

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 8, 2016  
5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, February 8, 2016 in the Council Chambers of the Courthouse Annex.

Present were: Chairman David K. Summers, Jr., who presided  
Vice-Chairman James E. Haigler  
Councilman John Nelson  
Councilman Cecil Thornton  
Administrator Lee Prickett  
Deputy Administrator Ted Felder  
Clerk Vickie Stoudemire  
Finance Director Denise Christmas  
HR Director Brandy Roberson

Absent: Councilwoman Pamela Claxton

The following press was notified of the meeting by mail, electronic mail, or by fax in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act: The Calhoun Times and The Times and Democrat; an Agenda was also posted on Calhoun County's website [www.calhouncounty.sc.gov](http://www.calhouncounty.sc.gov).

**Call to Order**

Chairman Summers called the meeting to order.

**Invocation**

Invocation was offered by Councilman John Nelson.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the January 25, 2016 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Haigler and seconded by Councilman Nelson to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Reports**

None

**Appointments** None

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**Appearances**

1. Chris Williams appeared to request funding for the Purple Martin 5K Run. He stated that last year's race was very successful and he expects to have an even larger turn out this year. Administrator Prickett advised that any funding would need to come out of the recreation fund. Councilman Thornton made a motion to approve funding up to \$800.00 for the race. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Senator John Matthews appeared next to present Council with a check for \$180,000.00 for continued renovations to the John Ford Community Center. Senator Matthews stated that Representative Russell Ott was supposed to join him for the presentation, but was unexpectedly called to another meeting. Council thanked the Senator for his help in procuring these funds.

3. Next, Lori Salley of CC McGregor presented that 2014-2015 Calhoun County Audit. She stated that the audit was an unmodified, clean opinion and that the County has a very good fund balance percentage. She added that the only other matter was overages in the St. Matthews and Sandy Run Magistrates' offices and that she has spoken with both Judges and they are working to resolve this issue. A copy of the audit is available in the Administration office.

**Resolutions and Proclamations**

Resolution 2-2016 A RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF A BLANKET BOND POLICY was presented for approval. Administrator Prickett advised that this Resolution is needed in order for the County to obtain a blanket bond policy as opposed to different bonds for individual employees. Councilman Thornton made a motion to pass Resolution 2-2016 as presented. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

1. Deputy Administrator Felder advised Council that there are still on-going problems acquiring property on which to erect the new water tower in the Fort Motte Area. Even though CDBG and RIA funding has been applied for and is available, he and Administrator Prickett feel it is best to withdraw the application for now and re-submit later when issues have been resolved. Administrator Prickett added that timing for the project has become an issue and that the tank is not essential to the present water system. Councilman Haigler made a motion to withdraw the application for funding the new water tank in the Fort Motte area and to possibly re-submit the application at a later date. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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2. Deputy Administrator Felder gave an update on FEMA reimbursement from damages from the October flood. He stated that the County is close to having everything ready for submission to FEMA.

**New Business**

1. Councilman Thornton made a motion to approve the 2016 holiday schedule as presented (copy attached). Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Deputy Administrator Felder presented a proposed priority schedule for continued renovations to the John Ford Community Center as follows:

- (1) Addition of bathrooms in the Banquet Hall;
- (2) New façade to the OC Tech HVAC Trade Building;
- (3) Complete renovation of the gymnasium, including flooring, heating and air, and concession area; and
- (4) Renovating and getting the kitchen up to standard

3. Administrator Prickett presented a quote of \$4,750.00 from WM Building Envelope Consultants, LLC, for an investigation of the County Courthouse as to leaks in the roof and exterior walls, and recommendations and cost estimates. Councilman Haigler made a motion to approve the work as quoted, with Councilman Nelson seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Next, Deputy Administrator Felder advised Council that due to the flooding of the Human Resource Building, DSS has temporarily moved to the John Ford Community Center. He stated that DSS has asked the County to pay its portion of the utility bill at the temporary site. Councilman Thornton made a motion to approve payment of the utility bill for DSS at the temporary site. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Chairman Summers advised that the local Rotary Club has asked for approval to serve wine and beer at a fund-raising dance to be held at the John Ford Community Center. Administrator Prickett stated that the John Ford policy is that no alcohol be served without consent of County Council. He added that in order to allow alcohol consumption, the hosting party would need to provide security at a rate of 1 officer per 100 people in attendance; liability insurance in the amount of \$1 million naming the County as an insured party; and proper licensing from LLR. Mr. Frank McLeod of the Rotary Club was in attendance and stated that the Club was prepared to take all necessary steps to comply with Council's requirements. Councilman Thornton made a motion to allow consumption of beer and wine at the Rotary Club fund-raiser, provided a standard policy is put in place for others who may want to do the same. Chairman Summers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Ordinances**

1. Ordinance 2016-1 AN ORDINANCE (1) TO AMEND THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK BY AND BETWEEN CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA ("CALHOUN COUNTY") AND LEXINGTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA DATED AS OF DECEMBER 11, 1995, AS AMENDED, SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK TO ADD CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN CALHOUN COUNTY AND PRESENTLY OWNED AND/OR OPERATED BY HICKORY SPRINGS BOTTLING, INC. OR ONE OR MORE OF ITS AFFILIATES OR RELATED COMPANIES; AND (2) APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO passed first reading at the January 25, 2016 Council meeting. **However, this Ordinance has been withdrawn and the Ordinance which was formerly known as Ordinance 2016-2 is now given the number 2016-1.**

1. Ordinance 2016-1 (formerly 2016-2) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND HICKORY SPRINGS BOTTLING, INC. PROVIDING FOR A PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO, AND THE INCLUSION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN CALHOUN COUNTY IN A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK was presented for Second Reading. Councilman Haigler made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2016-1. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Administrator**

1. Administrator Prickett advised that a Victims Assistance Financial Audit was conducted and there were no issues found.

**Executive Session**

Councilman Nelson made a motion to convene Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter concerning insurance and wellness and a legal matter concerning the SC Forestry Association vs. Calhoun County, et al. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

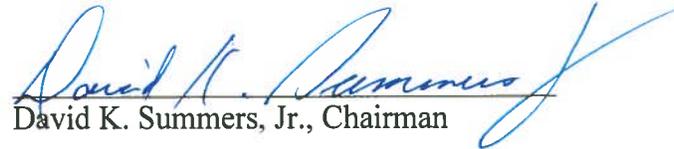
Councilman Nelson left the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Council returned from executive session having taken no action.

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**Adjournment**

Councilman Haigler made a motion to adjourn, with Councilman Thornton seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

  
David K. Summers, Jr., Chairman

  
Vickie B. Stoudemire, Clerk to Council

**LISTED BELOW ARE DATES ON WHICH LEGAL HOLIDAYS FOR EMPLOYEES**

**WILL BE OBSERVED DURING 2016:**

New Year's Day	Friday, January 1, 2016
Martin Luther King, Jr., Day	Monday, January 18, 2016
President's Day	Monday, February 15, 2016
Memorial Day	Monday, May 30, 2016
Independence Day	Monday, July 4, 2016
Labor Day	Monday, September 5, 2016
Veterans' Day	Friday, November 11, 2016
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 24, 2016 Friday, November 25, 2016
Christmas	Monday, December 26, 2016 Tuesday, December 27, 2016