



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**358 THIRD AVE., RIDGELAND SC. 29936**

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**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**MAY 23, 2012, 3:30 P.M.**  
**BUDGET WORKSHOP/MEETING**

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** CHAIRMAN SAMUEL GREGORY, COUNCILMAN HENRY ETHERIDGE, COUNCILMAN LEROY BLACKSHEAR, COUNCILMAN THEODUS L. DRAYTON

**OFFICIALS ABSENT:** VICE CHAIRMAN MARTIN SAULS IV

**STAFF PRESENT:** ADMINISTRATOR ANDREW FULGHUM, DEP. ADM. GEORGE HOOD, CLERK TO COUNCIL JUDITH FRANK, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RONNIE MALPHRUS, DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES DALE TERRY

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 GREGORY CALLED THE MEETING/WORKSHOP TO ORDER AT 3:30 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - CHAIRMAN GREGORY LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

**INVOCATION** - COUNCILMAN DRAYTON GAVE THE INVOCATION.

#### **BUDGET PRESENTATION**

**CLEMSON EXTENSION – BOB GUINN AND YORK GLOVER** – MR. GUINN EXPLAINED THAT A LOT OF THE AGENCIES HAVE LOST STATE FUNDING. MR. GUINN REQUESTED THAT THE COUNTY PARTNER WITH THEM TO PUT AN AGRICULTURAL AGENT IN JASPER COUNTY. MR. GUINN SAID THE COST WOULD BE \$35,000 AND AN OFFICE FOR THE AGENT AT THE FARMERS MARKET. MR. GUINN PROVIDED THE COUNCIL WITH A JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE AGENT AND SAID THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE ACCESS TO THE EXPERTS AT THE MAIN CLEMSON CAMPUS THROUGH THE AGENT; INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF DUTIES WAS MANAGEMENT OF THE FARMERS MARKET AND WORKING WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS AND ON COMMUNITY PROJECTS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE COMMENTED THAT BOTH BEAUFORT AND HAMPTON COUNTIES HAVE AN AGENT. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED IF OTHER COUNTIES WITH FARMERS MARKET HAVE AGENTS. MR. GUINN SAID THAT SOME DO AND THIS IS A NEW POSITION THAT WOULD BE ADVERTISED NATIONALLY. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE COUNCIL WOULD HAVE ANY INPUT IN THE HIRING AND MR. GUINN SAID THEY COULD HAVE A MEMBER ON THE HIRING COMMITTEE. MR. TYLER SAID HE WAS A SMALL FARMER IN JASPER COUNTY SAID THE MARKET IN BEAUFORT HAS A LOT OF PARTICIPATION AND HE SUPPORTED THE REQUEST FOR AN AGENT IN JASPER COUNTY. MR. GUINN SAID HAVING AN AGENT IN JASPER COUNTY COULD CREATE AN INTEREST IN FARMING AGAIN. MR. GUINN ASKED THE COUNCIL ABOUT SIGNING A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR A

GRANT FOR MORE WIND ENERGY ACROSS THE STATE. IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL TO SIGN THE LETTER OF SUPPORT. CHAIRMAN GREGORY THANKED MR. GUINN FOR HIS PRESENTATION.

**ELECTION COMMISSION – JEANINE BOSTICK** – MS. BOSTICK REQUESTED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVE THE BUDGET AS REQUESTED FOR THE EQUIPMENT AND SALARY INCREASE FOR THE DIRECTOR. MS. BOSTICK REQUESTED FUNDING FOR AN IMAGING SYSTEM SO THAT THEY COULD GO PAPERLESS AND CUT DOWN ON THE AMOUNT OF STORAGE SPACE THEY NEEDED. MS. BOSTICK SAID THE COST WOULD BE \$80 PER MONTH PLUS THE COST FOR THE SCANNER. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE \$4,384 WAS FOR THE SCANNER AND A 3 YEAR WARRANTY AND THEN \$80 PER MONTH. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE COUNTY HAS USED THIS TYPE OF EQUIPMENT AND PROGRAM BEFORE. MS. BOSTICK SAID OTHER COUNTIES USE IT AND HAVE HAD FAVORABLE COMMENTS. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED WHAT THE COUNTY SPENDS ON BOARD MEMBERS IF THE STATE REIMBURSED THE COUNTY. MS. BOSTICK SAID THE POLL WORKERS FOR JUNE AND NOVEMBER AND THE COUNTY DOES PAY PART OF THAT EXPENSE. MR. SHEFTALL SAID THE BOARD WAS REQUESTING THAT THE DIRECTOR'S SALARY BE INCREASED TO \$50,000 AND SHE IS MAKING \$41,000 CURRENTLY. MR. SHEFTALL SAID THEY HAVE MADE THIS REQUEST FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS. MR. SHEFTALL SAID THE DIRECTOR IS DOING A FINE JOB AND THEY HAVE RECEIVED COMPLIMENTS ABOUT HER FROM THE PUBLIC. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE MONEY WAS IN THE PREVIOUS BUDGET. MS. BOSTICK SAID IT WAS AND IT STILL IS IN THE BUDGET. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID YOU ARE ASKING FOR AN INCREASE FROM \$41,000 TO \$50,000. MR. SHEFTALL SAID THAT WAS CORRECT. MS. BOSTICK DISCUSSED AN ANNUAL CONTRACT TO SERVICE THE VOTING MACHINES AND IT IS INCLUDED IN HER REQUEST FOR OFFICE SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT. MS. BOSTICK SAID THAT CURRENTLY THEY HAVE TO SHIP OR TAKE THE MACHINES TO BE SERVICED. MS. BOSTICK SAID THIS WAS CUT FROM LAST YEARS BUDGET. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED IF A PART TIME PERSON COULD DO THIS AND MS. BOSTICK SAID SHE DID NOT THINK THEY COULD DO IT CORRECTLY. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE REVIEWED THE INCREASES REQUESTED AND SAID THEY AMOUNTED TO ABOUT A 20% INCREASE. MS. BOSTICK SAID THE SALARY LINE INCLUDED POLL WORKERS AND SHE WAS HOPING TO UPDATE HER PHONE SYSTEM. MS. BOSTICK SAID THAT CURRENTLY THE ELECTION BOARD IS SHORT 4 PEOPLE AND WHEN APPOINTED THEY WILL NEED TO BE TRAINED AND THAT IS WHY THERE IS AN INCREASE IN TRAVEL AND TRAINING. CHAIRMAN GREGORY COMMENTED THAT THEY ARE AT \$9,300 FOR TRAVEL AND TRAINING THIS YEAR. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED ABOUT THE \$13,500 FOR THE ELECTION BOARD. MS. BOSTICK SAID THAT WAS A STIPEND FROM THE COUNTY, BUT THE STATE PAYS THE STIPEND. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED ABOUT THE INCREASE FOR UTILITIES AND MS. BOSTICK SAID SHE WAS LOOKING AT THE COST INCREASE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THROUGH APRIL ONLY \$1,900 WAS SPENT ON UTILITIES. MR. SHEFTALL SAID THAT THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF POLL WORKERS AND MS. BOSTICK SAID THEY NEEDED MORE VOTING MACHINES. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT THE \$4,000 FOR THE COMMISSIONERS AND SINCE THE STATE PAID THEM IT SHOULD BE TAKEN OUT OF THE BUDGET. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE REVENUE SIDE AND THE EXPENSE SIDE BALANCE OUT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT THE \$10,000 FOR SERVICING AND MS. BOSTICK SAID THAT WAS TO COVER SENDING OR TAKING THE MACHINES TO BE REPAIRED.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION** – EARL BOSTICK INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THE EMAIL SERVER PURCHASED IN 2003 HAS BEEN HAVING A LOT OF ISSUES AND IT NEEDS TO BE REPLACED. MR. BOSTICK SAID HE WAS WORKING ON CREATIVE WAYS TO CUT THE COSTS. MR. BOSTICK TOLD THE COUNCIL IT WOULD COST ABOUT \$25,000 WITH HIM HELPING. MR. BOSTICK SAID IT WILL NOT BE AN ACTUAL MACHINE, BUT A VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENT WILL BE CREATED. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED HOW THIS WOULD BE FUNDED. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE ONLY PLACE THAT CURRENTLY HAS THE FUNDS IS THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE OR GRANT MATCHING FUNDS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE PURRYSBURG

PROJECT IS NOT READY TO START YET AND IT WILL BE IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR AND OUT OF THAT BUDGET. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED HOW MUCH IS THE MATCH FOR PURRYSBURG AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID \$50,000. MR. FULGHUM SAID THIS IS THE ONLY GRANT HE IS AWARE OF. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THIS WAS AN EMERGENCY AND A NECESSITY. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE SERVER CRASHED LAST FRIDAY AND IT IS NOT WORKING PROPERLY. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE LOSS OF PRODUCTIVITY IS TREMENDOUS. MR. BOSTICK SAID THE SERVER SERVES ALL THE COUNTY OFFICES. MR. BOSTICK SAID THAT VC3 WANTS \$35,000, BUT THE COST CAN BE LESS BY HIS WORKING WITH THEM. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THIS NEEDED TO BE APPROVED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. MR. BOSTICK SAID IF IT DIES COMPLETELY, THEY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO RETRIEVE EVERYTHING. MR. BOSTICK SAID HE HAD BIDS AND WAS READY TO MOVE FORWARD ON MONDAY. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED ABOUT NEGOTIATING WITH VC3. MR. BOSTICK SAID HE WILL DISCUSS IT ON TUESDAY. MR. FULGHUM TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE SCHEDULE FOR THE BUDGET APPROVAL WAS CHANGED TO MEET ADVERTISING REQUIREMENT. CHAIRMAN GREGORY TOLD THE COUNCIL THEY NEEDED TO SET A DATE FOR THE COUNCIL TO WORK ON THE BUDGET.

**JOE GRANT- GATEWAY CROSSINGS AND TIF DISTRICT** - MR. JOE GRANT TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THEY WERE WORKING WITH THE CITY OF HARDEEVILLE AND THEY WOULD LIKE THE COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE SO THAT THEY CAN GET THIS PROJECT UP AND RUNNING. MR. GRANT INTRODUCED RALPH BRADEN, JOHN TILLER AND CHARLES WASHINGTON. MR. WASHINGTON PROVIDED THE LOCATION AND THE CONCEPT FOR THE PROJECT AND THAT IT WAS TO BE A PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AND THEY HOPED THAT THE COUNTY WOULD COME ON BOARD. MR. WASHINGTON SAID THE DEVELOPMENT WAS A VILLAGE TYPE CONCEPT AND HE LISTED THE VARIOUS USES AND TYPES OF HOUSING THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE. MR. WASHINGTON SAID THEY WERE NEGOTIATING WITH BEAUFORT/JASPER/HAMPTON COMP HEALTH TO HAVE A FACILITY ON SITE. MR. WASHINGTON SAID SENIOR LIVING WILL IS THE CORNERSTONE OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND THEY WILL ALSO HAVE A WELLNESS TYPE FACILITY. MR. WASHINGTON SAID THEY WANTED TO CREATE A TIF TO FINANCE THE INFRASTRUCTURE. MR. MILEY SAID THE INFRASTRUCTURE WILL BE ABOUT \$26,000,000 AND THE ENTIRE PROJECT WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$233,000,000. MR. MILEY SAID THAT THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING WAS A FINANCING TOOL USED IN SOUTH CAROLINA TO ENABLE CITIES TO ESTABLISH DISTRICTS IN AREAS THAT WOULD NOT GET GOING AND GET PRIVATE INVESTORS. MR. MILEY SAID THAT GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT IS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH A TIF. MR. MILEY OUTLINED THE PROJECT AND THE FACILITIES INCLUDED IN THE PLAN. MR. MILEY SAID THE CONCEPT WITHOUT PUBLIC INVESTMENT WOULD NOT HAPPEN. MR. MILEY SAID DURING THE TIME OF THE TIF WHEN FUNDING THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROPERTY TAXES ARE CAPTURED IN THE TIF FUND UNTIL TIF IS PAID FOR AND THEN THE TAX WILL GO TO COUNTY. MR. MILEY SAID THE PLAN IS NOT FOR 100% OF THE REVENUE BECAUSE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEEDS SOME MONEY TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES. ONCE ALL THE COSTS ARE COVERED THE MONEY GOES TO THE GOVERNMENT ENTITIES. MR. MILEY PROVIDED A LIST OF THINGS TO JUMP START THE PROJECT AND WHEN THE MONEY GOES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE TIF WAS FOR 20 YEARS AND WHEN WOULD PHASE I START AND WHEN WOULD IT BE COMPLETED. MR. WASHINGTON SAID THE HOPE TO BREAK GROUND IN NOVEMBER AND THEN 14-18 MONTHS FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND THEN THEY WILL START THE FIRST PHASE OF HOUSING, RETAIL SERVICES, APARTMENT COMPLEX AND INCOME BASED APARTMENTS AND SINGLE FAMILY HOMES WILL START THE 1<sup>ST</sup> OF 2014. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED WHEN THE TIF WILL START. MR. WASHINGTON SAID THE TIF WOULD START BEFORE CONSTRUCTION IS STARTED AND THE DEVELOPER WILL PAY THE COST OF THE TIF FOR A MINIMUM OF 24 MONTHS AND WHEN THE 1<sup>ST</sup> HOUSING GOES UP AND THE MONEY WILL GO TO THE BOND TRUSTEE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE ENTIRE PROJECT WAS LOCATED IN HARDEEVILLE AND MR. WASHINGTON SAID THAT IT WAS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THE PROPOSAL REQUESTS THAT THE

