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**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM  
358 THIRD AVE., RIDGELAND, SC 29936  
APRIL 11, 2011  
11:00 A.M.  
MINUTES**

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR, COMMITTEE MEMBER ETHERIDGE, DR. HOLMES, MR. TIGNER

**STAFF PRESENT:** ADMINISTRATOR ANDREW FULGHUM, CLERK TO COUNCIL JUDY FRANK, RONNIE MALPHRUS DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT THE ELECTRONIC AND PRINT MEDIA WERE NOTIFIED.

DURING PERIODS OF DISCUSSION AND/OR PRESENTATIONS MINUTES ARE TYPICALLY CONDENSED AND PARAPHRASED.

**CALL TO ORDER** – COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**DEDICATION OF THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE** – MR. FULGHUM REPORTED THAT THE DATE FOR THE COURTHOUSE DEDICATION HAS BEEN CHANGED TO JUNE 3, 2011. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT HE OFFERED ASSISTANCE, IF NEEDED, TO MS. BOSTICK. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE PROMOTIONAL VIDEO IS IN THE FINAL DRAFT AND IS TO BE REVIEWED THIS WEEK. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF MS. BOSTICK HAS REQUESTED ANY FUNDS FOR THE EVENT. MR. FULGHUM RESPONDED NOT AT THIS TIME.

**CENTENNIAL-** MR. FULGHUM REPORTED THAT HARDEEVILLE CELEBRATED IT'S 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY ON APRIL 9, 2011 AND THE COUNTY'S IS COMING UP. MR. FULGHUM SAID THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL REQUESTS FOR THE COUNCIL TO ORGANIZE THE EVENT TO BE HELD IN 2012. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE FELT THE COUNCIL SHOULD TAKE IT OVER AND GET SUB-COMMITTEES TO WORK ON IT. IT WAS THE CONCENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE THAT THE ENTIRE COUNCIL SHOULD BE

ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND TO GET THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, CHAMBERS, HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND OTHER SUB-COMMITTEES INVOLVED. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR FELT THE CELEBRATION SHOULD BE SPACED OUT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE DATE OF INCORPORATION IS IMPORTANT.

**AIRPORT** – MR. FULGHUM INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THEY ARE WORKING ON GRANTS FOR THE AIRPORT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT SEVERAL PEOPLE HAVE APPROACHED HIM ABOUT DOING SOMETHING FOR MR. DEAN LIKE NAMING A RUNWAY OR LOUNGE IN HIS HONOR. COMMITTEE MEMBER ETHERIDGE SAID MR. DEAN HAS DONE A LOT FOR THE COUNTY AND AIRPORT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE COUNTY LOWERED THE ASSESSMENT ON AIRPLANES TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO REGISTER THEIR PLANES IN THE COUNTY AND HE DISCUSSED SOME OF THE REASONS WHY IT SHOULD BE TAXED HERE. MR. FULGHUM SAID IT HAS TO BE FOR BUSINESS USE OR THE PEOPLE HAVE TO LIVE IN JASPER COUNTY TO PAY TAXES ON THE PLANE IN JASPER COUNTY. COMMITTEE MEMBER ETHERIDGE SAID A LOT OF PEOPLE REGISTER THEIR PLANES IN DELAWARE AND DON'T PAY TAXES ON THEM. COMMITTEE MEMBER ETHERIDGE ASKED HOW MANY OF THE PLANES AT THE AIRPORT ARE REGISTERED IN JASPER COUNTY AND HOW DOES THE AIRPORT MAKE ANY MONEY. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO GET THE NUMBER OF PLANES REGISTERED HERE AND HE WOULD PROVIDE THE INFORMATION TO THE COMMITTEE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE COUNTY APPROPRIATES \$6,000 FOR THE AIRPORT AND THE REST OF THE OPERATION IS FUNDED THRU FUEL SALES, HANGER RENTALS AND OTHER SELF GENERATED INCOME. MR. FULGHUM SAID MR. DEAN WOULD LIKE TO SEND A LETTER TO THE PLANE OWNERS LOCATED AT THE AIRPORT ABOUT REGISTERING THE PLANES IN JASPER COUNTY.

**DELEGATION** – MR. FULGHUM SAID THE SENATOR ASKED IF THE COUNTY WANTED A BUDGET REQUEST FROM HIM AND MR. FULGHUM TOLD HIM TO SEND ONE. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE HAS NOT RECEIVED ANYTHING TO DATE. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID TO LET THE SENATOR SUBMIT A BUDGET AND THE COUNTY CAN FUND IT RATHER THAN THE SENATOR GOING TO THE STATE AND ATTACHING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING. COMMITTEE MEMBER BLACKSHEAR SAID HE FELT THE COUNCIL SHOULD RECONSIDER FUNDING THE SENATOR'S REQUEST SINCE HE IS GOING TO GET IT ANYWAY AND IF HE ATTACHES THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING HE CAN ALSO GET THE 25% PENALTY LIKE HE DID THIS BUDGET YEAR. COMMITTEE MEMBER ETHERIDGE SAID HE FELT THE DELEGATION OFFICE SHOULD BE FUNDED BY ALL THE COUNTIES THAT THE SENATOR REPRESENTS. COMMITTEE MEMBER ETHERIDGE SAID HE DID NOT THINK JASPER COUNTY SHOULD FUND HIS ENTIRE REQUEST. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT THE SENATOR WANTS HIS OFFICE IN JASPER COUNTY AND EACH COUNTY IS SUPPOSE TO FUND IT. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE COUNCIL CAN EITHER FUND IT OR THE SENATOR WILL TAKE THE MONEY, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE COUNTY IS CAUGHT BETWEEN THE SAP AND THE BARK.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID EACH COUNTY IS SUPPOSE TO PAY, BUT EACH COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE AN OFFICE LOCATED IN THEIR COUNTY AND THE COUNCIL CANNOT TELL THE SENATOR WHERE TO LOCATE. MR FULGHUM SAID THEY MAY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH THE SENATOR AT THE HERITAGE. MR. TIGNER ASKED HOW MUCH MONEY HAS THE SENATOR REQUESTED TO OPERATE HIS OFFICE. DR. HOLMES ASKED IF IT IS SPLIT BETWEEN THE COUNTIES HE REPRESENTS. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID NO IT IS NOT SPLIT, HE ONLY REQUESTED THE \$53,000 FROM JASPER COUNTY. COMMITTEE MEMBER ETHERIDGE SAID A LOT OF COUNTIES DO NOT FUND THE DELEGATION OFFICE. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT LAST YEAR THE COUNTY ONLY FUNDED A PORTION OF THE REQUEST AND THE SENATOR GOT THE BALANCE PLUS A 25 % PENALTY FROM THE FUNDS THE STATE'S LOCAL FUNDING TO JASPER COUNTY. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR EXPLAINED THAT WHEN THE OFFICE WAS ESTABLISHED IN THE COUNTY THE SENATOR WAS ADAMANT AS TO WHO WORKED IN THE OFFICE. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE COUNTY OFFERED THE ASSISTANCE OF AN EXISTING COUNTY CLERK AND THE SENATOR DID NOT WANT THAT. MR. FULGHUM RECOMMENDED TO WAIT UNTIL THE BUDGET COMES IN AND EACH COUNCIL MEMBER CAN CONTACT THE SENATOR.

**TREASURER – SATELLITE OFFICE** – COMMITTEE MEMBER ETHERIDGE DISCUSSED THE PART-TIME PERSON REQUESTED BY MS. GARVIN. COMMITTEE MEMBER ETHERIDGE SAID HE FELT THE COUNCIL OWED IT TO THE CITIZENS OF HARDEEVILLE THAT THE OFFICE BE OPEN ONE DAY A WEEK IN HARDEEVILLE. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE REASON FOR THE OFFICE IN HARDEEVILLE WAS FOR THE CITIZENS, BUT THE TREASURER REFUSES TO COOPERATE. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE TREASURER IS PAST HER BUSY SEASON AND HE CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY SHE CANNOT SEND ONE PERSON TO HARDEEVILLE ONE DAY A WEEK. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE FELT THE COUNCIL SHOULD TRY TO GET HER TO GO. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE COUNTY MUST PROVIDE HER AN OFFICE TO WORK OUT OF AND IF THE COUNCIL CLOSES HER OFFICE IN RIDGELAND ONE DAY A WEEK AND PROVIDES AN OFFICE IN HARDEEVILLE ON THAT ONE DAY A WEEK, THEN THEY HAVE PROVIDED THE REQUIRED OFFICE SPACE. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID IF SHE TRIED, THEN MAYBE THEY COULD UNDERSTAND IF ANOTHER PERSON WAS WARRANTED AND THE COUNCIL COULD CONSIDER IT. COMMITTEE MEMBER ETHERIDGE SAID THEY SHOULD HAVE HER COME TO SPEAK WITH THE ENTIRE COUNCIL. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SHARED A LETTER HE RECEIVED FROM THE TREASURER REGARDING INSTALLMENT TAXES. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE LETTER HAD INCORRECT INFORMATION AND IT DID NOT FOLLOW THE ORDINANCE PASSED BY COUNCIL. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE ORDINANCE STATES THAT THE PEOPLE CAN MAKE INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS AT ANYTIME. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID MR. MALPHRUS WAS TO CONTACT THE TREASURER AND TELL HER TO

CORRECT THE LETTER AND TO MAIL NEW LETTERS TO ANYONE WHO RECEIVED THE ORIGINAL LETTER.

**ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS** – COMMITTEE MEMBER ETHERIDGE SUGGESTED THAT THE COUNCIL SET UP QUARTERLY MEETINGS WITH ALL THE ELECTED OFFICIALS. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THEY NEED TO FIND A WAY FOR BETTER RELATIONSHIP AND IMPROVED COMMUNICATION WITH THE ELECTED OFFICIALS. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE ELECTED OFFICIALS NEED TO WORK TOGETHER MORE EFFECTIVELY. COMMITTEE MEMBER ETHERIDGE SUGGESTED A QUARTERLY LUNCH OF ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT** – DR. HOLMES SAID THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT WANTS A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COUNCIL. MR. TIGNER SAID THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WAS IN DISCUSSIONS REGARDING SOME FINANCIAL ISSUES AND MS. MCHUFF WAS TRYING TO SET UP ANOTHER MEETING. MR. TIGNER SAID THE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEEDS TO KNOW HOW MUCH THE COUNTY WAS ACTUALLY GOING TO GIVE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, SINCE IT IS A MATTER OF MAKING UP THE SHORTFALL. MR. TIGNER SAID THE COUNTY NEEDED TO PROVIDE AN ACCURATE NUMBER SO THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT CAN PREPARE A REALISTIC BUDGET. COMMITTEE MEMBER ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE COUNTY WAS PROVIDING ONE AMOUNT, BUT GIVING A DIFFERENT AMOUNT. MR. TIGNER SAID THEY BASE THEIR NUMBERS ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY. MR. TIGNER SAID THEY THOUGHT THEY WOULD CATCH UP WHEN THE DELINQUENT TAXES WERE PAID; HOWEVER THEY ARE NOT CATCHING UP. DR. HOLMES SAID THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED AND HAVE COLLABORATION FOR THE STUDENTS OF JASPER COUNTY. MR. TIGNER SAID THAT WITH THE OTHER SHORTFALLS THE AMOUNT NEEDS TO BE MADE UP. COMMITTEE MEMBER ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT THE STIMULUS MONEY AND THE MONEY FROM THE STATE. MR. TIGNER SAID THEY DID RECEIVE STIMULUS MONEY, BUT THE STIMULUS MONEY IS GONE AND THE STATE NEEDS TO STEP UP, BUT THE STATE IS NOT DOING THAT. MR. TIGNER SAID WHEN THEY RECEIVED THE STIMULUS MONEY, THE STATE REDUCED WHAT THEY PROVIDED. MR. TIGNER SAID THEY ARE \$1,000,000 SHORT FROM TWO YEARS AGO. MR. FULGHUM ASKED WHAT STAGE THEY WERE AT WITH THEIR BUDGET. MR. TIGNER SAID THEY WILL BE MAKING THE BUDGET PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL ON MAY 3, 2011. COMMITTEE MEMBER ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT A.C.E. DR. HOLMES SAID THAT DR. WASHINGTON AND DR. TRUESDALE ARE DISCUSSING THE SITUATION.

**COUNCIL GOALS -SUPPORT THE JASPER COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, IMPROVE IMAGE OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT,IMPROVE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION** – MR. FULGHUM DISCUSSED THE GOALS SET BY COUNCIL THAT WOULD FALL UNDER THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE.

**ADJOURN** – BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN  
BLACKSHEAR ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:55 A.M .

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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LEROY BLACKSHEAR  
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN