



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
358 THIRD AVE., RIDGELAND, SC 29936
AUGUST 8, 2011, 4:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

OFFICIALS PRESENT: CHAIRMAN LEROY BLACKSHEAR, VICE CHAIRMAN SAMUEL GREGORY, COUNCILMAN HENRY ETHERIDGE, COUNCILMAN THEODUS L. DRAYTON, COUNCILMAN L. MARTIN SAULS IV.

STAFF PRESENT: ADMINISTRATOR ANDREW FULGHUM, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RONNIE MALPHRUS, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES WILBUR DALEY, DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES DIVISION DALE TERRY, ATTORNEY MARVIN JONES, CLERK TO COUNCIL JUDITH FRANK, PLANNING DIRECTOR DAVID JIROUSEK, DETENTION DIRECTOR ARTHUR BENJAMIN

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.

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 4:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

INVOCATION- CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR GAVE THE INVOCATION.

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED THAT EVERYONE SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO THE MICROPHONES. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED THE COUNCIL TO STATE THE INTENT OF THEIR MOTION AND TO ADDRESS THE CHAIR TO GET THE FLOOR.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED THAT THE AGENDA BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE COMMUNITY FACILITY GRANT RESOLUTION. COUNCILMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

COMMUNITY FACILITY GRANT RESOLUTION - MR. DALEY EXPLAINED THAT THE COUNTY RECEIVED THE LAND AND A DONATION OF FUNDS FOR THE FIRE STATION TO BE LOCATED ON FIRE TOWER ROAD. MR. DALEY SAID THEY HAVE BEEN APPLYING FOR GRANTS THROUGH THE USDA, HOWEVER, THEY DID NOT MEET THE DEADLINE FOR THE STATION. MR. DALEY SAID THEY DID MEET THE DEADLINE FOR THE EQUIPMENT. EVA FRANKLIN PRESENTED A LETTER LISTING THE CONDITIONS OF THE EQUIPMENT GRANT. MS. FRANKLIN SAID THE GRANT WAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,560 AND WHEN ALL THE ITEMS ARE SATISFIED, THE GRANT WILL CLOSE. MS. FRANKLIN SAID THAT WHEN THE TRUCK IS RECEIVED, A MEDIA EVENT SHOULD BE SCHEDULED. MS. FRANKLIN SAID THAT JASPER COUNTY HAD TO CERTIFY THAT THEY COULD NOT AFFORD THE EQUIPMENT WITHOUT THE GRANT FUNDS. MS. FRANKLIN SAID THAT JASPER COUNTY AGREED TO HAVE A DRUG FREE WORKPLACE AND THE DISABLED WOULD NOT BE DENIED SERVICE. MS. FRANKLIN REVIEWED OTHER CRITERIA OF THE GRANT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE TRUCK COULD ONLY BE PLACED IN FIRE TOWER ROAD FIRE STATION. MS. FRANKLIN RESPONDED THAT WAS CORRECT. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE VEHICLE WAS EQUIPPED AND MS. FRANKLIN SAID SOME ITEMS ARE ON THE VEHICLE. COUNCILMAN SAULS COMMENTED THAT THE DONATION OF THE PROPERTY AND FUNDS, PLUS THE GRANT WILL PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION FOR AN AREA THAT IS LACKING SERVICE. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED HOW THE FIRE STATION WOULD BE MANDATED. MR. DALEY SAID NOT ALL THE FIRE STATIONS ARE MANNED, BUT THEY HAVE SOME VOLUNTEERS AND THEY WILL PROVIDE COVERAGE TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITIES. MR. DALEY SAID THEY ARE TRYING TO GET ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO BUILD THE STATION. MR. DALEY SAID THEY CURRENTLY HAVE ABOUT \$275,000 FOR THE STATION. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED WHEN WILL THEY START CONSTRUCTION ON THE STATION. MR. DALEY SAID NOT AT THIS TIME AND THAT IT HAS TO GO OUT TO BID. MR. DALEY SAID THEY PLANNED TO GET THE STATION AS COMPLETE AS THEY CAN WITH THE FUNDS AVAILABLE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF IT WAS RESTRICTED WHERE THE TRUCK WILL BE HOUSED UNTIL THEY BUILD THE STATION. MS. FRANKLIN SAID THEY WOULD HAVE ABOUT 6 MONTHS TO COMPLETE THE STATION. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY FACILITY GRANT RESOLUTION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

DALE TERRY – RECOGNITION OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE STATEWIDE BACKHOE COMPETITION – MR. TERRY EXPLAINED THAT DUE TO A PERSONNEL EMERGENCY THE TEAM WAS NOT ABLE TO COMPETE.

ANDREW FULGHUM – GFOA AWARD – MR. FULGHUM PRESENTED MR. RONNIE MALPHRUS WITH THE GFOA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING.

ARTHUR BENJAMIN – BARRETT LARRIMORE AWARD – MR. BENJAMIN EXPLAINED THAT THE COUNTY RECEIVED THE BARRETT LARRIMORE AWARD JOINTLY WITH BEAUFORT COUNTY FOR THE CREATION AND SUCCESS OF THE CAREER CRIMINAL TEAM.

ORDINANCES

RONNIE MALPHRUS – 2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2011-2012 BUDGET – MR. MALPHRUS EXPLAINED THAT THE AMENDMENT PERTAINED TO THE DEBT SERVICE OF THE SCHOOL AND THAT THE COUNCIL DID APPROVE THE INCREASE, HOWEVER IT WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2011-2012 BUDGET. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THIS WAS NOT THE PROPER TIME TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL AMENDMENT. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR, VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON VOTING FOR; COUNCILMEN ETHERIDGE AND SAULS VOTED AGAINST.

ANDREW FULGHUM – 2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE REGARDING THE HOME DETENTION PROGRAM – MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT 14% OF THE COUNTY BUDGET IS SPENT ON THE DETENTION CENTER. MR. FULGHUM SAID A NEW CODE SECTION AUTHORIZES THE COUNTY TO ESTABLISH IT'S OWN PROGRAM FOR HOME DETENTION OR THEY CAN USE AN OUTSIDE AGENCY. COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED IF THE INMATES PAY THE COSTS AND MR. BENJAMIN SAID THE INMATES PAY FOR ALL THE COSTS. COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED WHO SETS AND MONITORS THE STANDARDS. MR. BENJAMIN SAID IT WOULD GO TO THE VENDOR AND IT WOULD BE OPERATED AND OVERSEEN FROM THE DETENTION CENTER. MR. BENJAMIN SAID HE WAS STILL INVESTIGATING THE PROGRAM. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED HOW MANY INMATES WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR HOME DETENTION. MR. BENJAMIN RESPONDED ABOUT 25%. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT TYPICALLY THE VENDOR DOES IT ALL AND THE DETAINEE PAYS. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON COMMENTED THAT THE PROGRAM WOULD CREATE SPACE IN THE DETENTION CENTER AND IT WOULD NOT COST THE COUNTY ANY MONEY. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT THE CRITERIA FOR SOMEONE TO QUALIFY FOR HOME DETENTION. MR. BENJAMIN SAID THAT THE COURT SETS THE CRITERIA. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED WHAT IS A VENDOR AND IF THE COUNTY WOULD MAKE ANY MONEY ON THIS. MR. BENJAMIN SAID A VENDOR IS THE COMPANY THAT PROVIDES THE ANKLE BRACELETS AND THE MONITORING. MR. BENJAMIN SAID THE COUNTY WILL NOT BE PAID ANY MONEY, THE VENDOR WOULD BE PAID; HOWEVER THE COUNTY WOULD SAVE MONEY BY NOT HAVING TO HOUSE THE PRISONERS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED WHAT OTHER COUNTIES WERE USING THE PROGRAM. MR. BENJAMIN SAID THAT SUMTER COUNTY AND SOME REGIONAL FACILITIES ARE USING IT.

