



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE
COUNCIL CHAMBER'S CONFERENCE ROOM
358 THIRD AVE., RIDGELAND, SC 29936
MARCH 29, 2011
3:30 P.M.
MINUTES**

OFFICIALS PRESENT: COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SAMUEL GREGORY

OFFICIALS ABSENT: COMMITTEE MEMBER L. MARTIN SAULS, VI

STAFF PRESENT: ENGINEERING SERVICES DIVISION DIRECTOR – DALE TERRY, CLERK TO COUNCIL – JUDITH FRANK, COUNTY ATTORNEY- MARVIN JONES

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 GREGORY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 3:40 P.M.

INVOCATION – COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY GAVE THE INVOCATION.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

IMONTHLY REPORTS -UPDATE ON DITCHES WORKED - UPDATE ON ROADS WORKED - UPDATE ON RECYCLING - MOSQUITO CONTROL- MR. TERRY REPORTED THAT 31 ROADS WERE WORKED AND 6 DITCHES AND BANKS WERE CUT. MR. TERRY SAID THAT 4 DITCHES WERE DUG BY THE BACK HOE OPERATOR. MR. TERRY TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT THE BACKHOE OPERATOR ALSO WORKED 2 DAYS AT THE HAPHAZARD LANDFILL. MR. TERRY REPORTED THAT THERE WERE 52 CALLS FOR BUSINESS MAINTENACE AND 45 CALLS FOR THE CENTRAL GARAGE. MR. TERRY ADDED THAT THERE WERE NO CALLS FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL OR ASSISTANCE. MR. TERRY'S REPORTED THAT IN JANUARY 564.02 TONS OF SOLID WASTE WAS HANDLED AND THE LITTER CONTROL OFFICER INVESTIGATED 2 CASES IN JANUARY AND 1 CASE IN FEBRUARY WITH EVIDENCE; HOWEVER 17 CASES IN JANUARY AND 13 CASES IN FEBRUARY WRE INVESTED, BUT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE. MR. TERRY

TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT IN JANUARY FOUR TICKETS WERE ISSUED AND IN FEBRUARY SEVEN TICKETS WERE ISSUED FOR LITTERING. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE WATER WAS FLOWING THROUGH THE DITCHES. MR. TERRY SAID THERE HAS NOT BEEN MUCH RAIN, BUT ALL THE DITCHES HAVE BEEN CUT AND NOW THE CREW IS BACK TO WORKING THE ROADS. MR. TERRY SAID HE PLANNED TO START WORKING THE ROADS IN ONE END OF THE COUNTY AND WORKING AROUND THE COUNTY SO THAT EVERY ROAD IS DONE. MR. TERRY SAID THE LOWBOY WAS BROKEN DOWN AND THEY WORKED FOR 2 DAYS AT THE HAPHAZARD LANDFILL WITH THE BACKHOE.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE PLANNED TO PUSH HARDER TO START GETTING THE DIRT ROADS PAVED. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THAT IF THE ROAD WERE PAVED, IT WOULD CUT DOWN ON THE TIME IT TAKES TO GET ALL THE COUNTY ROADS WORKED. MR. TERRY SAID HE WAS GOING TO TRY TO GET FUNDS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE TO PAVE STINEY ROAD. MR. TERRY EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS PAVED BEFORE, BUT IT IS ALL TORN UP NOW. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE WOULD LIKE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE TO GIVE THE COUNTY \$300,000-\$500,000 PER YEAR FOR PAVING ROADS.

