAXING ENTITIES; AND TO PERMIT A USER FEE IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXATION:

MS. KELLY EXPLAINED THAT THE ORDINANCE WAS AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE TERM AND/OR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PARK AGREEMENT. MS. KELLY INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT BEAUFORT COUNTY HAS CONCERNS ABOUT TRAFFIC AND WATER RUNOFF AND THEY HAVE NOT CONSIDERED THE ORDINANCE. MS. KELLY SAID THE COASTAL CONSERVATION LEAGUE ALSO HAS SOME CONCERNS ABOUT THE MULTI-COUNTY PARK. MS. KELLY SAID THAT HAMPTON COUNTY HAS ALREADY HAD THE FIRST READING OF THEIR ORDINANCE AND THE NEXT TWO READINGS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO DEVELOP A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH BEAUFORT COUNTY AND/OR HAMPTON COUNTY, SUCH INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK TO BE GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED IN JASPER COUNTY AND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SEC. 4-1-170 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS 1976, AS AMENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH BEAUFORT COUNTY AND/OR HAMPTON COUNTY TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE PARK, THE PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE APPLICATION, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES TO THE COUNTIES AND RELEVANT TAXING ENTITIES; AND TO PERMIT A USER

FEE IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXATION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

DAVID JIROUSEK – 3rd 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 INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT NO CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE ORDINANCE SINCE THE LAST READING AND THE STAFF AND PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 3rd 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

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MARVIN JONES –PUBLIC HEARING AND 3RD READING OF THE ORDINANCE REGARDING THE LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE SECTION OF THE COUNTY’S PROCUREMENT POLICY:

MR. JONES REVIEWED THE FORMULA USED FOR THE BENEFIT OF LOCAL VENDOR. MR. JONES SAID THIS WOULD GIVE THE LOCAL VENDORS THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THE LOWEST BID SO THAT THE COUNTY IS NOT PAYING MORE TO USE A LOCAL VENDOR.

CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

MS. GABBARD ASKED IF THE LOCAL BIDDER DECLINES, DOES THE BID GO TO THE OTHER BIDDER. MR. JONES RESPONDED THAT IT WILL BE OFFERED TO THE LOCAL BIDDER AND IF DECLINED, IT WOULD GO TO THE LOWEST OUT OF TOWN BIDDER.

ROY POWELL ASKED WHAT IS CONSIDERED LOCAL AND CHAIRMAN HOOD RESPONDED THAT LOCAL WOULD BE JASPER COUNTY.

BEING NO OTHER COMMENTS, CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 3RD 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.

MARVIN JONES – 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE ORDERING REFERENDUM REGARDING A CHANGE IN THE METHOD OF ELECTION OF COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM THE EXISTING AT LARGE METHOD TO THE SEVEN (7) SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS METHOD; FORMULATING THE REFERENDUM QUESTION; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO:

MR. JONES INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE POINTED OUT AN ERROR IN SECTION 2.2 AND IT WILL BE CORRECTED PRIOR TO THE SECOND READING. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED HOW LONG WOULD THIS PROCESS TAKE AND MR. JONES RESPONDED THAT IT WOULD TAKE AT LEAST ONE YEAR.

COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE ORDERING REFERENDUM REGARDING A CHANGE IN THE METHOD OF ELECTION OF COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM THE EXISTING AT LARGE METHOD TO THE SEVEN (7) SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS METHOD; FORMULATING THE REFERENDUM QUESTION; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTIONS:

WENDY KELLY – JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER RESOLUTION:

MS. KELLY EXPLAINED THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS BUILDING NEW PLANES AND THE THE MARINE CORP AIR STATION IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR PLACEMENT OF THESE PLANES. MS. KELLY SAID THAT THE MILITARY BASES ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE LOCAL ECONOMY. MS. MARE AND MS. STATLER ALSO EXPLAINED THAT IT IS IMPORTANT IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THAT THE LOCALS SUPPORT THIS PROJECT. MS. STATLER SAID THAT IF THE NEW PLANES ARE LOCATED HERE, IT WOULD BE A MASSIVE ASSET TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS IT WOULD PROVIDE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR COMPANIES TO LOCATE HERE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THESE ARE ADDITIONAL PLANES TO BE BASED HERE AND MS. MARE SAID THAT THEY ARE REPLACEMENTS.

VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO PASS THE JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER RESOLUTION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

DAVID JIROUSEK – PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT:

KIM THOMAS, CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION, GAVE THE ANNUAL REPORT. MS. THOMAS REVIEWED THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND DISCUSSED THE GOALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE NEXT YEAR. CHAIRMAN HOOD THANKED THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THEIR REPORT AND SAID HE HOPED THE OTHER COMMITTEES WOULD ALSO PROVIDE THE COUNCIL WITH THIS TYPE OF INFORMATION. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE HAS ATTENDED A FEW PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS AND HE FELT THEY WERE DOING A GOOD JOB.

WENDY KELLY – USE OF PERRY HOUSE AND REQUEST FOR A-TAX FUNDING FOR REPAIRS:

MS. KELLY TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY REQUESTED TO USE THE PERRY HOUSE AND TO MOVE THERE SO THEY WOULD HAVE BETTER VISIBILITY. MS. KELLY SAID THAT THEY HAVE INSPECTED THE BUILDING AND HAVE REQUESTED SOME RENOVATIONS BE DONE TO MAKE IT ADA ACCESSIBLE. MS. KELLY SAID THE COST ESTIMATE FOR THE RENOVATION IS JUST UNDER \$12,000.00 AND IT COULD BE PAID FOR WITH A-TAX MONEY. MS. KELLY TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE LEASE AGREEMENT HAS NOT BEEN DONE BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO KNOW IF THE COUNCIL WOULD APPROVE THE RENOVATION AND LEASE. KENDALL MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE LIBRARY WANTED TO USE THE SPACE THAT THEY WOULD BE VACATING. MS. KELLY SAID THAT IF THE COUNCIL SUPPORTS THIS REQUEST, SHE WILL COME BACK WITH A LEASE AND FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE REPAIRS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED HOW MUCH A- TAX MONEY HAS THE COUNTY GIVEN TO THE CHAMBER THIS YEAR. MS. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED \$70,000.00 TO PROMOTE THE FARMERS' MARKET AND \$34,000.00 FOR BILLBOARDS AND ONLY A VERY SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THE \$34,000.00 GOES TOWARDS SALARIES. MS. MALPHRUS SAID THAT CHAMBER HAS RECEIVED OTHER FUNDING FROM THE COUNTY FOR SPECIFIC EVENTS. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THEY WOULD GET MORE BIDS FOR THE REPAIR WORK. MR. FULGHUM RESPONDED THAT THE \$11,930.00 WAS ONLY AN ESTIMATE THAT THEY PROVIDED. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THERE WERE A LOT OF LOCAL BUSINESSES WHO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN \$11,000.00 JOB. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED WHEN THE PERRY HOUSE WAS RENOVATED. MR. MALPHRUS SAID WHEN THE COUNTY PURCHASED THE PERRY HOUSE, RENOVATION WORK WAS DONE. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED HOW MUCH MONEY WAS SPENT ON THE RENOVATIONS. MR.

FULGHUM SAID ROUGHLY \$50,000.00 WHICH INCLUDED TECHNOLOGY. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED WHY THEY NEEDED TO RENOVATE AGAIN WHEN OVER \$50,000.00 WAS JUST SPENT ON THE PERRY HOUSE. MS. MALPHRUS SAID THAT IT NEEDS TO BE MADE ADA COMPLIANT, A SECURITY SYSTEM IS NEEDED, AND THE FRONT PORCH NEEDS TO BE PAINTED. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THEY HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT NOT WASTING MONEY AND AFTER \$50,000.00 WAS SPENT ON THIS BUILDING, NOW THEY ARE REQUESTING TO SPEND AN ADDITIONAL \$12,000.00. MS. MALPHRUS SAID THAT HANDICAP RAMPS MUST BE INSTALLED AND THIS IS THE FIRST PLACE PEOPLE WILL VISIT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED HOW MUCH WAS IN THE A-TAX FUND AND MR. MALPHRUS RESPONDED \$300,000.00, BUT SOME OF THAT MONEY HAS BEEN DEDICATED TO OTHER PROJECTS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THAT THE COUNCIL ASKED ABOUT PAVING THE PARKING LOT WITH A-TAX FUNDS AND WERE TOLD IT COULD NOT BE USED, COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED HOW IT CAN BE USED TO FIX THE INSIDE, BUT NOT THE OUTSIDE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT WHEN THE QUESTION WAS ASKED, HE DID NOT CONSIDER THAT THE CHAMBER WOULD BE USING THE BUILDING AND A-TAX FUNDS COULD BE USED TO PAVE THE PARKING LOT UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES. MS. KELLY SAID THAT C-FUNDS HAVE BEEN APPROVED TO PAVE THE PARKING LOT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED WHY NOT USE THE C-FUNDS TO PAVE ANOTHER PARKING LOT AND USE A-TAX FUNDS TO PAVE THE PARKING LOT AT THE PERRY HOUSE.

COUNCILMAN TYLER MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO ALLOW THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO LEASE THE PERRY HOUSE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO TABLE THE DECISION REGARDING THE RENOVATIONS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR AND COUNCILMEN TYLER, GREGORY AND ETHERIDGE VOTING FOR. CHAIRMAN HOOD VOTED AGAINST.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN HOOD REPORTED THAT THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN WORKING ON THE BUDGET AND THEY WILL DO THE BEST THEY CAN TO MAKE IT WORK. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE EMPLOYEES WILL HAVE TO DO MORE WORK AT THE SAME QUALITY.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

MR. FULGHUM ASKED THAT A RESOLUTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF THE MAY 27, 2009 MEETING. MR. FULGHUM ALSO REQUESTED THAT AN ORDINANCE REGARDING BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES BE PLACED ON THE MAY 27, 2009 MEETING AGENDA. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT HE WOULD BE ATTENDING A MEETING IN MYRTLE BEACH REGARDING THE STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK REQUEST AND MR. FULGHUM ASKED THE CHAIRMAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING.

MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT BEAUFORT COUNTY WAS BRINGING A LEGAL ACTION AGAINST ADJACENT COUNTIES REGARDING TRAFFIC, STORM WATER AND OTHER ISSUES.

MR. FULGHUM TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THERE WAS A WEBINAR ON CBDG FUNDS AND OPPORTUNITIES. MS. KELLY PRESENTED AN APPLICATION FOR THE *COP HIRING PROGRAM* IN THE AMOUNT OF \$540,000.00 FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL PATROL AND SRO OFFICERS. MS. KELLY SAID THE FUNDING IS FOR FOUR YEARS AND THE COUNTY WOULD BE REQUIRED TO RETAIN THE OFFICERS FOR ONE ADDITIONAL YEAR. MS. KELLY SAID ANOTHER APPLICATION IS BEING FILED TO ASSIST THE FIRE FIGHTERS AND THAT EMS IS PREPARING ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS.

MS. KELLY DISCUSSED THE ED BURNS MEMORIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,000.00 AND THAT IT WOULD BE USED FOR FINGER PRINTING EQUIPMENT.

MS. KELLY SAID THAT THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM RECEIVED \$7,000.00 MORE THAN IT NORMALLY RECEIVED. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT THE SRO GRANT AND THAT THIS GRANT WOULD RELIEVE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM FUNDING THE SRO OFFICER FOR THREE YEARS. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THIS WAS DONE IN THE PAST AND AFTER THE GRANT FUNDING RAN OUT, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WOULD HAVE TO PICK UP THE COST. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE GRANT WAS FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. MS. KELLY SAID IT WAS A JOINT APPLICATION. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED HOW MUCH STIMULUS FUNDING HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY JASPER COUNTY. MS. KELLY RESPONDED THAT FORMULA FUNDING IS THE ONLY ONE THAT SHE KNOWS IS COMING, BUT NO OTHERS. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT FUNDING FOR PAVING ROADS IS COMING. MS. KELLY SAID THE FUNDING REFERRED TO BY CHAIRMAN HOOD WAS PART OF THE FORMULA FUNDING. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY FUNDING FOR JOBS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. MS. KELLY SAID THAT THE HR DEPARTMENT HAS APPLIED FOR THAT FUNDING.

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

ANDREA MALLOY, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CONSERVATION LEAGUE DISCUSSED THE OKATIE BUSINESS PARK AND THAT THE COUNCIL HAS THE POWER TO ENCOURAGE A CERTAIN TYPE OF INVESTMENT IN THE COUNTY. MS. MALLOY SAID RETAIL SALES JOBS WILL BE PROVIDED AND SHE FELT THAT INCENTIVES SHOULD BE GIVEN FOR THE PORT AND THEY HAVE BEEN LOBBYING FOR THE PORT. MS. MALLORY SAID THAT SPECIAL MOTIVATION SHOULD BE TO PROTECT THE WATER QUALITY OF THE OKATIE RIVER AND THAT THE OKATIE BUSINESS PARK IS NOT THE KIND OF DEVELOPMENT THAT JASPER COUNTY NEEDS.

ROY POWELL ASKED ABOUT THE 5.8% INCREASE IN TAXES. MR. MALPRHUS SAID IT WAS A 5.8 % INCREASE OF THE MILLAGE. MR. POWELL SAID THAT HE REVIEWED THE ADMINISTRATOR'S CONTRACT AND HE ASKED ABOUT THE RETIREMENT FUNDS BEING PAID FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR INTO TWO DIFFERENT ACCOUNTS. MR. POWELL SAID THE CONTRACT CALLED FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR TO RECEIVE A COUNTY PHONE, BUT HE IS GETTING A STIPEND. MR. POWELL SAID IF A PERSON IS GIVEN A COUNTY PHONE, THE TAXPAYERS COULD REQUEST THE RECORDS AND IF THAT PERSON RECEIVES A STIPEND, THE TAXPAYERS CANNOT REQUEST THE RECORDS. MR. POWELL ASKED IF HE WAS TRYING TO HIDE SOMETHING. BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:

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

CHAIRMAN HOOD REPORTED THAT THE COUNCIL RECEIVED INFORMATION REGARDING CONTRACTUAL AND EMPLOYMENT MATTERS AND NO ACTION NEEDS TO BE TAKEN.

ADJOURN:

COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN
BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.
THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN
FAVOR.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 9:00 P.M.
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, CCC
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DR. GEORGE M. HOOD
CHAIRMAN