



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

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUGUST 20, 2012
MEETING MINUTES

6:00 P.M.

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

STAFF PRESENT: ADMINISTRATOR ANDREW FULGHUM, DEP. ADM. DR. GEORGE HOOD, CLERK TO COUNCIL JUDITH FRANK, ATTORNEY MARVIN JONES, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RONNIE MALPHRUS. ACTING PLANNING DIRECTOR LISA LAMB, I-T DIRECTOR EARL BOSTICK, JR., SHERIFF JENKINS, CLERK OF COURT MARGARET BOSTICK, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES WILBUR DALEY, DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES DALE TERRY, HR DIRECTOR GLORIA LUCAS

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 CALL ED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M.

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 –**RIDGELAND AIRPORT AND RIDGELAND INDUSTRIAL PARK** AND 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 – **COMPENSATION MATTER; FILING OF STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST** – VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE 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 –**RIDGELAND**

AIRPORT AND RIDGELAND INDUSTRIAL PARK AND 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 – COMPENSATION MATTER; FILING OF STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

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

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 DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 06/08/2012, 06/13/2012, 06/18/2012, 6/20/2012, 6/28/2012, 07/16/2012, 7/19/2012, 7/23/2012 – COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 06/08/2012, 06/13/2012, 06/18/2012, 6/20/2012, 6/28/2012, 07/16/2012, 7/19/2012, 7/23/2012. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON COMMENTED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES QUICKER. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THAT THE COUNCIL WAS OUT OF TOWN AND THERE WAS ONLY ONE MEETING IN JULY AND AUGUST.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATION -DR. IDA SPRUILL – ETHNO-CULTURAL BARRIERS TO HEALTH LITERACY/DISEASE MANAGEMENT IN AFRICAN AMERICANS LIVING IN THE COASTAL PLAINS REGION OF SC – DR. SPRUILL EXPLAINED THAT HER DEPARTMENT HAD RECEIVED A 3 YEAR GRANT TO HELP WITH LITERACY AND UNDERSTANDING DISEASE MANAGEMENT IN AFRO AMERICAN COMMUNITIES. DR. SPRUILL EXPLAINED THAT POOR LITERACY COMPLICATES THINGS FOR PEOPLE WITH DIABETES. DR. SPRUILL SAID THAT DIABETES MANAGEMENT IS A PRIORITY FOR SUCCESSFUL MANAGEMENT. DR. SPRUILL SAID THAT 12 FOCUS GROUPS WILL MEET IN YEAR ONE AND THERE WILL BE A GROUP MEETING AT LOVEY HILL BAPTIST CHURCH ON AUGUST 27, 2012 AT 11:00 A.M. DR. SPRUILL ASKED IF SHE COULD USE COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTERS AT NO COST TO GET THE WORD OUT TO THE PEOPLE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED FOR A COPY OF THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE AFFECTED BY DIABETES AND DR. SPRUILL SAID SHE WOULD PROVIDE HIM WITH THE INFORMATION. CHAIRMAN GREGORY TOLD DR.. SPRUILL TO CONTACT MR. FULGHUM AND HE WOULD BE SURE THAT SHE COULD USE THE FACILITIES AT NO COST.

COUNCIL - PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NEW RIVER AUTO MALL TO MR. WARNER PEACOCK – MR. PEACOCK, CEO OF NEW RIVER AUTO MALL EXPLAINED THAT THERE ARE 10

DEALERSHIPS LOCATED ON 41 ACRES AND MORE WERE IN THE PLANS. CHAIRMAN GREGORY PRESENTED MR. PEACOCK WITH THE PROCLAMATION AND MR. PEACOCK PRESENTED THE COUNTY AN ARTIST'S RENDERING OF THE AUTO MALL TO HANG IN THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

DANNY BLACK, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF SOUTH CAROLINA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE – INTRODUCTION OF JASPER COUNTY'S NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT MANAGER PHILLIP RICHARDSON, JR. – MR. BLACK SAID THAT THEY WILL BE UPDATING THE COUNCIL QUARTERLY WITH A WRITTEN REPORT. MR. BLACK INTRODUCED MR. BRAD SAMUELS, WHO IS A BOARD MEMBER ON THE SOUTH CAROLINA REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE AND HE COMMENTED THAT VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS ALSO SERVES ON THE BOARD. MR. BLACK REVIEWED THE ALLIANCE'S ACTIVITIES IN THE REGION. MR. BLACK TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT WHEN THE COUNTY JOINED THE ALLIANCE IN JULY, A PERSON WAS TO BE HIRED THAT WOULD BE DEDICATED TO JASPER COUNTY. MR. BLACK INTRODUCED MR. PHILLIP RICHARDSON, JR. MR. BLACK COMMENTED THAT MR. RICHARDSON IS CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO LIVE IN JASPER COUNTY. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS WELCOMED MR. RICHARDSON AND THANKED MR. BLACK FOR WHAT HE IS DOING FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN OUR COUNTY TO EXPAND THE TAX BASE. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SAID THE COUNCIL WANTS TO HELP AND PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ANY COUNCIL MEMBER. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE WAS EXCITED TO HAVE MR. RICHARDSON ON BOARD AS THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THERE IS SOMEONE ON BOARD TO SPECIFICALLY WORK IN JASPER COUNTY. MR. FULGHUM INTRODUCED LA-NOLAN EDGE, THE NEW PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES DIRECTOR FOR JASPER COUNTY WHO WILL BE STARTING IN SEPTEMBER. MR. EDGE SAID HE APPRECIATED THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK FOR THE COUNTY AND HE PLANNED TO DO HIS BEST AND HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE COUNCIL AND MOVING JASPER COUNTY FORWARD. CHAIRMAN GREGORY WELCOMED MR. EDGE TO THE COUNTY. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SAID HE HAS WORKED WITH MR. EDGE AND WAS EXCITED FOR HIM TO BE ON BOARD. CHAIRMAN GREGORY THANKED MS. LISA LAMB FOR ALL HER HARD WORK AND HE COMMENDED HER FOR DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB.

ORDINANCES

LISA LAMB – PUBLIC HEARING AND 2ND 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 OWNER OF THE PROPERTY, KIM MALPHRUS, MADE APPLICATION FOR THE CHANGE IN ZONING. MS. LAMB SAID THE PROPERTY IS 1.8 ACRES ON INDEPENDENCE BLVD. AND MS. MALPHRUS PLANS TO BUILD A CONVENIENCE STORE OR OFFICE BUILDING. MS. LAMB TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE STAFF AND PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND APPROVAL. CHAIRMAN GREGORY OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. ANJOLIE JACKSON AND BARRY SIMMONS SAID THEY WERE RECENTLY NOTIFIED OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND THEY WANT THE PROPERTY ZONING TO REMAIN AS IT IS AND THE REST OF THEIR FAMILY WANTS IT TO REMAIN AS IT IS SO THE TAXES ARE NOT INCREASED. MS. LAMB SAID THE REQUEST IS FOR THE PROPERTY OWNED BY MS. MALPHRUS AND THE PROPERTY BEHIND IT IS OWNED BY MS. JACKSON AND MR. SIMMONS' FAMILY. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED WHO OWNED THE PROPERTY. MS. JACKSON SAID SHE RECEIVED THE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE AND SHE

DID NOT KNOW HOW THE PROPERTY WAS ANNEXED INTO HARDEEVILLE. MR. FULGHUM SUGGESTED DELAYING THE 2ND READING SO THE SITUATION CAN BE RESEARCHED. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED WHO OWNED THE PROPERTY AND MS. LAMB SAID KIM MALPHRUS OWNS THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION. MS. JACKSON SAID THEY NEVER SOLD THE PROPERTY. ROBIN PRIMUS ALSO OBJECTED TO THE ZONING CHANGE. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE STAFF WILL INVESTIGATE THE SITUATION PRIOR TO THE 2ND READING. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION TO GET MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PARCEL IN QUESTION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED IF THE SURROUNDING PROPERTY WAS ZONED RESIDENTIAL AND MS. LAMB SAID IT THE PROPERTY IN HARDEEVILLE IS ZONED HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL WHEN IT WAS ANNEXED.

MARVIN JONES – 1ST READING TO AMEND ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER III OF CODE ORDINANCES OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO ADOPT SECTION 2-69A REGISTRAR OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS – MR. JONES EXPLAINED THAT IT CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL THAT THE REGISTRAR OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS IS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE COUNCIL AND THIS ORDINANCE IS TO ADDRESS THAT ISSUE. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1ST READING TO AMEND ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER III OF CODE ORDINANCES OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO ADOPT SECTION 2-69A REGISTRAR OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS; THE MOTION 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 PROPERTIES BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBERS 080-00-03-106 AND 080-00-03-176 LOCATED ON BROWNS COVE ROAD FROM THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE TO THE MIXED BUSINESS ZONE ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP- MS. LAMB EXPLAINED THAT THE PROPERTIES ARE LOCATED IN RIVER WALK AND THE OWNER HAS ASKED FOR THE DESIGNATION CHANGE SO THAT HE CAN MANUFACTURE BEER. MS. LAMB SAID THAT GENERAL COMMERCIAL DOES NOT ALLOW MANUFACTURING AND THAT MIXED BUSINESS WOULD BE THE APPROPRIATE ZONING AND THIS IS THE IDEAL LOCATION FOR THIS BUSINESS. MS. LAMB SAID THE STAFF AND PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND APPROVAL. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED IF THE SURROUNDING BUSINESS WERE AWARE OF THE REQUEST. MS. LAMB RESPONDED THAT AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION LEVEL THE PROPERTY WAS POSTED. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED WHAT TYPE OF BUSINESS WAS NEXT DOOR AND MS. LAMB RESPONDED A MEDICAL CARE FACILITY, BUT THERE ARE SOME OTHER MANUFACTURING USES IN RIVER WALK. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID SOME OF THE MANUFACTURING BUSINESSES WERE GRANDFATHERED IN AND THEY WOULD NOT BE SELLING BEER AT THIS LOCATION, JUST MANUFACTURED THERE. MS. LAMB SAID THERE NO RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IS IN RIVER WALK. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR 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 PROPERTIES BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBERS 080-00-03-106 AND 080-00-03-176 LOCATED ON BROWNS COVE ROAD FROM THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE TO THE MIXED BUSINESS ZONE ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP. THE MOTION 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 042-04-034 LOCATED AT INDEPENDENCE BLVD. FROM THE RURAL PRESERVATION ZONE TO THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE AND TO TRANSFER A PROPERTY BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 042-00-04-021 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 STAFF INITIATED THIS ORDINANCE WHEN MS. MALPHRUS REQUESTED THE CHANGE IN ZONING FOR THE PROPERTY TO BE ZONED GENERAL COMMERCIAL. MS. LAMB SAID ONE PARCEL WAS ZONED RURAL PRESERVATION AND THE OTHER WAS ZONED RESIDENTIAL. MS. LAMB SAID DUNKIN DONUTS IS LOCATED ON ONE OF THE PARCELS AND THE OTHER IS AN UNDEVELOPED WOODED LOT. MS. LAMB SAID THE STAFF AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND APPROVAL. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED WHY DUNKIN DONUT WAS ALLOWED TO BUILD ON THAT LOT AND MS. LAMB SAID THE APPLICATION TO BUILD THERE WAS DONE PRIOR TO THE MORATORIUM AND PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE NEW ZONING ORDINANCE. 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 042-04-034 LOCATED AT INDEPENDENCE BLVD. FROM THE RURAL PRESERVATION ZONE TO THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE AND TO TRANSFER A PROPERTY BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 042-00-04-021 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.

LISA LAMB – 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, TO ADD USED HOUSEHOLD AND OFFICE GOODS MOVING AS A CONDITIONAL USE IN THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; TO AMEND 6:1, TABLE 1; AND TO ADD CONDITIONS TO ARTICLE 11:7 AS 11:7.11A – MS. LAMB SAID THAT CURRENTLY TRUCK TRANSPORTATION WAS NOT AN ALLOWED USE IN COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL AND SHE LISTED THE VARIOUS ALLOWABLE USES AND THE ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS FOR USED HOUSEHOLD AND OFFICE GOODS MOVING. MS. LAMB SAID THIS WOULD BE A CONDITIONAL USE. MS. LAMB TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE STAFF AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND APPROVAL. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, TO ADD USED HOUSEHOLD AND OFFICE GOODS MOVING AS A CONDITIONAL USE IN THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; TO AMEND 6:1, TABLE 1; AND TO ADD CONDITIONS TO ARTICLE 11:7 AS 11:7.11A. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

ANDREW FULGHUM – 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG JASPER COUNTY AND DANIEL DEFENSE, INC. (BY TITLE ONLY)- MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT HE PROVIDED THE COUNCIL WITH A MEMO CONCERNING THE FEE IN LIEU WHICH WAS PART OF THE MOU AGREEMENT WITH DANIEL DEFENSE, INC. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A

FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG JASPER COUNTY AND DANIEL DEFENSE, INC. (BY TITLE ONLY. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTIONS

MARVIN JONES – RESOLUTION TO ADOPT GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES FOR A BEAUFORT COUNTY AND JASPER COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA AND TO CREATE A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION – THIS ITEM WAS TABLED UNTIL THE JOINT MEETING ON AUGUST 27, 2012.

OLD BUSINESS – NO OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF FOUR MEMBERS TO THE LIBRARY BOARD – CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED THAT ANYONE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE LIBRARY BOARD TO CONTACT MS. FRANK. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO NOMINATE LESLIE JONES HART TO SERVE ON THE LIBRARY BOARD. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

DALE TERRY – PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR KNOWLES ISLAND FISHING PIER: MR. TERRY EXPLAINED THAT HE ADVERTISED FOR BIDS FOR THE FISHING PIER AND HE RECEIVED 4 BIDS AND THE LOWEST BID WAS FROM ALPHA CONSTRUCTION AND IT WAS ABOUT \$1,200 OVER BUDGET. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE BIDS WERE DISCUSSED AT THE ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING AND THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE BID. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE BID FROM ALPHA CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$147, 750 AND FOR THE KNOWLES ISLAND FISHING PIER AND IT IS TO BE PAID FOR WITH GRANT FUNDING. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

MARVIN JONES – REQUEST TO CLOSE PUBLIC ROAD- MR. JONES EXPLAINED THAT PATRICK DANZLER REQUESTED TO CLOSE DELTA ESTATE ROAD. MR. JONES SAID THAT EVERYONE ON THE ROAD AGREED TO THE CLOSING. MR. JONES SAID A LAWSUIT WAS FILED AND THEY HAVE COME TO THE COUNTY ASKING FOR THE ROAD TO BE CLOSED AND THAT THE COUNTY BE RELIEVED OF MAINTAINING THE ROAD. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO CLOSE DELTA ESTATE ROAD AND THE COUNTY WILL NO LONGER MAINTAINS DELTA ESTATE ROAD. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

DALE TERRY – PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR GRAYS SCHOOL- MR. TERRY ASKED THE COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE LOW BID FROM ABATE AND INSULATE, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,647. MR. TERRY SAID THE WORK WOULD BE DONE IN TWO STAGES. MR. TERRY SAID THE COST WOULD BE PAID FOR FROM THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE LINE IN THE BUDGET. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE LOW BID FROM ABATE AND INSULATE, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,647 AND THE WORK WOULD BE DONE IN TWO STAGES AND THE COST WOULD BE PAID FOR FROM THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE LINE IN THE BUDGET. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RONNIE MALPHRUS – SECURITY SYSTEM FOR COURT HOUSE – MR. MALPHRUS EXPLAINED THAT MS. BOSTICK REQUESTED A SECURITY SYSTEM AND WOULD LIKE TO USE SOUTH EASTERN SYSTEM TECHNOLOGIES WHO HAS ALREADY INSTALLED ANOTHER TYPE OF SYSTEM IN THE COURTHOUSE. MR. MALPHRUS ASK FOR PERMISSION TO FORGO BIDDING AND USE A SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER FOR THIS. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE BID FROM SOUTH EASTERN SYSTEM TECHNOLOGIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,865 PLUS \$420 PER YEAR FOR ANNUAL MONITORING OF THE SYSTEM AND IT IS TO BE PAID FROM THE CLERK OF COURTS BUDGET. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

ANDREW FULGHUM – SELECTION OF AIRPORT ENGINEERING CONSULTANT- MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR GRANTS, THE COUNTY NEEDED TO HAVE AIRPORT CONSULTANTS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THEY EVALUATED FIVE PROPOSALS AND RECOMMENDED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVE THE LPA GROUP. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE USING THE LPA GROUP AS THE COUNTY’S AIRPORT CONSULTANT. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

WILBUR DALEY- MOU RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT WITH BEAUFORT COUNTY FOR EMS SERVICES- MR. DALEY SAID THAT HE MET WITH A SUN CITY NORTH GROUP REGARDING AMBULANCE COVERAGE. MR. DALEY SAID THAT IF THE COUNTY’S VEHICLES ARE ALL IN SERVICE THE MOU RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT WITH BEAUFORT COUNTY FOR EMS SERVICES COMES IN TO PLAY. MR. DALEY SAID IT WAS A GOOD FIT FOR BOTH COUNTIES. MR. WILSON, A SUN CITY NORTH RESIDENT, SAID THEY WERE HAPPY THAT BEAUFORT COUNTY AND JASPER COUNTY WERE COOPERATING IN PROVIDING SERVICES. MR. WILSON ADDED THAT THE STAFF HAS BEEN VERY PROFESSIONAL. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MOU RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT WITH BEAUFORT COUNTY FOR EMS SERVICES. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

WILBUR DALEY – DISASTER DEBRIS MANAGEMENT CONTRACT – MR. DALEY EXPLAINED THAT THE CONTRACT WAS FOR A COMPANY TO MONITOR THE DISASTER DEBRIS REMOVAL. MR. DALEY SAID THE COUNTY IS REIMBURSED BY FEMA. MR. DALEY SAID THAT HE REVIEWED THE PROPOSALS WITH MR. NANNI AND ARCADIA WAS THEIR 1ST CHOICE. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THIS IS INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID IT IS PAID FOR FROM THE FUND BALANCE AND THE MONEY IS REIMBURSED BY FEMA. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SAID HE WAS AGAINST USING THE HIGHEST BID AND HE FELT THEY SHOULD USE THE LOWEST BID. MR. DALEY SAID THAT HE AND MR. NANNI BASED THEIR RECOMMENDATION ON THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE BIDDERS AND THEY DID NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE OTHER BIDDER. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE LOWEST BID OF \$1,170 PER HOUR FROM O’BRIEN’S. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

DR. GEORGE HOOD – AMENDMENT TO VC3 CONTRACT- DR. HOOD TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT MR. BOSTICK WAS RECOMMENDING THAT THE CONTRACT WITH VC3 BE AMENDED. DR. HOOD SAID HE AND MR. BOSTICK MET WITH VC3 AND THE NEGOTIATED CONTRACT WILL PROVIDE THE COUNTY WITH THE NEEDED TECHNOLOGY SERVICES. MR. BOSTICK TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE NEW CONTRACT WILL

REPLACE ALL THE COUNTY SERVERS AND WILL CUT THE MAINTENANCE COSTS. THE NEW CONTRACT WILL SAVE THE COUNTY \$51,236. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS THANKED MR. BOSTICK FOR SAVING THE COUNTY TAX PAYERS MONEY AND MAKING THE COUNTY'S EQUIPMENT BETTER. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THAT MR. BOSTICK SHOULD NEGOTIATE ALL THE CONTRACTS. CHAIRMAN GREGORY THANKED MR. BOSTICK FOR HIS WORK AND ASKED THE ADMINISTRATOR TO FIND A WAY TO GET MR. BOSTICK SOME HELP. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE VC3 CONTRACT. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

ANDREW FULGHUM – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE – MR. FULGHUM SAID THE COUNTY HAS A GRIEVANCE PROCESS AND THE COUNCIL APPOINTS THE MEMBERS TO THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE. MR. FULGHUM PROVIDED THE COUNCIL WITH A LIST OF APPOINTEES AND ASKED THE COUNCIL TO APPOINT THE MEMBERS SUGGESTED ON THE LIST HE PROVIDED. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE REVIEWED THE LIST PROVIDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION AND A LOT OF THE INDIVIDUALS SUGGESTED WORK FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS WHO DO NOT FALL UNDER THE PERSONNEL POLICY. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE A CROSS SECTION OF RACE, JOB DUTIES AND HOW HIRED. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE HAD RESERVATIONS ON APPOINTING EMPLOYEES THAT ARE HIRED BY THE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DO NOT FALL UNDER THE PERSONNEL POLICY. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION TO TABLE THIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND THAT THE COUNCIL APPOINTS THE MEMBERS THEY CHOOSE TO APPOINT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THE COUNCIL IS SUPPOSED TO APPOINT THE MEMBERS AND MR. FULGHUM IS TELLING THEM WHO TO APPOINT BY PROVIDING THE LIST. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A CHAIRMAN GREGORY, VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS, COUNCILMAN DRAYTON AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE VOTING FOR; COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR VOTED AGAINST. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE APPOINTED PRESENT AT THE MEETING WHEN THEY ARE APPOINTED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS- COUNCILMAN DRAYTON REPORTED THAT HE ATTENDED THE CRBIP MEETING AND THEY DISCUSSED THE AERONAUTICS GROUP AND ASKED MR. FULGHUM TO TRY AND FIND ANOTHER LOCATION IN THE PARK FOR THEM TO USE. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THE COMMITTEE FELT THEY SHOULD BE LOCATED IN REAR AREA OF THE PROPERTY, NOT IN THE FRONT. **COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE** REPORTED THAT HE MET WITH THE CITIZENS AT SUN CITY WITH MR. DALEY AND MR. MALPHRUS TO ADDRESS THE RESIDENTS CONCERN ABOUT THE LENGTH OF TIME IT TAKES FOR AN AMBULANCE TO RESPOND. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE FELT THE RESIDENTS WERE HAPPY WITH THE SOLUTION TO WORK WITH BEAUFORT COUNTY. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED WHEN THE FIRE TOWER ROAD FIRE STATION WAS GOING TO BE BUILT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THE COUNTY HAS THE MONEY FOR THE STATION AND THEY NEED TO GO AHEAD AND GET IT BUILT BEFORE THEY LOSE THE MONEY. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE TALKED WITH MR. DALEY ABOUT MOVING AHEAD WITH THE PROJECT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADVERTISE BIDS FOR THE FIRE TOWER ROAD FIRE STATION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. **VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS** REPORTED ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INCLUDING THE JUSTIN BAKER GOLF TOURNAMENT THAT

RAISES FUNDS FOR A SCHOLARSHIP FOR A STUDENT FROM EACH OF THE SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS DISCUSSED THE CATFISH FESTIVAL AND THE GOPHER HILL FESTIVAL. **COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR** REPORTED THAT HE HAS BEEN RECEIVING CALLS ABOUT THE FIRE TOWER ROAD FIRE STATION. **CHAIRMAN GREGORY** SAID THE SCHOOLS GOT OFF TO A SMOOTH START AND HE IT WAS GOING TO BE A WONDERFUL SCHOOL YEAR FOR ALL THE CHILDREN. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE COUNCIL IS GOING TO CONTINUE PROMOTING JOBS FOR JASPER COUNTY.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT- MR. FULGHUM REPORTED THAT THE COUNTY FOCUS MAGAZINE HAD AN ARTICLE ABOUT THE COURTHOUSE RENOVATION. MR. FULGHUM TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE CRBIP INFRASTRUCTURE WAS ALMOST COMPLETE. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO ENHANCE THE SIGNAGE AND EXPLORE ENHANCING THE LANDSCAPING. MR. FULGHUM PRESENTED A PROPOSAL FOR ALAN GLASSBERG IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,136 AND IT COULD BE PAID FOR FROM THE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM ALAN GLASSBERG IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,136 AND THAT IT BE PAID FROM THE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT JARM WANTS TO MAKE A GRANT APPLICATION TO ERECT A MOBILE OFFICE BUILDING ON THE PROPERTY AND THEY NEED THE COUNTY'S APPROVAL. IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE STAFF TO REVIEW THE REQUEST AND SEE IF THIS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. MR. FULGHUM ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION ON THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID IT WAS A BUDGET EXPENSE, BUT THEY WERE RELYING ON THE REVENUE FROM THE SHERIFF TO COVER IT. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO AUTHORIZE MR. MALPHRUS TO RELEASE THE FUNDS TO PURCHASE THE CARS FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THEY NEEDED TO PROVIDE THE MONEY ALLOCATED. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT LEASING THE VEHICLES FOR 3 YEARS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID HE THOUGHT THEY COULD PURCHASE 8 CARS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS ASKED MR. MALPHRUS TO INVESTIGATE THE BEST WAY TO MOVE FORWARD. SHERIFF JENKINS SAID HE WAS LOOKING TO PURCHASE THE BEST VEHICLE FOR THE PRICE. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT THE CHARGERS AND SHERIFF JENKINS SAID THE BRAKES ARE A PROBLEM. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED ABOUT STATE CONTRACTS FOR VEHICLES. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY CAN GO THROUGH THE STATE. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SAID THEY NEEDED TO WORK TOGETHER ON A PROGRAM TO REPLENISH THE VEHICLES AND HOW TO RAISE THE MONEY TO DO THIS. MR. FULGHUM DISCUSSED THE FLEXIBILITY PROVISION WHICH ALLOWS THE COUNTY TO REDUCE FUNDING BASED ON THE AMOUNT THAT JASPER COUNTY IS ALLOWED TO CUT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID SINCE THE STATE DID NOT FULLY FUND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND AND JASPER COUNTY WAS UNDERFUNDED BY 16%, THE COUNTY CAN REDUCE STATE MANDATED FUNCTIONS BY THE SAME AMOUNT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT AMOUNT CAN BE CUT IN HALF BECAUSE MOST OF THE AGENCIES CANNOT BE CUT.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THE EMPLOYEE RAISE PROVISION OF THE 2012-2013 JASPER COUNTY BUDGET DOES NOT COVER THE MAGISTRATES OR THE PROBATE JUDGE BECAUSE

THOSE EMPLOYEES RAISES ARE PROVIDED BY STATE LAW. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO AN OPTION WITH THE OWNER OF THE REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT RIDGELAND INDUSTRIAL PARK TO FACILITATE CERTIFICATION OF THE PARK. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

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) – NONE

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 8:55 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc
CLERK TO COUNCIL

REV. SAMUEL GREGORY
CHAIRMAN

