



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MAY 31, 2011, 11:00 A.M.
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

MINUTES

OFFICIALS PRESENT: CHAIRMAN LEROY BLACKSHEAR, VICE CHAIRMAN SAMUEL GREGORY, COUNCILMAN HENRY ETHERIDGE, COUNCILMAN L. MARTIN SAULS IV., COUNCILMAN THEODUS L. DRAYTON

STAFF PRESENT: ADMINISTRATOR-ANDREW FULGHUM, CLERK TO COUNCIL-JUDITH FRANK, COUNTY ATTORNEY - MARVIN JONES, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-RONNIE MALPHRUS

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 BLACKSHEAR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 11:00 A.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

INVOCATION- VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY GAVE THE INVOCATION.

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 - PROJECT DEFENSE

VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN SAULS 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 - PROJECT DEFENSE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION.

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR REPORTED THAT THE COUNCIL RECEIVED AN UPDATE ON PROJECT DEFENSE AND NO ACTION WAS NEEDED.

OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF A-TAX REQUESTS – COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING A-TAX RECOMMENDATIONS: CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – \$36,673; HISTORICAL SOCIETY/CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – \$4,020; POINT SOUTH MERCHANTS - \$45,307; BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB - \$6,000; GOPHER HILL FESTIVAL – \$2,500; BLUE HERON NATURE CENTER – \$4,000; LOW COUNTRY TOURISM – \$3,000; ANTIOCH EDUCATIONAL CENTER - \$3,000; JASPER COUNTY BOARD OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS - \$1,500; BUTTERFLY KINGDOM ROAD – \$142,000 AND THE LIGHTS AT EXIT 33 - \$12,000. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

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

THE MEETING ENDED AT 11:50 A.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc
CLERK TO COUNCIL

LEROY BLACKSHEAR
CHAIRMAN