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**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
358 THIRD AVE., RIDGELAND, SC 29936  
MAY 19, 2010  
AGENDA  
3:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** DR. GEORGE HOOD - CHAIRMAN, LEROY BLACKSHEAR – VICE CHAIRMAN, REV. SAMUEL GREGORY– COUNCILMAN, HENRY ETHERIDGE – COUNCILMAN, HUBERT TYLER – COUNCILMAN

**STAFF PRESENT:** ANDREW FULGHUM - ADMINISTRATOR, RONNIE MALPHRUS - DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR ADMINISTRATIVE 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 HOOD CALLED THE BUDGET WORKSHOP TO ORDER AT 3:05 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** CHAIRMAN HOOD LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

**INVOCATION:** VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR GAVE THE INVOCATION.

MR. FULGHUM REQUESTED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS.

**PRESENTATIONS:  
CLERK OF COURT - MARGARET BOSTICK  
APPROVAL OF THE FURNITURE PROPOSALS AND BID FOR PEW SEATING FOR THE COURTHOUSE:**

MS. BOSTICK REVIEWED THE BIDS FOR THE FURNITURE AND THE PEW SEATING. MS. BOSTICK SAID THE TOTAL FOR THE FURNITURE WAS

\$126,678.73 AND THE TOTAL FOR THE PEW SEATING IS \$18,731.00. MS. BOSTICK SAID THE FURNITURE BID COVERS ALL THE FURNITURE FOR ALL THE OFFICES IN THE COURTHOUSE. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE FELT THE PACKAGE THAT WAS PROVIDED TO THE COUNCIL WAS TOO JAMMED UP AND HARD TO DISTINGUISH WHAT FURNITURE WAS PICKED. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT A WARRANTY ON THE FURNITURE. MS. BOSTICK SAID ALL FURNITURE WARRANTIES ARE ABOUT THE SAME. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED ABOUT THE PEWS AND ASKED IF THEY WERE COMFORTABLE. MS. BOSTICK SAID THAT PEWS ARE MORE ORDERLY AND PRACTICAL. MS. BOSTICK SAID THERE WILL BE 3 FEET SIDE AISLES AND A 4 FOOT CENTER AISLE. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED IF EVERYTHING WAS COVERED. MS. BOSTICK SAID THE BID FOR PEWS AND THE PROPOSAL FOR FURNITURE COVERED EVERYTHING. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE FURNITURE PROPOSAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$126,678.73 AND THE PEW BID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,731.00 FOR THE COURTHOUSE AND IT IS TO BE PAID FOR FROM THE COURTHOUSE RENOVATION FUND. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

MS. BOSTICK ASKED THE COUNCIL TO RECONSIDER HER BUDGET BECAUSE LAST YEAR SHE CUT ALL THAT WAS POSSIBLE. MS. BOSTICK SAID THE NEW PERSONNEL SHE REQUESTED WAS FOR SECURITY. MS. BOSTICK SAID SHE THE STATE LET HER HOLD OFF ON THIS LAST YEAR DUE TO THE COURTHOUSE RENOVATION. MS. BOSTICK SAID THAT ANY TIME THE COURTHOUSE IS OPEN, THE DOOR MUST HAVE A SECURITY PERSON IN PLACE. MS. BOSTICK SAID HR PROVIDED HER WITH THE FIGURES AND THEY REPRESENT STEP 2 IN THE SALARY CLASSIFICATION FOR A DEPUTY. MS. BOSTICK SAID SHE ALSO INCLUDED A PART-TIME PERSON AND SHE WILL PAY FOR 50% OF THAT PERSON'S SALARY. MS. BOSTICK SAID THE PART-TIME PERSON WILL ALSO COVER THE DOOR WHEN THE SECURITY DEPUTY IS OUT. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED WHY MS. BOSTICK WOULD HAVE TO PAY FOR A DEPUTY TO PROVIDE THE SERVICE. MS. BOSTICK SAID THE SHERIFF WILL REMOVE ONE PERSON FROM HIS ROSTER AND THE DEPUTY WILL BE AT THE COURTHOUSE DURING ALL WORKING HOURS AS LONG AS THE COURTHOUSE IS OPEN. MS. BOSTICK SAID THE JUDGE WILL HAVE TO ESCORTED IN AND OUT OF THE BUILDING. MS. BOSTICK SAID THE JUDGE AND COURT PERSONNEL DO NOT HAVE TO BE SCREENED AS LONG AS THEY ARE WORKING FOR THE COUNTY. IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL THAT EVERYONE SHOULD BE SCREENED. MS. BOSTICK SAID IF THEY COUNCIL WANTS THAT, SHE CAN REQUIRE IT. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THE \$60,000.00 COVERED TRAINING. MS. BOSTICK SAID THE PERSON MUST BE SOMEONE WHO HAS ALREADY GONE TO THE ACADEMY OR SOMEONE WHO IS CURRENTLY IN THE ACADEMY. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE STATE PAYS FOR THE ACADEMY, BUT THE COUNTY WOULD PAY THEIR SALARY WHILE ATTENDING THE ACADEMY. MS. BOSTICK SAID THE \$60,000.00 COVERS 1.5 PEOPLE. MS. BOSTICK SAID THEY WOULD HAVE TO ATTEND A COURTHOUSE SECURITY CLASS, BUT THAT IS PAID FOR. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE SECURITY PERSON NEEDED TO BE PRESENT WHEN COURT WAS NOT IN SESSION. MS.

BOSTICK SAID THE DOOR MUST BE MANNED IF THE COURTHOUSE IS OPEN. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED ABOUT A SCANNER. MS. BOSTICK SAID SHE WAS TRYING TO GET ONE, BUT MS. HERMAN SAID IT WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE COURTHOUSE RENOVATION BUDGET. MR. FULGHUM SAID SECURITY MEASURERS WERE INCLUDED IN THE PLANS. MS. HERMAN SAID THE FUNDS WERE FOR CAMERAS AND EQUIPMENT, BUT IF THERE WAS ANY MONEY LEFT IT COULD BE USED TOWARDS THE SCANNER. MS. BOSTICK SAID THE MAIN ITEM SHE HAD TO HAVE WAS THE SECURITY PERSON. MS. BOSTICK SAID SHE WAS UNHAPPY AND HURT BY THE OTHER CUTS, BUT SHE KNOWS THAT TIMES ARE BAD AND SHE WILL WORK WITH IT. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT OVERTIME. MS. BOSTICK SAID SHE DID NOT PAY OVERTIME AND IF HER PEOPLE WORK EXTRA HOURS, THEY WORK OUT COMP. TIME. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE COUNCIL WOULD DO THE BEST THEY CAN. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE SECURITY PERSON WOULD BE SHARED WITH THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING AS HE FELT THAT BUILDING ALSO NEEDED A SECURITY PERSON. MS. BOSTICK SAID THE SECURITY PERSON SHE IS REQUESTING WOULD ONLY BE FOR THE COURTHOUSE AND SHE COULD NOT SHARE THAT PERSON WITH THE OTHER BUILDING. COUNCLMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT THE SOLICITOR. MS. BOSTICK SUGGESTED KEEPING THE SOLICITOR, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND VOTERS REGISTRATION IN THE MARY GORDON ELLIS EXECUTIVE BUILDING. MS. BOSTICK SAID THAT WOULD WORK WELL AND ELIMINATE SOME WEAR AND TEAR ON THE NEW COURTHOUSE. MS. BOSTICK SAID ANYTHING THAT DOES NOT HAVE A PRESIDING JUDGE COULD BE HANDLED AT THE MARY GORDON ELLIS BUILDING. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT CENTRAL BOND COURT. MS. BOSTICK SAID THAT IS HELD AT THE DETENTION CENTER.

