



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
358 THIRD AVE., RIDGELAND SC. 29936
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JULY 16, 2012
MEETING MINUTES
4:00 P.M.**

OFFICIALS PRESENT: CHAIRMAN GREGORY, VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS AND COUNCILMEN BLACKSHEAR, DRAYTON AND ETHERIDGE

STAFF PRESENT: ADMINISTRATOR ANDREW FULGHUM, CLERK TO COUNCIL JUDITH FRANK, ATTORNEY MARVIN JONES, ROD PATSYE GREEN, SHERIFF GREG JENKINS

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 TO ORDER AT 4:05 P.M. AND ANNOUNCED THAT THE COUNCIL WOULD HAVE THE FORMAL OPENING AT 7:00 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - 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 - COUNCIL EMPLOYEES ANNUAL EVALUATIONS AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET –
COUNCILMAN DRAYTON MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR A 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 - COUNCIL EMPLOYEES ANNUAL EVALUATIONS AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:30: P.M. AND TOOK A 30 MINUTE DINNER BREAK.

MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

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

OFFICIALS ABSENT: STAFF PRESENT: ADMINISTRATOR ANDREW FULGHUM, DEP. ADM. GEORGE HOOD, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RONNIE MALPHRUS, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES WILBUR DALEY, ATTORNEY MARVIN JONES, CLERK TO COUNCIL JUDITH FRANK, ACTING PLANNING DIRECTOR LISA LAMB

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 TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – CHAIRMAN GREGORY LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

INVOCATION – COUNCILMAN DRAYTON GAVE THE INVOCATION.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 05/29/2012 AND 6/04/2012 COUNCIL MEETINGS, 05/30/2012, 6/06/2012 BUDGET WORKSHOPS – VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 05/29/2012 AND 6/04/2012 COUNCIL MEETINGS, 05/30/2012, 6/06/2012 BUDGET WORKSHOPS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATION - PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING COASTAL CAROLINA HOSPITAL – CAROLYN GRANT ACCEPTED THE PROCLAMATION FOR COASTAL CAROLINA HOSPITAL. MS. GRANT THANKED THE COUNCIL AND DISCUSSED THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS THE HOSPITAL HAS ATTAINED. MS. GRANT PRESENTED THE COUNCIL WITH A PICTURE OF THE HOSPITAL FOR THE COUNTY TO HANG IN THE FOYER.

PROCLAMATION FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY – PEACH MORRISON ACCEPTED THE PROCLAMATION FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY. MS. MORRISON EXPLAINED THAT THE SC HISTORICAL SOCIETY WAS SPONSORING A TOUR OF THE PLANTATIONS IN JASPER COUNTY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COUNTY'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

ORDINANCES

MARVIN JONES – PUBLIC HEARING AND 3RD READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER AMONG JASPER COUNTY AND MCCLURE REAL ESTATE TOWN PARK, LLC; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY AND OTHER AGREEMENTS AMONG THE PARTIES – MR. JONES SAID THAT THE ORDINANCE IS FOR THE TRANSFER OF LAND AND IT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNCIL’S INSTRUCTIONS. CHAIRMAN GREGORY OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS. CHAIRMAN GREGORY CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 3RD READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER AMONG JASPER COUNTY AND MCCLURE REAL ESTATE TOWN PARK, LLC; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY AND OTHER AGREEMENTS AMONG THE PARTIES. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

LISA LAMB – 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER A PROPERTY BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 042-00-04-010 LOCATED AT INDEPENDENCE BLVD. FROM THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP – MS. LAMB EXPLAINED THAT THE REQUEST FOR THE ZONING CHANGE WAS MADE BY KIM MALPHRUS AND THAT SHE PLANNED TO BUILD A CONVENIENCE STORE OR A OFFICE BUILDING. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED HOW FAR A RESIDENCE IS FROM THE PROPERTY AND MS. LAMB SAID ABOUT 750-800 FT. AND IT IS LOCATED BEHIND THE PROPERTY. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE PROPERTY OWNER IS AWARE OF THE ZONING CHANGE REQUEST. MS. LAMB SAID THAT NOTICES WILL GO OUT PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING AND THE PROPERTY WILL BE POSTED. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER A PROPERTY BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 042-00-04-010 LOCATED AT INDEPENDENCE BLVD. FROM THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

MARVIN JONES – 1ST READING OF THE ORDERING A REFERENDUM REGARDING A CHANGE IN THE METHOD OF ELECTION OF COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM THE EXISTING AT-LARGE METHOD TO SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS METHOD AND INCREASING THE NUMBER OF COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM THE CURRENT FIVE MEMBERS TO SEVEN MEMBERS; FORMULATING THE REFERENDUM QUESTIONS THAT ARE TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT IN SUCH REFERENDUM; TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO; AND TO REPEAL JASPER COUNTY ORDINANCES 2011-28 – MR. JONES EXPLAINED THAT IN JANUARY, 2012 THE COUNCIL PASSED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE QUESTION TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT TO CHANGE TO SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS. MR. JONES SAID THE ORDINANCE THAT WAS PASSED DID NOT ADDRESS THE NUMBER OF COUNCIL MEMBERS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED LEAVING THE NUMBER OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AT FIVE AND THAT THERE WOULD BE FIVE SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE FELT FIVE MEMBERS WERE SUFFICIENT. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THIS ORDINANCE IS FOR SEVEN COUNCIL MEMBERS AND SEVEN SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON

MOTIONED AND CHAIRMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1ST READING OF THE ORDERING A REFERENDUM REGARDING A CHANGE IN THE METHOD OF ELECTION OF COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM THE EXISTING AT-LARGE METHOD TO SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS METHOD AND INCREASING THE NUMBER OF COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM THE CURRENT FIVE MEMBERS TO SEVEN MEMBERS; FORMULATING THE REFERENDUM QUESTIONS THAT ARE TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT IN SUCH REFERENDUM; TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO; AND TO REPEAL JASPER COUNTY ORDINANCES 2011-28 . THE MOTION CARRIED WITH CHAIRMAN GREGORY AND COUNCILMEN BLACKSHEAR AND DRAYTON VOTING FOR; VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE VOTED AGAINST. MR. JONES SAID THE REQUEST MUST GO TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT FOR APPROVAL AND ATTORNEY SAM HOWELL SAID HE NEEDED THE INFORMATION BY AUGUST 1, 2012 TO GET IT DONE AND 15 DAYS WERE NEEDED FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE COUNCIL DECIDES IF IT GOES ON THE BALLOT AND MR. JONES SAID THAT FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES THAT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT APPROVES IT AND THEY MAKE SURE THAT THE MINORITY VOTING RIGHTS WILL NOT BE AFFECTED AND THE FEDERAL LAW STATES THAT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HAS THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE IF IT GOES ON THE BALLOT. A CALLED MEETING WAS CALLED FOR JULY 19, 2012 AT 11:00 A.M. FOR THE 2ND READING AND A CALLED MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 3, 2012 AT 10:00 A.M. FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 3RD READING.

RESOLUTIONS - NONE

OLD BUSINESS

RONNIE MALPHRUS – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR SGT. JASPER PARK/SCHOOL CONNECTOR PROJECT – MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THEY RECEIVED TWO BIDS THAT WERE OVER BUDGET AND O’QUINN MARINE WAS THE LOW BIDDER, BUT THEY WOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO COMPLETE THE BOARD WALK AND A SMALL GRAVEL SECTION, NOT THE ENTIRE TRAIL. MR. DAVIS HAS GRANTS TO COVER THE COST OF \$107,000 WHICH IS WITHIN THE PROJECT BUDGET AND MR. MALPHRUS ASKED THE COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE BID FROM O’QUINN MARINE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$107,000 WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE GRANT MONEY IS ENOUGH TO PAY FOR THE CONTRACT. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

WILBUR DALEY – EMERGENCY SERVICES PARKING LOT CHANGE ORDER – CHIEF DALEY PRESENTED A CHANGE ORDER FROM THOMAS AND HUTTON TO INCLUDE THE AREA, PREVIOUSLY REMOVED DUE TO COST, SINCE THE SECOND SET OF BIDS WERE LOWER AND THERE IS ENOUGH MONEY TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT AND INCLUDE THE AREA. CHIEF DALEY SAID THE ENTIRE PROJECT IS APPROXIMATELY \$100,000 UNDER BUDGET. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE CONTRACTOR AGREED TO THE PRICE AND CHIEF DALEY SAID HE DID. THE CHANGE ORDER IS \$40,008.91. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CHANGE ORDER FROM THOMAS AND HUTTON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,008.91 AND IT IS TO BE PAID FOR FROM THE FUNDS

RECEIVED FROM THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

GEORGE HOOD – CONTRACT AWARD FOR PURRYSBURG CBDG PROJECT – DR. HOOD RECOMMENDED THAT THE CONTRACT BE AWARDED TO TERRY LEE CONSTRUCTION, THE LOWEST BIDDER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$684,860.74. DR. HOOD SAID A BID OF \$161,285 HAS ALREADY BEEN AWARDED. DR. HOOD SAID THE TOTAL PROJECT WILL COST \$953,690. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS ASKED IF THE COUNCIL APPROVES THE CHANGE ORDERS. DR. HOOD SAID LCOG MANAGES THE PROJECT AND BJWSA AUTHORITY APPROVES THE CHANGES, BUT THE COUNCIL CAN. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS ASKED ABOUT TAP-IN FEES AND DR. HOOD SAID THE PEOPLE WILL ONLY GET A MONTHLY WATER BILL. DR. HOOD SAID ALL 39 RESIDENTS HAVE SIGNED AGREEMENTS TO TAP ON AND PAY MONTHLY FEES. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FROM TERRY LEE CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$686,860.74 AND THAT IT BE PAID FROM THE GRANT FUNDS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

GEORGE HOOD – APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR PURRYSBURG CBDG PROJECT- DR. HOOD EXPLAINED THAT IN 2011 THE COUNTY ENTERED INTO A CONTRACT WITH BP BARBER AND NOW THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE IS STARTING AND MR. BARBER AND MR. KING FELT AN AMENDMENT OF \$52,150 WAS NEEDED FOR CONSTRUCTION AND THEY FELT THAT AMOUNT WAS AMPLE FOR THIS PROJECT. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS ASKED IF PENALTIES WERE INVOLVED IF THEY WENT OVER 7 MONTHS. DR. HOOD SAID THERE WAS SOME LIABILITY AND MR. KING DOESN'T THINK IT WILL GO OVER 7 MONTHS. DR. HOOD SAID THAT HE FELT BJWSA AND LCOG WOULD COME UP WITH THIS. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS ASKED WHO OWNS THE PROJECT AND DR. HOOD RESPONDED BJWSA AND LCOG. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR PURRYSBURG CBDG PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,150. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. DR. HOOD SAID THE PROCUREMENT POLICY ALLOWS THE ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS UP TO \$10,000 AND ANYTHING GREATER THAN THAT WILL HAVE TO COME BACK TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL.

ANDREW FULGHUM – UPDATE ON CYPRESS RIDGE BUSINESS INDUSTRIAL PARK PROJECTS – MR. FULGHUM TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE ENTRANCE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT THAT WAS FUNDED WITH \$282,000 FROM THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE IS COMPLETE AND CLOSED OUT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE WATER AND SEWER PROJECT, EXPANDED AND EXTENDED UTILITIES TO ALL THE PROPERTIES IN CRBIP. THE TOTAL COST WAS \$488,978 AND IT WAS COMPLETED UNDER BUDGET. MR. FULGHUM SAID A STORM WATER POND AND TWO FIELDS NEEDED TO BE PREPARED FOR BE GREEN TO BE ABLE TO GROW PRODUCTS THAT THEY USE AND THE PROJECT IS WITH THE ENGINEERS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE PARK IS AN ON GOING PROJECT. MR. FULGHUM DISCUSSED A 3RD SPEC BUILDING AND SAID THAT THE ONE THAT WAS TO BE ACROSS FROM BROWN CAMPBELL HAS BEEN COMPLETELY DESIGNED BY CARLISLE ASSOCIATES. MR. FULGHUM SAID THIS PROJECT IS ON THE SHELF AND HE WILL BE REQUESTING FUNDS FROM PALMETTO ELECTRIC AND HARGRAY. MR. FULGHUM DISCUSSED A PROJECT IN HARDEEVILLE COMMERCE PARK AND TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE COUNTY WAS WORKING JOINTLY WITH HARDEEVILLE TO GET THE PARK CERTIFIED. MR. FULGHUM ASKED FOR PERMISSION TO REQUEST

RDA FUNDS FOR THE HARDEEVILLE COMMERCE PARK. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS AGREED THAT THE HARDEEVILLE COMMERCE PARK IS A GREAT PROJECT. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED WHEN DID HARGRAY COME ON LINE. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE APPROACHED THEM ABOUT 6 MONTHS AGO AND SHOWED THEM THE ARRANGEMENT THE COUNTY HAS WITH PALMETTO ELECTRIC AND HARGRAY SAID THEY WANTED TO COME ON BOARD. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT THE MONEY FROM SPRINT. MR. FULGHUM SAID IT WAS ABOUT \$100,000 AND THE COUNTY HAS \$826,824 IN RDA FUNDS. IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL FOR MR. FULGHUM TO MAKE APPLICATION WITH HARGRAY AND PALMETTO ELECTRIC FOR RDA FUNDS FOR THE ENTRANCE TO HARDEEVILLE COMMERCE PARK.

ANDREW FULGHUM – PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR PHASE III SITE CERTIFICATION FOR RIDGELAND INDUSTRIAL PARK – MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT TWO PHASES OF THE SITE CERTIFICATION FOR RIDGELAND INDUSTRIAL PARK ARE COMPLETE AND THE COST WAS SHARED 50-50 WITH THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT PHASE III WILL COST \$33,000 AND THE COUNTY'S SHARE IS \$16,750 TO COMPLETE THE CERTIFICATION OF THE PARK. MR. FULGHUM SAID RIDGELAND HAS ALREADY APPROVED THEIR HALF OF THE FUNDING. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE \$16,750 FOR THE COUNTY'S PORTION OF PHASE III OF THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR RIDGELAND INDUSTRIAL PARK. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

ANDREW FULGHUM – WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICE AGREEMENT EXTENSION – MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS WORKING ON A NEW MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT AND THE COUNTY'S SOLID WASTE PLAN; THE CURRENT ONE EXPIRED IN MAY, 2012. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE COUNTY NEEDED TO RENEW THE CURRENT PLAN SINCE THE NEW PLAN MAY NOT BE COMPLETE TO MAY, 2013. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO EXTEND THE WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICE AGREEMENT. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

NEW BUSINESS- NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS- COUNCILMAN DRAYTON REPORTED THAT THE CRBIP REVIEW BOARD WAS SCHEDULED TO MEET ON JULY 24, 2012 AND HE WOULD REPORT ON IT AT THE NEXT MEETING. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS DISCUSSED THE RIBBON CUTTING FOR DR. FRANK AND THAT HE SPOKE WITH MR. DEAN MOSS ABOUT THE DATES FOR A STATE OF THE PORT ADDRESS. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THAT THE ROD WORKS AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COUNCIL AND SHE HAS BEEN NOTIFIED THAT MR. MALPHRUS WILL HANDLE THE DAY TO DAY SUPERVISION OF THAT OFFICE BUT SHE WORKS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COUNCIL. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE FEELS THE PERSONNEL POLICY NEEDED TO BE LOOKED AT BECAUSE HE FELT THAT THERE HAS BEEN UNFAIR HIRING IN JASPER COUNTY. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THAT HE VOTED FOR THE PAY INCREASE FOR THE EMPLOYEES, BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF EMPLOYEES MAKING LARGE SALARIES AND IF HE KNEW THAT BEFORE, HE WOULD NOT HAVE VOTED TO BOOST THE LARGE SALARIES. CHAIRMAN GREGORY STATED THAT JASPER COUNTY IS A POOR COUNTY PAYING SALARIES OVER \$50,000 AND HE WOULD NOT HAVE VOTED TO INCREASE THOSE SALARIES, BUT HE WOULD HAVE CONCENTRATED ON INCREASING THE LOWER SALARIES. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE FEELS THAT THERE IS UNFAIR HIRING BEING DONE IN JASPER COUNTY AND HE IS NOT