COUNTY TAKE OVER THE MAINTENANCE OF THE ROADS AND THE COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE EQUIPMENT TO MAINTAIN THE ROADS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THEY DO NOT NEED FIRE, POLICE OR EMS BUT THEY NEEDED TO CONTRIBUTE FOR THOSE SERVICES. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED IF HARDEEVILLE WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THE SERVICES. MR. MILEY ADDRESSED THE CONCERNS FOR THE SCHOOLS AND HE PROVIDED AN ANALYSIS OF THE FISCAL IMPACT OF THE DEVELOPMENT. MR. MILEY SAID THE DEVELOPMENT WILL CREATE A LOT OF JOBS, ACTIVITY AND WILL BE A BOOST TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY. MR. MILEY SAID THE POPULATION IMPACT ON CITY SERVICES WOULD BE LIMITED TO 906 HOUSING UNITS AND HE SAID OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS THE TAX REVENUE TO HARDEEVILLE IS ESTIMATED TO BE \$36,704,504. MR. MILEY DISCUSSED THE ADDITIONAL STUDENTS AND THE ADDITIONAL EXPENSE TO THE SCHOOLS. MR. MILEY SAID THAT 50% OF THE REVENUE WOULD GO TO THE MUNICIPALITIES AND 50% TO THE TIF. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT MR. MILEY IS THE GOLD STANDARD FOR FISCAL IMPACT ACROSS THE STATE AND HE HAS WORKED ON MANY PROJECTS ACROSS THE STATE. MR. GRANT SAID THE COUNTY PARTICIPATION IN THE TIF WOULD BE THAT 50% OF THE TAXES GOES TO THE SERVICE BOND AND THAT THE COUNTY TAKE OVER THE ROADS. MR. GRANT SAID THEY WOULD LIKE TO SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARINGS SIMULTANEOUSLY TO GET THE PROCESS DONE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MR. GRANT SAID THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT COMPLETED BY JUNE 14, 2012. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THE BJHCH IS BUILDING A NEW FACILITY. MR. GRANT SAID THEY THERE HAS BEEN AN UNOFFICIAL DISCUSSION TO RELOCATE TO GATEWAY CROSSINGS AND IT INCLUDED A WELLNESS CENTER. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED WHY THE POPULATION IMPACT SHOWS 50% COMING FROM JASPER COUNTY. MR. MILEY SAID THAT CITIZENS SEE THE NEW OPPORTUNITY AND MOVE THERE. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF WAS RATIONAL THAT A JOB COMES FIRST AND PEOPLE ARE UNLIKELY TO MOVE FROM A PAID OFF HOME TO ANOTHER HOME. MR. GRANT SAID THE RENTAL PROPERTY AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESPONDED TO THE HOUSING NEEDS IN JASPER COUNTY. MR. GRANT SAID HE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF MORE THAN 50% OF THE PEOPLE COME FROM JASPER COUNTY. MR. MILEY SAID IT COULD CAUSE AN INCREASE IN SERVICE COSTS IF IT WAS MORE THAN 50% LOCALS RELOCATING, BUT HE FELT THE AMOUNT OF REVENUE COMING IN WOULD COVER THE COST OF THE INCREASE FOR SERVICES. MR. MILEY SAID THEY LOOKED AT THE STUDY AND HARDEEVILLE HAS THE BIGGEST NEED AND THEY LOOKED AT THE LOCATION AND CITY SERVICES. MR. MILEY SAID THEY ALSO LOOKED AT POINT SOUTH, BUT THERE WERE NO SERVICES AVAILABLE THERE. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE DEVELOPMENT IS IN HARDEEVILLE AND HOW WILL IT ENHANCE THE COUNTY. MR. MILEY SAID THE COUNTY WOULD GET 50% OF THE COUNTY'S TAX REVENUE FOR 20 YEARS AND IT WOULD BE GETTING REVENUE THAT THEY ARE NOT GETTING NOW. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED WHAT IT WOULD COST THE COUNTY. MR. MILEY SAID THAT IT WOULD NOT COST THE COUNTY ANYTHING OUT OF POCKET. MR. MILEY SAID THE 1<sup>ST</sup> TWO YEARS THE DEVELOPER WILL BE PAYING OUT OF POCKET AND THE REVENUE GENERATED FROM THE PROJECT WILL BE USED TO PAY FOR THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE. MR. MILEY SAID THE BOND IS CREATED TO PAY THE DEBT AND SINCE THERE WILL NOT BE ANY REVENUE FOR THE FIRST FEW YEARS, THE DEVELOPERS WILL PAY THE BOND DEBT AND ONCE REVENUE IS GENERATED, A PORTION OF THE REVENUE WILL GO TO PAY TO PUT IN THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE. MR. FULGHUM ASKED ABOUT A FEE IN LIEU AGREEMENT WAS DONE BEFORE. MR. FULGHUM ASKED ABOUT A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH HARDEEVILLE. MR. MILEY SAID THE FEES ARE PAID TO HARDEEVILLE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE COUNTY WOULD NEED A COPY OF THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND HE ASKED IF THE COUNTY IS TO GIVE UP 50% AND HARDEEVILLE IS TO GIVE UP 50%, EVERYTHING HAS TO BE LOOKED AT LIKE THE SCHOOLS, THE LIBRARY AND OTHER AREAS. MR. FULGHUM ASKED IF THEY WILL BE ASKING FOR A MULTI-COUNTY PARK AGREEMENT AND MR. MILEY SAID NO. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE COUNTY WOULD WANT A SPECIALIST TO LOOK AT THE PROPOSAL AS THEY NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE DOWNSIDE RISKS TO MAKE A GOOD DECISION. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT SAM HOWELL WILL BE LOOKING AT THE LEGAL SIDE AND THEY NEEDED SOMEONE TO LOOK AT THE FINANCIAL SIDE.

ATTORNEY JONES SAID THAT IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG, THEY NEED TO BE SURE HOW IT WOULD AFFECT THE COUNTY'S BOND RATING. MICHAEL COSLARIC SAID THE CITY WOULD ISSUE THE BONDS AND THE COUNTY WOULD BE LISTED AS A REVENUE PROVIDER. MR. COSLARIC SAID THIS WAS THE TYPICAL STRUCTURE USED ACROSS THE STATE AND THE GOVERNMENT ENTITY THAT CREATED THE TIF WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BOND. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HOW MANY ADDITIONAL STUDENTS WERE PROJECTED. MR. MILEY SAID ABOUT A 10% INCREASE WHICH IS ABOUT ABOUT 335 STUDENTS OVER THE TERM OF THE BUILD OUT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE COMMENTED THAT THE SCHOOLS ARE UNDERFUNDED NOW RECEIVING 100% OF THE TAXES THEY COLLECT. MR. WASHINGTON SAID THE SCHOOLS WOULD BE GETTING 50% OF THE REVENUE DUE THEM AND THAT WILL BE A NICE CHUNK OF CHANGE. MR. MILEY SAID THE SCHOOLS LIKE THE 6% PROPERTIES AND THAT WILL GENERALLY NOT CREATE ADDITIONAL STUDENTS AND THIS WILL HELP THE SCHOOL SYSTEM. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE WITH 3 JURISDICTIONS SO THAT THEY WILL UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY ARE GETTING. MR. WASHINGTON SAID THE ENTIRE PROJECT IS IN HARDEEVILLE AND HARDEEVILLE HAS THE HIGHEST MILLAGE IN THE STATE. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THE BLUFFTON PARKWAY GOES THROUGH GATEWAY CROSSINGS AND MR. WASHINGTON SAID IT IS BESIDE THE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY IN THE DEVELOPMENT. MR. GRANT SAID THAT NO ONE HAS AGREED TO ANYTHING YET. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED WHY THERE WAS NOT FIRE STATION. MR. WASHINGTON SAID THE DEVELOPMENT IS VERY CLOSE TO THE EXISTING FIRE STATION. MR. WASHINGTON SAID THEY WILL BE REQUESTING AN ADDITIONAL ENTRANCE ON HWY. 46. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE COUNCIL WILL NEED TO STUDY THIS AND HAVE THEIR ATTORNEYS AND FINANCIAL ADVISOR REVIEW AND ADVISE THE COUNCIL ON THIS. MR. GRANT SAID HE WANTED TO KNOW WHAT THE PROCEDURE WILL BE. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE CAN GET AN MOU GOING RIGHT AWAY AT THE DIRECTION OF THE COUNCIL. CHAIRMAN GREGORY THANKED THEM FOR THEIR PRESENTATION

**ADJOURN – COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE BUDGET WORKSHOP/MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.**

THE MEETING ENDED AT 5:30 P. M .

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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REV. SAMUEL GREGORY  
CHAIRMAN