**APPROVAL OF TIMBER BIDS:**

COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THEY NEEDED \$250,000.00 FROM THE TIMBER AND HE ASKED WHY THE ADMINISTRATION WAITED SO LONG TO PUT IT OUT FOR BID. MR. MALPHRUS SAID IF THEY SPLIT THE BID AWARD, THEY WOULD GET \$205,700.00. MR. MALPHRUS REFERRED TO THE RAINY WEATHER THAT THE COUNTY EXPERIENCED. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID IT DID NOT RAIN ALL YEAR AND HE WAS CONCERNED THAT THEY WAITED SO LONG WHEN THEY HAVE KNOWN IT NEEDED TO BE DONE. MR. MALPRHUS SAID IT HAS BEEN WET AND EVEN NOW, THE TREES CANNOT BE CUT, BUT THE PEOPLE WHO MADE THE BID WOULD PAY THE COUNTY NOW FOR THE TIMBER AND THEY WILL HAVE UP TO ONE YEAR TO CUT IT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID IT TOOK SOME TIME TO GET THE TREES MARKED. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED WHEN THEY FOUND OUT ABOUT THE HARDEEVILLE ORDINANCE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID HE FOUND OUT DURING THIS PAST YEAR. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THE TIMBER PEOPLE SAID THAT THE SPRING WAS THE BEST TIME TO CUT AS THE SPRING GENERALLY BRINGS HIGHER PRICES. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE COUNCIL NEVER TOLD THEM TO CLEAR CUT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE WALK THROUGH, MARKING THE TREES AND PUTTING THE BID PACKAGE TOGETHER TOOK SOME TIME, AND THEN THE RAIN STARTED. VICE

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE DIDN'T BUY THE WETNESS EXCUSE AND THE LOGGERS HAVE EQUIPMENT TO GET IN ANYTIME. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT THEY WERE TO BE CLEAR CUT. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THEY CLEAR CUT AND REPLANTED WOULD THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THEY PROPOSED TO THIN THE TREES, NOT CLEAR CUT. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THERE ARE 350 ACRES AND THEY SAID TO CLEAR CUT AND REPLANT A PORTION. MR FULGHUM SAID WHEN THE PARK WAS PURCHASED THERE WERE RESTRICTIONS AND HE HAD TO CHECK WITH THE STATE TO SEE IF A PORTION OF THE MONEY FROM THE TREES WENT TO THE STATE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE STATE GRANTED THAT NO PORTION OF THE FUNDS NEEDED TO GO TO THE STATE. COUNCILMAN TYLER SAID THE DID NOT SEE A NEED TO CUT EVERYTHING. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION AFTER THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PRESENTATION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**J.C. SCHOOL DISTRICT – MS. MCHUFF:**

MS. MCHUFF PRESENTED THE SCHOOL BOARDS REQUESTS AND SAID THAT THEY HOPED THAT THEY WOULD GET WHAT THEY REQUESTED. MS. MCHUFF REQUESTED A 2.1 MILLS INCREASE WHICH IS THEIR CAP. MS. MCHUFF SAID THAT DUE TO SOME CHANGES IN ALLOCATION, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT COULD LOSE SOME FUNDING. MS. MCHUFF SAID THAT THEIR BUDGET DOES INCLUDE SOME INCREASES IN SALARY DUE TO THE RESTRUCTING. MS. MCHUFF SAID THE SCHOOL BOARD HAD THE 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF THEIR BUDGET AND CURRENTLY IT HAS ABOUT A \$1,000,000.00 SHORTFALL. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED HOW THE CLASSROOMS WOULD BE IMPACTED. MS. MCHUFF SAID THAT THE CLASSROOMS HAVE A 25-1 RATIO. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT WAS A GREAT RATIO AS SOME SCHOOLS HAVE A 40/50-1 RATIO. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED ABOUT THE STUDENT PROJECTION. MS. MCHUFF SAID THE FOUR YEAR OLD CLASS IS MAXED OUT AND THERE IS A WAITING LIST. MS. MCHUFF SAID THAT OVERALL FROM YEAR TO YEAR THE ENROLLMENT NUMBER IS STABLE. COUNCILMAN GREGORY REMARKED ABOUT THE WORKING RETIREES SALARIES ARE NEGOTIABLE, BUT IT ONLY APPLIED TO IN STATE WORKING RETIREES SALARIES. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT FORLOUGHS AND MS. MCHUFF SAID IT WAS AN OPTION, BUT NOTHING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT THE 21% INCREASE IN ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES AND MS. MCHUFF SAID THAT WAS DUE TO NEW POSITIONS AND RESTRUCTURING. MR. FULGHUM ASKED ABOUT THE DEBT SERVICE MILLAGE AND MS. MCHUFF SAID IT WAS 16-18 MILLS. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED IF THE \$10,500,000.00 COVERS THE COST OF OPERATION FOR 3 MONTHS. MS. MCHUFF SAID THAT CURRENTLY THERE IS A BALANCE OF \$2,700,000.00 AND THE \$10,500,000.00 WOULD COVER ABOUT TWO MONTHS. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED ABOUT STATE INCREASES TO EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS. MS. MCHUFF SAID THE STATE INCREASE WAS 13%, BUT THE STATE ONLY PAID 2%

TOWARDS THE INCREASES. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE 13% WOULD BE COMING FROM THE EMPLOYEES. MS. MCHUFF RESPONDED THAT SOME OF IT WOULD BE FROM THE EMPLOYEES. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED ABOUT THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS. MS. MCHUFF SAID THAT THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN BOTH SCHOOLS; HOWEVER, RIDGELAND IS RUNNING OVER. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ADDED THAT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL IS CONSTANTLY HAVING NEW STUDENTS ENROLL AND THE ATTENDANCE HAS BEEN HIGHER THIS YEAR. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT THE HARDEEVILLE SCHOOL. MS. MCHUFF SAID THE HARDEEVILLE SCHOOL IS NOT AS FULL AS RIDGELAND, BUT BOTH SCHOOLS WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE REDUCTION IN TEACHERS. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT THE STAR PROGRAM. MS. MCHUFF SAID THAT THEY HAVE NOT SEEN THE IMPROVEMENT THEY EXPECTED. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE HOPED THEY DID NOT GET ANYMORE BAD NEWS FROM THE STATE AS MR. MALPHRUS IS WORKING ON FINDING EVERY DOLLAR POSSIBLE.

CHAIRMAN HOOD THANKED MS. MCHUFF FOR HER PRESENTATION AND SAID THEY WOULD DO THE BEST THAT THEY CAN.

#### **RETURN TO TIMBER DISCUSSION:**

COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID IT IS REALLY TOO LATE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT THIS AND IF THEY WAIT 6 MONTHS IT MAY NOT BE ANY BETTER. MR. FULGHUM COMMENTED THAT IT IS THE COUNCIL'S DECISION, BUT THEY ALSO RISK A LOWER BID IF IT IS RE-BID. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE PRICES ARE A LITTLE HIGHER IN THE SPRING, BUT HE DID NOT THINK THEY WOULD DO ANY BETTER THAN WHAT THEY HAVE NOW. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THE LOGGERS WHO BID ON THE TIMBER ARE THE COMPANIES THAT OTHER LOGGERS SELL TO. COUNCILMAN TYLER MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE BIDS OF \$126,460.00 FROM S.A. ALLEN, INC. AND \$76,585.00 FROM BENTON AND RHODES. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL COUNCILMEN TYLER, ETHERIDGE AND GREGORY VOTING FOR. CHAIRMAN HOOD AND VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR VOTED AGAINST. MR. MALPHRUS SAID HE FELT THEY WOULD MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE ON EXPENDITURES, BUT HE WAS NOT SURE ABOUT THE REVENUE. MR. MALPHRUS TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT MR. MELLON WAS WORKING ON THE FIGURES. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY WOULD BE UNDER BUDGET ON THE EXPENSE SIDE, BUT THE TAXES ARE COMING IN SLOWER.

#### **BUDGET DISCUSSION:**

CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED ABOUT THE PROPERTY THAT DID NOT SELL AT THE DELINQUENT TAX SALE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE COUNTY ENDED UP WITH THE PROPERTY AND THE COUNTY WOULD GET THE INTEREST WHEN IT IS REDEEMED. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE ONLY WAY THE COUNTY WOULD LOSE, WOULD BE IF IT ENDED UP WITH THE PROPERTY. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE COUNTY ENDED UP WITH ABOUT 100 PIECES OF PROPERTY. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE PEOPLE ARE NOTIFIED AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY ARE SENT NOTICES SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE THEY

LOSE THE PROPERTY. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT THE SALE OF MOBILE HOMES THAT OWE TAXES. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE SALE IN NOVEMBER. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THAT PERSONAL PROPERTY CAN ALSO BE SOLD. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY WILL LOOK INTO THAT NEXT YEAR. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THE STAFF NEEDED TO DO EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO INCREASE THE REVENUE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED WHEN THE COUNCIL WAS GOING TO MEET TO REVIEW THE BUDGET. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THEY HAVE ALL THE NUMBERS EXCEPT FOR THE STATE CUTS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE REVENUE WAS THROUGH APRIL AND MR. MALPHRUS RESPONDED THAT THE REVENUES WERE THROUGH FEBRUARY. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED MR. MALPHRUS TO PROVIDE THE COUNCIL WITH A NEW COPY OF THE BUDGET WITH THE REVENUES COLLECTED THROUGH APRIL. MR. MALPHRUS SAID HE WOULD HAVE IT READY FOR THE NEXT MEETING. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT IF A DEPARTMENT MAKES A REQUEST FOR SOMETHING THE MUST HAVE, IT NEEDS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET. MR. FULGHUM SAID THERE WERE THREE WAYS TO DO IT AND HE LISTED THE VARIOUS OPTIONS AND HE SAID HE WAS COUNTING ON THE COUNCIL TO MAKE THOSE DECISION AS THEY HEAR THE PRESENTATIONS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO RESOLVE THOSE ISSUES. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID MS. BOSTICK REQUESTED THE \$60,000.00, BUT IT WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THERE WERE MANY OPTIONS TO LOOK AT IT AND SINCE THE CLERK OF COURT WOULD ONLY NEED THE NEW PERSONNEL FOR ABOUT ½ THE YEAR BECAUSE THE COURTHOUSE WILL NOT BE READY UNTIL DECEMBER OR JANUARY, HE FELT PERHAPS IF THEY PUSHED THE COURT SYSTEM THEY MAY BE ABLE TO DELAY IT FOR AN ADDITIONAL 4-5 MONTHS, IF THEY ASSURED THE COURT SYSTEM THAT A PERSON WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE DID NOT WANT ANYONE HURT AND SECURITY WAS NEEDED. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED THE STAFF IF THEIR RECOMMENDATION WAS TO NOT INCLUDE THE PERSONNEL. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE ADMINISTRATION DID NOT RECOMMEND ANY NEW PERSONNEL AND THEY KNEW MS. BOSTICK WOULD BE COMING TO MAKE HER PRESENTATION AND THAT IT COULD BE ADDED. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED THAT IF A DEPARTMENT REQUESTS A FULL TIME PERSON AND THE ADMINISTRATION REMOVES THAT PERSON, WHY IS THE COUNCIL NOT AWARE OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S REASONING. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY CAN DO IT, BUT THE STAFF IS PRESENT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THE COUNCIL HAS NO KNOWLEDGE AS IT IS NOT PROVIDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE COUNCIL RECEIVED EVERY NUMBER OF THE ORIGINAL REQUEST ON THE BUDGET AND THE LAST COLUMN IS WHAT THE ADMINSTRATOR IS RECOMMENDING. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WAS NEVER ASKED HOW HE WAS GOING TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE COURTHOUSE, AND IT IS UP TO THE COUNCIL TO DECIDE. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID HE FELT THE ADMINISTRATION SHOULD EXPLAIN WHY THEY MADE THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THEY MADE. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT "MUST HAVES" SHOULD BE INCLUDED AND HE FELT THE

ADMINISTRATOR SHOULD HAVE SPOKE UP, AND THE ADMINISTRATOR SHOULD HAVE MET WITH MS. BOSTICK TO SEE IF IT WAS A "MUST HAVE". CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID SECURITY IS NEEDED AT THE DOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE WHEN THE COURTHOUSE IS OPEN. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT WHEN A NEW BUILDING OPENS, YOU NEED TO BE AS STRICK AS POSSIBLE AND THAT IS WHY WHEN THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING OPENED HE ONLY WANTED PEOPLE TO USE THE FRONT ENTRANCE. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID HE FELT THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING ALSO NEEDED SECURITY. MR. FULGHUM SAID THEY WERE NOT TRYING TO HIDE ANYTHING, IT IS IN THE PRESENTATION AND SPECIFIC CHANGES ARE NOTED AND COUNCIL CAN SEE WHAT WAS REQUESTED AND WHY. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THERE WAS NOTHING NOTED ON THE CLERK OF COURT'S REQUEST.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**DISCUSSION REGARDING EMPLOYMENT, APPOINTMENT, COMPEN-SATION, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, DISCIPLINE, OR RELEASE OF AN EMPLOYEE, A STUDENT, OR A PERSON REGULATED BY A PUBLIC BODY OR THE APPOINTMENT OF A PERSON TO A PUBLIC BODY; HOWEVER, IF AN ADVERSARY HEARING INVOLVING AN EMPLOYEE OR CLIENT IS HELD, THE EMPLOYEE OR CLIENT HAS THE RIGHT TO DEMAND THAT THE HEARING BE CONDUCTED PUBLICLY NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS ITEM SHALL PREVENT THE PUBLIC BODY, IN ITS DISCRETION, FROM DELETING THE NAMES OF OTHER EMPLOYEES OR CLIENTS WHOSE RECORDS ARE SUBMITTED FOR USE AT THE HEARING**

VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR A DISCUSSION REGARDING EMPLOYMENT, APPOINTMENT, COMPEN-SATION, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, DISCIPLINE, OR RELEASE OF AN EMPLOYEE, A STUDENT, OR A PERSON REGULATED BY A PUBLIC BODY OR THE APPOINTMENT OF A PERSON TO A PUBLIC BODY; HOWEVER, IF AN ADVERSARY HEARING INVOLVING AN EMPLOYEE OR CLIENT IS HELD, THE EMPLOYEE OR CLIENT HAS THE RIGHT TO DEMAND THAT THE HEARING BE CONDUCTED PUBLICLY NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS ITEM SHALL PREVENT THE PUBLIC BODY, IN ITS DISCRETION, FROM DELETING THE NAMES OF OTHER EMPLOYEES OR CLIENTS WHOSE RECORDS ARE SUBMITTED FOR USE AT THE HEARING. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:**

VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

CHAIRMAN HOOD REPORTED THAT THE RECEIVED INFORMATION ON AN EMPLOYMENT MATTER AND NO ACTION WAS NECESSARY.

THE NEXT BUDGET WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 2, 2010 AT 1:00 P.M.

**ADJOURN:**

COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 6:15 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVE BY:

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JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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DR. GEORGE M. HOOD  
CHAIRMAN