SURE SOME OF THE PEOPLE ARE WORTH WHAT THEY ARE GETTING PAID. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE COUNCIL NEEDED TO RECONSIDER SOME OF THE SALARIES AS THE PEOPLE ARE MAKING MORE MONEY THAN SOMEONE DOING THE SAME JOB IN LARGER COUNTIES WITH HIGHER STANDARDS FOR EMPLOYMENT. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID IT WAS UNBELIEVABLE WHAT SOME EMPLOYEES ARE MAKING AND THE COUNTY IS NOT HIRING FAIRLY. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE MINORITIES ARE NOT GETTING THE HIGHER PAYING POSITIONS AND HE FEELS SOME OF THE SALARIES ARE OUTRAGEOUS. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THERE ARE GOOD PAYING JOBS IN JASPER COUNTY AND THE HIRING PRACTICES NEED TO BE REVISITED. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID IT IS NOT FAIR TO THE CITIZENS OF JASPER COUNTY WHO ARE APPLYING FOR JOBS AND BEING TURNED DOWN. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID IT IS NOT WHAT YOU KNOW, BUT WHO YOU KNOW AND SOMEONE NEEDS TO GET A LAWYER AND SEE WHY EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT LAWS ARE NOT FOLLOWED IN JASPER COUNTY. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE FELT MANY PEOPLE FROM JASPER COUNTY ARE QUALIFIED FOR THE JOBS AND THEY ARE NOT GETTING THE JOBS AND THIS NEEDS TO BE INVESTIGATED. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE COUNCIL MADE THE STATEMENT THAT IF THE SHERIFF MAKES THE MONEY, THEN HE CAN GET NEW CARS AND CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE ASKED WHAT ARE THEY TO DO IF THE CARS ARE BROKEN DOWN, HOW CAN THEY DO THEIR JOBS. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE SHERIFF DEPUTIES IN JASPER COUNTY MAKE LESS MONEY THAN CERTAIN OTHER POSITIONS AND IT IS NOT RIGHT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE TOLD THE CHAIRMAN THAT WAS HIS OPINION NOT THE COUNCIL'S AND HE ASKED TO SPEAK AND WAS TOLD HE ALREADY GAVE HIS REPORT.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – MR. FULGHUM REPORTED ON THE BUDGET VETO FOR THE PORT AND IF IT WAS SUSTAINED IT WOULD BENEFIT THE PORT. MR. FULGHUM SUGGESTED THAT THE CITIZENS GO WITH THE COUNCIL TO COLUMBIA ON WEDNESDAY TO SUPPORT THE VETOES TO SUSTAIN. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED TO PUBLIC TO LET MS. FRANK KNOW IF THEY PLAN ON GOING TO RESERVE A SEAT ON THE BUS. MR. FULGHUM DISCUSSED THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND THAT THIS AREA QUALIFIES, HE WAS WORKING WITH SAVANNAH AND CHATHAM COUNTY TO CREATE ONE AND IT WILL BRING FEDERAL FUNDS INTO THE AREA. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED HOW MUCH MONEY THE COUNTY RECEIVED LAST YEAR FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND AND HOW MUCH WAS ESTIMATED FOR THIS YEAR. MR. MALPHRUS RESPONDED THAT THE COUNTY RECEIVED \$936,000 LAST YEAR AND ESTIMATES \$850,000 FOR THIS YEAR.

OPEN FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC –PER ORDINANCE 08-17 ANY CITIZEN OF THE COUNTY MAY SIGN TO SPEAK BEFORE THE COUNCIL MEETING ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO COUNTY SERVICES AND OPERATIONS. PRESENTATIONS WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES. (TOTAL PUBLIC INPUT WILL BE LIMITED TO 30 MINUTES) – CHAIRMAN GREGORY OPENED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC.

ROB MCBRAYER – MR. MCBRAYER SAID THAT THERE HAS BEEN A STREAM OF PEOPLE TRYING TO RAISE ISSUES ABOUT THE SALARIES. MR. MCBRAYER SAID THE 7 DISTRICTS INSTEAD OF 9 DISTRICTS FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD FAILED AND THERE WAS ONLY ONE MEETING HELD THE NIGHT PRIOR TO THE SENATE VOTING ON IT. MR. MCBRAYER SAID THERE WAS NO ANNOUNCEMENTS OR INFORMATION REGARDING THE CHANGE EXCEPT FOR A MAP. MR. MCBRAYER SAID THIS IS IMPORTANT TO THE PEOPLE OF JASPER COUNTY AND THE CITIZENS WERE NOT MADE AWARE OF THE MEETING AND ONCE THIS WAS DONE THE DISTRICTS WOULD BE FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE COUNCIL. MR. MCBRAYER SAID THE MAP

FAILED TO GET THE APPROVAL OF THE SENATE, BUT HE FELT THE PUBLIC SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED NOTICE OF THE MEETING. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THAT PUBLIC NOTICE WAS GIVEN AND THE REDISTRICTING WAS FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD. MR. MCBRAYER SAID THEY WERE TOLD THE MAP WAS BASED ON THE CENSUS. CHAIRMAN GREGORY STATED THE COUNCIL NEVER SAID IT WAS THE COUNCIL'S MAP AND THE COUNTY WILL ADVERTISE WHEN THAT HAPPENS. BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, CHAIRMAN GREGORY CLOSED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC.

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 - [LOW COUNTRY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE](#) – COUNCILMAN DRAYTON MOTIONED AND CHAIRMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

NO ACTION TAKEN AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

ADJOURN - VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 9:25 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc
CLERK TO COUNCIL

REV. SAMUEL GREGORY
CHAIRMAN

