



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

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, SEPT. 4, 2012, 4:00 P.M.
MINUTES

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, PLANNING DIRECTOR LeNOLON EDGE, PLANNING AND ZONING COORDINATOR LISA LAMB, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES WILBUR DALEY, DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES DALE TERRY, HR DIRECTOR GLORIA LUCAS, DETENTION CENTER DIRECTOR ARTHUR BENJAMIN, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR JOHNNY DAVIS, ASSESSOR SUSAN WAITE

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 4:00 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 DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 08/20/2012 – COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 8/20/2012 AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATION - NONE

ORDINANCES

MARVIN JONES – 2ND READING TO AMEND ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 2 OF CODE ORDINANCES OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO ADOPT SECTION 2-69A REGISTRAR OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS – MR. JONES EXPLAINED THAT THE ORDINANCE WAS DIFFERENT FROM THE DRAFT. MR. JONES SAID THE DRAFT LISTED THE DUTIES AND SINCE THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE JOB DESCRIPTION IT WAS NOT NECESSARY

TO INCLUDE THE DUTIES. MR. JONES SAID THE REGISTRAR OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS WORKS AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COUNCIL AND IS SUPERVISED DAILY BY THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 2ND READING TO AMEND ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 2 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 – 2ND 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 PROPERTY WAS LOCATED IN RIVER WALK AND THE STAFF AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE ZONING CHANGE. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 2ND 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 – 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 042-04-034 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 SAID THERE WERE NO CHANGES SINCE THE LAST READING AND THIS AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING MAP WAS INITIATED BY THE STAFF AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION. MS. LAMB SAID BOTH PROPERTIES FRONT ON INDEPENDENCE BLVD. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 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 042-04-034 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.

LeNOLON EDGE – 2ND 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 – MR. EDGE SAID THE ZONING AMENDMENT WAS TO ALLOW USED HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND OFFICE GOODS MOVING AS A CONDITIONAL USE IN THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND HE LISTED THE CONDITIONS. MR. EDGE SAID THIS

ORDINANCE WILL CREATE ANOTHER USE IN COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL. MR. EDGE SAID THE STAFF AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE ORDINANCE. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 2ND 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.

LeNOLON EDGE –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 - MR. EDGE SAID A PUBLIC HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 17, 2012. MR. EDGE PROVIDED THE LOCATION OF THE 1.18 ACRES AND SAID THE APPLICANT REQUESTED THE ZONING CHANGE SO THAT SHE CAN BUILD A CONVENIENCE STORE OR OFFICE BUILDING. MR. EDGE SAID THE STAFF RESEARCHED THE OWNERSHIP OF THE PROPERTY AND KIM MALPHRUS IS THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY. MR. EDGE SAID THE STAFF AND PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND APPROVAL. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 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. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTION - DR. GEORGE HOOD – RESOLUTION FOR CBDG FOR THE HEALTH SERVICES BUILDING PROJECT- DR. HOOD SAID THAT THE RESOLUTION IS AN ASSURANCE THAT THE FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE CBDG APPLICATION. DR. HOOD SAID HE WAS WORKING ON THE APPLICATION WITH MICHELLE KNIGHT. DR. HOOD SAID THAT HE WAS ASSURED BY MR. FULGHUM AND MR. MALPHRUS THAT THE FUNDING IS THERE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF DR. HOOD HAD A DRAWING OF THE BUILDING AND THE SIZE OF THE BUILDING. DR. HOOD SAID HE HAD A SKETCH PREPARED BY MR. TERRY AND THE BUILDING WAS ABOUT 50,000 SQ. FT. MS. KNIGHT SAID IT WAS A 3,000 SQ. FT. BUILDING THAT WILL HOUSE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE GRANT WOULD ALSO COVER RENOVATION OF THE OTHER BUILDING. DR. HOOD SAID HE WAS HOPING IT WOULD COME IN UNDER THE BID AND THE COUNTY WAS ONLY REQUIRED TO FUND THE \$159,751. MS. KNIGHT SAID IF IT IS UNDER RUN, THE DIFFERENCE WOULD BE SHARED PROPORTIONATELY. MS. KNIGHT SAID THE GRANT WAS FOR \$500,000. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED FOR THE LOCATION OF THE STRUCTURE AND DR. HOOD SAID IT WOULD COME OUT FROM THE OLD LOCATION OF THE FINANCE OFFICE AT THE MARY GORDON ELLIS BUILDING. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT THE PART FOR THE DSS AND MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT IT IS NOT INCLUDED, BUT SOMETHING TO CONSIDER IN THE FUTURE. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID CURRENTLY DHEC AND THE NEW LIFE CENTER ARE IN THE MARY GORDON ELLIS BUILDING AND HE FELT THE SPACE COULD BE UTILIZED BETTER AND PERHAPS OFFICES FOR PEOPLE THAT THE COUNTY IS CURRENTLY PAYING RENT FOR THEIR SPACE. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS ASKED ABOUT THE PLANS FOR THE OLD HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING. DR. HOOD SAID CURRENTLY THERE

ARE NO PLANS, BUT THEY ARE CONSIDERING OPTIONS. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE STAFF WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK FOR COUNCIL TO APPROVE ANY CHANGES. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION TO PASS THE RESOLUTION FOR CBDG FOR THE HEALTH SERVICES BUILDING PROJECT. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS - APPOINTMENT OF FOUR MEMBERS TO THE LIBRARY BOARD – COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SUGGESTED THAT IN THE FUTURE ANYONE WANTING TO BE APPOINTED TO A COMMITTEE APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNCIL. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED THE CLERK TO INVITE THE LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS TO THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPOINT J. W. BADGER AND ELAINE KREILING TO THE LIBRARY BOARD. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. . COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID IF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE GOING TO BE WORKING WITH CHILDREN A BACKGROUND CHECK WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD WOULD CHECK INTO IT.

NEW BUSINESS -ANDREW FULGHUM – PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR CRBIP FOR STORM WATER DRAINAGE PROJECT- MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT THE PROJECT HAS BEEN BROKEN INTO PHASES AND THE COUNTY AGREED TO SPEND THE RDA FUNDS RECEIVED FROM PALMETTO ELECTRIC BY DECEMBER, 2012. MR. FULGHUM PROVIDED INFORMATION ON A CENTRAL STORM WATER SYSTEM FOR THE ENTIRE PARK. MR. FULGHUM SAID THEY RECEIVED 7 BIDS AND THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THOMAS AND HUTTON WAS TO APPROVE THE BID FROM J.R. WILSON. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$493,500. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE WAS UPSET THAT A LOCAL CONTRACTOR LOST THE BID BY \$6,000 AND HE THOUGHT THE PROCUREMENT POLICY WAS CHANGED SO THAT THE LOCAL CONTRACTOR HAD THE RIGHT TO MEET THE LOWEST BID. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY LEGAL LEEWAY IN THE PROCUREMENT POLICY FOR THE LOCAL BIDDER. MR. JONES SAID THE LOCAL PREFERENCE WAS AMENDED ON 2009 AND THE LOCAL CONTRACTOR WOULD HAVE TO MATCH THE LOW BID AND THE OLD ORDINANCE DEALT WITH UP TO \$60,000 AND WHILE HE FELT IT WAS A GOOD POINT AND HE COULD WORK ON CHANGING IT; THERE WAS NOTHING THEY COULD DO REGARDING THIS BID. MR. JONES SAID HE WOULD HAVE SOMETHING PREPARED FOR THE NEXT MEETING. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE THOUGHT THEY AMENDED IT TO BENEFIT THE LOCAL CONTRACTORS. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE LOW BID FROM J.R. WILSON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$493,500. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE ATTENDED THE EOC MEETING AND THEY HAVE SOME FUNDS AVAILABLE TO HELP PEOPLE IN NEED. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THAT LCOG ALSO HAD SOME FUNDS AVAILABLE. **VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS** PROVIDED INFORMATION OF THE UPCOMING EVENTS BEING HOSTED BY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. **COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR** REPORTED THAT HE ATTENDED THE BUILDERS BALL AND RECEIVED AN AWARD ON THE BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE SUPPORT THEY HAVE PROVIDED TO JCNU.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – MR. FULGHUM INFORMED THE COUNCIL HE WAS WORKING ON AN UPDATE REGARDING THE FEES IN THE PILOT. **MR. RICHARDSON** UPDATED THE COUNCIL REGARDING HIS ACTIVITIES IN JASPER COUNTY FOR THE ALLIANCE. MR. RICHARDSON SAID HE WAS WORKING WITH A PROSPECT. MR. RICHARDSON SAID HE WAS WORKING WITH THE ALLIANCE TO GET 3 INDUSTRIAL PARKS IN JASPER COUNTY CERTIFIED. MR. RICHARDSON REPORTED THAT THE ALLIANCE HIRED A CONSULTANT TO FIND SITES ALONG I-95. MR. RICHARDSON SAID HE HAD ONE PROSPECT TO DISCUSS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. **DR. HOOD** TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THEY MET WITH THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND TO DISCUSS HANDLING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES AND THE SALE OF DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTIES. DR. HOOD SAID THEY DISCUSSED THE AMOUNT OF WORK, NEW EQUIPMENT AND STAFF. DR. HOOD SAID AN ADDITIONAL PART-TIME CLERK WOULD BE NEEDED IN THE TREASURER'S OFFICE. DR. HOOD SAID THEY FELT IT WOULD COST ABOUT \$16,000 AND THE TWO MUNICIPALITIES WOULD EACH PAY \$8,000 FOR THE START – UP COSTS. DR. HOOD SAID HE WAS WAITING TO HEAR BACK FROM THE MUNICIPALITIES. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS ASKED IN IT WOULD COVER THE COMPENSATION FOR THE EXTRA EMPLOYEE, BUT THE FUNDS WERE ONLY FOR ONE TIME TO GET STARTED. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THAT IT IS THE MUNICIPALITIES RESPONSIBILITY TO COLLECT THEIR TAXES AND WHY SHOULD THE COUNTY BE RESPONSIBLE TO HIRE SOMEONE TO DO IT FOR THEM. DR. HOOD SAID THEY THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD THING FOR TAX COLLECTION TO BE CENTRALIZED. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID IT WAS ADDING RESPONSIBILITY TO THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND THE MUNICIPALITIES SHOULD SHARE THE ONGOING COSTS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THEY DID ASK FOR THAT, BUT IT WASN'T TOO COSTLY AND THE STAFF WOULD BE ABLE TO KEEP TRACK OF THE PROPERTIES. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT HE FELT THIS WAS THE MOST EFFICIENT WAY TO HANDLE TAX COLLECTIONS. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE FELT IT WAS PUTTING THE BURDEN ON THE COUNTY AND IT WOULD MEAN ADDING ANOTHER PART TIME PERSON TO THE COUNTY'S BUDGET. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE THOUGHT THE FUNDING SHOULD BE ONGOING FOR THE MUNICIPALITIES. DR. HOOD SAID SINCE THE COUNTY HAD PASSED THE BUDGET, THEY ASKED FOR THE ONE TIME FUNDING. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE FUTURE EXPENSES. MR. FULGHUM SAID RIDGELAND DID NOT ASK FOR THE COUNTY TO COLLECT THE TAXES AND HE FELT IF THEY WERE ASKED TO FUND IT, THEY WON'T GO ALONG WITH IT. DR. HOOD SAID THIS TOPIC WAS PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION ONLY AND NO ACTION WAS NEEDED.

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) –DENISE DAVIDSON – PROVIDED AN OUTLINE OF THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE DIRECTOR OF VOTERS REGISTRATION AND SHE SAID THAT JASPER COUNTY HAS A SITUATION THAT MUST BE DEALT WITH IMMEDIATELY. MS. DAVIDSON SAID SOME OF THE VOTERS FROM GRAYS AND GILLISONVILLE WERE TOLD THEY HAD TO VOTE SOME PLACE OTHER THAN WHERE THEY NORMALLY VOTE WITH NO ADVANCE NOTICE. MS. DAVIDSON SAID THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO VOTE BASED ON THEIR VOTERS REGISTRATION CARD AND NOT DIRECTED TO GO VOTE SOMEWHERE ELSE. MS. DAVIDSON SAID SOME VOTERS WERE ASKED TO SHOW ID AND OTHERS WERE NOT. POLL WORKERS WERE TOLD THEY HAD TO BE 15 FEET AWAY FROM WHERE THE PEOPLE WERE VOTING AND ACTUALLY THEY NEEDED TO BE PLACED WHERE THEY CAN SEE THE ENTIRE ELECTION. MS.

DAVIDSON SAID THAT SOME OF THE POLL WORKERS WERE NOT CALLED BACK TO WORK THE RUNOFF ELECTION. MS. DAVIDSON SAID THE DIRECTOR WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND SHE WOULD NOT GIVE IT. MS. DAVIDSON SAID THE DIRECTOR HAS BEEN DERELICT OF HER DUTIES AND HAS NOT BEEN PERFORMING HER JOB. MS. DAVIDSON SAID THIS SITUATION NEEDED TO BE CORRECTED. **PATRICIA WILLIAMS** TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT SHE AND ANOTHER SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER WERE CALLED TO ATTEND OF MEETING OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. MRS. WILLIAMS SAID THEY WERE TOLD AT THAT MEETING THAT THE PARTY DETERMINES WHO WOULD RUN AND WHO WOULD BE ELECTED. MRS. WILLIAMS SAID THEY WERE TOLD TO VOTE AS THE OTHERS VOTE. MRS. WILLIAMS SAID SHE TOLD THEM THAT SHE WAS HIGHLY INSULTED THAT THEY WOULD EVEN SUGGEST THAT, EVEN WHEN I KNEW SOMETHING TO BE WRONG, WOULD VOTE IN FAVOR OF WHATEVER ACTION WAS BEING PROPOSED. MRS. WILLIAMS SAID SHE TOLD THEM THAT SHE WORKED FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ELECTED HER AND NOT THOSE WHO TRY TO CONTROL HER ACTIONS. MS. WILLIAMS SAID THE COUNCIL PROVIDED FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND SOME MEMBERS ARE BEING REMOVED BY REDISTRICTING. MRS. WILLIAMS SAID THAT MS. BOSTICK CERTIFIED HER PETITION AND SHE HAD OVER 90 SIGNATURES AND ONLY 45 ARE REQUIRES. MRS. WILLIAMS SAID NO REDISTRICTING HAS TAKEN PLACE AND SHE WAS NOTIFIED THAT HER DISTRICT WAS CHANGED 10 DAYS AFTER SHE FILED. MRS. WILLIAMS SAID SHE WAS IN DISTRICT 8 AND THEY CHANGED HER TO DISTRICT 9. MRS. WILLIAMS SAID SHE CALLED THE ELECTION OFFICE AND MS. BOSTICK WAS NOT IN, BUT MS. BOSTICK CALLED HER BACK AND SAID THAT SHE AND REV. SHEFTALL WERE CORRECTING AN ERROR ON THE MAP AND THE EVEN NUMBERED HOUSES ON JENKINS AVE. WERE CHANGED TO THE LEVY DISTRICT. MRS. WILLIAMS SAID SHE DID WHAT SHE WAS SUPPOSE TO DO AND IF THE ELECTION OFFICE WAS RUN RIGHT SHE WOULD HAVE BEEN TOLD THIS IN JANUARY. MRS. WILLIAMS SAID THIS NEEDED TO STOP AND SHE HAS WRITTEN TO THE FEDERAL AGENCIES. MRS. WILLIAMS SAID THAT BUSINESSES WILL NOT COME TO JASPER COUNTY DUE TO THE SCHOOLS. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE COUNCIL HAS NOT CONTROL OVER THE SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICTING AND HE FELT IT WAS POLITICAL TO COME BEFORE THE CAMERAS TO MAKE THE PRESENTATIONS. CHAIRMAN GREGORY TOLD THE CAMERA MEN TO CUT OFF THE CAMERAS. **BARBARA BARTOLDUS** – ASKED WHO'S VOTE COUNTS, WHO RUNS, WHO DECIDES WHERE VOTERS GO TO VOTE. MS. BARTOLDUS SAID ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION SHOULD RESIGN INCLUDING THE DIRECTOR. 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 –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 – PERSONNEL MATTERS; DISCUSSION OF MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED LOCATION, EXPANSION, OR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES ENCOURAGING LOCATION OR EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES OR OTHER BUSINESSES IN THE AREA SERVED BY A PUBLIC BODY – DANIEL DEFENSE- 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 – PERSONNEL MATTERS; DISCUSSION OF MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED LOCATION, EXPANSION, OR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES ENCOURAGING LOCATION OR EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES OR OTHER BUSINESSES IN THE AREA SERVED BY A PUBLIC BODY – DANIEL DEFENSE. 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.

VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE AMY DANIELS, LINUS WRIGHT, STANLEY HANCE, RHONDA MITCHELL, DAMIEN JONES TO THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE AND THAT CARLA DARA AND WILLIE FRAZIER BE ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE FELT THE COUNCIL SHOULD CHOOSE THE MEMBERS, BUT THE ADMINISTRATION PROVIDED THESE NAMES. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT DR. HOOD AND MS. LUCAS COME UP WITH THE LIST OF SUGGESTED MEMBERS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE DID NOT FEEL TWO MEMBERS SHOULD BE FROM THE SAME DEPARTMENT. MR. JONES EXPLAINED THAT IF A GRIEVANCE IS FILED, NO ONE FROM DEPARTMENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL REQUESTING A GRIEVANCE HEARING CAN SERVE ON THAT HEARING. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE APPLICANT CAN DECIDE IF IT IS TO BE AN OPEN OR CLOSED HEARING. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE DID NOT AGREE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION PROVIDING THE NAMES. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THERE IS NOTHING STATING THAT THE ADMINISTRATION CANNOT MAKE A RECOMMENDATION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH CHAIRMAN GREGORY, VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON VOTING FOR; COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE VOTED AGAINST; COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ABSTAINED.

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

THE MEETING ENDED AT 6:20 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc
CLERK TO COUNCIL

APPROVED BY:

REV. SAMUEL GREGORY
CHAIRMAN