

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, March 12, 2012 at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Courthouse Annex.

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

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

Chairman Summers opened the hearing on Ordinance 3-2011 An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of A Bond Anticipation Note In The Principal Amount Of Not Exceeding Two Million Seven Hundred Thirteen Thousand Dollar (\$2,713,000) By Calhoun County, South Carolina In Anticipation Of The Receipt Of The Proceeds Of The Sale Of A Not Exceeding Two Million Seven Hundred Thirteen Thousand Dollar (\$2,713,000) Waterworks System Improvement Revenue Bond Of Calhoun County, South Carolina. Administrator Prickett said the loan/grant will be a refinancing on money borrowed and also new money with an interest rate at 3.25% for a forty year loan. This will lower the old financing from 7.1% to 3.25%. The new money will help residents in the lower portion of the county get water in the area. No questions were asked or comments made about the ordinance, Chairman Summers closed the hearing.

Chairman Summers opened the regular meeting of March 12, 2012.

Invocation was given by Councilman Nelson.

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 27, 2012 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Haigler and seconded by Mr. Thornton to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

There were no appointments made or committee reports.

Council heard from Jeff Dewort of the Lower Savannah Council of Governments in reference to the CDBG Project. Mr. Dewort said employees from LSCOG and county employees went door to door in the Tee Vee Road Area and out of 84 residents there were only fifteen responses. With this number Calhoun County is not eligible for funding.

Ken Parnell, HPG and Company, and Administrator Prickett asked that screens be purchased for the wastewater treatment plant and that it be upgraded. Mr. Parnell believes this will help with the low volume problem and able to handle the phosphorus and ammonia. Motion was made by Mr. Haigler and seconded by Mr. Nelson to approve the upgrade for the wastewater treatment plant. The motion passed.

Administrator Prickett told council the farm room at the library had a leak during the big rain and has been patched. The County also received a bid from Mid-State Roofing of \$7,415.00 to tear out old boards and completely fix the roof in the area. Mid-State carries a 2 year warranty on

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repairs. Motion was made by Mr. Thornton and seconded by Mr. Haigler to approve the bid submitted by Mid State Roofing. The motion passed.

Administrator Prickett addressed the county's benefit package and placed emphasis on the health insurance. The county had several large claims in 2011. The county's claims were 124% of the premiums collected. After some discussion, motion was made by Mr. Haigler and seconded by Mr. Nelson to approve schedule (C) with 11.3% increase and \$1,000.00 added to the employees HRA. The employees' deductible will increase from \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00 with chiropractic care added, employee counseling program, vision plan, cancer plan and accident plan. The vision plan, cancer plan and accident plan will be added with employees paying 100%. The motion passed.

The Caw Caw Volunteer Fire Department's loan request was presented by Nick Stabler. Mr. Stabler said the department would like to purchase a 2008 KME Rescue truck using \$100,000.00 of the department's money and \$50,000.00 borrowed from the county's revolving funds. The rescue truck is needed especially for more interstate calls. This truck will not carry water but has room for the necessary equipment needed for wrecks. Motion was made by Mr. Thornton and seconded by Mr. Haigler to loan the money at an interest rate of 3%. Mr. Stabler said the department will make a yearly payment. The motion passed.

Ordinance 14-2007 is on hold.

Ordinance 11-2007 is on hold.

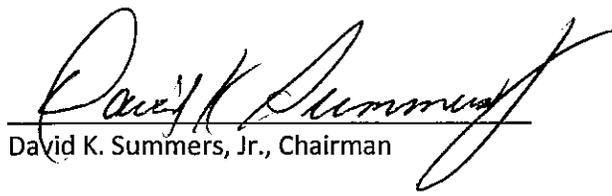
Ordinance 23-2010 is on hold.

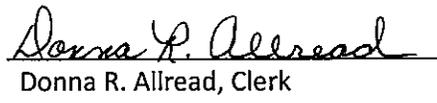
Third reading is also on hold on Ordinance 3-2011 An Ordinance Authorizing The issuance Of A Bond Anticipation Note In The Principal Amount Of Not Exceeding Two Million Seven Hundred Thirteen Thousand Dollar (\$2,713,000) By Calhoun County South Carolina In Anticipation Of The Receipt Of The Proceeds Of The Sale Of A Not Exceeding Two Million Seven Hundred Thirteen Thousand Dollar (\$2,713,000) Waterworks System Improvement Revenue Bond Of Calhoun County, South Carolina. This is on hold due to the issue about the tank.

Administrator Prickett introduced the county's new Finance Director, Denise Christmas, to the council members.

Administrator Prickett also told council the Belleville water tank on 176 needs to be repainted due to some signs of rust. Motion was made by Mr. Thornton and seconded by Mr. Haigler to obtain bids to repaint the Belleville water tank. The motion passed.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Haigler and seconded by Mr. Thornton to adjourn. The motion passed.

  
David K. Summers, Jr., Chairman

  
Donna R. Allread, Clerk