



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
358 THIRD AVE., RIDGELAND, SC 29936
SEPTEMBER 19, 2011**

WORKSHOP – 5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

OFFICIALS PRESENT: CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR, COUNCILMAN DRAYTON, COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE, COUNCILMAN SAULS

OFFICIALS ABSENT: VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY

STAFF PRESENT: ADMINISTRATOR ANDREW FULGHUM, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RONNIE MALPHRUS, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES WILBUR DALEY, DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES DIVISION DALE TERRY, ATTORNEY MARVIN JONES, CLERK TO COUNCIL JUDITH FRANK, PLANNING DIRECTOR DAVID JIROUSEK

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.

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CALLED THE WORKSHOP TO ORDER AT 5:30 P.M.

DISCUSSION ON THE STORMWATER ORDINANCE – MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THE WORKSHOP WAS CALLED TO REVIEW THE STORM WATER MANAGEMENT MANUAL. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT REPRESENTATIVES FROM THOMAS AND HUTTON TO ASSIST WITH THE PRESENTATION AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED HOW THE PROJECT WAS FUNDED AND THAT THE PROFESSIONALS, THE STAFF, THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MADE UP OF CITIZENS FROM THE COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPALITIES WERE INVOLVED IN CREATING THIS PLAN. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THIS IS AN UPDATE TO CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODE AND THE MANUAL IS A STAND ALONE MANUAL. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE ORDINANCE COVERS THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE STANDARDS AND THE APPLICATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE ORDINANCE AND THE MANUAL. RICK KARKOWSKI, AN ENGINEER FROM

THOMAS AND HUTTON EXPLAINED THAT THE MANUAL IS A GUIDE FOR DEVELOPERS AND ALSO COVERS WAYS TO MEET THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS. MR. KARKOWSKI REVIEWED THE SIX SECTIONS OF THE MANUAL. MR. KARKOWSKI SAID IT INCLUDED USER FRIENDLY TABLES AND A SECTION COVERING STEP BY STEP THE PROCEDURE AND A DESIGN EXAMPLE IS PROVIDED. MR. KARKOWSKI SAID HE FELT THE MANUAL FAIR AND STRAIGHT FORWARD. COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED ABOUT THE TYPE OF GRASSES TO BE USED IN THE SWELLS. MR. KARKOWSKI RESPONDED THAT COVERAGE IS REQUIRED; HOWEVER, TYPES OF GRASS ARE NOT. COUNCILMAN SAULS SAID THAT EVERYONE INVOLVED DID AN EXCELLENT JOB ON THIS ORDINANCE AND MANUAL. COUNCILMAN SAULS COMMENTED THAT THIS IS IMPORTANT TO THE ENVIRONMENT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED WHAT GREEN ROOF WAS AND MR. KARKOWSKI SAID IT WAS WHEN THE ROOF OF A STRUCTURE HAS LIVING PLANTS THAT TAKE UP THE WATER AND CAPTURE AS MUCH AS NEEDED BASED ON THE SOIL DEPTH.

DISCUSSION OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE 2011-10 ADOPTING THE JASPER COUNTY CAPITAL AND GENERAL OPERATIONS BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 – MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT PREVIOUSLY AN ORDINANCE WAS PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL TO AMEND THE BUDGET ORDINANCE TO CORRECT AN ERROR IN THE MILLS FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT ORIGINALLY 22.5 MILLS WERE BUDGETED FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, BUT AT THE END OF THE TIME THE BUDGET WORKSHOPS WERE BEING HELD, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT CAME AND REQUESTED 25 MILLS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE COUNCIL AGREED, BUT WHEN THE BUDGET WAS PASSED THE MILLS WERE LISTED AT 22.5 WHICH WAS INCORRECT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE 3RD READING OF THE ORDINANCE FAILED DUE TO A TIED VOTE. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED IF THEY NEEDED TO HAVE SOMEONE MAKE A MOTION TO RECONSIDER. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR RESPONDED NO SIR. MR. MALPHRUS SAID WHEN THE COUNCIL AGREED TO THE CHANGE AT THE BUDGET WORKSHOP, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WENT AHEAD AND ORDERED SOME SOFTWARE COUNTING ON THE 25 MILLS TO COVER THE THEIR DEBT SERVICE. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THEY CAN BRING IT BACK UP FOR A VOTE WHEN THE FIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE ALL PRESENT. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THEY WOULD AMEND THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE THE VOTE FOR THE ORDINANCE.

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ADJOURNED THE WORKSHOP AT 6:00 P.M.

MEETING 7:00 P.M.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR, VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR, COUNCILMAN DRAYTON, COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE, COUNCILMAN SAULS

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CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

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

INVOCATION – COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE GAVE THE INVOCATION.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ADDED VOTING ON THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUDGET TO THE AGENDA. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY OBJECTIONS. THERE WERE NONE. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR APPROVED THE AGENDA.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - 8/09/2011 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, THE 8/23/2011 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING. 8/29/2011 ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, 09/02/2011 EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING – THE MINUTES FROM THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS WERE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS – NONE

ORDINANCES

DAVID JIROUSEK – 2nd READING OF THE TO AMEND JASPER COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS (LDR) TABLE OF CONTENTS 11.5 ACCEPTANCE AND 11.6 WARRANTY; TO AMEND LDR SECTION 1.6 ADMINISTRATION; TO AMEND LDR SECTION 1.11 ENFORCEMENT; TO AMEND LDR SECTION 1.14 WAIVERS; AMEND LDR SECTION 1.18 RIGHT OF ENTRY AND INSPECTIONS; TO AMEND LDR SECTION 2.4 COMPLETENESS; AMEND LDR SECTION 2.5 APPLICATION REVIEW; TO AMEND LDR SECTION 3.4 A SUBMISSION OF A MINOR SITE PLAN; TO AMEND LDR SECTION 3.5 SUBMISSION OF A CONCEPT PLAN; TO AMEND LDR SECTION 3.8 SUBMISSION OF A MAJOR SITE PLAN; AMEND LDR PARAGRAPHS A(4) AND B(2) IN SECTION 3.9 DESIGN GUIDELINES; TO AMEND LDR BY DELETING PARAGRAPH Q AND AMENDING PARAGRAPH N IN SECTION 4.7 PRELIMINARY PLAT REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND LDR TO REPEAL SECTION 8.7.B.1 (B)

WITHIN 8.7 ISLAND STANDARDS; TO AMEND LDR PARAGRAPH G IN SECTION 8.11; TO AMEND LDR TO DELETE SECTIONS 9.8 STORM DRAINAGE, 9.9 SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE, 9.10 MISCELLANEOUS DRAINAGE REQUIREMENTS AND 9.11 (C); TO AMEND LDR SO AS TO ADD ARTICLE 10 – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT; TO AMEND LDR SECTION 11.1 DESCRIPTION; TO AMEND LDR SECTION 11.5 ACCEPTANCE; TO AMEND LDR SECTION 11.6 WARRANTY; TO AMEND JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE (JCZO) CHAPTER 4 SO AS TO ADD CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND JCZO SECTION 12:1.5 (2); AND TO ADOPT THE JASPER COUNTY STORMWATER DESIGN MANUAL – MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT THE COUNCIL HAD A WORKSHOP PRIOR TO THE MEETING TO DISCUSS THIS ORDINANCE.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2011-2012 BUDGET – MR. MALPHRUS DISCUSSED THE SCHOOL BOARD MILLAGE FOR DEBT SERVICE AND THAT IT WAS TO BE LISTED AS 25 INSTEAD OF 22.5 THAT THE COUNCIL HAD AGREED TO. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THIS ORDINANCE FAILED AT THE LAST MEETING. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED BUDGET ORDINANCE. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE 3RD READING FAILED AT THE LAST MEETING, BUT THE ENTIRE BUDGET IS ALREADY APPROVED. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID IF THE ORDINANCE BEING PRESENTED WAS THE SAME AS THE ONE THAT FAILED AT THE LAST MEETING, THEY CANNOT HAVE A 3RD READING TONIGHT. ATTORNEY JONES SAID THAT WAS CORRECT, THEY WOULD HAVE TO HAVE A 1ST READING BY TITLE ONLY. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED WHY THEY NEED TO HAVE 3 READINGS AND A PUBLIC HEARING, SINCE IT WAS A STAFF OVERSIGHT AND NOT RECORDED. ATTORNEY JONES SAID THE OLD ORDINANCE PASSED THE 1ST AND 2ND READING, BUT FAILED THE 3RD READING SO A NEW ORDINANCE IS NEEDED. COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED IF THEY WOULD ALSO NEED ANOTHER PUBLIC HEARING AND ATTORNEY JONES SAID THEY WOULD. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THAT BY INCLUDING THE FISCAL YEAR BUDGET MAKES IT CONFUSING. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE COUNCIL IS VOTING ON THE 1ST READING AND IT CAN BE CHANGED. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THEY DON'T HAVE THE ORDINANCE WRITTEN THE WAY THEY EXPLAINED IT. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CALLED FOR A VOTE FOR THE 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2011-2012 BUDGET. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR, VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON VOTING FOR; COUNCILMEN ETHERIDGE AND SAULS VOTED AGAINST.

RESOLUTIONS - NONE

OLD BUSINESS

RICHARD POLLINS – 3RD STREET PROPERTY – MR. POLLINS DISCUSSED THE PROPERTY HE BID ON THAT WAS LOCATED ON THIRD ST. THAT HAD TO BE MOVED. MR. POLLINS REVIEWED THE HISTORY OF THIS TRANSACTION AND SAID HE WAS LIED TO AND HE WANTED TO KNOW WHAT THE COUNCIL

WAS GOING TO DO. MR. POLLINS SAID HE RECEIVED A LETTER REGARDING A CONTRACT AND MR. POLLINS REQUESTED TO SEE THE CONTRACT BECAUSE HE NEVER RECEIVED ONE. MR. POLLINS SAID THE ATTORNEY NOR DID THE COUNTY RESPOND TO HIS REQUESTS. MR. POLLINS READ A LETTER FROM CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR THAT WAS PLACED IN HIS MAILBOX BY SOMEONE, NOT THE POSTAL SERVICE. MR. POLLINS SAID HE WAS NOT TREATED FAIRLY AND THAT THE COUNTY GAVE AWAY THE HOUSE HE WAS WILLING TO PURCHASE MR. POLLINS SAID HE SENT MS. HERMAN A LETTER STATING HE WOULD TAKE THE HOUSE BASED ON THE BIDS. MR. POLLINS SAID HE APPLIED FOR ALL THE NECESSARY PERMITS AND CONTACTED A HOUSE MOVER. MR. POLLINS SAID THAT MS. HERMAN DID NOT FOLLOW THROUGH. MR. POLLINS SAID HE WAS TOLD THE COUNTY COULD NOT GIVE THE HOUSE AWAY, THAT THEY NEEDED TO BID ON THE HOUSE AND HE DID AND IN THE END, THE COUNTY DID GIVE THE HOUSE AWAY TO SOMEONE ELSE. MR. POLLINS SAID HE WANTED TO SEE THE CONTRACT THAT THEY SAID WAS GIVEN TO HIM, BECAUSE HE NEVER RECEIVED IT. MR. POLLINS SAID HE WAS LIED TO AND DID NOT FEEL HE WAS TREATED FAIRLY. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY APOLOGIZED TO MR. POLLINS AND EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS NOT HANDLED PROPERLY FROM THE BEGINNING. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE STAFF WAS TOLD TO GIVE THE HOUSE TO SOMEONE WHO WAS HOMELESS WHOSE HOUSE BURNED DOWN, BUT THAT PERSON COULD NOT AFFORD TO MOVE IT. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE STAFF DID NOT DO AS THEY WERE INSTRUCTED, BUT THE HOUSE IS GONE AND THERE IS REALLY NOTHING THE COUNCIL CAN DO. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE HOUSE IS GONE AND THE STAFF SAID THEY COULD NOT GIVE THE HOUSE AWAY SO THEY ASKED FOR OFFERS AND A TIME LIMIT TO REMOVE THE HOUSE. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT THE LADY COULD NOT AFFORD TO MOVE THE HOUSE AND HE WAS NOTIFIED AND FOR SOME REASON HE BACKED OUT. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THERE WAS A TIMELINE AND MR. POLLINS DID NOT RESPOND AND THE COUNCIL DOES NOT KNOW IF HE RESPONDED TO MS. HERMAN. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID ONLY A POSTAL WORKER CAN PUT SOMETHING IN HIS MAILBOX. MR. POLLINS SAID HE ALREADY PICKED UP HIS MAIL AND HE SAW A CAR DRIVE UP, PUT SOMETHING IN HIS BOX AND DRIVE OFF. MR. POLLINS SAID HE FELT THE COUNTY COUNCIL DID HIM WRONG AND HE WANTED THEM TO BE STRAIGHT UP WITH HIM SINCE HE BROUGHT PEOPLE TO SEE ABOUT MOVING THE HOUSE. MR. POLLINS SAID TRUTH OR NO TRUTH, LIES OR NO LIES THE HOUSE IS GONE. MR. POLLINS SAID HE WAS TREATED DIRTY BY THE COUNCIL AND THE PEOPLE PUT THEM THERE. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR RESPONDED THAT THEY CAN ALSO TAKE THEM OUT, BUT HE WAS NOT GOING TO BE HELD HOSTAGE FOR A VOTE. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE RESPONDED TO MR. POLLINS BY LETTER AS HE REQUESTED.

RONNIE MALPHRUS – REQUEST TO EXTEND TIMBER CONTRACT AT SGT. JASPER PARK- MR. MALPHRUS EXPLAINED THAT THE 18 MONTHS LISTED IN THE CONTRACT TO REMOVE THE TIMBER AT SGT. JASPER PARK EXPIRES IN DECEMBER AND THE MR. BENTON HAS REQUESTED A ONE YEAR

EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE COUNTY HAS ALREADY BEEN PAID FOR THE TIMBER EVEN THOUGH IT HAS NOT BEEN REMOVED. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED HOW MUCH TIMBER IS LEFT TO BE CUT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID 30 ACRES AND HE PROVIDED A MAP SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE TIMBER. COUNCILMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED TO GRANT THE ONE YEAR EXTENSION. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED WHY THE DELAY IN REMOVING THE TIMBER. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE MARKET IS LOW AND THEY WANTED TO WAIT BECAUSE THE PRICES MAY GO UP. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT IF THE TIMBER IS NOT REMOVED IT REVERTS BACK TO THE COUNTY AND THE COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE TO REFUND THE MONEY. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

NEW BUSINESS

DAVID JIROUSEK – DISCUSSION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR KNOWLES ISLAND – MR. JIROUSEK ASKED THE COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE LOW BID OF \$189,700 FROM ALPHA CONSTRUCTION FOR THE PROJECT ON KNOWLES ISLAND. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE HAS PROVIDED \$340,000 FOR THE PROJECT AND THE REMAINING FUNDS WOULD BE RETURNED TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE LOCAL PREFERENCE AND MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THE LOCAL PREFERENCE WAS LIMITED AND THE BIDS WERE TOO FAR APART. COUNCILMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FROM ALPHA CONSTRUCTION IN THE ABOUT OF \$189,700. COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED ABOUT ALPHA CONSTRUCTION AND MR. JIROUSEK SAID THEY ARE GENERAL CONTRACTORS WHO SPECIALIZE IN THIS TYPE OF WORK AND THEY COME HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED ABOUT THE ADDITIONAL WORK AND MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE C-FUNDS CAN ONLY BE USED FOR THIS TYPE OF WORK. MR. JIROUSEK SAID MR. TERRY WAS WORKING ON OTHER FUNDING FOR THE REST OF THE PROJECT. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THEY HAD ENOUGH FUNDS TO COVER THE LOCAL VENDOR COULD THEY USE HIM. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THIS WAS A COMPETITIVE SEALED BID AND IF THE LOW BID MEETS ALL THE REQUIREMENTS, THEY HAVE TO GO WITH THE LOW BID AND THE LOCAL PREFERENCE IS CAPPED AT \$2,000. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

ANDREW FULGHUM – STAFF FIRE PLAN TO SERVE FIRE CONTRACT AREAS ON JULY 1, 2012 - MR. FULGHUM PRESENTED THE STAFF'S FIRE PLAN TO SERVE THE AREAS CURRENTLY SERVED BY THE FIRE CONTRACTS. MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT THE COUNCIL INSTRUCTED THE STAFF TO COME UP WITH THIS PLAN SINCE THE CONTRACTS EXPIRE JULY 1, 2012. MR. FULGHUM REVIEWED THE PLAN AND THE COST TO PUT THE PLAN IN AFFECT. MR. FULGHUM ADVISED THE COUNCIL THAT BY CHANGING THE FIRE SERVICE, THE CITIZENS ISO RATINGS WILL INCREASE AND THEIR

INSURANCE PREMIUMS WILL ALSO INCREASE. MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT DUE TO NEW LEGISLATION, FIRE MILLAGE IS NOT BEING CONSIDERED. MR. FULGHUM PRESENTED A TIMELINE FOR THE PLAN TO GO INTO AFFECT. COUNCILMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION NOT TO ACCEPT THE STAFF'S PLAN. COUNCILMAN SAULS SAID HE SERVES ON THE EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE AND HE HAS WORKED WITH THE STAFF FOR NINE MONTHS AND WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE PLAN AND WHETHER TO KEEP OR NOT KEEP THE CONTRACTS, IT IS A NO BRAINER. COUNCILMAN SAULS SAID THE COUNTY IS PAYING \$390,000 FOR A SERVICE THAT WOULD COST THE COUNTY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO PROVIDE. COUNCILMAN SAULS SAID THE COUNTY HAS IT MADE AND THE MUNICIPALITIES ARE NOT BENEFITTING MUCH FOR THE \$195,000. COUNCILMAN SAULS SAID THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO LOOK AT WHAT CHANGING THE FIRE SERVICE WOULD DO TO THE CITIZENS; COUNCILMAN SAULS SAID THEIR FIRE INSURANCE PREMIUMS WOULD TRIPLE. COUNCILMAN SAULS SAID MR. DALEY IS AN EXCELLENT FIRE CHIEF, BUT HE DOES NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES AND THE PEOPLE CANNOT AFFORD MORE TAXES. COUNCILMAN SAULS SAID THE PEOPLE ARE LOSING THEIR HOMES AND THE COUNCIL CANNOT PUT THIS COUNTY IN DEBT FOR ANOTHER MILLION DOLLARS. COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED THE COUNCIL NOT TO SPEND MORE MONEY AND THEY NEED TO FIND WAYS TO CUT THE BUDGET. MR. SAULS SAID HE KNOWS RURAL FIRE IS AN ISSUE AND IT NEEDS ATTENTION AND THEY NEED TO PUT THEIR RESOURCES THERE, AND BASED ON THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT, NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO BE PUTTING THE COUNTY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN DEBT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THAT FOR SIX YEARS IT WOULD COST THE COUNTY \$7,043,000 THAT THE COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE AND WOULD HAVE TO BORROW. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THE PEOPLE ARE ALREADY LOOKING AT A T16-17 MILLS INCREASE FOR THE 2011-2012 BUDGET. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THE COUNTY FIRE SERVICE CANNOT GIVE THE CITIZENS THE SAME ISO RATINGS THEY HAVE WITH THE CONTRACTS. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE WAS NOT HERE TO WIN A POPULARITY CONTEST; HE WAS HERE TO DO WHAT WAS RIGHT. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY THANKED CHIEF MINGLEDORFF FOR BRINGING HIM UP TO SPEED. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID ALL OF JASPER COUNTY NEEDS PROTECTION AND HE IS TRYING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THAT PEOPLE DO NOT ALL SAY THE SAME THING, BUT HE HAS A MIND OF HIS OWN AND HE CAME TO HIS OWN CONCLUSION. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE WAS EDUCATED ON THE SITUATION AND A DECISION NEEDS TO BE MADE. COUNCILMAN SAULS WITHDREW HIS PREVIOUS MOTION AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE WITHDREW HIS SECOND. COUNCILMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE FIRE CONTRACTS WITH HARDEEVILLE AND RIDGELAND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY, COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE AND COUNCILMAN SAULS VOTING FOR; CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON VOTED AGAINST.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – COUNCILMAN DRAYTON REPORTED THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL BE POSTED ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE TOMORROW.

COUNCILMAN SAULS REPORTED THAT DON RYAN, THE CEO OF CARE CORP AND A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE LOW COUNTY ALLIANCE PASSED AWAY. COUNCILMAN SAULS SAID MR. RYAN MADE HUGE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE AREA.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – MR. FULGHUM REPORTED ON THE SCAC COMMITTEES THAT HE AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SERVE ON AND HE PROVIDED INFORMATION REGARDING FUTURE MEETING AND THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEES.

MR. FULGHUM REPORTED ON A NACO CONFERENCE BEING HELD IN SAVANNAH AND ASKED THE COUNCIL TO LET HIM KNOW BY FRIDAY IF THEY PLANNED TO ATTEND.

MR. FULGHUM DISCUSSED THE OFFICE SPACE FOR THE FAMILY COURT JUDGE AND THAT CURRENTLY THERE IS NO OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE, BUT WHEN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT MOVES FROM THE MARY GORDON ELLIS BUILDING THERE WILL BE OFFICE SPACE THERE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT JUDGE MALPHRUS PRESENTED A PROPOSAL TO UTILIZE HER CURRENT OFFICE SPACE AND FOR THE COUNTY TO COMPENSATE HER.

MR. FULGHUM INFORMED THE COUNCIL OF AN OPENING OF A POSITION IN THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE CHIEF APPRAISER POSITION WAS RECENTLY FILLED FROM WITHIN AND NOW THERE IS AN OPENING FOR A PROPERTY APPRAISER AND HE ASKED FOR APPROVAL TO FILL THE POSITION. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THAT THIS WAS ALREADY A POSITION IN THE BUDGET. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE FILLING THE POSITION IN THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT THE QUALIFICATIONS AND IF EVERYONE IN THAT DEPARTMENT HAD A FOUR YEAR DEGREE AS MENTIONED IN THE JOB DESCRIPTION. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY DID NOT NEED THE DEGREE IF THEY HAD THE NECESSARY EXPERIENCE AND THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE CERTIFIED. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED THE COUNCIL MEMBERS TO DECIDE IF THEY WANTED TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE IN SAVANNAH ON OCT. 28-29, 2011 AND TO LET THE ADMINISTRATOR KNOW. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE WOULD ATTEND. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED IF THEY COULD ATTEND ONE DAY AND MR. FULGHUM SAID YES.

OPEN FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER INDIVIDUAL) – CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR OPENED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THERE WOULD BE THE 3 MINUTES TIME LIMIT PER PERSON AND THAT ONLY 3 PEOPLE CAN TALK ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

KATHLEEN WILSON SAID SHE FELT THE RIGHT DECISION WAS MADE REGARDING THE FIRE CONTRACTS AND NOT TO INCREASE THE BUDGET.

KATHY WILSON SAID THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO RENEW THE LEVY CONTRACT AND SHE SAID THAT THE LOCATION THAT CHIEF DALEY WAS CONSIDERING FOR A FIRE STATION WAS NOT A GOOD LOCATION DUE TO THE AMOUNT OF CONGESTION AND TRAFFIC IN THAT AREA. MS. WILSON SAID A HARDEEVILLE FIREMAN OWNS THE PROPERTY THAT IS BEING CONSIDERED AND SHE FELT THAT WAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST. MS. WILSON THANKED THE COUNCIL FOR RENEWING THE CONTRACT AND ASKED THAT THEY CONTINUE TO CUT THE BUDGET.

LINDA DAVENPORT – DISCUSSED THE 2010 CENSUS AND THAT SOUTH CAROLINA RANKED AS THE 7TH POOREST STATE AND JASPER COUNTY RANKED AS THE POOREST COUNTY IN SOUTH CAROLINA. MS. DAVENPORT SAID THE AVERAGE MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS \$52,000 AND SOUTH CAROLINA IS \$42,000 AND JASPER COUNTY'S IS \$35,000. MS. DAVENPORT SAID THE PER CAPITA INCOME IN JASPER COUNTY IS \$17,800. MS. DAVENPORT SAID THAT AT THE LAST MEETING SHE IMPLIED THAT THE COUNCIL MUST BE FINANCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY ILLITERATE WHICH THE COUNCIL SAID WAS INSULTING. MS. DAVENPORT SAID SHE WANTED TO PROVE HER ALLEGATIONS AND SHE DISCUSSED THAT THE SALARY RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY FOR A GOVERNOR IS \$80,000 - \$189,000 WITH THE SC GOVERNOR MAKING \$106,000. MS. DAVENPORT SAID THE COUNCIL IS CONSIDERING ELIMINATING FIRE CONTRACTS, THEY HAVE LAID OFF APPROXIMATELY 30 PEOPLE AND NOW THEY ARE CREATING A NEW POSITION FOR AN ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, THAT IS NOT NEEDED, FOR \$100,000 A YEAR. MS. DAVENPORT SAID THAT IT WAS OUTRAGEOUS THAT THE GOVERNOR WAS PAID SLIGHTLY MORE THAN THE COUNCIL WAS PROPOSING TO PAY AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR IN THE POOREST COUNTY IN THE STATE WITH ONLY 7,000 HOUSEHOLDS. MS. DAVENPORT REVIEWED THE SALARIES FROM GROUP FOUR IN THE SCAC SALARY STUDY. MS. DAVENPORT SAID THE GROUPS ARE DETERMINED BY THE SIZE OF THE COUNTY. MS. DAVENPORT SAID THE CHAIRMAN MADE \$17,200 WHILE THE AVERAGE SALARY FOR A COUNCIL CHAIRMAN IN GROUP FOUR WAS \$11,000 AND THAT THE OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PAID \$16,300 AND THE AVERAGE FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS IN GROUP FOUR WAS \$9,600. MS. DAVENPORT SAID THAT RICHLAND COUNTY HAS A POPULATION OF 384,500 AND THE COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE PAID \$14,500. MS. DAVENPORT SAID JASPER COUNTY 'S COUNCIL IS PAID 15% MORE THAN A COUNTY THAT HAS 15 TIMES THE POPULATION BASE.

LUKE CLEVELAND SAID THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR IS PAID \$125,000 AND THAT IS MORE THAN THE GOVERNOR MAKES. MS. DAVENPORT SAID THE AVERAGE SALARY FOR A COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR IN GROUP FOUR IS \$85,900 MAKING JASPER COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S SALARY 50% HIGHER THAN THE OTHERS. MR. CLEVELAND SAID THE COUNCIL WANTS TO PAY A DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR \$100,000 WHICH IS 100% MORE THAN THE AVERAGE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR'S SALARY. MR. CLEVELAND SAID THE COUNCIL HAS A DUTY TO THE TAXPAYERS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC. MR. CLEVELAND SAID THEY SHOULD NOT BE ENRICHING THEMSELVES AND THEIR CRONIES. MR. CLEVELAND SAID THE TAXPAYERS EXPECT THE COUNCIL TO BE FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE AND

GOOD STEWARD OF THE COUNTY'S RESOURCES AND THEY ARE NOT. MR. CLEVELAND SAID THE COUNTY DOES NOT NEED AN ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OR THE EXPENSE OF THIS POSITION. MR. CLEVELAND SAID IF THE COUNCIL INSISTS ON FILLING THE POSITION THE SALARY SHOULD NOT EXCEED \$50,000 AND ALL COUNTY SALARIES SHOULD BE FROZEN UNTIL THEY ARE IN LINE WITH THE AVERAGES FOR THE OTHER COUNTIES IN OUR GROUPING IN THE SALARY STUDY. MR. CLEVELAND SAID WE ARE THE POOREST COUNTY IN THE STATE AND YOU OPERATE AS THOUGH WE HAVE UNLIMITED FUNDS AND DON'T BAT AN EYE AT INCREASING TAXES. MR. CLEVELAND SAID THE TAXPAYERS HAVE HAD ENOUGH. MR. CLEVELAND SAID A CHANGE IS NEEDED RIGHT NOW AND IT NEEDS TO START HERE WITH YOU. MR. CLEVELAND SAID THAT YOU CANNOT SPEND YOUR WAY OUT OF DEBT AND HOW DO YOU EXPECT THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO GO OFF TO COLLEGE TO COME BACK TO THIS.

RONNIE ROBERTS - SAID THAT HE LIVES IN JASPER COUNTY AND HE WAS REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE OUTLYING AREAS OF HARDEEVILLE. MR. ROBERTS SAID THE COUNTY DOES NOT NEED AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR. MR. ROBERTS COMMENDED WHAT WAS DONE TONIGHT REGARDING THE FIRE CONTRACTS. MR. ROBERTS SAID THE LEVY, HARDEEVILLE AND RIDGELAND FIRE DEPARTMENTS PROVIDE A WONDERFUL SERVICE AND THEY ARE A PLUS TO THE PEOPLE. MR. ROBERTS SUGGESTED TAKING THE MONEY FOR THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR AND PUT THAT MONEY TO START FIRE PROTECTION IN ANOTHER AREA OF THE COUNTY. MR. ROBERTS THANKED THE COUNCIL FOR WHAT THEY DID TONIGHT AND HE SAID MORE PEOPLE NEED TO GET INVOLVED, AND THE COUNCIL CANNOT CONTINUE TO MORTGAGE THE COUNTY. MR. ROBERTS SAID THEY NEED TO MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER AND THERE WAS WAY TOO MUCH GOING ON AND THE COUNCIL NEEDED TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT FOR THE CITIZENS. MR. ROBERTS SAID EVERYONE NEEDS TO WORK TOGETHER. MR. ROBERTS SAID HE THOUGHT IT WAS RIDICULOUS THAT PEOPLE ARE ONLY GIVEN 3 MINUTES TO TALK AND IF 50 PEOPLE WANTED TO ADDRESS THE SAME ITEM, THEY ALL SHOULD BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ON THE SAME ITEM. MR. ROBERTS SAID IT IS THEIR RIGHT.

KEITH HORTON - SAID HE ALSO WANTED TO THANK VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY FOR VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE FIRE CONTRACTS, BUT ACCORDING TO CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ONLY 3 PEOPLE CAN TALK ABOUT THE SAME THING. MR. HORTON SAID HE THANKED VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ANYWAY. MR. HORTON SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE WHERE THAT IS IN THE COUNCIL RULES OR IS IT BLACKSHEAR'S RULES OF ORDER. MR. HORTON ASKED THAT THEY COME TOGETHER REGARDING THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR'S POSITION AND SAVE THAT MONEY AND THE PEOPLE'S HOMES.

DENISE DAVIDSON THANKED VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY FOR HIS VOTE TO SAVE THE FIRE CONTRACTS. MS. DAVIDSON ASKED THE EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO USING THE MONEY FROM THE \$25 PER VEHICLE, THE BALANCE LEFT OVER FROM THE BIDS AND THE MONEY

FOR THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR FIRE COVERAGE TO OTHER AREAS.

MILTON WOODS – THANKED THE COUNCIL FOR THEIR DECISION REGARDING THE FIRE CONTRACTS. MR. WOODS SAID HE SELECTED A MEDIUM RATE INSURANCE COMPANY THAT OPERATES IN THE STATE AND COMPARES THE INSURANCE RATES FOR A \$100,000 STRUCTURE AND THE DIFFERENCE IN THE PREMIUM WHEN THE ISO RATING CHANGES FROM A 4 TO A 9 IS \$324 PER YEAR FOR A VERY BASIC FIRE ONLY POLICY. MR. WOODS SAID THAT THE THREE COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE FIRE CONTRACTS SAVED THE CITIZENS \$686,000 PER YEAR IN INSURANCE PREMIUMS. MR. WOODS SAID THOSE THREE COUNCIL MEMBERS KEPT \$686,000 IN THE COUNTY AND HE FELT THAT DESERVED RECOGNITION AND HE THANKED THE CITIZENS BECAUSE THEY MADE A DIFFERENCE.

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

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

THE MEETING ENDED AT 8:45 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc
CLERK TO COUNCIL

LEROY BLACKSHEAR
CHAIRMAN