

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, July 11, 2011 at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Vice Chairman James E. Haigler, Councilmembers Cecil M. Thornton, Jr. and John Nelson; also Administrator Lee Prickett, Jr. and Clerk Donna Allread.

The following Press was notified of the meeting by mail or by fax in accordance with the Freedom of Information: The Calhoun Times and The Times and Democrat.

Vice Chairman Haigler called the meeting to order.

Invocation was offered by Past Chaplin Roger Hill.

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 27, 2011 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Thornton to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

Council received a memo from the Belleville Volunteer Fire Department recommending that Mike Binsley be appointed to fill the remainder of Nathan Kennerly's term on the Calhoun County Fire Commission. Motion was made by Mr. Thornton and seconded by Mr. Nelson to appoint Mike Binsley to complete the unexpired term of Nathan Kennerly. The motion passed.

Motion was made by Mr. Thornton and seconded by Mr. Nelson to approve the mini-split cooling system for the data/server room in the annex. The low bid was submitted by Hoyt's Heating and Cooling, Inc. for the amount of \$3,930.00. The motion passed.

Council discussed the Eastman Recreation Park and the possibility of industries and the county working together. Mr. Nelson and Mr. Haigler both expressed the possibility of industries and the county working together. The county has heard from a few industries and some are interested.

Administrator Prickett told council he has spoken on several different occasions with Tom Dandridge in reference to the emergent transport contract. It has always been the county's concern whether to extend the contract and continue the services. Mr. Prickett said that he is of the opinion we should keep the contract through the end of August. Motion was made by Mr. Thornton and seconded by Mr. Nelson to extend the contract through August. The motion passed.

Administrator Prickett told council a letter had been received in the council office stating additional monies have been added to the emergency management grant. An additional \$35,650.00 had been added to the \$15,246.00. Motion was made by Mr. Thornton and seconded by Mr. Nelson to go forward and add the matching funds. The motion passed. This money can be used for planning and the emergency manager's salary.

Council received three bids to add a ground field and make changes to the grounding at the Hemlock repeater tower site due to the lightning strikes over the past years. The low bid is \$6,750.00 submitted by SC Telecom. The second bid was submitted by Gregory Electric at \$7500.00 and the third quote was submitted by George Bonnette for \$7500.00 to \$8000.00. Motion was made by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Thornton to go forward and approve the low bid. The motion pass

Motion was made by Mr. Thornton and seconded by Mr. Nelson to purchase a F-250 utility truck with utility box on back. The state contract price is \$22,138.00. The motion passed.

Motion was made by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Thornton to approve the Sandy Run Fire Department Budget as presented. The motion passed and the total budget is \$134,000.00.

Third reading on Ordinance 14-2007 is on hold.

Third reading on Ordinance 11-2010 is on hold.

Motion was made by Mr. Nelson to amend Ordinance 21-2010 An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance 2004-7 (2), Codified As Code Of Ordinances, To Read Section 6-25 (b) As Follows: It Shall Be Unlawful For The Owner Of A Dog or Cat To Allow The Animal To Be Roaming At Large On The Property Of Another Party If the Property Owner Or Tenant Of The Property Upon Which The Animal Is Roaming Poses An Objection And Notice Of Such Objection Is Given To Owner Of The Animal. Mr. Thornton seconded the motion and motion passed.

Motion was then made by Mr. Nelson to approve second reading as amended of Ordinance 21-2010 An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance 2004-7 (2), Codified As Code Of Ordinances, To Read Section 6-25 (b) As Follows: It Shall Be Unlawful For The Owner Of A Dog Or Cat To Allow The Animal To Be Roaming At Large On The Property Of Another Party If The Property Owner Or Tenant Of The Property Upon Which The Animal Is Roaming Poses An Objection And Notice Of Such Objection Is Given To Owner Of The Animal. Mr. Thornton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Motion was made by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Thornton to have second reading on Ordinance 22-2010 An Ordinance Approving, Ratifying, And Confirming Amendment of Ordinance No. 95-6 As Amended By Subsequent Ordinances Relating To The Joint County Industrial Park Of Lexington And Calhoun County So As To Enlarge The Park To Add Certain Property Owned By Michelin North America, Inc. And Other Matters Related Thereto, As Previously Approved By Ordinance No 2010-12.

Administrator Prickett told council a second drive will not be needed at the Sandy Run Community Center as first believed and the \$2800.00 of C-Funds will be used for another project in the county. Councilman John Nelson said the drainage around the center has been improved by grading.

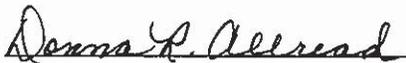
Administrator Prickett also informed council that the lawsuit of the Orangeburg-Calhoun Detention Center has been settled. This lawsuit was initiated by employees of the Detention Center. No more funds are needed to be budgeted by the county because of the more money needed for the law suit.

Motion was made by Mr. Thornton and seconded by Mr. Nelson to go into executive session to discuss a legal update with the C. R. Banks Estate and a contractual matter with the Sandy Run Sports Association as requested by Roger Hill.

Council went into executive session. Council returned to regular session. No action was taken in executive session.

The meeting adjourned.


James E. Haigler, Vice Chairman


Donna R. Allread, Clerk