

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, January 9, 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, Jr., John Nelson and Councilperson Helen Carson; 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.

Chairman Summers called the meeting to order.

Invocation was offered by Chaplain Carson.

Chairman Summers opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Motion was made by Mr. Haigler nominating David Summers, Jr. for Chairman. At this time Chairman Summers turned the floor over to Vice Chairman James Haigler. Mr. Haigler asked if there were other nominations for Chairman. Mr. Haigler made a motion that nominations come to a close and Councilman Cecil Thornton seconded the motion and the motion passed. David Summers was elected Chairman for 2012.

Chairman Summers thanked council for their support and work during 2011 and especially the two new council members.

Chairman Summers opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman. Motion was made by Mrs. Carson and seconded by Mr. Nelson to nominate James Haigler as Vice Chairman. Councilman Thornton moved that nominations come to a close and elect James Haigler as Vice Chairman and Councilperson Carson seconded the motion. The motion passed and James Haigler was elected Vice Chairman for 2012.

Chairman Summers opened the floor for nominations for Chaplain. Motion was made by Councilman Thornton to nominate Councilperson Carson as Chaplain. Councilman Haigler made a motion nominations come to a close and Councilman Thornton seconded the motion. Helen Carson was elected Chaplain for 2012.

Administrator Prickett informed council ERC has been the engineers and handling the C-Fund program for the county but are no longer in business. The county received four good bids and he would like to recommend Florence and Hutcheson with a proposal of \$55,000.00 to handle the paving. Motion was made by Mr. Thornton and seconded by Mr. Haigler to accept this bid. The motion passed.

A change order was presented for the water line extensions on Carson Road, SC Hwy. 601, Pecan Grove Road, Adams Road and Red Clay Road. At the beginning of the EPA Project the total cost was \$335,982.50 but the county did not have a lot of interest in some of the areas and removed \$56,532.00 from the contract. At present, residents have become interested and asking for service so the change order will add the \$56,532.00 back to the project and the total will revert back to \$335,982.50. Motion was

made by Mr. Haigler and seconded by Mr. Nelson to approve the change order. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Haigler asked that at the council meeting on January 23, 2012, each member appoint someone from their district to serve on the Recreation Committee. Council agreed to have names at the next meeting. Appointments to this committee have not been made in years.

After the discussion on the LEC budget overruns, motion was made by Mr. Haigler and seconded by Mr. Thornton to authorize Administrator Prickett to pay the recommended amount of \$58,612.52. This amount includes Calhoun County's portion of the legal fee amount. Our portion of the legal fees will be \$26,888.29 and \$31,724.23 will be our portion of workers compensation for the above amount. At this time the additional \$41,460.06 will not be paid due to the ordinance stating each county is responsible to pay this percentage of the census and not obligated to pay overruns. Administrator Prickett said during the budget process the council will look at the commission form versus Orangeburg County running the LEC. The county's portion is 14.2% of the census.

Administrator Prickett showed council the plans for John Ford School and explained that he has been working with Syntera in reference to hourly pay at a reduced rate. Syntera will work with St. John, John Ford and the old health department on storm water management, asbestos and air control. It is important to have a company with these skills to oversee the project and coordinate with different agencies and companies involved in the process.

Administrator Prickett also informed the council about the health department water leaks flooding the basement. The electricity has been cut off and Calhoun Cares has moved to the old library for temporary use.

Administrator Prickett presented the agreement for project management services with LCK Construction Services for John Ford School. LCK will meet with prospective tenants and school district representative regarding demolition. Motion was made by Mr. Haigler and seconded by Mr. Thornton to approve the LCK agreement including payment by the hour. The motion passed.

Third reading on Ordinance 14-2007 is on hold.

Third reading on Ordinance 11-2007 is on hold.

Second reading on Ordinance 23-2010 is on hold.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman James Haigler and seconded by Councilman Cecil Thornton to have second reading on Ordinance 2-2012 An Ordinance Of The County Council Of Calhoun County Providing For The Amendments Of That Certain Water Purchase And Supply Agreement Between The Lake Marion Regional Water Agency And Calhoun County, South Carolina,; And Other Matters Relating Thereto. The motion passed.

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Administrator Prickett brought Council up to date on the EMS building in Creston. The only change is that the county will hire a local well driller.

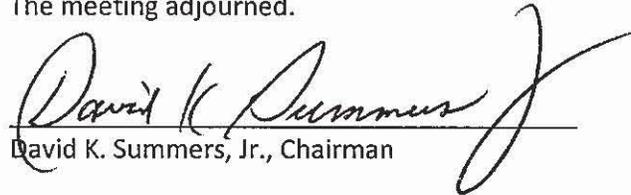
Administrator Prickett told council about the letter he received from the U. S. Department of Justice stating the department has no objection with the county plans.

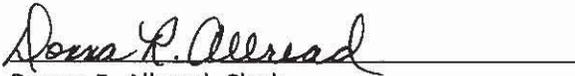
Motion was made by Councilman Nelson to go into executive session in reference to economic development and Project Luke. The motion passed.

Council went into executive session.

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

The meeting adjourned.

  
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David K. Summers, Jr., Chairman

  
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Donna R. Allread, Clerk