

**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
MARY GORDON ELLIS EXECUTIVE BUILDING  
CONFERENCE ROOM  
MARCH 25, 2008  
10:00 A.M.**

**MINUTES**

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

FRED TUTEN, CHAIRMAN  
DR. GEORGE HOOD, COUNCILMAN

**STAFF PRESENT:**

ANDREW FULGHUM, ADMINISTRATOR  
DALE TERRY, DEP. ADM. ENGINEERING SERVICES  
JUDITH FRANK, CLERK TO COUNCIL

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:**

CHAIRMAN TUTEN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:00 A.M.

**INVOCATION:**

MR. FULGHUM GAVE THE INVOCATION.

**DISCUSSION OF COUNTY OWNED BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:**

MR. TERRY PRESENTED THE COMMITTEE WITH A LIST OF BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY THAT ARE OWNED BY THE COUNTY. MR. TERRY STATED THAT THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES WERE COUNTY PROPERTIES, BUT THEY WERE NOT IN THE COUNTY'S NAME – ROBERTVILLE, PINELAND, TARBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT, TILLMAN FIRE DEPARTMENT, GRAYS RECYCLING CENTER, AIRPORT, PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICE, TOOMERVILLE, HAPHAZARD LANDFILL AND RECYCLING CENTER. COUNCILMAN TUTEN SAID HE THOUGHT THAT THE COUNTY WAS TO GET MORE LAND FROM OKATIE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT HAPHAZARD LANDFILL AND THE TOOMERVILLE SITE NEEDED TO BE ENLARGED AND HE WOULD CONTACT OKATIE, HOWEVER, THE TOOMERVILLE SITE IS PART OF SHERWOOD PLANTATION AND THE OWNER HAS THE PROPERTY ON THE MARKET AND THEY WERE CHANGING BROKERS. MR. TERRY SAID THAT HE SPOKE TO THE OWNER ABOUT PURCHASING THE SITE AND 1 ADDITIONAL ACRE, AND THE OWNER WAS TO GET BACK WITH MR. TERRY.

THE COMMITTEE ASKED THE ADMINISTRATOR TO INVESTIGATE THE LOCATION, AND TAKE A PICTURE OF THE LAND THAT THEY WERE UNAWARE OF AND REPORT BACK TO THE COMMITTEE. THE PROPERTIES THEY WERE TO INVESTIGATE WERE THE LOT BY ROBERTVILLE SCHOOL, LAND ON HWY. 34, LAND ON CHURCH ROAD, SAVANNAH RIVER PARCEL, TURNBRIDGE ROAD TO LANDING, PROPERTY AT THE END OF PRINCE COURT, ATLANTIC INDUSTRIES ON JENKINS AVE., PARCELS AT CYPRESS RIDGE BUSINESS/INDUSTRIAL PARK, GRAYS OLD SCHOOL AND FIRE DEPARTMENT, DR. BENNETT'S OFFICE, THE PROPERTY LISTED BESIDE OR NEXT TO THE OLD HOSPITAL, PROPERTY ON EAST SIDE OF HWY. 17, LOT AT AIRPORT, LOT NEAR AIRPORT, BASEBALL FIELD NEXT TO AIRPORT, BALL FIELDS, 701 AND 702 SECOND AVE., 303 JASPER STREET, 703 3<sup>RD</sup> AVE.. OFF LOGAN LANE NEAR I-95, SE SIDE OF I-95, SE SIDE OF I-95 NEAR RIDGELAND, BRIDGETOWN DR., OFF LOWCOUNTY DR, OFF MACKAY POINT, BOAT LANDING AT DELOSS POINT AND THE CHERRY HILL BALLFIELD.

MR. FULGHUM SAID HE HOPED TO GET THE COMMITTEE TO PRIORITIZE THE REPAIRS FOR THE COUNTY OWNED BUILDINGS.

MR. TERRY SAID THE ROBERTVILLE SCHOOL ROOF IS LEAKING AND THEY WERE WORKING ON SEALING IT. MR. TERRY SAID THE ROOF AT EMS ALSO HAD LEAKING PROBLEMS. MR. TERRY REPORTED THAT THE LEVY COMMUNITY CENTER ALSO NEEDED SOME IMPROVEMENT AND COUNCILMAN TUTEN SAID MS. WHITE TOLD THEM NOT TO DO ANYTHING TO THE LEVY COMMUNITY CENTER BECAUSE A LARGE DEVELOPER WAS GOING TO GIVE THE MONEY FOR THE REPAIRS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT MR. DAVIS DID HAVE PLANS TO FIX THE LEVY CENTER.

MR. FULGHUM SAID THE OLD GRAYS HIGH SCHOOL PROPERTY NEEDED TO BE SUBDIVIDED FROM THE GRAYS FIRE DEPARTMENT.

COUNCILMAN HOOD ASKED WHO WAS LOCATED IN OFFICES PREVIOUSLY RENTED BY DR. BENNETT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT CURRENTLY ONLY THE MORGUE IS THERE. THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED PLACING DJJ IN THAT OFFICE. THE COMMITTEE INSTRUCTED MR. FULGHUM TO BRING BACK AN ESTIMATE OF WHAT IT WOULD COST TO PUT DJJ IN THAT BUILDING. CHAIRMAN TUTEN COMMENTED THAT THE OTHER PROPERTY AROUND THE OLD HOSPITAL SHOULD BE LEFT ALONE UNTIL THE COUNTY SEES WHAT AGAPE IS GOING TO DO. MR. TERRY SAID THE OLD JAIL IS GOING TO NEED A NEW ROOF, AND THE DSS BUILDING IS IN NEED OF REPAIR. COUNCILMAN HOOD SAID THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR NEEDS TO CHECK AND SEE WHAT BUILDINGS THE COUNTY OWNS BY DSS AND IF THE COUNTY ALSO OWNED THE SCHOOL BOARD BUILDING, BEFORE ANYTHING IS DONE WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND DSS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT AREA WAS CONSIDERED FOR GOVERNMENT CAMPUS #2 AND THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND SAID THAT THEY WOULD GIVE THE COUNTY TURPIN PARK FOR THAT CAMPUS. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WOULD ASSESS THE BUILDING AND DETERMINE A PRIORITY LIST.

MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT WITH THE NEW CONSTRUCTION BY THE SHOP, IT MAY BE DESIRABLE TO MOVE THE SHOP TO ANOTHER LOCATION AND SELL THAT LAND.

IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE TO SELL THE OLD CLEMSON BUILDING AND TO EARMARK THE PROCEEDS FOR REPAIR WORK ON ANOTHER BUILDING.

THE COMMITTEE TOLD THE ADMINISTRATOR TO CREATE A FILE FOR EACH PIECE OF PROPERTY AND TO INCLUDE ITS EXACT LOCATION, A PICTURE OF THE PROPERTY AND GENERAL CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY.

COUNCILMAN HOOD ASKED THE ADMINISTRATOR TO CHECK WITH THE AUDITOR, CLERK OF COUNTY, AND ASSESSOR TO MAKE SURE NO COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY WAS OVERLOOKED.

**ROADS AND DITCHES:**

MR. TERRY PROVIDED THE COMMITTEE WITH A SUMMARY REPORT FOR HIS DEPARTMENT FROM JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 2008. THE SUMMARY IS ATTACHED AND MADE PART OF THE MINUTES.

MR. TERRY INFORMED THE COMMITTEE OF A DITCH THAT NEEDED WORK AND HE WAS GOING TO HAVE TO RENT A PIECE OF EQUIP BECAUSE HE NEEDED A LONGER HOE. CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED HIM TO CHECK AND SEE IF IT WOULD NOT BE CHEAPER TO CONTRACT THE WORK.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN COMMENTED ON THE CONDITION OF THE RECYCLING CENTER AT COOSAWHATCHIE AND ASKED MR. TERRY TO INVESTIGATE THE SITUATION. MR. TERRY TOLD THE COMMITTEE HE WAS GETTING PRICES FOR SOME NEW CONTAINERS AS SOME OF THE OLD ONES WERE IN BAD CONDITION.

MR. FULGHUM DISCUSSED THE MANNING HOUSE AND MR. TERRY SAID THAT PUBLIC WORKS COULD TEAR IT DOWN AND HE PROVIDED THE COMMITTEE WITH AN ESTIMATE AS TO WHAT IT WOULD COST. MR FULGHUM COMMENTED THAT THERE WERE SOME NICE DOORS AND FIXTURES IN THE HOUSE. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE FELT IF IT IS SOMETHING THAT AN EMPLOYEE COULD USE, THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE IT SINCE THE BUILDING WAS GOING TO BE TORN DOWN, AND THE DEBRIS WAS GOING TO GO TO THE LANDFILL.

MR. TERRY ALSO REPORTED ON A PROJECT AT BUCKFIELD PLANTATION AND THAT HE WAS GOING TO WORK ON A DITCH THERE TO GET THE WATER OFF THE ROAD.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED MR. TERRY IF THE NEW CAR LIFT HAS BEEN INSTALLED AND MR. TERRY SAID IT WAS NOT IN YET.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 11:20 A.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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FRED TUTEN,  
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN