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**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
358 THIRD AVE., RIDGELAND, SC 29936  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011, 4:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

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

**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, 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.

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 4:00 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

**INVOCATION-** COUNCILMAN SAULS GAVE THE INVOCATION.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA -** COUNCILMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED TO AMEND THE BUDGET AND IT CAN BE PLACED WHEREVER THE CHAIRMAN WANTS TO ADD IT TO THE AGENDA. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED WHAT THE AMENDMENT PERTAINED TO AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID REMOVE THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION FROM THE BUDGET. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT WAS A DEAD ISSUE AND THE TIME PERIOD FOR APPLICATIONS ENDS IN FOUR DAYS AND THEN TO THE STAFF FOR INTERVIEWS. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE'S REQUEST WOULD NOT BE ADDED AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR, VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY, AND

COUNCILMEN DRAYTON AND SAULS VOTING FOR; COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE VOTED AGAINST.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES 07/25/2011, 08/15/11 - COUNCILMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 7/25/2011 AND 8/15/11 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR.**

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - NONE**

**ORDINANCES**

**DAVID JIROUSEK – PUBLIC HEARING AND 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JCZO ARTICLE 5:1 PRIMARY DISTRICTS TO ADD MIXED BUSINESSES; AMEND JCZO ARTICLE 5:3 TO ADD MIXED BUSINESS INTENT STATEMENT; AMEND JCZO ARTICLE 6:1, TABLE 1, TO ADD MIXED BUSINESS; AMEND ARTICLE 6:1.2, USES SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS; REPEAL ARTICLE 6:1.5 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS; REPEAL JCZO ARTICLE 6:2, EXCEPT FOR ARTICLE 6:2.15 AND RENUMBER ARTICLE 6:2.15 AFFORDABLE HOUSING BONUS TO 6:2; AMEND JCZO ARTICLE 7:3, TABLE 1; AMEND JCZO ARTICLE 11; AND AMEND JCZO ARTICLE 12; TABLE 12:1, MINIMUM PARKING REQUIREMENTS – MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT THE ORDINANCE WAS FOR A MIXED USE ZONING DISTRICT. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE PROPERTY OWNER WOULD HAVE TO MAKE THE REQUEST TO CHANGE ZONING. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED IF ANY AREAS THAT REQUESTED A ZONING CHANGE TO MIXED DISTRICT WOULD HAVE TO BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY COUNCIL AND WOULD THAT THE REQUEST WOULD HAVE TO GO TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FIRST AND THEN IT WOULD COME TO COUNCIL. MR. JIROUSEK RESPONDED THAT WAS CORRECT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JCZO ARTICLE 5:1 PRIMARY DISTRICTS TO ADD MIXED BUSINESSES; AMEND JCZO ARTICLE 5:3 TO ADD MIXED BUSINESS INTENT STATEMENT; AMEND JCZO ARTICLE 6:1, TABLE 1, TO ADD MIXED BUSINESS; AMEND ARTICLE 6:1.2, USES SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS; REPEAL ARTICLE 6:1.5 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS; REPEAL JCZO ARTICLE 6:2, EXCEPT FOR ARTICLE 6:2.15 AND RENUMBER ARTICLE 6:2.15 AFFORDABLE HOUSING BONUS TO 6:2; AMEND JCZO ARTICLE 7:3, TABLE 1; AMEND JCZO ARTICLE 11; AND AMEND JCZO ARTICLE 12; TABLE 12:1, MINIMUM PARKING REQUIREMENTS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.**

**DAVID JIROUSEK – PUBLIC HEARING AND 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER A PROPERTY BEARING TAX MAP**

**NUMBER 0052-00-12-022 AND GENERALLY LOCATED ON PINE LEVEL CHURCH ROAD FROM THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE RURAL PRESERVATION ZONE ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP-** MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THE LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY AND THAT EVEN IF THE ZONING CHANGE REQUESTED WAS APPROVED, THE PROPERTY OWNER WOULD STILL NEED TO REQUEST A VARIANCE FROM THE BZA FOR HIS INTENDED USE. MR. JIROUSEK TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT BASED ON THE PLANNING AND ZONING ANALYSIS, THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND STAFF RECOMMEND APPROVAL. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER A PROPERTY BEARING TAX MAP NUMBER 0052-00-12-022 AND GENERALLY LOCATED ON PINE LEVEL CHURCH ROAD FROM THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE RURAL PRESERVATION ZONE ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP. COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED IF MR. JARRELL SPOKE WITH THE RESIDENTS IN THE AREA. MR. JIROUSEK RESPONDED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE SO AND THE STAFF HAS ADVISED MR. JARRELL THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO APPLY FORMALLY FOR A VARIANCE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**ANDREW FULGHUM – PUBLIC HEARING AND 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2011-10 ADOPTING THE JASPER COUNTY CAPITAL AND GENERAL OPERATIONS BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012** – MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WAS REQUIRED AND HE STATED THAT THE REASON FOR THE ORDINANCE WAS TO CORRECT AN ERROR REGARDING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT DEBT. MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVED 25 MILLS; HOWEVER IT WAS NOT ADJUSTED IN THE BUDGET. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

**MILTON WOODS** – ASKED WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THE PLEDGE BECAUSE HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THEY APPROVED THE AGENDA AND THE MINUTES. MR. WOODS SAID THAT THE CHAIRMAN SAID SOMETHING COULD NOT BE ADDED AND HE DIDN'T HEAR WHAT IT WAS BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT SPEAKING IN TO THE MIKES. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED MR. WOODS TO HOLD HIS POINT AS THE FLOOR WAS OPEN FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE BUDGET. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING HE WOULD HAVE MR. WOODS COME BACK. MR. WOODS SAID HE WS JUST CONFUSED ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING HE WOULD GO BACK, BUT HE DIDN'T WANT TO CONFUSE EVERYONE ELSE SINCE THERE WAS ALREADY SOMETHING ON THE FLOOR. MR. WOODS PRESENTED THE COUNCIL WITH A PETITION REGARDING THE JOB ADDED TO THE BUDGET WITH SIGNATURES OF 1,018 OF UNHAPPY VOTING CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS. MR. WOODS SAID THE CITIZENS ARE UPSET ABOUT WHAT HAS TAKEN PLACE WITH THIS JOB THAT

IS BEING TALKED ABOUT. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED MR. WOODS TO HOLD HIS COMMENTS UNTIL THE PUBLIC HEARING IS COMPLETE. MR. WOODS SAID HE WAS SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE BUDGET AND THE ISSUE WAS GREATER THAN ONE SENTENCE OF ERROR BEING MADE IN THE BUDGET. MR. WOODS SAID THE ISSUE IS ABOUT MONEY THAT JASPER COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE AND NOT JUST SPENDING \$108,000 ON A POSITION. MR. WOODS SAID THERE IS A SCHOOL BOARD ISSUE, THE FIRE ISSUES, AND THE REFERENDUM COMING UP AND SPENDING MONEY ON FIRE PROTECTION. MR. WOODS SAID IT IS NOT ABOUT THE \$108,000, IT WAS ABOUT THE \$3,500,000 TO \$5,500,000. MR. WOODS SAID HE HOPED THAT THE CAMERA WOULD HOME IN ON HIS CHART. MR. WOODS ASKED THE CITIZENS TO UNDERSTAND AND THEY WERE ONLY TRYING TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE CITIZENS WHAT IS GOING ON WITH OUR COUNCIL. MR. WOODS SAID THEY CANNOT CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THIS TYPE OF RUNAWAY SPENDING, IT IS LIKE A DRUNKEN SAILOR. MR. WOODS SAID THEY TALK ABOUT ONE ISSUE, BUT IT INVOLVES MONEY. MR. WOODS SAID THE COUNCIL COULD ENCOURAGE THE SCHOOL BOARD TO LEASE THE SCHOOL, IN THE CONDITION IT IS IN, FOR A 5-10 YEAR LEASE. MR. WOODS SAID THIS WOULD SAVE THE TAXPAYERS MONEY BECAUSE IT WOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD BOND ISSUE. MR. WOODS SAID THE SCHOOL BOARDS BOND RATING IS AN E AND THAT MEANS THEY WILL PAY TOP DOLLAR FOR EVERY DOLLAR THEY SPEND. THEY WILL NOT GET IT AT AN A RATING. MR. WOODS SAID IT WAS LIKE THE ISO RATINGS HAVE CHANGED FOR 4 TO 10 AND IT ALL COMES OUT OF THE CITIZENS POCKETS. MR. WOODS SAID THE ECONOMISTS ARE SAYING THAT IT WILL BE 2014 BEFORE UNEMPLOYMENT WOULD GET BELOW 9%. MR. WOODS ASKED THE COUNCIL NOT TO BRING AN EXTRA BURDEN BECAUSE EVERY DOLLAR ADDS UP. MR. WOODS SAID WITH THE REFERENDUM IN 2012 ADDITIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS MEANS MORE MONEY, AND IF IT IS \$108,000, OR \$10,000 IT ALL ADDS UP TO MILLIONS. MR. WOODS SAID IT IS EASY TO SPEND SOMEONE ELSE'S MONEY. MR. WOODS SAID IT WAS ALSO THE COUNCIL'S MONEY SINCE THEY ALL PAID TAXES TOO. MR. WOODS ASKED THE COUNCIL TO PLEASE HELP THE CITIZENS. MR. WOODS ASKED THE COUNCIL TO SEARCH THEIR HEARTS BEFORE THEY FILL THE POSITION. MR. WOODS SAID VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THEY NEEDED SOMEONE TO FIND JOBS AND FOR MR. FULGHUM TO GO OUT AND FIND JOBS TO PUT PEOPLE TO WORK AND THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR WOULD NOT BE SITTING IN HIS OFFICE. MR. WOODS SAID THAT IT MADE HIM THINK WAS MR. FULGHUM NOT DOING HIS JOB. MR. WOODS ASKED IF MR. FULGHUM HASN'T BEEN DOING HIS JOB; MR. WOODS SAID HE FELT MR. FULGHUM WAS DOING A WONDERFUL JOB AND THEY DID NOT NEED TO INCREASE THE TAX BURDEN ON THE CITIZENS. MR. WOODS ASKED IF ANY COUNCIL MEMBER HAS GONE TO THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE THIS YEAR AND ASKED ABOUT HOME FORECLOSURE RATES IN JASPER COUNTY. MR. WOODS SAID THAT YEAR TO DATE THE FORECLOSURES IN JASPER COUNTY ARE AT 95% OF THE TRANSFERS AND ONLY 5% OF THE TRANSACTIONS ARE OF NEW ORIGIN OF ALL. MR. WOODS SAID THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO THINK ABOUT WHAT THEY

ARE DOING. MR. WOODS SAID THERE ARE TOO MANY HARDWORKING PEOPLE AND SOLID SENIOR CITIZENS FOR THEM TO BE BETRAYED. MR. WOODS SAID THE PEOPLE HERE TODAY ARE CONCERNED VOTERS OF JASPER COUNTY. MR. WOODS SAID HE ENCOURAGED THE COUNCIL, HE SAID WHAT WAS SAID ON THE TV INTERVIEW THAT THE DECISION HAS BEEN MADE, SO THAT MEANT THERE WAS NO REASON FOR A PUBLIC HEARING BECAUSE THEIR MINDS WERE MADE UP. MR. WOODS SAID IF THIS IS A RACE OR CLASS ISSUE YOU ARE AWAKENING A SLEEPING GIANT IN THE CITIZENS AND VOTERS OF JASPER COUNTY MR. WOODS SAID THE COUNCIL BROUGHT UP THE NAME OF DR. HOOD IF DR. HOOD IS GIVEN THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR'S POSITION THEY SHOULD REMEMBER THAT THE CITIZENS FIRED DR. HOOD BY VOTING HIM OUT OF OFFICE. MR. WOODS SAID THAT HE HAS WORKED WITH DR. HOOD AND RESPECTS HIM, BUT THEY HAVE GOT TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THE ISSUES, ISSUES THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN BURIED A LONG TIME AGO. MR. WOODS SAID THAT IT IS POLITICS AS USUAL AND THEY ARE RUNNING A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR BUSINESS AND IT NEEDS TO BE RUN WITH GOOD PRINCIPLES, NOT THE BACKROOM BUDDY SYSTEM. MR. WOODS THANKED THE COUNCIL AND HE SAID HE HOPED AT LEAST ONE THING THAT HE DISCUSSED TODAY WOULD GET THE COUNCIL TO LOOK AT THIS FROM A BUSINESS STAND POINT.

**DENISE DAVIDSON** – COMMENTED THAT THE CHAIRMAN SAID IT WAS A DONE DEAL AND NOTHING IS DONE UNLESS SOMEONE HAS ALREADY BEEN HIRED. MS. DAVIDSON SAID THE 95% FORECLOSURE REVENUE WILL BE IMPACTED. THE MONEY THE COUNCIL HAS TO SPEND WILL BE IMPACTED MS. DAVIDSON SAID THAT IN APRIL, 2009, WENDY KELLY WAS PAID \$83,000 FOR A DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION AND SHE WAS LET GO IN 2009 BECAUSE THE COUNTY DID NOT HAVE THE MONEY, NOW THE FIGURE IS \$148,000 AND SHE ASKED WHY NOT USE THAT MONEY FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND HAVE MORE BANG FOR THE BUCK. MS. DAVIDSON SAID THAT AT A RECENT EMS COMMITTEE MEETING, VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE WAS VERY CONCERNED AND INSIGHTFUL AFTER HEARING THE INFORMATION THAT WAS PROVIDED BY CHIEF MINGLEDORFF AND CHIEF DALEY. SHE SAID THEY WERE VERY GRATEFUL THAT VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY LISTEN AND WAS CONCERNED. MS. DAVIDSON SAID SHE WAS ASKING THE COUNCIL TO MAKE GOOD ECONOMIC DECISIONS AND USE THE CITIZENS MONEY FOR FIRE PROTECTION INSTEAD OF BEING REDUNDANT AND USING THE FUNDS FOR A TOP HEAVY ADMINISTRATION. MS. DAVIDSON SUGGESTED USING THE FUNDS FOR THE FIRE TOWER ROAD FIRE STATION. MS. DAVIDSON SAID THAT THE CITIZENS WERE VERY ANXIOUS FOR THE COUNCIL TO MAKE GOOD DECISIONS. MS. DAVIDSON SAID THAT AT A PAST MEETING VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY DISCUSSED HOW THE MONEY WAS SPENT BY PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS. MS. DAVIDSON SAID THERE IS NOW A \$25 FEE ON EVERY CAR IN THE COUNTY FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES WHICH HAS NOW DOUBLED TO ALMOST \$1,000,000. MS. DAVIDSON SAID THE CITIZENS ARE OUT OF WORK AND THE COUNCIL KEEPS PUTTING TAXES AND FEES AND SHE ASKED HOW MUCH MORE DID THE COUNCIL THINK THE CITIZENS COULD TAKE.

**TOM JOHNSON** ALSO SUPPORTS TAKING THE POSITION OUT OF THE BUDGET. MR. JOHNSON SAID HE RESIDES IN SUN CITY NORTH ON OF THE FEW AREAS IN THE COUNTY THAT IS GROWING. MR. JOHNSON SAID HE WAS DISTURBED THAT THE FIRE STATION ON ARGENT ROAD THAT SERVICES HIS AREA HAS AN AMBULANCE, BUT NO ONE TO MAN IT. MR. JOHNSON SAID THAT SUN CITY NORTH IS AN AGING COMMUNITY AND A 30 MINUTE RESPONSE TIME FROM HARDEEVILLE COULD BE THE MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH. MR. JOHNSON SAID HE FELT IT WAS MORE IMPORTANT TO MAN THE AMBULANCES THAN TO ADD ANOTHER PERSON TO A TOP HEAVY ADMINISTRATION.

**LINDA DAVENPORT** - MS. DAVENPORT SAID THAT SHE OWNS A FINANCIAL PLANNING BUSINESS AND HAS LIVED HERE FOR 15 YEARS. MS. DAVENPORT SAID IT HAS GONE FROM BAD TO WORST. MS. DAVENPORT SAID IN WASHINGTON, 80% OF THE SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES FAILED THE ECONOMIC EXAMINE AND SHE FELT THE RESULTS HERE WOULD BE AS BAD OR WORSE BASED ON COUNTY COUNCIL'S DECISIONS. MS. DAVENPORT SAID THE SALARY FOR THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR IS OUTRAGEOUS IN LIGHT OF THE AVERAGE SALARY IN JASPER COUNTY AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL SHOULD KNOW WHAT THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS IN THE COUNTY. MS. DAVENPORT SAID SHE FELT THE COUNCIL SHOULD BE ASHAMED TO CONSIDER THIS POSITION. MS. DAVENPORT ASKED HOW SOMEONE WHO OWES THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION IN EXCESS OF \$22,000 BE SITTING ON THIS COUNCIL. MS. DAVENPORT SAID THIS COUNCIL MEMBER SHIRKS HIS RESPONSIBILITIES AND DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE RULES OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION AND HOW CAN HE SERVE ON THIS COUNCIL. MS. DAVENPORT ASKED HOW THAT HAPPENS.

**DON KNOWLES** STARTED TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL AND CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED HIM TO WAIT. MR. KNOWLES ASKED ABOUT IF THAT INCLUDED THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR'S POSITION OR WAS THAT A DEAD ISSUE. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR COMMENTED THAT THE PUBLIC IS DISCUSSING THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION AND THE \$25 PER VEHICLE FEE AND THE ORDINANCE IS TO AMEND THE 2011-2012 BUDGET TO WHAT IT SHOULD BE AND THAT WHAT THE REMARKS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING HE SAID THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR'S POSITION IS A DEAD ISSUE AND COMMENTS REGARDING THIS CAN BE MADE AT THE END OF THE MEETING. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THIS ORDINANCE IS SPEAKING OF THE BUDGET. MR. KNOWLES SAT DOWN. DENISE DAVIDSON SAID THAT EVERYONE VOICED ISSUES ON HOW THE MONEY IS COLLECTED BY COUNTY AND IS SPENT BY COUNCIL AND WHAT IS IN THE BUDGET. MS. DAVIDSON SAID THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR'S POSITION IS IN THAT BUDGET. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED MR. JONES TO CLARIFY THE ISSUE. ATTORNEY JONES SAID THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING IS FOR THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2011-12 JASPER COUNTY CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET SPECIFICALLY TO CORRECT TWO ERRORS MADE RELATING TO THE SCHOOL BUDGET AND THE TOTAL MILLS. ATTORNEY JONES SAID COMMENTS SHOULD BE MADE TO ENLIGHTEN THE COUNCIL ON THESE SPECIFIC ITEMS.

**DR. MCBRAYER** SAID HE WAS NOT SURE OF THE TIME LINE ON THESE ISSUES AND IF THE VOTING TAKES PLACE NOW, THEY WILL BE DISCUSSING THE ISSUE AFTER THE VOTE IS TAKEN. DR. MCBRAYER SAID THAT MOST PEOPLE ARE ON A FIRST NAME BASIS AND HE FELT THE CARDS NEEDED TO BE PUT ON THE TABLE FACE UP AND WOULD LIKE TO DO IT IN THESE MEETING. DR. MCBRAYER SAID WE HAVE TO BE THINKING ABOUT TAKING CARE OF THE COUNTY AND EACH OTHER. DR. MCBRAYER SAID IT HAS GONE BEYOND DEMOCRAT AND REPUBLICANS, BLACK AND WHITE, MALE AND FEMALE. DR. MCBRAYER SAID THAT THEY HAVE TO THINK OF EACH OTHER BECAUSE IF THE GOOD SHIP JASPER COUNTY SINKS, THEY ARE ALL ON BOARD. DR. MCBRAYER SAID THERE ARE A LOT OF SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY WHO SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL TO HELP WITH A SOLUTION TO PROBABLE BUSINESS VENTURES. DR. MCBRAYER SAID THAT \$41,000,000 IS A BIG BUSINESS AND IF THE FIGURES ARE CLOSE TO RIGHT, \$680,000 OVER FIVE TO 10 YEARS WITHOUT INCREASING TAXES, IT MAKES A LOT OF SENSE TO LEASE THE SCHOOLS TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL. DR. MCBRAYER SAID IF THE CHARTER SCHOOL FAILS, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL BE BETTER OFF AS THE CHARTER SCHOOL WOULD HAVE PUT \$2-4,000,000 INTO THE SCHOOLS THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WOULD GET BACK, AND IF THE SCHOOL SUCCEEDS, THEN THE CHILDREN WIN. DR. MCBRAYER SAID THE CHILDREN OF JASPER COUNTY ARE NOT DUMB THEY ARE SMART KIDS, IT IS THE SYSTEM, SO WHY NOT GIVE IT SOME COMPETITION. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2011-10 ADOPTING THE JASPER COUNTY CAPITAL AND GENERAL OPERATIONS BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THIS WAS TO AMEND THE SCHOOL SYSTEMS MILLAGE OR WOULD IT APPROVE THE ENTIRE BUDGET. MR. FULGHUM RESPONDED THAT THERE WAS A TYPO ON THE MILLAGE AND CORRECTED THAT. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED WHAT IT HAD TO DO WITH THE OTHER POSITION. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE ORDINANCE WAS ONLY FOR THE SCHOOL SYSTEM'S DEBT SERVICE AND ALSO THE OVERALL TOTAL MILLAGE BECAUSE IT WAS OFF DUE TO DEBT SERVICE WAS BEING OFF. MR. WOODS ASKED THAT THE PEOPLE SPEAK INTO THE MICROPHONES SO THAT THE PEOPLE CAN HEAR THEM. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THIS ORDINANCE WOULD CORRECT THE MILLAGE AMOUNT FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY COUNCIL, BUT IT WOULD ALSO APPROVE THE ENTIRE BUDGET. MR. FULGHUM ANSWERED, YES. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID IF HE WAS READING THE ORDINANCE CORRECTLY HE WAS NOT SURE THAT THE PUBLIC WERE OUT OF ORDER DISCUSSING THE BUDGET. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE READ THE TITLE OF THE ORDINANCE - ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2011-10 ADOPTING THE JASPER COUNTY CAPITAL AND GENERAL OPERATIONS BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THAT THE ORDINANCE TALKS ABOUT THE ENTIRE SCHOOL AND COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET. VICE CHAIRMAN

GREGORY SAID THE WORD TO PASS AND AMEND CREATED A DOUBLE STANDARD AND IF IT WAS TO AMEND ONLY ONE PART, WHY WAS GENERAL OPERATIONS BUDGET ADDED. MR. FULGHUM RESPONDED THAT 22.5 MILLS FOR THE SCHOOL WAS LISTED AND 25 MILLS WERE ACTUALLY VERBALLY APPROVED. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE COUNCIL VERBALLY APPROVED 25 MILLS, BUT WAS INCORRECT IN THE SCHOOL BUDGET. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID ONLY CHANGING THE 22.5 MILLS TO 25 MILLS AND THAT IS PART OF THE OPERATING BUDGET COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID MILLAGE IS PART OF THE BUDGET AND THAT WAS CHANGED AND THE COUNCIL NEEDED TO MOVE ON AND QUIT TALKING ABOUT IT, THAT'S IT, IT IS PART OF THE BUDGET. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID IT COULD MEAN A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS FROM A LAWYER'S STANDPOINT AND HE ASKED THE ATTORNEY WHERE IT MADE REFERENCE TO THE CHANGE IN THE TITLE OF THE ORDINANCE. ATTORNEY JONES SAID THAT IT IS PART OF THE TITLE OF THE ORDINANCE AND NAME IS THE JASPER COUNTY GENERAL AND CAPITAL OPERATIONS BUDGET AND NOT INTENDED TO DO ANYTHING BUT IT IS TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS WHAT ORDINANCE IS BEING AMENDED. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF AND WAS IN THE ORIGINAL BUDGET ORDINANCE TITLE. MR. JONES SAID IT WAS. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CALLED FOR THE VOTE. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR VOTED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON VOTED FOR; COUNCILMEN SAULS AND ETHERIDGE VOTED AGAINST; VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ABSTAINED. THE MOTION FAILED. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID NO SIR.

**ANDREW FULGHUM – PUBLIC HEARING AND 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE JASPER COUNTY HOME DETENTION PROGRAM** – MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT THE DETENTION CENTER EXPENSES ARE 14% OF THE COUNTY'S OPERATING BUDGET. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE ORDINANCE WOULD CREATE CHAPTER 11 IN THE COUNTY CODE TO INCLUDE THE USE OF HOME DETENTION ON CERTAIN PRISONERS. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR OPENED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC. **LINDA DAVENPORT** – ASKED HOW MUCH MONEY WOULD THIS SAVE THE COUNTY. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE DID NOT HAVE THAT AMOUNT, BUT IT WOULD REDUCE THE PER DIEM PAID FOR THE INMATES. MR. FULGHUM SAID IT WILL HAVE TO BE ESTABLISHED WHO QUALIFIES FOR THIS PROGRAM AND IT WOULD HAVE TO GO OUT FOR PROPOSALS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE REVENUE FROM THIS PROGRAM MUST MEET OR EXCEED THE COST. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE PROGRAM WILL NOT COST THE COUNTY ANY MONEY. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WOULD BE PROVIDING MORE INFORMATION AS THE PROGRAM IS IMPLEMENTED. BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CLOSED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE JASPER COUNTY HOME DETENTION PROGRAM. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THIS WILL BE A COST SAVINGS TO THE COUNTY BECAUSE THE INMATE WOULD HAVE TO

PAY ALL THE COSTS AND IT COSTS THE COUNTY TO HOUSE THE INMATES.  
THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**DAVID JIROUSEK – 1<sup>ST</sup> 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 ANNOUNCED THAT THE STAFF IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE COMPLETION OF THE STORMWATER ORDINANCE AND DESIGN MANUAL TO BETTER PROTECT THE HEALTH OF OUR LOCAL AND REGIONAL WATERWAYS AND TO PREVENT FLOODING RESULTING FROM NEW DEVELOPMENT. MR. JIROUSEK INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THIS PROJECT WAS DEVELOPED BY CONSULTANTS AND STAFF BASED ON THE INPUT OF THE “STORMWATER ADVISORY GROUP” AUTHORIZED BY COUNCIL AS WELL AS THE PLANNING COMMISSION. THE FINAL PRODUCT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING GENERAL COMPONENTS - **STORMWATER ORDINANCE** ADMINISTRATION - EXPLAINS ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES; ENFORCEMENT- ADDRESSES VIOLATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE, CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES; INSPECTIONS- OUTLINE OF PROCEDURES AND RIGHT TO INSPECT; SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS; APPLICABILITY- ADDRESSES TYPES OF DEVELOPMENT WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE ORDINANCE AND MANUAL; MAINTENANCE- OUTLINES REQUIREMENTS FOR RECORDED STORMWATER SYSTEM MAINTENANCE PLANS AND LONG TERM RECORD KEEPING; STANDARDS- INCLUDES THE STORMWATER VOLUME CONTROL AND QUALITY REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT AND ILLICIT DISCHARGES- PROHIBITS UNLAWFUL DISCHARGE OF CONTAMINANTS. MR. JIROUSEK OUTLINED THE**

STORMWATER DESIGN MANUAL'S - PURPOSE; REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTAL AND STANDARDS; GENERAL ENGINEERING STANDARDS; STORMWATER PROJECT PAGE 2 OF 2; GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PRACTICES- BETTER SITE PLANNING, BETTER SITE DESIGN, AND LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES (THESE PRACTICES AND STRATEGIES ARE USED BY DEVELOPERS TO MEET STORMWATER VOLUME, QUALITY AND FLOOD CONTROL REQUIREMENTS); GENERAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT; HOW TO DEVELOP A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THE STAFF AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND APPROVAL. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE MANUAL WAS USER FRIENDLY AND HE REQUESTED A WORKSHOP TO REVIEW THE ORDINANCE PRIOR TO THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND STAFF WOULD BE PRESENT AT THE WORKSHOP. MR. JIROUSEK SAID HE WILL INVITE THE PLANNING COMMISSION, AND DO A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT. MR. JIROUSEK ADDED THAT THE ENGINEERS WOULD ALSO BE AT THE WORKSHOP. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1<sup>ST</sup> 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. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**RESOLUTIONS- NONE**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ANDREW FULGHUM - CONSIDERATION OF SOLICITOR'S OFFICE SPACE BEING LOCATED IN THE OLD ASSESSORS OFFICE - MR. FULGHUM TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE SOLICITOR REQUESTED THE USE**

OF THE OLD ASSESSOR'S OFFICE FOR HIS EMPLOYEES. MR. FULGHUM PROVIDED A LETTER FROM THE SOLICITOR STATING THAT HE WOULD SHARE IN THE COSTS (UP TO \$10,000) TO MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES TO THE BUILDING. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT MR. TERRY HAS BEEN WORKING WITH MR. MURPHY. COUNCILMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE BY THE SOLICITOR. COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED IF THE \$10,000 FROM SOLICITOR STONE WILL COVER THE NECESSARY CHANGES. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE COST WOULD NOT EXCEED \$20,000 AND MR. SAULS ASKED IF SOLICITOR STONE WAS PAYING \$10,000 AND THE COUNTY WAS PAYING \$10,000. MR. SAULS SAID HE WANTED TO KNOW IF IT WAS COSTING THE COUNTY \$10,000. MR. FULGHUM ASKED MR. TERRY TO RESPOND. MR. TERRY SAID THEY WOULD NEED TO INSTALL A DOOR AND PUT UP A WALL. COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED IF THE COUNTY HAD TO SPEND ANY MONEY. MR. TERRY EXPLAINED THE CHANGES AND HE SAID HE FELT THE SOLICITOR SHOULD PAY FOR ALL THE CHANGES, COUNCILMAN SAULS SAID HE AGREED WITH MR. TERRY. COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED IF THE CHANGES WOULD EXCEED THE \$10,000 THAT THE SOLICITOR AGREED TO PAY. MR. TERRY SAID HE DID NOT THINK IT WOULD COME CLOSE TO THAT. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE COUNTY WOULD BE PROVIDING IN KIND LABOR AND MR. TERRY SAID THAT WAS CORRECT. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**DALE TERRY – UPDATE ON THE GRAYS SCHOOL AND APPROVAL OF QUOTES FOR ASBESTOS REMOVAL** – MR. TERRY EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS WAITING ON ESTIMATES AND HE WOULD MAKE A PRESENTATION AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

**NEW BUSINESS – NONE**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** – COUNCILMAN SAULS REPORTED THAT THE EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MET ON FRIDAY AT 10:00 A.M. AND THERE WERE MANY PEOPLE THERE. COUNCILMAN SAULS THANKED THE PEOPLE FOR ATTENDING THE MEETING AND HE THANKED THE STAFF FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE FIRE CONTRACTS AND WHAT SERVICES THEY PROVIDED. COUNCILMAN SAULS SAID THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE THE BURDEN OF PROVIDING SERVICES TO THOSE CONTRACTED AREAS IF THE CONTRACTS ARE NOT RENEWED. COUNCILMAN SAULS DISCUSSED THE FIRETOWER ROAD FIRE STATION AND THAT THE COUNTY HAD THE LAND AND MONEY DONATED FOR THE STATION AS WELL AS A GRANT FOR A TANKER TRUCK. COUNCILMAN SAULS SAID IF THE DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S POSITION WAS NOT FILLED, TWO FIREMEN COULD BE HIRED TO STAFF THE STATION.

COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE HAD AN OUTSTANDING MEETING AND THEY WERE WORKING ON A WAY TO KEEP THE CITIZENS INFORMED. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THAT THE COMMITTEE MEETS ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH. COUNCILMAN

DRAYTON COMMENTED THAT HE FELT THE NEW TAX COLLECTOR IS COMPETENT AND WILL DO A GOOD JOB.

COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE SERVED ON THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE AND A LOT OF HARD WORK WENT INTO THAT ORDINANCE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID IT WAS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO HAVE THIS IN JASPER COUNTY AND HE THANKED MR. JIROUSEK FOR HIS WORK.

VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY REPORTED THAT THE ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE MET AND THEY DISCUSSED THE ROADS AND THE WORKERS AT THE CONVENIENCE SITES. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THEY WORKING ON SOME ITEMS AND WILL BE BRINGING THEM TO COUNCIL. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE ON DIRT ROADS TO CONTACT HIM OR MR. TERRY IF THEY HAVE ANY PROBLEMS. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THEY ARE MAINTAINING THE COUNTY'S DIRT ROADS TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY.

VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE FIRE COMMITTEE MET AND HE FELT THEY WERE MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND HE FELT THE ENTIRE COUNCIL NEEDED TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE FELT THE FIRE COMMITTEE WAS EDUCATED BY THE STAFF AND CHIEF MINGLEDORFF PROVIDED INFORMATION THAT HE DID NOT KNOW.

COUNCILMAN SAULS SAID THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE MET WHEN JUDGE DEBORAH MALPHRUS WAS SWORN IN AND IT WAS STANDING ROOM ONLY. COUNCILMAN SAULS SAID IT WAS A VERY NICE AND IMPRESSIVE AFFAIR. COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED THE CITIZENS TO CONGRATULATE JUDGE MALPHRUS WHEN THEY SEE HER.

COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID HE ALSO ATTENDED THE CYPRESS RIDGE BUSINESS/INDUSTRIAL PARK REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID A REPRESENTATIVE FROM BE GREEN WAS PRESENT AND THEY RECEIVED A LOT OF SUBSTANTIAL INFORMATION. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE BE GREEN FACILITY.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** – MR. FULGHUM INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THE RISK MANAGEMENT TRAINING IN BLUFFTON WAS VERY BENEFICIAL. MR. FULGHUM REPORTED THAT HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE SCAC REVENUE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STEERING COMMITTEE. MR. FULGHUM SAID EACH YEAR HE DOES A PLAN FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND HE WILL BE PROVIDING IT TO COUNCIL.

**OPEN FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC - (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER INDIVIDUAL)** – CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED THE CITIZENS TO LIMIT THEIR PRESENTATIONS TO THREE MINUTES.

**DON KNOWLES** – SAID NOW HE KNOWS WHY HE WAS ASKED TO WAIT TO SPEAK, SINCE NOW HE ONLY HAD THREE MINUTES. MR. KNOWLES SAID HE WAS NEVER ON A CLOCK BEFORE BECAUSE PEOPLE APPRECIATED HIS COUNSEL AND ADVICE AND WANTED TO HEAR WHAT HE HAD TO SAY. MR.

KNOWLES SAID OVER THE PAST 6 MONTHS HIS ISO RATING HAS CHANGED. MR. KNOWLES SAID NOW WHEN THE INSURANCE COMPANIES CHECK WITH THE STATE, THE NEW ISO RATING WILL BE USED. MR. KNOWLES SAID THE ISO RATINGS ALSO HAVE TO DO WITH THE STATIONS BEING MANNED, NOT JUST A BUILDING AND A TRUCK. MR. KNOWLES SAID HIS ISO RATING WENT FROM A 5 TO A 10 AND HIS INSURANCE DOUBLED. MR. KNOWLES SAID THE COUNTY WOULD BE BETTER SERVED TO USE THE MONEY TO HIRE FIREMEN AND TO TRAIN VOLUNTEERS INSTEAD OF A DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR. MR. KNOWLES SAID THAT \$100,000 WILL NOT COVER IT. YOU NEED FIREMEN AND MONEY TO TRAIN THEM AS EVEN VOLUNTEERS NEED TRAINING AND HOPED THE COUNTY WOULD WORK ON THIS ISSUE.

**LINDA DAVENPORT** TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT HER HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE WENT FROM \$1,200 TO \$8,000 PER YEAR. MS. DAVENPORT ASKED WHAT SHE IS GETTING FOR HER TAXES. MS. DAVENPORT SAID SHE HAS BEEN ASKING WHY THE ISO RATINGS HAVE GONE FROM BAD TO WORSE AND NOW THE COUNCIL WANTS TO ADD MORE ADMINISTRATIVE LAYERS WHEN THE COUNTY HAS A SHORTAGE OF POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION.

**JAMES ALSTON** – SAID HE DID NOT WANT TO BEAT A DEAD HORSE, BUT THEY HAVE BEEN REFERRING TO THE SCHOOL CHILDREN AS DUMB AND THE PEOPLE NEED TO LOOK AT WHAT THE GRADUATES FROM 1989-2011 HAVE ACCOMPLISHED. MR. ALSTON SAID THEY NEEDED TO BE CAREFUL AND SHOULD TRY TO MAKE POSITIVE GAINS.

**JOHN DECKER** – COMMENTED THAT SUN CITY TOOK A GREAT LEAP BY USING THE LAGOONS FOR WATERING THE GOLF COURSES AND THE COMMON AREAS.

**LAFAYETTE WEBBER** – TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT HE WAS A VICTIM OF ILLEGAL LAND SALES IN JASPER COUNTY AND HE LOST FOUR PIECES OF LAND. MR. WEBBER SAID WILL BE FIGHTING THE ISSUE AND ATTORNEY JONES AND MS. MOUZON WILL GIVE HIM A REASON WHY HIS PROPERTIES WERE SOLD WHEN THE TAXES WERE PAID.

**VICTOR MOCK** – TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT HE WAS A CITIZEN OF JASPER COUNTY ALL HIS LIFE AND HE WAS CONCERNED FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE SINCE THEY HAVE NO PLACE TO GO LIKE A YMCA AND THEY HAVE ISSUES THEY NEED TO TALK ABOUT. MR. MOCK SAID THERE IS DRUGS AND PROSTITUTION IN THE STREETS AND HE ASKED TO USE SOME BUILDINGS THAT ARE GOING TO ROT AWAY AND TO MAKE A PLACE FOR THE CHILDREN TO GO. MR. MOCK SAID A FRIEND WAS KILLED A MILE FROM HIS HOME AND THAT PERSON WHO KILLED HIS FRIEND COULD HAVE BEEN REHABILITATED IF HE HAD A PLACE TO GO. MR. MOCK SAID THEY NEED TO WAKE UP AND HELP THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

**GARY HODGES** – MR. HODGES ADDRESSED THE FIRE CONTRACTS AND THAT A LOT OF EYES WERE OPEN AT THE COMMITTEE MEETING WHEN THE STATISTICS WERE PROVIDED. MR. HODGES SAID THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HANDLED 475 CALLS AND 272 OF THOSE CALLS WERE IN THE CONTRACTED FIRE DISTRICT. MR. HODGES SAID THOSE FIRES AMOUNTED TO 57% OF THE COSTS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE CONTRACT IS FOR \$195,000 AND THE TOWN PAYS THE REST. MR. HODGES SAID THE ISO

RATINGS ARE CRITICAL AND THE PEOPLE IN THE FIRE DISTRICT ARE CURRENTLY A 4 AND IF THAT GOES AWAY, THE INSURANCE WILL GO THROUGH THE ROOF. MR. HODGES SAID THAT THE FIRE CONTRACT COVERS ABOUT 2,000 STRUCTURES AND 4,000 CITIZENS FOR \$195,000 PER YEAR. MR. HODGES SAID THEY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW BY OCTOBER 1 AND THE CONTRACT RENEWED FOR TWO YEARS.

**MILTON WOODS** - THANKED VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY AND COUNCILMAN SAULS FOR THEIR INPUT AND FOR ALLOWING THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK AT THE COMMITTEE MEETING. MR. WOODS SAID THAT BY COUNCIL COMMENTING ABOUT THEIR COMMITTEE MEETINGS THEY ARE REACHING OUT AND SHARING WITH THE VOTERS WHAT THEY ARE DOING AND FOR COMMUNICATING WITH THE COMMUNITY.

**DENISE DAVIDSON** - COMMENTED THAT COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THE COUNCIL WANTED TO SHARE AND ENLIGHTEN THE PUBLIC ABOUT ALL THE GOOD THINGS GOING ON AND IF THIS COUNCIL IS SO ADAMANT ABOUT HIRING A DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR THE PUBLIC WOULD LIKE TO SEE AND HAVE PART IN THE REVIEW PROCESS. MS. DAVIDSON SAID THE PUBLIC WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT THIS PERSON IS QUALIFIED TO RUN THIS COUNTY AND THAT THE PERSON NEEDS TO HAVE THE PROPER CREDENTIALS. MS. DAVIDSON SUGGESTED AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL NEEDS TO BE APPOINTED. MS. DAVIDSON SAID THE CITIZENS WILL BE BETTER SERVED IF THE MONEY FOR THAT POSITION IS SPENT FOR SERVICES TO THE CITIZENS OF JASPER COUNTY.

