

## JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE COUNCIL CHAMBER'S CONFERENCE ROOM 358 THIRD AVE., RIDGELAND, SC 29936 AUGUST 29, 2011, 3:30 P.M. MINUTES

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SAMUEL GREGORY, COMMITTEE MEMBER L. MARTIN SAULS, VI

**STAFF PRESENT:** ENGINEERING SERVICES DIVISION DIRECTOR - DALE TERRY, CLERK TO COUNCIL - JUDITH FRANK, COUNTY ATTORNEY- MARVIN JONES

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 –** COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 3:40 P.M.

**INVOCATION** – COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY GAVE THE INVOCATION.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -** COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

MONTHLY REPORTS - COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT THE NEW GARBAGE TRUCKS. MR. TERRY SAID THAT ONE TRUCK HAS ARRIVED AND HE IS WAITING ON THE OTHER TWO. MR. TERRY SAID THE MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE OLD TRUCKS WILL PAY ONE YEAR OF PAYMENTS FOR THE NEW TRUCKS. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT THE CONTAINERS. MR. TERRY SAID THEY HAVE SCRAPPED A FEW, THEY HAVE REPAIRED A FEW AND HE WAS WAITING ON THE NEW ONES TO ARRIVE. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE HOW MANY ARE BAD AND HOW MANY CAN BE REPAIRED. MR. TERRY SAID THE CONTAINERS HAVE A POST EVERY FOUR FEET AND IF THE POSTS AND

FLOORS ARE ROTTED OUT, THEY CANNOT BE SAVED. COMMITTEE MEMBER SAULS ASKED ABOUT THE RECYCLABLES. MR. TERRY SAID THAT FROM JULY, 2010 TO JUNE, 2011 THE TOTAL COLLECTED WAS \$49,466.82 FOR THE USED OIL, SCRAP METAL, BATTERIES, NEWSPAPER, CARDBOARD AND ALUMINUM. MR. TERRY SAID HE CHECKS WHERE THEY ARE PAYING THE MOST AND HE TAKES IT THERE.

MR. TERRY PROVIDED A LIST OF ALL THE CARS ASSIGNED TO THE SHERIFF. HE SAID ALL THE CARS HAVE BEEN REPAIRED AND THAT THE SHOP DOES THE MAINTENANCE. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED WHO REPORTS THE ACCIDENTS. MR. TERRY SAID THEY REPORT IT THEMSELVES UNLESS ANOTHER VEHICLE IS INVOLVED. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THAT HE WANTED TO KNOW HOW MANY ARE WRECKED AND WHAT THE COST IS TO REPAIR THEM. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THAT A LETTER SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SHERIFF IF THE NUMBERS INCREASE.

MR. TERRY EXPLAINED THE FINES ON LITTER AND HOW THE FUNDS ARE DISTRIBUTED. MR. TERRY SAID THAT EVERYONE GETS PART OF THE MONEY INCLUDING THE STATE. MR. TERRY SAID THE MAGISTRATE REPORTS ON THE FINES.

**UPDATE ON KNOWLES ISLAND –** MR. TERRY PRESENTED THE PLANS FOR KNOWLES ISLAND AND HE SAID THE PLANS WILL BE ON DISPLAY FOR ANYONE WHO WANTS TO BID THE JOB. MR. TERRY SAID THE BIDS WILL BE OPENED ON SEPT. 7, 2011. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THERE WILL BE ANY DIGGING AND MR. TERRY SAID THE POSTS WILL BE DRIVEN INTO THE GROUND.

UPDATE ON GRAYS SCHOOL- MR. TERRY REPORTED THAT HE HAD AN ASBESTOS ASSESSMENT DONE AND THERE IS ASBESTOS PRESENT IN VARIOUS AREAS OF THE SCHOOL. MR. TERRY SAID HE WAS WAITING ON A LADY FROM DHEC TO LET HIM KNOW IF THEY CAN JUST TEAR THE BUILDING DOWN. MR. TERRY SAID THE DIRT UNDER THE PIPES WHERE ASBESTOS IS PRESENT WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE REMOVED. MR. TERRY SAID THE SCHOOL CANNOT BE SAVED AND THE PLAN IS TO TEAR DOWN THE ENTIRE BUILDING BUT TO TRY AND SAVE THE STEPS AND THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL. COMMITTEE MEMBER SAULS ASKED IF THEY NEEDED THE SCHOOL BOARD'S PERMISSION. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE SCHOOL BOARD HAS NOT CLAIMED THE BUILDING. MR. TERRY SAID THE BUILDING MUST BE TORN DOWN AS IT IS CONTINUALLY FALLING APART.

**DISCUSSION (CLAUDE DEAN - PINELAND) -** MR. TERRY SAID THAT MR. DEAN'S HOUSE IN TARBORO BURNED DOWN AND WHEN THEY BROUGHT IN THE BULLDOZER TO PUSH IT UP, THEY MADE THE YARD ROUGH. MR. DEAN ASKED IF MR. TERRY COULD BRING THE DOZER OUT TO STRAIGHTEN UP THE RUTS. MR. TERRY SAID IT WOULD TAKE ABOUT ONE HOUR TO FIX THE PROBLEM. COMMITTEE MEMBER SAULS SAID HE FELT THEY SHOULD FIX

THE RUTS AS REQUESTED. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY TOLD MR. TERRY TO GO RIGHT AHEAD AND LEVEL OUT THE GROUNDS.

DAN RAYE - MR. TERRY EXPLAINED THAT MR. RAYE LIVED ON NIMMER TURF ROAD AND WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE DUST CAUSED BY THE TRUCKS THAT TRAVEL THAT ROAD. MR. RAYE SAID HE WOULD LIKE FOR THE COUNTY TO COME UP WITH A WAY, THAT IS NOT COST PROHIBITIVE, TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM. MR. RAYE SAID THAT THERE IS A LOT OF TRAFFIC AND HE ASKED ABOUT SOME KIND OF PACKING THAT COULD BE DONE TO THE ROAD. MR. RAYE SAID THAT BETWEEN 5:00 A.M. AND 9:00 P.M. THERE IS A VEHICLE EVERY 6 MINUTES . MR. RAYE SAID THE DUST GENERALLY BLOWS TOWARDS HIS HOME AND IT HAS INHIBITED THE ACTIVITY ON THE OUTSIDE OF HIS HOME. MR. RAYE SAID THE NIMMERS HAVE BEEN VERY RESPECTFUL AND THEY HAVE DONE WHAT THEY CAN AND WHEN THE DRIVERS SLOW DOWN, THERE IS NOT AS MUCH DUST. MR. RAYE SAID WHEN THE ROAD IS GRADED IT MAKES IT WORSE. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED IF DENNIS CORPORATION HAS ANYTHING THE NIMMERS COULD SPRAY ON THE ROAD. MR. TERRY SAID THAT THEY PUT UP SIGNS TO SLOW THE TRAFFIC AND THAT DID HELP. MEMBER SAULS SAID HE THOUGHT THE NIMMERS WERE TRYING TO GET THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE TO FUND PAVING THE ROAD. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID IF THEY DID NOT HAVE TO BUILD TO STATE STANDARDS, IT MAY HAPPEN. MR. RAYE THANKED THE COMMITTEE FOR MEETING WITH HIM.

HENRY ETHERIDGE SAID THAT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TAKING THINGS FROM THE RECYCLING BINS IN COOSAWHATIE AND GRAYS. MR. TERRY SAID THE ATTENDANTS HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT NOTHING IS TO BE REMOVED FROM THE BINS. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THAT AT SOME SITES, THE ATTENDANTS WON'T COME OUT OF THEIR BUILDING. MR. TERRY SAID THAT THEY HAVE BEEN TOLD TO GO OUT EACH TIME A VEHICLE COMES IN. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE ON MR. TERRY'S STAFF. MR. TERRY SAID HE HAD 15 FULL TIME EMPLOYEE IN PUBLIC WORKS OF WHICH TWO WORK AT THE CONVENIENCE SITES AND 13 PART-TIME PEOPLE AT THE CONVENIENCE SITES. MR. TERRY SAID AT HE HAD 48 PEOPLE A FEW YEARS AGO.

MR. TERRY REVIEWED THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES AND WHAT THEY EACH DID. MR. TERRY SAID THE SENIOR CITIZENS FROM COOSAWHATCHIE AND ROBERTVILLE ASKED ABOUT HAVING SOMEONE COME ONE OR TWO DAYS A MONTH TO CLEAN THE BUILDINGS. MR. TERRY SAID HE WAS GOING TO TRY. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE PERSON WHO CLEANED THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT COULD DO IT SINCE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS CLOSED. MR. TERRY SAID HE WAS GOING TO TALK TO HER ABOUT IT SINCE SHE LIVES IN THE AREA.

COMMITTEE MEMBER SAULS ASKED MR. TERRY IF HE PROMOTES FROM WITHIN WHEN THERE IS A POSITION OPEN. MR. TERRY SAID THERE WAS

NO ONE TO MOVE OR PROMOTE CURRENTLY, BUT WHEN THERE IS A POSITION HE DOES TRY TO PROMOTE FROM WITHIN. MR. TERRY SAID HE MOVED ONE EMPLOYEE FROM DRIVING TRUCK TO OPERATING A MOTOR GRADER. MR. TERRY SAID THERE WERE SOME EMPLOYEES HE WOULD HAVE LIKED TO BUMP THEIR PAY, BUT HE IS NOT ABLE TO DO THAT. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID IF YOU RAISE SALARIES FOR SOME PEOPLE AND NOT OTHERS YOU STIR UP A HORNETS NEST.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - THE COMMITTEE WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION REGARDING EMPLOYMENT, APPOINTMENT, COMPENSATION, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, DISCIPLINE, OR RELEASE OF AN EMPLOYEE, A STUDENT, OR A PERSON REGULATED BY A PUBLIC BODY OR THE APPOINTMENT OF A PERSON TO A PUBLIC BODY; HOWEVER, IF AN ADVERSARY HEARING INVOLVING AN EMPLOYEE OR CLIENT IS HELD, THE EMPLOYEE OR CLIENT HAS THE RIGHT TO DEMAND THAT THE HEARING BE CONDUCTED PUBLICLY NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS ITEM SHALL PREVENT THE PUBLIC BODY, IN ITS DISCRETION, FROM DELETING THE NAMES OF OTHER EMPLOYEES OR CLIENTS WHOSE RECORDS ARE SUBMITTED FOR USE AT THE HEARING - ENGINEERING SERVICES.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION -** THE COMMITTEE RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION. THERE WAS NO ACTION OR DISCUSSION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION.

**ADJOURN – COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 4:35 P.M.** 

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:	APPROVED BY:
JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc	<b>REV. SAMUEL GREGORY</b>
CLERK TO COLINCIL	COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN