

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 9, 2016
5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, May 9, 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
Councilwoman Pamela Claxton
Administrator Lee Prickett
Deputy Administrator Ted Felder
Clerk Vickie Stoudemire
Finance Director Denise Christmas
HR Director Brandy Roberson

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.

Public Hearing

The floor was opened for a public hearing on Ordinance 2016-2 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CALHOUN COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR REGULATIONS FOR LANDSCAPING LARGE SCALE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS. There were no questions or comments about the ordinance and the hearing was closed.

Call to Order

Chairman Summers called the meeting to order.

Invocation

Invocation was offered by Councilman John Nelson.

Approval of Minutes

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

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Committee Reports

None

Appointments

None

Appearances

1. EMS Director Bill Minikiewicz appeared to update Council on repairs to the EMS Building after the fire. He advised that the cleanup is completed and the repairs are almost finished. There is a pending settlement of \$47,000 for the burned ambulance, and the remount is already in service.

Also, Mr. Minikiewicz advised Council that, as part of National EMS Week, there will be a memorial service at the Sandy Run Station on May 15, with bricks being installed at the memorial to represent 20 EMTs who have died during the last year, and EMTs who were killed in action. Also, the Calhoun County EMS will have an entry in the State EMS parade in Columbia.

Resolutions and Proclamations

1. Resolution 6-2016 Recognizing Peace Officers' Memorial Day was presented. Councilman John Nelson made a motion to adopt Resolution 6-2016 as presented. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

1. Assistant Administrator Ted Felder gave the following reports (copies attached):
 - a. Animal Control and Mosquito Control Report
 - b. Recreation Report
 - c. Litter Control Report
 - d. Forestry Update

During the Recreation Report, Tyrone Dantzler introduced the championship team of the Adult Volley Ball Program, which is a part of the recreation department at the John Ford Community Center. He advised that the volley ball program had about 25 participants.

New Business

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1. Chairman Summers advised that he would be introducing a resolution at the next meeting appointed Assistant Administrator Ted Felder as an alternate to the Three Rivers Solid Waste Authority Board of Directors.

2. Councilwoman Claxton asked EMS Director Bill Minikiewicz about follow up with the UJIMA Group who had appeared at the Council meeting on January 25, 2016 with questions about disaster and emergency preparedness. Mr. Minikiewicz stated that he has had several meetings with the group and that they have a good working relationship.

3. Administrator Prickett asked that a meeting of the Finance Committee be scheduled sometime before the next Council meeting. It was decided that the Finance Committee will meet on May 19 at 3:00 p.m.

Ordinances

1. Ordinance 2016-2 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CALHOUN COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR REGULATIONS FOR LANDSCAPING LARGE SCALE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS was presented for Third Reading. Councilman Nelson made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2016-2. Councilwoman Claxton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Ordinance 2016-3 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2015-12 TO INCREASE WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES FOR THE CALHOUN COUNTY MUNICIPAL WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS was presented for First Reading By Title Only. Councilman Thornton made a motion to pass First Reading By Title Only of Ordinance 2016-3. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Ordinance 2016-4 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE II, CHAPTER 66 OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCREASE TIPPING FEES, TO ELIMINATE SPECIAL RATES FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER OPERATIONS OF THE CLASS II C&D LANDFILL was presented for First Reading By Title Only. Councilwoman Claxton made a motion to pass First Reading By Title Only of Ordinance 2016-4. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Ordinance 2016-5 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 FOR THE OPERATION, DEBT SERVICE, BUILDING FUND AND FOOD SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CALHOUN COUNTY, THE ORANGEBURG-CALHOUN TECHNICAL COLLEGE, AND THE CALHOUN COUNTY DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD (INCLUDING THE L. MARION GRESSETTE CENTER); TO PROVIDE FOR DEPOSIT AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS AND TO PROVIDE

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OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN CALHOUN COUNTY was presented for First Reading By Title Only. Councilman Haigler made a motion to pass First Reading By Title Only of Ordinance 2016-5. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Ordinance 2016-6 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND DEBT SERVICE FOR CALHOUN COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016 AND FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY was presented for First Reading By Title Only. Councilwoman Claxton made a motion to pass First Reading By Title Only of Ordinance 2016-6. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Ordinance 2016-7 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE FEES FOR COUNTY PURPOSES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN WATER AND WASTEWATER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016, FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY was presented for First Reading By Title Only. Councilwoman Claxton made a motion to pass First Reading By Title Only of Ordinance 2016-7. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Ordinance 2016-8 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR COUNTY PURPOSES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016, AND FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY was presented for First Reading By Title Only. Councilwoman Claxton made a motion to pass First Reading By Title Only of Ordinance 2016-8. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Ordinance 2016-9 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF 2 MILLS TAXES TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE SANDY RUN FIRE DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016, AND TO APPROPRIATE OTHER FUNDS FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY was presented for First Reading By Title Only. Councilman Nelson made a motion to pass First Reading By Title Only of Ordinance 2016-9. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Ordinance 2016-10 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AND AUTHORIZE FUNDS TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE CALHOUN COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016, FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF, TO PROVIDE FIVE (5) MILLS FOR DEBT SERVICE, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY was presented for First

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Reading By Title Only. Councilwoman Claxton made a motion to pass First Reading By Title Only of Ordinance 2016-10. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Administrator

1. Administrator Prickett recognized Human Resource Director Brandy Roberson, who recently received her Bachelor's Degree from Limestone College, while working fulltime.

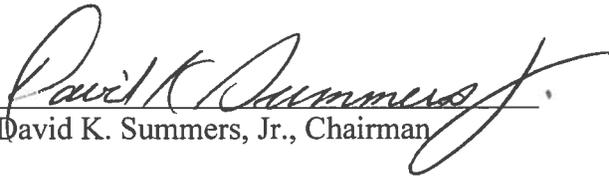
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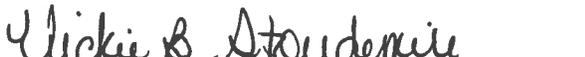
Councilwoman Claxton made a motion to convene Executive Session to discuss a contract matter with Davis & Floyd Engineers concerning Landfill Storm Water Monitoring, and a Contract matter with Planned Benefits concerning health insurance. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Council returned from executive session having taken no action.

Adjournment

Councilman Nelson made a motion to adjourn, with Councilman Haigler 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

Calhoun County Animal Control Report to Council

May 9, 2016

As I do for both the Recreation Department and the Litter Control Department, I will now be updating Council monthly on Animal Control Department activities. There is a lot going on at Animal Control when you consider that we have only 2 full-time field employees and one who handles the administrative side of things. The three areas on which I intend to focus are: 1. Animal Intake, Adoptions and Veterinary Services; 2. Mosquito Control; 3. Enforcement.

First let's start with Animal Intake, Adoptions and Veterinary Services. Since January we have taken in 155 animals. Of these 155, 137 have received Veterinary Services. These services include spaying/neutering and other medical treatments as warranted. The good news is that these 137 animals have also been adopted out to homes.

Next there is mosquito control. Since January, we have treated a total of 1178 square miles and used 220 gallons of Insecticide. To be able to treat that many square miles, that means that our two field employees have had to travel in 2 vehicles a total of 1700 miles. Already in 2016 we have dedicated over 83 personnel hours to control. Our larvaciding program has covered 90,000 square feet of water in the county, including ditches and low-lying areas. This week we will be treating the storm drains in the towns of St. Matthews and Cameron.

Since January we have had 35 complaints about mosquitos already and as you know, we are about to enter the normal "heavy" period for mosquito calls. The bottom line is that the rough year we were expecting due to the 2015 flood is happening and we appreciate the public's patience and understanding as we work diligently to deal with the situation.

Finally, we come to enforcement. This is a frustrating topic for the public a lot of times because of what is (and is not) considered cruel to animals within the law. I am pleased to say that for a small and rural county we have seen some tangible success in fighting animal cruelty. Since January, according to the folks at our shelter, the Town of St. Matthews Police Department and our Sheriff's Department have gotten 4 guilty verdicts in animal cruelty cases, and there is 1 more still pending. And I want to point out that these are separate from the large horse case from last year. The County puts the resources it can behind the Animal Control Department and as you can see they are doing the best they can with what they have where they are.

I want to finish by saying that we get a lot of support from the public for our animal control services. The shelter has taken in \$6,470 in donations and has had medical expenses of \$5,381. We have a net \$1,089 in funds left that have come directly from the public which is great. When you are a small and rural county you have to take what you can. Thank you to the public for what they have done to help.

RECREATION REPORT



Date: May 9, 2016
Department: Recreation
Staff Contact: Tyrone Dantzler Sr, Director
Agenda Title: County Council Report
Agenda Action: Updates

FACILITIES

- The community is really taking advantage of the availability of the rental facilities.

ATHLETICS

- Fall programs (youth football/cheer, soccer, and adult volleyball) are currently being organized.

Youth & Adult Programs

- The Recreation Department will be hosting the British Soccer Camp this summer for youth. Registration is currently underway.
- Free play adult basketball and volleyball are going well.
- Adult line dance began Thursday May 5th at John Ford Banquet Hall. There were seventeen (17) participants in attendance.

Analysis – On behalf of Tyrone Dantzler, Recreation Director, Recreation Advisory Committee, and its volunteers and partners, we would like to thank the council and administration for all its support and participation towards the continuous success of the Recreation Department.

Calhoun County Litter Update

May 9, 2016

In April 2016 the County received 31 litter calls. Our Litter Control Officer, Ms. Felder, was on call twice for Animal Control (3-28 to 4-3 and 4-19 to 24).

We held eleven 11 community clean ups: 1) Gethsemane Church Road and the Girl Scouts did a cleanup for us. We had four scouts involved and they picked up six bags of trash; 2) The "Sons of Allen" picked up 11 bags on Pine Needle Circle and Savany Creek Road; 3) We picked up eight illegally-dumped bags off of Doodle Hill Road and two bags on Riley Road that were left by the gate; 4) We had a cleanup on Sentoowan that yielded two bags; 5) April Wise and Summer Edwards did a cleanup on Bridal Wreath where they took in eighteen bags; 6) Jeff Price picked up trash on Copperhead Road from Calhoun Road to Belleville Road and got us eight bags; 7) The SMART Group picked up ten bags; 8) Helen and Bill Lindsey picked up 10 bags at Sugar Maple; 9) Michael Inabinet and the St. Matthews Garden Club picked up ten bags; 10) Mrs. Bud Porth picked up 1 bag for us; 11) Carolina Eastman and Steve Dennis from the Columbia Audubon picked up 10 bags of trash, 3 tires and 1 flat screen TV picked up from Hammonds Cross Roads. All in all we collected ninety-six bags of trash in April.

As you know, we have DVR monitors in some of our collection sites. We rotate those from time-to-time and we did that in April. We also have our Litter Control Officer making deliveries of supplies now to all of the collection sites.

Mr. Boyce Till and Ms. Felder have submitted a grant to DHEC for "Twin Bins." We are asking for 9 double bins made of recycled plastic to be placed at the John Ford Community Center, St John's in Cameron and the Sandy Run ballfields. The purpose of the promotion would be recycling because every bin would have a "twin" trash receptacle that tells you how to separate the recycleable materials from the other garbage. And speaking of grants, we picked up 2 loads of mulch from Buy the yard and delivered to John Ford to complete last year's Community Pride Grant

Ms. Rebecca Starnes asked Ms. Felder to come to the Sandy Run Ruritan meeting on May 2 at 7:00pm to give an update on the Litter Cleanup, which she did.

For the Great Calhoun County Cleanup recognition day on April 30, Ms. Felder was at John Ford at 8:30 AM ready to give out supplies. Here are just a few of the folks who helped out with the day: Boyce Till, Cindy Felder, Robert Williams Litter Getter, Ross Binsley, Ashlyn Gunter, Christine Darby, the mascot Louie King of Cleanup with handler Jaylen Glover, Mr. Barry Charlie, Elaine Harley, Helen and Bill Lindsey, Michael Inabinet, Mrs. Bud Porth, Caroline Eastman, Steve Dennis and Rae Knight. Of course we had many others but I wanted you to have an idea of the folks who were there. And as you would expect, as people came to Calhoun Cares they also came by to see what we were doing. We had handouts from Calhoun County Litter Control, Palmetto Pride, DHEC, and Tri County Electric. We had our Calendar Art work up on display. All in all, we had approximately 30 people come to visit the John Ford Center recognition day. Ms. Felder worked from 8:30 to 1:30 that afternoon.

Two other items for you today: First, we called SCDOT to get an update on the "Adopt-a-Highway" program. They indicated that for March and April, they had collected 107 bags of picked up trash.

Finally, Ms. Felder has faxed Palmetto Pride the Enforcement Grant Report card with Mr. Till's approval.

I'll be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Calhoun County Forestry Project Update

May 9, 2016

As Council recalls, we have been doing some forestry work at all properties owned by the County which have potential timber value. We retained the services of a licensed forester (Guy San Fratello) to lead this project. Here is an update on the work to date:

- Highway 601 (Cell Tower Site)- This is the property we own headed out towards Fort Motte holding the cell tower. If you have ridden by it lately, you can see that the chipping and clearing here is done. We are now going to wait and let it grow back naturally before herbiciding it and replanting it.
- Doodle Hill Road (Maintenance Facility Site)- Adjacent to our maintenance facilities on Doodle Hill Road we have completed the chipping, clearing and cutting. We will update you on what we do with that tract moving forward.
- Behind John Ford- We have a couple of acres behind John Ford near the transmission lines that have been chipped, cleared and cut. What we plan to do with the property will determine what happens with the forestry plan.
- Banks Estate Tracts- This is the most complicated portion of the project. Some of the property has been chipped such as the site near Murph Mill Road. Another part has been chipped and cleared and still a large chunk of it has not been touched yet but it is a work in progress. We are working with the County Museum and Cultural Center to determine what would be the best way to honor the terms of Mr. Banks' will.
- I-26 Industrial Park- If you have been through there of late you will see that the area where our Speculative Building is going has been cleared. Also, we have chipped where we can through the balance of the site. Having said that, we are being very careful to move thoughtfully here. At the end of the day I think everyone will be happy with the finished product.

If you have any questions, I will be happy to answer them for you.