



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
J.C. GOVERNMENT BLDG.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**JUNE 16, 2014
MINUTES**

4:00 P.M.

Budget Workshop/Meeting

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Chairwoman Barbara Clark, Vice Chairman L. Martin Sauls, IV, Councilman Henry Etheridge, Councilman Theodus Drayton, Councilman D. Thomas Johnson

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Judith Frank, Director of Administrative Services Ronnie Malphrus, Director of Emergency Services Wilbur Daley, Director of Engineering Services Dale Terry, Planning Director LeNolon Edge

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- Chairwoman Clark called the Budget Workshop/Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Discussion with JC School Board – Chairwoman Clark said a letter was sent to the School Board requesting attendance at this meeting, however, anytime a letter has been sent there is a reason they cannot attend. Chairwoman Clark said the letter requested that the School Board set a date and time they could meet and that the letter explained that the Council wanted to meet only with the School Board members. Chairwoman Clark said the Council wanted to discuss the proposed renovation of the Bees Creek facility and that the School Board should have had the courtesy to know what they were doing and how much was going to be spent and how they planned on financing the project. Chairwoman Clark said the taxpayers needed to be informed. Chairwoman Clark thanked Mr. Horton, Mrs. Butler and Mr. West for attending the workshop. Mr. West said he was present at the request of the School Board Chair, but he could not answer for the Board. Chairwoman Clark asked about the borrowing of money. Mr. West said the Board passed two resolutions and the Tax Anticipation Note is a common practice to pay off debt with taxes through the general fund budget. Mr. West said it is a way to pay bills when the tax funds are not coming in. Mr. West said they borrow money through short term loan through SCAGO and it can be paid back in March. Mr. West explained the General Obligation Bond resources and the amount of the bond expenditures through Sept., 2016. Mr. West said the School Board makes the decisions on Capital Projects and how they can be paid for. Mr. West said that SC Law 59-71 allows for them to levy taxes to pay the bonds back. Mr. West explained that the School Board was beginning the process of moving the existing administration building to the Bees Creek Location. Mr. West said an RFQ has gone out for the renovation of the Bees Creek Property. Vice Chairman Sauls asked why they were

not going to renovate the current building instead of the Bees Creek Property. Vice Chairman Sauls said that more focus was needed on the schools and the students and how the citizens would have to pay more taxes. Mr. West said they have begun the process to get the location. Vice Chairman Sauls said they will not get any cooperation from this Council to spend more money. Councilman Etheridge said the Bees Creek Project was started prior to the new School Board Members coming on board and the new members were told they could not ask any questions. Councilman Etheridge asked if any public meetings have been held. Mr. West said until they get the fiscal number, there is no need for meetings. Mr. West said they have a RFQ out for companies to provide information that is needed. Councilman Etheridge asked if the \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 was to get studies done and Mr. West responded that no numbers have been applied yet and no one has been selected to do preliminary designs. Chairwoman Clark asked how do you know you will need \$1,600,000. Mr. West said the general walk through shows a lot of the work that needs done and they may need \$3,000,000, but they don't have any cost for the work needed. Mr. West said the resolution approved by the board to get \$1,600,000 is for WiFi and the building. Mr. West said it was not advertised locally because the contractor must be a member of E-RATE. Mr. West said the vendors were evaluated by a paid consultant and a point system was used to make a recommendation to the Board. Chairwoman Clark said this renovation is for the Administration and staff and she asked how does this help the children. Chairwoman Clark said there are so many things that the children need. Chairwoman Clark said there needs to be an open line of communication between the School Board and the County Council and they need to come to one accord for what is best for the children. Mr. West said not one taxpayer that comes into this building benefits from this building, but the citizens benefit through the administration and the school district's building would be the same. Vice Chairman Sauls said the previous Council should never have built this building and the School District should do the same thing. Vice Chairman Sauls said he thought they should renovate the current building and concentrate on the schools. Vice Chairman Sauls said the current building is an icon and the Council is not in favor. Mr. West agreed the building was iconic, but it is owned by the County, not the School District, and a tenant does not renovate. Vice Chairman Sauls said the School Administration does not need a Taj Mahal. Councilman Etheridge asked about the debt service and Mr. West said if the building is renovated, there will not be any additional debt service and it would remain at 25 mills. Mr. Fulghum commented that it would be covered under the debt millage because it is due to the increase of the value of the mill. Mr. West said it was mapped out not to go over the 25 mills. Councilman Etheridge asked what kind of interest rate and Mr. West said he would have to check, but they would borrow from SCAGO and it would be under 1% and they would pay it back by the following March. Dr. Butler thanked the Council for reaching out to the School Board and she said she had serious concerns and the public needs to be informed. Dr. Butler said there are many other issues that need to be addressed before this. Councilman Johnson said that there was a need to talk about the Vision and they needed to stop projecting against each other. Councilman Johnson said he meant no disrespect to the school employees, but the School Board and the Council needed to interact, not the Council and the School's staff. Dr. Butler thanked the Council and said she would share this information with the other Board Members. Chairwoman Clark agreed that the Council wanted to meet with the School Board, not the staff. Chairwoman Clark said the Council sets the millage, but it cannot tell the School

Board what to do with the money and the staff needs to work with what they get. Councilman Drayton said that the Council keeps talking about getting with the School Board. Chairwoman Clark responded that two letters were sent requesting meetings and the School Board was even asked to set the date and time. Mr. West said the Board Chair received a Federal Express letter on Friday and he did not know until Saturday at 12:30 pm. when he got his agenda and he forwarded it to the superintendent and the Board Chair. Mr. West said the timeframe was impossible. Chairwoman Clark asked about the letter that was sent to Chairwoman Riley two weeks ago. Mr. Randy Horton said he would rather see the money used in the schools and he asked how they can get the bond without a referendum. Mr. Horton said he wanted to ask the same questions at the School Board meeting, but he was told he could not ask any questions. Mr. West said the Board has the ability to get the funds without a referendum as long as it is under 8% and the Board has this right under state law. Mr. West said that if it is under 8% the School Board, under state law, has the authority to levy taxes for this. Mr. Horton said the advisor told them this was to free up money and paid interest. Councilman Etheridge said the bond advisor told them not to do it. Mr. Horton said by waiting one year it would have saved the taxpayers interest from the 2001 bond referendum. Councilman Etheridge asked how much was still owed and Mr. West said he would have to get that information. Mr. West said the bond advisor brought information and advised the Board to move forward and to borrow the money at a lower interest rate and that would save about \$1,500,000 by doing it that way and one bond would be repaid in 2016 and one bond would be repaid in 2017. Vice Chairman Sauls asked about the bond rating and Mr. West said he would have to get that information. Mr. Horton said he did not receive any information regarding the Bees Creek Property and he is a member of the School Board and he felt the way they are doing it is to keep the School Board uninformed. Mr. Horton said the SCC does not see things the same way that Mr. West does and they do not think the School Board should be left out. Vice Chairman Sauls asked if the RFP was advertised in a local paper. Mr. West said there was no request to put it in the local paper. Mr. West said since it is an E-RATE project unless they have a SPIN number, they cannot bid on the project. Mr. Horton said that funds need to be there and a way to fund ERATE. Mr. Horton said this should have come to the Board Members. Mr. Horton said they needed to put the control back with the Board Members and not the administration. Chairwoman Clark said the Council is doing the best that it can to try and help and they are looking at how the funds are being spent. Chairwoman Clark said it is important that the School Board and the Council meet together and they can meet anywhere. Chairwoman Clark added that the people are going to question this and they need to make sure this is being done right. Chairwoman Clark said the Council will meet with the School Board and try to work together. Chairwoman Clark said the Council wanted a budget that the citizens of Jasper County can live with. Chairwoman Clark thanked everyone from the School Board and staff that came to the meeting.

Budget Discussion and Recommendations

Mr. Fulghum discussed the part-time position for the Magistrate office in Hardeeville and the part-time position for the VA office. Mr. Fulghum discussed the changes to the Levy Fire Contract. Mr. Malphrus said the changes requested by the Council were made including the change in the ordinance regarding the School District. Mr. Malphrus said the mills collected

for the Cherry Point Fire District were reduced from 33 mills to 32 mills. Mr. Malphrus explained that the Levy Fire Contract will be for \$255,000 for the next five years. Councilman Etheridge asked about withholding funds and Mr. Malphrus said that Attorney Jones cannot find anything that states that it cannot be done. Chairwoman Clark asked about the stretcher and Mr. Malphrus said it was not covered by insurance. Councilman Etheridge asked about contract labor and Mr. Malphrus explained that was for the people who post the delinquent tax sale properties and those funds are charged back to the property owner. Chairwoman Clark asked about budgeting \$2,200 for 2 hours per week; Chairwoman Clark said that works out to \$22 per hour and that is too much. Mr. Malphrus said they were thinking of having a county employee do it and pay them overtime. Councilman Etheridge said he did not think additional help was needed and it should be taken out of the budget and he felt the \$5,000 in the tax collector's office needed to be removed. Mr. Malphrus said that it would be a service and no benefits would be paid. Mr. Malphrus said help was needed in accounts payable and the person would receive a 1099. Councilman Etheridge said he felt all the part-time help should be cut. It was the consensus of the Council to cut the amount to \$1,500 for the help with A/P and the part time person for the magistrate in Hardeeville is to work as needed up to 20 hours. The Council agreed to budget \$1,500 for playground equipment at Robertville, Coosawhatchie and Tarboro and the funds are to come from fees collected by Parks and Recreation. Council instructed Mr. Malphrus to correct the amount for insurance in Dept. 083 to \$17,500 and to add those funds to park development. Chairwoman Clark asked Mr. Malphrus to get the receipt book from Voter's Registration. Mr. Malphrus said he has not seen a receipt book and no money has been turned over. Chairman Clark discussed a new system for employee attendance. Mr. Malphrus said he would look into it. Councilman Drayton noted that Building Maintenance has been increased for the past two year. Councilman Johnson suggested that the money saved in the detention center be earmarked for the solicitor, magistrates and sheriff. Mr. Malphrus said that it needed to be discussed and he will work on it.

Discussion of A&H Tax Requests – Mr. Malphrus said that each year the Council approves the requests for A&H Tax funds. Mr. Malphrus said the County receives about \$295,000 and the requests were for \$375,000. The council discussed the various requests. The amounts were discussed and will be approved in regular session. Vice Chairman Sauls moved and Councilman Johnson seconded the motion to approve the A-Tax requests in the following amounts: \$150,000 for the airport, \$68,000 to Point South Merchants, \$12,000 for lights at Point South, \$44,000 for the Chamber of Commerce, \$7,000 for the Boys and Girls Club, \$2,000 for the Catfish Festival, \$2,000 for the Gopher Hill Festival, \$2,000 for Lowcountry Tourism, \$4,000 for Blue Heron Nature Center, \$2,000 for the fireworks display, \$750 for the Storytelling at the Library and \$750 for Antioch. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Executive Session – Council Conference Room

Executive Session 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 Settings at Mackay Point, Waste Management, Consulting Services, Ridgeland Airport, Jasper Ocean Terminal Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other business in the area served by a public body - Prospect Update

Discussion of 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 – Personnel Matters – County Administrator

Vice Chairman Sauls moved and Councilman Johnson seconded the motion to go into executive session for the Executive Session 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 Settings at Mackay Point, Waste Management, Consulting Services, Ridgeland Airport, Jasper Ocean Terminal; Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other business in the area served by a public body - Prospect Update; Discussion of 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 – Personnel Matters – County Administrator. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

DINNER BREAK

Return to Open Session

Vice Chairman Sauls moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to return to open session. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Call to Order- Chairwoman Clark called the meeting back to order at 6:35 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance –Councilman Drayton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation – Vice Chairman Sauls gave the invocation.

Approval of the Minutes – 06/02/2014 – Vice Chairman Sauls moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the 06/02/2014 County Council meeting. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Approval of the Agenda - Councilman Etheridge moved and Vice Chairman Sauls seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Presentations

Presentation to Sam Woodward – Chairwoman Clark, on behalf of the County Council, presented Sam Woodward a plaque of appreciation of his heroic rescue efforts. Rhonda Cradle read a message to Mr. Woodward from the Jesse Wilson Family.

Ordinances

Ronnie Malphrus – Public Hearing and 3rd Reading of an Ordinance Authorising the Issuance and Sale of Jasper County, South Carolina, Special Source Revenue Bonds (Jasper County Schools Project); the Entering Into of Certain Covenants and Agreements; and the Execution and Delivery of Certain Instruments Relating to the Issuance of the Aforesaid Bonds, Including an Indenture and Certain Other Matters Relating Thereto – Mr. Malphrus explained that the note is due and February, but the bond attorney feels that it is a good time to bond it out. Mr. Malphrus also requested that the 3rd reading be delayed. Chairwoman Clark opened the Public Hearing. There were no comments. Chairwoman Clark closed the Public Hearing.

Andrew Fulghum –3rd Reading of the Ordinance Adopting and Approving the Jasper County Capital and Operations Budget for FY 2014-2015 – Mr. Malphrus reviewed the changes and requested the 3rd reading of the budget. Vice Chairman Sauls moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion and to approve the Jasper County Capital and Operations Budget for FY 2014-2015 in the amount of \$39,439,366. The motion carried with Chairwoman Clark, Vice Chairman Sauls, Councilman Etheridge and Councilman Johnson voting for; Councilman Drayton voted against.

Andrew Fulghum – Public Hearing and 3rd Reading of the Ordinance to Further Amend the Agreement for Establishment of Multi-County Industrial/Business Park, by and Between Jasper County, South Carolina and Hampton County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Jointly Owned and Operated Industrial/Business Park, so as to Include Additional Property In Jasper County as Part of the Multi-County Industrial/Business Park And Public Hearing and 3rd Reading of the Ordinance to Approve Providing for Infrastructure or Special Source Revenue Credits to KBRS, Inc.; Authorizing an Infrastructure Credit Agreement between Jasper County and KBRS, Inc.; providing for the Allocation of Fees-In-Lieu of Taxes Payable Under the Agreement for Development for a Joint County Industrial Park with Hampton County; and Other Matters Relating Thereto- Mr. Fulghum explained that the two ordinances concerned KBRS, Inc. Mr. Fulghum said that KBRS, Inc. was investing \$2,500,000 and creating 30 new jobs. Chairwoman Clark opened the Public Hearing for the Ordinance to Further Amend the Agreement for Establishment of Multi-County Industrial/Business Park, by and Between Jasper County, South Carolina and Hampton County,

South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Jointly Owned and Operated Industrial/Business Park, so as to Include Additional Property In Jasper County as Part of the Multi-County Industrial/Business Park. There were no comments. Chairwoman Clark closed the Public Hearing. Councilman Drayton moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion that this be the 3rd reading of the Ordinance to Further Amend the Agreement for Establishment of Multi-County Industrial/Business Park, by and Between Jasper County, South Carolina and Hampton County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Jointly Owned and Operated Industrial/Business Park, so as to Include Additional Property In Jasper County as Part of the Multi-County Industrial/Business Park. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor. Chairwoman Clark opened the Public Hearing for the Ordinance to Approve Providing for Infrastructure or Special Source Revenue Credits to KBRS, Inc.; Authorizing an Infrastructure Credit Agreement between Jasper County and KBRS, Inc.; providing for the Allocation of Fees-In-Lieu of Taxes Payable Under the Agreement for Development for a Joint County Industrial Park with Hampton County; and Other Matters Relating Thereto. There were no comments. Chairwoman Clark closed the Public Hearing. Councilman Etheridge moved and Vice Chairman Sauls seconded the motion that this be the 3rd reading of the Ordinance to Approve Providing for Infrastructure or Special Source Revenue Credits to KBRS, Inc.; Authorizing an Infrastructure Credit Agreement between Jasper County and KBRS, Inc.; providing for the Allocation of Fees-In-Lieu of Taxes Payable Under the Agreement for Development for a Joint County Industrial Park with Hampton County; and Other Matters Relating Thereto. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Ronnie Malphrus – Public Hearing and 3rd Reading of the Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Property by Jasper County by Lease-Purchase Financing in the Amount of not Exceeding \$300,000; the Execution and Delivery of Certain Instruments, Including a Lease-Purchase Agreement by Jasper County; and other Matters Relating Thereto- Mr. Malphrus explained that the financing would be handled by SCB&T and the funds are to be used to purchase 5 tankers for EMS. Chairwoman Clark opened the Public Hearing. There were no comments. Chairwoman Clark closed the public hearing. Councilman Johnson moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion that this be the 3rd Reading of the Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Property by Jasper County by Lease-Purchase Financing in the Amount of not Exceeding \$300,000; the Execution and Delivery of Certain Instruments, Including a Lease-Purchase Agreement by Jasper County; and other Matters Relating Thereto. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Mr. Fulghum – 2nd Reading of the Ordinance Calling for a Referendum to Determine Whether the South Carolina Dept. of Revenue may Issue Temporary Permits to allow for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages for On-Premises and Off Premise Consumption on Sundays in Jasper County – Mr. Fulghum said the ordinance would authorize notifying the election commission to place it on the ballot. Councilman Johnson moved and Vice Chairman Sauls seconded the motion that this be the 2nd Reading of the Ordinance Calling for a Referendum to Determine Whether the South Carolina Dept. of Revenue may Issue Temporary Permits to allow for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages for On-Premises and Off Premise Consumption on Sundays in Jasper

County. The motion carried with Chairwoman Clark, Vice Chairman Sauls, Councilman Johnson and Councilman Drayton voting for; Councilman Etheridge voted against.

LeNolan Edge- Public Hearing and 2nd reading of the Ordinance to Approve the Comprehensive Plan- Mr. Edge explained that there were two stake holders meetings and the Planning Commission recommended approval and the Planning Commission provided a list of recommendations that should be incorporated into the plan. Chairwoman Clark said a workshop was needed prior to the 3rd reading. Councilman Etheridge said the Council needed to have a meeting with the Planning Commission. Chairwoman Clark opened the public hearing; there were no comments. Chairwoman Clark closed the public hearing. Councilman Drayton moved and Councilman Johnson seconded the motion that this be the public hearing and 2nd reading of the Ordinance to Approve the Comprehensive Plan. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Andrew Fulghum – 2nd Reading of the Ordinance of to Provide for the Issuance and Sale of not Exceeding \$1,500,000 General Obligation Bonds of Jasper County, South Carolina Structured as a Line of Credit; to Prescribe the Purposes for which the Proceeds Shall Be Expended; To Provide for the Payment Thereof; and Other Matters Relating Thereto – Mr. Fulghum explained that the \$1,500,000 was for the County’s portion for the new runway at the Ridgeland Airport. Mr. Fulghum said that grant funds would cover the balance of the costs. Councilman Johnson moved and Vice Chairman Sauls seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Resolutions - None

Old Business - None

New Business

Andrew Fulghum – Approval of Airport Layout Plan for Ridgeland Airport and approval of Acquisition Services for the “Ridgeland Airport New Runway Project” Services – Mr. Fulghum asked for approval of Airport Layout Plan for Ridgeland Airport and approval of Acquisition Services for the “Ridgeland Airport New Runway Project” Services. Mr. Fulghum said the task order also includes approval of a grant opportunity. Mr. Fulghum reviewed the plans for the airport. Mr. Fulghum said the FAA requires all of the information on the plan and once they have reviewed it, the sponsor (Jasper County) must adopt what is on the plan. Vice Chairman Sauls moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to approve the Airport Layout Plan for Ridgeland Airport and approval of Acquisition Services for the “Ridgeland Airport New Runway Project” Services. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Andrew Fulghum – Approval of Consulting Services – Felder Associates – Vice Chairman Sauls moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion to approve the Consulting Services with Felder Associates. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor. Mr. Johnson commented that the consulting services will be paid with economic development funds.

Ronnie Malphrus – Approval of IDC Contracts – Mr. Malphrus stated that every three years the County puts out a request for various areas of service. Mr. Malphrus said the vendors are not paid unless their services are approved by the Council. Mr. Malphrus said they received 22 proposals and staff was recommending approval of 8 Contracts. Councilman Etheridge moved and Vice Chairman Sauls seconded the motion to approve the 8 contracts recommended by the staff. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Ronnie Malphrus – Approval of A&H Tax Requests – Councilman Drayton moved and Councilman Johnson seconded the motion to approve the A-Tax requests in the following amounts: \$150,000 for the airport, \$68,000 to Point South Merchants, \$12,000 for lights at Point South, \$44,000 for the Chamber of Commerce, \$7,000 for the Boys and Girls Club, \$2,000 for the Catfish Festival, \$2,000 for the Gopher Hill Festival, \$2,000 for Lowcountry Tourism, \$4,000 for Blue Heron Nature Center, \$2,000 for the fireworks display, \$750 for the Storytelling at the Library and \$750 for Antioch. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Wilbur Daley – Approval of Computer Upgrade for the Dispatch Center- Mr. Daley explained that the current equipment was no longer serviceable and due to expire. Mr. Daley said the funds were requested to replace the equipment. Councilman Johnson moved and Vice Chairman Sauls seconded the motion to approve the Computer Upgrade for the Dispatch Center and that it would be paid for from the 911 funds. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor. Councilman Etheridge asked the amount remaining in the 911 account and Mr. Malphrus responded about \$300,000 and it can only be spent for 911 needs.

Committee Reports – Councilman Etheridge reported that he attended a meeting regarding the Port. Councilman Etheridge said he attended a LCOG meeting and they received 78 applications for the director’s position. Councilman Etheridge said he attended the public hearing for the airport held at the Ridgeland/Hardeeville High School and no one from the public attended. **Vice Chairman Sauls** explained that 5% of the runway project at the airport will be paid for by the County. Vice Chairman Sauls announced that the SC Alliance Meeting is on June 24, 2014 and the new women’s pavilion at Coastal Carolina Hospital created 62 new positions. **Councilman Drayton** said he attended the airport layout workshop and it was very informative. Chairwoman Clark thanked the Election Commission for doing a good job and the citizens were concerned and the Commissioners made sure things were done right. Chairwoman Clark said the Council has asked for the receipt book and funds charged by the Elections and Voters Registration Director. Mr. Malphrus is to check with Ms. Bostick.

Administrator’s Report –Mr. Fulghum reported the Election Commission and School Board Meetings will be video recorded. Mr. Fulghum said that Matt Brodie will be doing the recording and he will also enhance the videos. Mr. Fulghum proposed business sponsorship to help defray the cost of the videos. Mr. Fulghum said that IT has resolved the issues and the meetings will be streamed from the County Website. Mr. Fulghum said that Hargray pays for half the cost of the videoing of the Council Meeting. Mr. Fulghum said the progress on the

Health Department has been slow, but the contracts have been signed. Mr. Fulghum asked the Council to let him know if they knew anyone that would like to do an internship for the summer.

Open Floor to the Public- Per ordinance 08-17 any citizen of the County may sign to speak before the Council on matters pertaining to County Services and Operations. Presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes and total public input will be limited to 30 minutes – Chairwoman Clark opened the floor to the public. Angel Dingleman said she is a new resident in Jasper County and it is a great place and she was happy to see what has been happening. Ms. Dingleman encouraged everyone to work on what is in the best interest of the citizens. Chairwoman Clark thanked Ms. Dingleman for her encouraging words. Being no further comments, Chairwoman Clark closed the floor to the public.

Adjourn - Vice Chairman Sauls moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

The meeting ended at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Judith M. Frank, ccc
Clerk to Council

Approved by:

Barbara B. Clark
Chairman