MR. BENJAMIN SAID ANOTHER BENEFIT IS THAT IT WILL HELP THE INMATES KEEP THEIR JOBS. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID IT DOES NOT MATTER WHAT OTHER COUNTIES ARE USING THE PROGRAM, AND JASPER COUNTY WON AN AWARD FOR DOING SOMETHING GREAT AND IT IS TIME FOR SOMEONE TO FOLLOW JASPER COUNTY. COUNCILMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE REGARDING THE HOME DETENTION PROGRAM. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR TOLD COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE HE COULD MAKE HIS AMENDMENT AT THIS TIME. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION TO AMEND THE 2011-12 ANNUAL BUDGET TO RECONSIDER ADDING THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION AT THIS TIME. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID IT BOTHERED HIM THAT COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE WAS ONE OF THE ONES TO PUSH FOR THIS POSITION AND HE WAS CONFUSED AS TO WHY HE WANTS TO DELETE AND IF IT WAS GOOD IN THE BEGINNING, WHY CHANGE IT NOW. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID BEAUFORT COUNTY AND OTHER COUNTIES HAVE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID JASPER COUNTY HAS ONE PERSON AND HE HAS TO DO IT ALL. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HAVING THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR WOULD GIVE THE ADMINISTRATOR MORE LEEWAY TO BRING MORE JOBS TO JASPER COUNTY. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE ADMINISTRATOR NEEDS TO SEARCH FOR MORE JOBS AND NOT JUST SIT THERE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE TALKED ABOUT HIRING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR AND HE NEVER TALKED ABOUT A DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THE POSITION WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE FIRST PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET AND ON 4/31 THE ADMINISTRATOR WAS TOLD TO ADD THE POSITION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR AND THEN ON 5/24 THE POSITION ADDED WAS DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE ASKED TO TRY AND CUT THE BUDGET, BUT \$450,000 WAS ADDED FOR VEHICLES AND THEY DIDN'T CUT ANYTHING AFTER MAY 25. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE TALKED ABOUT HIRING SOMEONE WHO WOULD TRAVEL TO COLUMBIA TO WORK ON GETTING MORE JOBS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WANTS TO WORK WITH THE ECONOMIC ALLIANCES NOT 46 COUNTIES. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THE COUNTY DID NOT NEED TO HIRE A PERSON IF THEY DON'T WANT TO SEE THEM. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THEY WORKED HARD TO GET THE AMOUNT OF THE BUDGET DOWN, BUT THE BUDGET WENT UP, THE MIL VALUE CHANGED AND THERE WAS A BIG INCREASE DUE TO DEBT SERVICE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE FELT THE COUNCIL OWED IT TO THE CITIZENS TO CUT THIS POSITION AT THIS TIME. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID AT THE RETREAT ABOUT 20 ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED AND ONE WAS TO HIRE A DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR AND THAT WAS APPROVED. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID HE DID NOT HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT HIRING SOMEONE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID AT

THE RETREAT A DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR WAS TALKED ABOUT. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THE LIST GIVEN TO MR. FULGHUM SAID TO HIRE A DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID WHEN THEY WERE IN CHARLESTON, EVERYONE WAS IN FAVOR, BUT WHEN THEY GOT BACK THINGS WERE NOT MOVING FAST ENOUGH AND GAVE THE REQUEST TO THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ADD THE POSITION TO THE BUDGET. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THAT THE ISSUE WAS VOTED ON AND THE MAJORITY WINS AND NOW IT NEEDS TO BE CHANGED BECAUSE TWO COUNCIL MEMBERS DON'T WANT IT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THE POSITION WAS NOT ON ANY LIST FROM THE RETREAT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE PROVIDED THE LIST AND SAID IT WAS NOT ON THE LIST. COUNCILMAN SAULS SAID THE ISSUE IS BECAUSE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED MANY THINGS AT THE RETREAT AND HE WOULD VOTE FOR THE POSITION IF HE FELT IT WAS NEEDED. COUNCILMAN SAULS SAID THERE ARE 30 LESS COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND NO MONEY. COUNCILMAN SAULS SAID HE CANNOT VOTE TO INCREASE THE OPERATING BUDGET AND HE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE HIS MIND. COUNCILMAN SAULS SAID HE DID NOT THINK IT WAS A FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE DECISION AND HE ASKED THE COUNCIL MEMBERS IF THEY WOULD WRITE A CHECK FROM THEIR PERSONNEL BANK ACCOUNT FOR SOMETHING THAT WAS NOT FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE. COUNCILMAN SAULS SAID HE WOULD NOT. COUNCILMAN SAULS SAID RUMORS MAKE NO DIFFERENCE AND WHAT MATTERED IS WHAT THEY DO IS RIGHT FOR THE COUNTY. COUNCILMAN SAULS SAID EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL HAS A VOTE AND THEY SHOULD CAST IT BASED ON WHAT THEY FEEL IS BEST FOR THE CITIZENS. THE MOTION FAILED WITH COUNCILMEN SAULS AND ETHERIDGE VOTING FOR; CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR, VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON VOTED AGAINST.

DAVID JIROUSEK – 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JCZO ARTICLE 5:1 PRIMARY DISTRICTS TO ADD MIXED BUSINESSES; AMEND JCZO ARTICLE 5:3 TO ADD MIXED BUSINESS INTENT STATEMENT; AMEND JCZO ARTICLE 6:1, TABLE 1, TO ADD MIXED BUSINESS; AMEND ARTICLE 6:1.2, USES SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS; REPEAL ARTICLE 6:1.5 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS; REPEAL JCZO ARTICLE 6:2, EXCEPT FOR ARTICLE 6:2.15 AND RENUMBER ARTICLE 6:2.15 AFFORDABLE HOUSING BONUS TO 6:2; AMEND JCZO ARTICLE 7:3, TABLE 1; AMEND JCZO ARTICLE 11; AND AMEND JCZO ARTICLE 12; TABLE 12:1, MINIMUM PARKING REQUIREMENTS- MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT THIS DISTRICT WAS CREATED TO ALLOW LIGHTER INDUSTRIAL USES. MR. JIROUSEK TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THERE ARE CLEAR CONDITIONAL USE REVIEWS FOR APPROVAL. MR. JIROUSEK REVIEWED THE CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE ORDINANCE ALSO AMENDED THE MINIMUM PARKING REQUIREMENT TABLE. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE TABLE WAS AMENDED TO DELETE THE LAND USE REGULATION AND ZONING DISTRICT COLUMNS, BUT THE PARKING STANDARDS WERE NOT CHANGED. MR. JIROUSEK TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND STAFF RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JCZO ARTICLE 5:1 PRIMARY DISTRICTS TO ADD MIXED BUSINESSES; AMEND JCZO ARTICLE 5:3 TO ADD MIXED BUSINESS INTENT STATEMENT; AMEND JCZO ARTICLE 6:1, TABLE 1, TO ADD MIXED BUSINESS; AMEND ARTICLE 6:1.2, USES SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS; REPEAL ARTICLE 6:1.5 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS; REPEAL JCZO ARTICLE 6:2, EXCEPT FOR ARTICLE 6:2.15 AND RENUMBER ARTICLE 6:2.15 AFFORDABLE HOUSING BONUS TO 6:2; AMEND JCZO ARTICLE 7:3, TABLE 1; AMEND JCZO ARTICLE 11; AND AMEND JCZO ARTICLE 12; TABLE 12:1, MINIMUM PARKING REQUIREMENTS. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THIS WAS NEEDED AT THIS TIME AND WAS A STUDY DONE. MR. JIROUSEK RESPONDED THAT IT WAS NEEDED AND THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS ORDINANCE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, BUT THE PROBLEMS WERE IDENTIFIED LAST YEAR. COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED WHAT RESTRICTIONS WERE PLACED ON THE FARMERS. MR. JIROUSEK SAID A FOREST OR HUNTING WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED IN THIS DISTRICT. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THIS TYPE OF ZONING WILL ONLY HAPPEN IF THE PROPERTY OWNER REQUESTS IT AND IT WILL NOT BE LISTED ON THE ZONING MAP. COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED WOULD THE REQUESTS BE REVIEWED. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THEY WOULD BE REVIEWED. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THAT WHEN HE WAS ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION A LOT OF STUDY WENT INTO THIS ORDINANCE. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE COUNCIL WOULD HAVE TO APPROVE THE REQUEST. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

DAVID JIROUSEK – 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER A PROPERTY BEARING TAX MAP NUMBER 0052-00-12-022 AND GENERALLY LOCATED ON PINE LEVEL CHURCH ROAD FROM THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE RURAL PRESERVATION ZONE ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP – MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE REQUEST IS TO REZONE 13.9 ACRES OF PROPERTY AND THERE IS ONLY ONE RESIDENCE ON THE PROPERTY. THE ZONING CHANGE IS BEING REQUESTED SO THAT THE OWNER CAN OPERATE A TRAINING FACILITY FOR CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITTING. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE OWNER ALSO WANTS TO HAVE A PISTOL RANGE ON THE PROPERTY. MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT TWO SIDES OF THE PROPERTY ARE SURROUNDED BY RURAL PRESERVATION ZONING. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT EVEN IF THE PROPERTY IS REZONED CERTAIN CONDITIONS MUST BE MET AND IT WOULD BE LOOKED AT VERY CAREFULLY. MR. JIROUSEK SAID A VARIANCE FROM THE BZA WOULD BE NEEDED FOR THIS TYPE OF USE. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED APPROVAL. COUNCILMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER A PROPERTY BEARING TAX MAP NUMBER 0052-00-12-022 AND

GENERALLY LOCATED ON PINE LEVEL CHURCH ROAD FROM THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE RURAL PRESERVATION ZONE ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THERE WAS A DIRT ROAD ON THE PROPERTY. MR. JIROUSEK RESPONDED THAT THERE WAS A UTILITY EASEMENT. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED IF THE PISTOL RANGE WOULD BE IN THE HOME. MR. JIROUSEK SAID HE WOULD TEACH THE CLASSES IN HIS HOME AND THE SHOOTING RANGE WOULD BE OUTSIDE. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED IF THE COUNTY WOULD GET ANY REVENUE FROM THE BUSINESS. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE BUSINESS WOULD PAY BUSINESS LICENSE FEES. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTIONS

DALE TERRY – RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY- MR. TERRY REQUESTED THE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO SELL SURPLUS OFFICE CHAIRS. MR. TERRY SAID THERE WERE ABOUT 30 CHAIRS. COUNCILMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALE OF THE SURPLUS PROPERTY AS REQUESTED. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

ANDREW FULGHUM – RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND CONCERNING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE GOLDEN TICKET INDUSTRIAL PARK- MR. FULGHUM SAID THE RESOLUTION WAS TO APPROVE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH ALLIANCE CONSULTING ENGINEERS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE COST OF THE CONTRACT WAS \$45,000 AND IT WAS TO BE SPLIT EQUALLY WITH THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND. THE COUNTY WOULD PAY \$22,500. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND CONCERNING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE GOLDEN TICKET INDUSTRIAL PARK AND TO SPLIT THE COST OF THE CONTRACT WITH ALLIANCE CONSULTING WITH THE COUNTY PAYING \$22,500 AND THE TOWN PAYING \$22,500. THE COUNTY'S PORTION IS TO BE PAID FOR FROM THE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS

DAVID JIROUSEK - USE OF MARY GORDON ELLIS BUILDING TO ACCOMMODATE NEW LIFE CENTER AND DHEC ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICE – MR. JIROUSEK REQUESTED APPROVAL OF DHEC AND THE NEW LIFE CENTER USING SPACE AT THE MARY GORDON ELLIS EXECUTIVE BUILDING WHILE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS REPAIRED. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE REPAIRS WOULD TAKE ABOUT 8 MONTHS. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF MARY GORDON ELLIS BUILDING TO ACCOMMODATE NEW LIFE CENTER AND DHEC ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

OFFICE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

ANDREW FULGHUM – ADOPTION OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT- MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT HE PROVIDED AN INCORRECT AGREEMENT AT THE LAST MEETING AND ASKED THE COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE WASTE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT. COUNCILMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE WASTE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

NEW BUSINESS – THERE WAS NO NEW BUSINESS.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – THERE WERE NO COMMITTEE REPORTS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE TOLD THE PUBLIC THAT HE HAD COPIES OF ALL THE DOCUMENTS HE DISCUSSED EARLIER IN THE MEETING AND HE WOULD MAKE AND MAIL COPIES TO ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW THEM.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT- MR. FULGHUM UPDATED THE COUNCIL ON AD HOC LIBRARY MEETING ON AUGUST 11, 2011 AT 6:00 P.M., THE EMS ACCESS ROAD AT SUN CITY, AND THE BRIDGE REPAIR ON HWY. 462 AND THE THAT THE NOTICE HAS BEEN POSTED.

OPEN FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER INDIVIDUAL)

ALEX PINCKNEY INFORMED THE COUNCIL OF THE CLOSING OF THE PINELAND POST OFFICE AND HE REQUESTED THAT THE COUNTY SEND A LETTER TO REQUEST THAT THE POST OFFICE STAY OPEN. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID IT WOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM TO WRITE THE LETTER. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT HARDEEVILLE POST OFFICE MAY ALSO CLOSE.

BARBARA BARTOLDUS INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THE FLAGS IN THE CHAMBER NEEDED TO BE CLEANED. MS. BARTOLDUS ADDRESSED VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY AND SAID THAT IT WAS EXTREMELY UNETHICAL FOR HIM TO VOTE ON THE BUDGET INCREASE FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SINCE HE WORKS FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. MS. BARTOLDUS ASKED THE CHAIRMAN WHY THE COUNCIL WILL NOT RESPOND IN OPEN SESSION TO QUESTIONS THEY ARE ASKED DURING THE OPEN FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR EXPLAINED THAT THIS PORTION OF THE MEETING WAS FOR THE CITIZENS TO COMMENT, THE COUNCIL CAN RESPOND AFTER THE MEETING IF THEY SO DESIRE. MS. BARTOLDUS SAID THE COUNCIL USE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

RON WILSON SAID HE MONITORED THE MEETINGS FOR JASPER COUNTY SUN CITY. MR. WILSON THANKED THE COUNCIL AND MR. DALEY FOR THE SEMINAR ADDRESSING HURRICANE EVACUATION. MR. WILSON SAID THE COOPERATION WAS TREMENDOUS AND MR. DALEY DID A WONDERFUL JOB.

FREDDY BRANTLEY SUGGESTED THAT INSTEAD OF SELLING THE SURPLUS CHAIRS TO USE THEM IN THE COMMUNITY CENTERS THAT ARE LACKING CHAIRS.

KATHY LANGFORD STATED THAT THE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN SAID THE ADMINISTRATOR WAS TOLD TO HIRE A MINORITY FOR THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR'S POSITION. MS. LANGFORD ASKED FOR THE COUNCIL'S DEFINITION OF A MINORITY. MS. LANGFORD ASKED HOW IT WAS LEGAL TO ADVERTISE FOR A POSITION LIKE THAT. MS. LANGFORD ASKED WHY THEY WOULD NOT HIRE THE MOST QUALIFIED PERSON AND WHY DIDN'T THEY HIRE JASPER COUNTY CITIZENS. MS. LANGFORD SAID THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR'S POSITION WILL COST THE TAXPAYERS \$108,000 FOR A MINORITY PERSON AND THERE ARE MANY AREAS THAT NEED TO BE MAINTAINED IN THE COUNTY AND WOULD THAT \$108,000 PERSON BE WILLING TO DO THAT TYPE OF WORK. MS. LANGFORD SAID SHE DID NOT THINK SO.

CAROLINE GARBADE SAID THREE COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO VOTED TO HIRE THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR BECAUSE THEY HAD AN AGENDA INSTEAD OF PUTTING THE NEEDS OF THE CITIZENS FIRST. MS. GARBADE SAID THAT SHE HOPED AT THE NEXT ELECTION THAT THE PEOPLE OF JASPER COUNTY SHOW THEM HOW THEY FEEL.

ROY PRYOR SAID THE COUNTY LET 30 PEOPLE GO AND NOW THEY ARE GOING TO HIRE ONE. MR. PRYOR SAID THAT THE COUNTY WAS NOT GETTING INDUSTRY BECAUSE OF THE SCHOOLS. MR. PRYOR SAID HE WORKED IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR 30 YEARS AND HE KNOWS WHAT A GOOD SCHOOL SYSTEM IS AND THE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM IS HURTING THE INDUSTRY. MR. PRYOR SAID THAT THE FAILING SCHOOL SYSTEM IS THE MAJOR PROBLEM. MR. PRYOR SAID 5 PEOPLE COULD GO BACK TO WORK IF THEY DID NOT HIRE THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR. MR. PRYOR SAID THE COUNCIL NEEDED TO LOOK IN THE MIRROR AND SEE IF IT IS WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT. MR. PRYOR SAID HE DID NOT WANT IT. MR. PRYOR SAID FUNNELING MORE MONEY INTO THE DHEC BUILDING WAS A WASTE OF MONEY. MR. PRYOR ASKED IF A MINORITY IS A WOMAN. MR. PRYOR ASKED THE COUNCIL NOT TO LOOK THROUGH 1960 EYES, BUT TO LOOK THROUGH 2011 EYES AND TO SET UP AND MOVE FORWARD. MR. PRYOR SAID WHEN THE COUNTY STARTS PAVING ROADS THEY SHOULD START CHARGING \$25 PER VEHICLE FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE.

GLADYS JONES SAID IT WAS SHE UNDERSTANDS THAT THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION IS TO OVERSEE THE DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS OF THE COUNTY. MS. JONES SAID THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR HAS DEPT. HEADS TO RUN THE DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS OF THEIR DEPARTMENT AND SHE WANTED TO KNOW WHAT THEY WILL DO IF THE COUNCIL APPROVES HIRING SOMEONE TO DO THEIR JOB. MS. JONES SAID SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE FIREFIGHTERS AND DISPATCHERS PUT BACK TO WORK SO THE PEOPLE OF JASPER COUNTY WOULD BE MORE SECURE.

MILTON WOODS SAID HE MADE AN APPEAL AT THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING ON JULY 25, 2011 ABOUT THE NEW DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR'S POSITION AND AGAIN THE COUNCIL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE POSITION AFTER JUSTIFIABLE OPPOSITION OF SPENDING THE TAX PAYERS MONEY.

MR. WOODS ASKED THE COUNCIL TO PLEASE RECONSIDER AND DO NOT FILL THAT POSITION. MR. WOODS SAID JASPER COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE THE MONEY. MR. WOODS ASKED THE COUNCIL TO TELL HIM IF THE COUNTY HAS THE MONEY. MR. WOODS ASKED IF THE ADMINISTRATOR WAS ASKED IF HE NEEDED A DEPUTY AS IT WOULD SEEM THAT HE WOULD BE THE FIRST ONE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE. MR. WOODS SAID HE WAS DISAPPOINTED IN A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL THAT HE VOTED FOR AND THAT MEMBER OF COUNCIL ABUSED HIS VOTE. MR. WOODS SAID THE COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE THE MONEY TO BE ADDING POSITIONS. MR. WOODS SAID IF THE COUNTY HAD THE MONEY WHY DID COUNCIL LAY OFF 20-30 PEOPLE. MR. WOODS ASKED THE COUNCIL TO SEARCH THEIR SOULS BEFORE SPENDING COUNTY MONEY AND HAVE MERCY ON THE PEOPLE AS IT IS NOT THE COUNCIL'S MONEY THEY ARE SPENDING, IT IS THE TAXPAYERS MONEY. MR. WOODS ASKED THAT THE COUNCIL BE CAREFUL HOW THEY SEND A DOLLAR. MR. WOODS SAID THAT SOME CITIZENS IN THE COUNTY WHO ARE ON A FIXED INCOME WILL HAVE TO GO TO THEIR FAMILY TO HELP PAY THEIR TAXES SO THEY DO NOT LOSE THEIR HOMES. MR. WOODS ASKED THE COUNCIL TO HELP MAKE JASPER COUNTY A BETTER PLACE.

DOUG GRAHAM ASKED TO SEE THE POLICY REGARDING WHY THE COUNCIL DOES NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONS DURING THIS PART OF THE MEETING. MR. GRAHAM SAID HE DID NOT THINK IT WAS FAIR THAT NO ONE CAN GET A RESPONSE AND HE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR THE RESPONSE TO ALL THE QUESTIONS ASKED. MR. GRAHAM SAID IF A CITIZEN ASKED A QUESTION, IT SHOULD BE ANSWERED. MR. GRAHAM ASKED THE COUNCIL TO CHANGE THE POLICY.

BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CLOSED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS AND PROPOSED PURCHASE OR SALE OF PROPERTY, RECEIPT OF LEGAL ADVICE WHERE THE LEGAL ADVICE RELATES TO A PENDING, THREATENED, OR POTENTIAL CLAIM OR OTHER MATTERS COVERED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, SETTLEMENT OF LEGAL CLAIMS OR THE POSITION OF THE PUBLIC AGENCY IN OTHER ADVERSARY SITUATIONS INVOLVING THE ASSERTION AGAINST THE AGENCY OF A CLAIM – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND AUDITING SERVICES; DISCUSSION REGARDING EMPLOYMENT, APPOINTMENT, COMPENSATION, 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 WHO'S RECORDS ARE SUBMITTED FOR USE AT THE HEARING – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR; COUNCILMAN SAULS

MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS AND PROPOSED PURCHASE OR SALE OF PROPERTY, RECEIPT OF LEGAL ADVICE WHERE THE LEGAL ADVICE RELATES TO A PENDING, THREATENED, OR POTENTIAL CLAIM OR OTHER MATTERS COVERED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, SETTLEMENT OF LEGAL CLAIMS, OR THE POSITION OF THE PUBLIC AGENCY IN OTHER ADVERSARY SITUATIONS INVOLVING THE ASSERTION AGAINST THE AGENCY OF A CLAIM - [INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND AUDITING SERVICES](#); DISCUSSION REGARDING EMPLOYMENT, APPOINTMENT, COMPENSATION, 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 WHO'S RECORDS ARE SUBMITTED FOR USE AT THE HEARING - [COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR](#). THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY LEAVES THE MEETING DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION.

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR REPORTED THAT THE COUNCIL RECEIVED INFORMATION REGARDING THE IT DIRECTOR AND DVEC3 MANAGING TEAM. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR REPORTED THAT THE COUNCIL RECEIVED INFORMATION REGARDING AN INTERNAL AUDITING CONTRACT. COUNCILMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE AN AUDITING CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000 PLUS EXPENSES. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

ADJOURN- COUNCILMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 7:00 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc
CLERK TO COUNCIL

LEROY BLACKSHEAR
CHAIRMAN