**RAY PRIOR** ASKED WHO OWNED THE GRAYS SCHOOL AND HE ADDED THAT COMPETITION IS A GOOD THING. MR. PRIOR SAID HE WANTED THE CHILDREN TO HAVE THE BEST EDUCATION POSSIBLE AND THEY MAY WANT TO THINK ABOUT THE MONEY TO GAIN AND THEN MAY NOT HAVE TO AMEND THE MILLS. MR. PRIOR SAID HE FINISHED THE 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE IN JASPER COUNTY AND THEY NEED TO WORK TO IMPROVE THE SCHOOLS. MR. PRIOR SAID GIVING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MORE MONEY IS NOT THE ANSWER AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY NEED TO TIGHTEN THEIR BELT AND TO SLIM DOWN FROM THE TOP AND IF THE CITIZENS OWN GRAYS SCHOOL, THEY WILL HAVE TO PAY TO CLEAN IT UP.

**MELISSA INGRAM** SAID SHE HAS LIVED IN JASPER COUNTY ALL OF HER LIFE AND SHE VOTES IN EVERY ELECTION SINCE THE AGE OF 18. MS. INGRAM SAID SHE HAS NOT ATTENDED THE MEETINGS IN THE PAST, BUT SHE WILL BE HERE NOW AND SPEAK UP FOR JASPER COUNTY. MS. INGRAM SAID SHE WAS APPALLED AT THE RUDENESS, SHE SAID SHE SAW A VOTING CITIZEN STAND TO TALK AND WAS TOLD TO SIT DOWN AND TOLD THEY WERE OUT OF LINE, THEY HAVE TO WATCH A CLOCK AND TOLD TO SIT DOWN. MS. INGRAM SAID WE PUT YOU THERE AND TO BE SO RUDE AND OFFENSIVE IT IS APPALLING.

**FRANKO SULLIVAN** SAID HE WAS FROM VIRGINIA AND HE WAS NOT GOING BACK AND HE WANTED TO WORK WITH THE COUNCIL. MR. SULLIVAN SAID HE WAS SHOCKED TODAY. MR. SULLIVAN ASKED THE COUNCIL NOT TO BE LIKE WASHINGTON, D.C. MR. SULLIVAN SAID IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE MONEY, GENTLEMEN, EXAMINE YOUR CONSCIENCE DON'T SPEND IT. MR. SULLIVAN SAID ONLY ONE COUNCIL MEMBER KNEW ABOUT

THE FORECLOSURES IN THE COUNTY AND THE OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS SHOULD BE ASHAMED THAT 95% OF YOUR NEIGHBORS ARE IN FORECLOSURE.

**SHEREE DARIEN** –SAID THERE IS A LOT OF ENERGY IN THE ROOM. MS. DARIEN SAID SHE WAS BORN, RAISED, EDUCATED AND WORKED IN JASPER COUNTY AND THAT SHE LOVED JASPER COUNTY. MS. DARIEN SAID THESE PEOPLE WANT TO SEE CHANGE AND THERE IS WORK TO BE DONE, AND THEY NEEDED TO WORK TOGETHER AND WORKERS THAT WANT TO DO THE JOB. MS. DARIEN SAID YOU NEEDED TO GO BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD IF THEY ARE HERE FOR THE KIDS AND FOR THE CITIZENS. IF YOU WANT TO SEE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. MS. DARIEN SAID PEOPLE HAVE SUFFERED IN JASPER COUNTY, THE BUSINESSES ARE CLOSING AND THE CHILDREN NEED A PLACE TO GO. MS. DARIEN SAID TO WORK TOGETHER AND DO IT LOW COUNTRY STYLE AND TO DO IT TOGETHER TO GET THE JOB DONE. MS. DARIEN SAID SHE WAS HERE TO STAY, SHE DID NOT INTEND TO LEAVE AND WHILE WE ARE ALL HERE, LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE. MS. DARIEN SAID THE COUNTY NEEDS SCHOOLS, IT NEEDS BUSINESSES AND IT NEEDS EVERYONE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CLOSED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE APPRECIATED EVERYONE COMING AND EXPRESSING YOUR CONCERNS. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE ALSO HUMAN HAVE FEELINGS AND WHEN IT IS INSINUATED THAT THEY ARE IGNORANT AND DON'T KNOW WHAT WE ARE DOING, THAT IS INSULTING AND WHEN YOU INSINUATE THAT THE STAFF DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO INTERVIEW, IT IS INSULTING. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE ALWAYS DEPENDS ON THE MAN UPSTAIRS AND ALWAYS FOLLOWS HIS ADVICE. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT EVERYONE HAS A RIGHT TO THEIR OWN OPINION AND HE HOPED THEY COULD ALL WORK TOGETHER.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS AND PROPOSED PURCHASE OR SALE OF PROPERTY, RECEIPT OF LEGAL ADVICE WHERE THE LEGAL ADVICE RELATES TO A PENDING, THREATENED, OR POTENTIAL CLAIM OR OTHER MATTERS COVERED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, SETTLEMENT OF LEGAL CLAIMS OR THE POSITION OF THE PUBLIC AGENCY IN OTHER ADVERSARY SITUATIONS INVOLVING THE ASSERTION AGAINST THE AGENCY OF A CLAIM –THE SETTINGS, POTENTIAL LITIGATION REGARDING REDISTRICTING**

**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 – DETENTION CENTER**

VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN SAULS 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 –THE SETTINGS, POTENTIAL LITIGATION REGARDING REDISTRICTING AND 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 – DETENTION CENTER. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY LEFT THE MEETING DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ANNOUNCED THAT THE COUNCIL RECEIVED INFORMATION REGARDING LITIGATION FOR REDISTRICTING AND LITIGATION INVOLVING THE SETTINGS. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

COUNCILMAN DRAYTON MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO CREATE A CIVILIAN POSITION AT THE DETENTION CENTER. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THE POSITION WAS NOT TO COST THE COUNTY ANY ADDITIONAL MONEY AND IT WAS TO BE PAID FOR FROM THE DETENTION CENTER BUDGET. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

AN EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE WORKSHOP WAS SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 12, 2011 AT 10:00 A.M. THE ENTIRE COUNCIL IS TO ATTEND.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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LEROY BLACKSHEAR  
CHAIRMAN