MR. TERRY PRESENTED THE REPORT ON RECYCLING. MR. TERRY REPORTED THAT SINCE JULY, 2010 UNTIL NOW HE HAS COLLECTED \$15,652.80 FOR NEWSPAPER AND CARDBOARD, \$219.44 FOR ALUMINUM CANS, \$11,894.00 FOR SCRAP METAL, \$937 FOR BATTERIES AND \$2,365.40 FOR A GRAND TOTAL OF \$31,125.64. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THAT THAT MONEY GOES INTO THE GENERAL FUND AND HE FELT IT SHOULD GO INTO AN ACCOUNT TO PAY FOR SOME OF THE ITEMS LIKE COMPACTORS, CONTAINERS OR GARBAGE TRUCK. ATTORNEY JONES SAID THE MONEY CAN BE APPROPRIATED FOR THOSE THINGS. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID IT COULD BE DESIGNATED FUNDS THAT CAN ONLY BE USED ON CERTAIN THINGS WHEN APPROVED BY COUNCIL. MR. TERRY SAID THEY HAVE BEEN HAULING SOME OF THE ITEMS THEMSELVES IN ORDER TO GET A BETTER PRICE.

MR. TERRY REPORTED THAT THERE ARE NEW LAWS PENDING REGARDING MOSQUITO CONTROL AND IF IT PASSES IN OCTOBER, THERE WILL BE FEES INVOLVED FOR PERMITS TO COVER A CERTAIN AREA. MR. TERRY SAID THE NEW LAW ALSO MAKES IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO SUE. MR. TERRY RECOMMENDED THAT IF THE LAW PASSES THAT THE COUNTY DISCONTINUE SPRAYING FOR MOSQUITOES. MR. TERRY SAID HE WOULD PROVIDE COPIES OF THE PROPOSED LAW FOR THE COUNCIL TO REVIEW.

MR. TERRY SAID THEY DID LITTER PICKUP ON THE WEEKENDS AND ON FEB. 19 AT DELOSS POINT ROAD THEY PICKED UP 31 BAGS OF TRASH, ON MARCH 5 THEY PICKED UP 58 BAGS OF TRASH FROM HWY.46 TO JENKINS ROAD TO 170, MARCH 19, THEY PICKED UP 26 BAGS OF TRASH ON MITCHELLEVILLE ROAD AND ON MARCH 26, THEY PICKED UP 54 BAGS OF TRASH ON HWY. 13.

MR. TERRY DISCUSSED A LETTER HE RECEIVED FROM MS. COMPLAND AND A LETTER FROM MS. DAVIS REGARDING THE KNOWLES ISLAND TRESTLE. MR. TERRY SAID THE PEOPLE STILL WANTED A GATE INSTALLED AND LIMITED TIMES THE TRESTLE WOULD BE OPEN. MR. TERRY SAID HE FELT IF IT IS NICE AND DECENT IT WILL DETER WHAT THE KNOWLES ISLAND RESIDENTS ARE SAYING THAT HAPPENS THERE. MR. TERRY SAID THE FUNDS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE WERE APPROVED AND HE IS WORKING WITH WARD EDWARDS ON GETTING INFORMATION FROM PLANS THAT THEY DID FOR

JAMES GARDNER AND THEN HE WILL BE READY FOR IT TO GO OUT FOR BID. MR. TERRY SAID HE HAS \$55,000 IN SALT WATER RECREATION FUNDS AND HE WAS AWARDED A \$100,000 GRANT FROM DNR IN CHARLESTON. MR. TERRY SAID HE ONLY NEEDS \$50,000 TO BUILD THE PIER.

MR. JONES SAID THAT MR. FULGHUM ASKED HIM TO BRIEF THE COMMITTEE ON PROMISE WAY. MR. JONES SAID HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IS ASKING THE COUNTY TO ACCEPT THE ROAD INTO THE COUNTY AND THEIR ATTORNEY WANTED TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF YEARS THAT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WOULD HAVE TO MAINTAIN IT. ATTORNEY JONES SAID THE AGREEMENT ALSO WANTED TO CONTROL WHAT MAINTENANCE MEANT. MR. JONES SAID HE SENT THEM A LETTER STATING THE CONTRACT CANNOT SET A LIMITED TIME FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE ROAD AND ONLY THE COUNTY DETERMINES WHAT THE MAINTENANCES STANDARDS WILL BE. MR. JONES SAID IT WILL BE ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

ADJOURN – COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 4:10 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc
CLERK TO COUNCIL

REV. SAMUEL GREGORY
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN