



## JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL

JASPER COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 20, 2009  
7:00 P. M.

### MINUTES

#### **PRESENT:**

DR. GEORGE M. HOOD, CHAIRMAN  
LEROY BLACKSHEAR, VICE CHAIRMAN  
HENRY ETHERIDGE, COUNCILMAN  
REV. SAMUEL GREGORY, COUNCILMAN  
HUBERT TYLER, COUNCILMAN

#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

ANDREW FULGHUM, ADMINISTRATOR  
RONNIE MALPHRUS, DEP. ADM. ADM. SERVICES  
DALE TERRY, DEP. ADM. ENG. SERVICES  
WILBUR DALEY, DEP. ADM. EMERGENCY SERVICES  
MARVIN JONES, ATTORNEY  
JUDITH FRANK, CLERK TO COUNCIL  
STEVEN MALPHRUS, DEP. DIRECTOR ES  
DAVID JIROUSEK, PLANNING DIRECTOR  
SUSAN WAITE, ASSESSOR

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 MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

CHAIRMAN HOOD LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### **INVOCATION:**

VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR GAVE THE INVOCATION.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING, AND TO RECEIVE THE JULY 13, 2009 EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, AND THE JULY 14, 2009 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING FOR INFORMATION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:**

**MS. TERRY SEABROOK, US CENSUS BUREAU- CENSUS 2010:**

MS. SEABROOK DISCUSSED THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING SURE EVERY RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY COMPLETES THEIR 2010 CENSUS FORM AND MAILES IT IN TO BE COUNTED. MS. SEABROOK STATED THAT THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING THE COUNTY WILL RECEIVE WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE CENSUS NUMBERS AND THOSE NUMBERS WILL STAY IN EFFECT UNTIL 2020. MS. SEABROOK INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT VOTING DISTRICTS ARE AFFECTED BY THE CENSUS AS THE NUMBERS COLLECTED DETERMINE HOW THE DISTRICTS ARE DECIDED. MS. SEABROOK SAID THAT THE INFORMATION SHARED ON THE CENSUS FORM IS NOT SHARED WITH ANY OTHER AGENCY. MS. SEABROOK EMPHASIZED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO MAIL THE FORMS BY RETURN MAIL. MS. SEABROOK SAID ONLY 41% OF THE PEOPLE IN SOUTH CAROLINA RETURNED THEIR FORMS AND IF THEY ARE NOT RETURNED BY MAIL, CENSUS TAKERS WILL GO DOOR TO DOOR TO GET THE INFORMATION. MS. SEABROOK SAID THAT THEY WERE ALSO PARTNERING WITH THE LATINO POPULATION AND LETTING THEM KNOW THAT THEY WILL NOT BE DEPORTED AND THAT THEY NEED TO FILL OUT THE FORM. MS. SEABROOK ASKED THE COUNCIL TO ORGANIZE AN EXACT COUNT COMMITTEE TO WORK ON THE CENSUS. MS. SEABROOK SAID THE COMMITTEE SHOULD BE MADE UP OF A CROSS SECTION OF THE COUNTY AND EACH AREA SHOULD BE REPRESENTED. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SUGGESTED THAT MS. SEABROOK MEET WITH THE MINISTERS. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT SHE COULD GET A LIST OF THE CHURCHES IN THE AREA. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPOINT AN EXACT COUNT COMMITTEE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. MS. SEABROOK ENCOURAGED THE COUNCIL TO APPOINT CONCERNED CITIZENS THAT GET THINGS DONE.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES:**

**MARVIN JONES- PUBLIC HEARING AND 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE I, CHAPTER 9 OF CODE OF ORDINANCES OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO RE-ESTABLISH THE JASPER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND TO CONFIRM FOR THE POSITION OF DEP. ADMINISTRATOR FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES, TO CLARIFY THE POWERS OF THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES, TO PROVIDE TRAINING PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE FOR**

**CERTAIN ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY, AND TO DESIGNATE CERTAIN VEHICLES AS EMERGENCY VEHICLES; TO AMEND ARTICLE IV, CHAPTER 9 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN FINDINGS AS TO THE JASPER COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS, TO PROVIDE FOR GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR AND GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS OF THE CHERRY POINT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, THE RURAL JASPER COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, THE LEVY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, THE RIDGELAND VICINITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, AND THE HARDEEVILLE VICINITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT; TO ORDER THE PUBLICATION OF CERTAIN NOTICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ADOPTION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF THE FOLLOWING PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ORDINANCES OF JASPER COUNTY, JASPER COUNTY CODE §9-121, §9-122, §9-123, §9-124 AND ORDINANCE NO. 02-03 ADOPTED ON THE 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2002;**

MARVIN JONES EXPLAINED THAT THE ORDINANCE WAS TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM FOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS IN THE COUNTY AND THAT THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OVERSEES ALL THE FIRE DISTRICTS. MR. JONES SAID THE ORDINANCE WOULD GIVE THE COUNCIL MORE FLEXIBILITY AND MORE TO THE DISTRICTS. MR. JONES REVIEWED A FEW CHANGES THAT WERE MADE AND TOLD THE COUNCIL MOST OF THE CHANGES WERE DUE TO ERRORS, BUT THE NONE OF THE CHANGES AFFECTED THE ORDINANCE. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID HE WOULD LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY THIS A LITTLE LONGER BEFORE IT WAS VOTED ON. COUNCILMAN GREGORY COMMENTED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLE OF THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES. CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS. CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED ATTORNEY JONES TO POINT OUT THE CHANGES FOR THE COUNCIL. MR. JONES REVEIUED THE CHANGES AND STATED THAT BASIC CHANGES WERE MADE FOR ALL FIVE FIRE DISTRICTS. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED THAT IF A DISTRICT NEEDED TO BUILD A FIRE STATION AND PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR THE STATION WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FUNDS. MR. JONES SAID THAT THE PEOPLE CAN COME TO COUNCIL AND REQUEST THE CHANGES AND THE COUNCIL COULD CREATE A SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT FOR THAT DISTRICT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED WHY THIS HAS TO BE DONE COUNTYWIDE AND NOT JUST FOR ONE DISTRICT. MR. JONES RESPONDED THAT THE COUNTY CAN DO IT COUNTYWIDE AND THIS ORDINANCE WILL ALLOW THE COUCIL TO ADDRESS ISSUES IN A DISTRICT. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE CITIZENS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE INPUT BEFORE ANYTHING IS DONE IN THEIR DISTRICT. MR. JONES SAID THAT IT WOULD BE A SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT. MR. JONES SAID THAT IF AN AREA IS GROWING AND THINGS NEED TO BE DONE, THEY WILL NOT BE DONE WITHOUT THE RESOURCES TO DO IT. MR. JONES SAID THAT HE FELT ANY CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT BE COMMUNITY GENERATED. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF

EQUIPMENT AND STAFF WERE NEEDED WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE. MR. JONES SAID THOSE DETAILS WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT AND THIS ORDINANCE GIVES THE PUBLIC THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE INVOLVED. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THERE WERE NOT ENOUGH CITIZENS IN A DISTRICT TO COVER THE EXPENSES THROUGH TAXES, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE. MR. JONES SAID IT MAY NOT BE A GOOD FIT FOR EVERYONE. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID HE FELT THAT THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO END UP PAYING AND HE WANTED TO KNOW WHY THIS ORDINANCE WAS WRITTEN WHEN THE COUNCIL NEVER SAID THEY WANTED TO ESTABLISH FIRE DISTRICTS. MR. JONES RESPONDED THAT THE COUNTY COULD SELL BONDS FOR THE DISTRICT INVOLVED AND THE BURDEN OF THE EXPENSE COULD BE SPREAD OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED HOW YOU ESTABLISH A FIRE DISTRICT WITHOUT THIS ORDINANCE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ADDED THAT THE COUNTY ESTABLISHED FIRE DISTRICTS IN CHERRY POINT AND LEVY. MR. JONES SAID THAT THE COUNTY DID NOT HAVE COUNTYWIDE FIRE DISTRICTS. MR. JONES SAID THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF JASPER COUNTY WILL BECOME A DISTRICT. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED WHY WAS THE ORDINANCE NEEDED SINCE THEY CREATED DISTRICTS BEFORE WITHOUT AN ORDINANCE. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE DISTRICT WAS ESTABLISHED BECAUSE OF THE GROWTH IN THAT AREA. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT CURRENTLY THERE ARE THREE DISTRICTS AND THE CURRENT ORDINANCE WOULD BREAK OUT RIDGELAND AND HARDEEVILLE AND THE RURAL AREAS AND CREATE MORE DISTRICTS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO DO ANOTHER ORDINANCE IF IT WANTED TO ESTABLISH MORE DISTRICT. MR. JONES SAID THAT THE EXISTING DISTRICTS WERE SET UP AT DIFFERENT TIMES AND UNDER DIFFERENT CRITERIA. MR. JONES SAID THIS ORDINANCE WOULD MAKE THEM ALL ALIKE. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND CHAIRMAN HOOD SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE ORDINANCE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH CHAIRMAN HOOD, VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR, COUNCILMAN TYLER, AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE VOTING FOR; COUNCILMAN GREGORY VOTED AGAINST. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE I, CHAPTER 9 OF CODE OF ORDINANCES OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO RE-ESTABLISH THE JASPER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND TO CONFIRM FOR THE POSITION OF DEP. ADMINISTRATOR FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES, TO CLARIFY THE POWERS OF THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES, TO PROVIDE TRAINING PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY, AND TO DESIGNATE CERTAIN VEHICLES AS EMERGENCY VEHICLES; TO AMEND ARTICLE IV, CHAPTER 9 OF CODE OF ORDINANCES OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN FINDINGS AS TO THE JASPER COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS, TO PROVIDE FOR GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR AND GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS OF THE CHERRY POINT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, THE RURAL JASPER COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, THE LEVY FIRE

PROTECTION DISTRICT, THE RIDGELAND VICINITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, AND THE HARDEEVILLE VICINITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT; TO ORDER THE PUBLICATION OF CERTAIN NOTICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ADOPTION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF THE FOLLOWING PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ORDINANCES OF JASPER COUNTY, JASPER COUNTY CODE §9-121, §9-122, §9-123, §9-124 AND ORDINANCE NO. 02-03 ADOPTED ON THE 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2002. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH CHAIRMAN HOOD, VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR, COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE, AND COUNCILMAN TYLER VOTING FOR; COUNCILMAN GREGORY VOTED AGAINST.

**MARVIN JONES – PUBLIC HEARING AND THE 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A REFERENDUM REGARDING A CHANGE IN THE METHOD OF ELECTION OF COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM THE EXISTING AT LARGE METHOD TO THE SEVEN (7) SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS METHOD; FORMULATING THE REFERENDUM QUESTION; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO:**

MR. JONES INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THERE NEEDED TO BE THREE READINGS AND A PUBLIC HEARING TO CHANGE THE GOVERNANCE IN JASPER COUNTY. MR. JONES EXPLAINED THAT AFTER THE ORDINANCE IS PASSED, IT MUST ALSO BE APPROVED BY THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. MR. JONES SAID THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL GAVE AN OPINION ON THIS SUBJECT AND HIS OPINION WAS THAT THERE BE TWO QUESTIONS SO THE CITIZENS CAN VOTE ON EACH QUESTION.

MR. JONES SAID THAT QUESTION NEEDED TO BE MODIFIED AND BE TWO QUESTIONS ON THE BALLOT SO THAT THE CITIZENS CAN VOTE ON EACH QUESTION AS TO THE TYPE OF ELECTION AND IF THE NUMBER OF COUNCIL MEMBERS SHOULD BE INCREASED TO SEVEN. MR. JONES SAID THE CORRECTED BALLOT IS THE AMENDMENT. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF IT WAS NECESSARY TO CREATE THE DISTRICTS PRIOR TO ADOPTING THE ORDINANCE. MR. JONES RESPONDED THAT THIS ORDINANCE CALLS FOR A REFERENDUM AND UNTIL THE REFERENDUM IS HELD, THERE IS NO NEED TO CREATE DISTRICTS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE STATED THAT THE DISTRICTS WILL NOT BE DETERMINED UNTIL THE CITIZENS VOTE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT BY SPLITTING THE QUESTIONS, THE RESULTS COULD BE TO HAVE SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS AND KEEP THE COUNCIL AT FIVE MEMBERS. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THE FIRST STEP IS TO GO TO THE PEOPLE WITH THE REFERENDUM. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE FELT THE NUMBER OF COUNCIL SEATS SHOULD BE THE SAME AS THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD SEATS. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR STATED THAT HE FELT IT WAS TOO SOON TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF SEATS. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID COUNCIL WILL NOT HAVE ANY INPUT REGARDING THE NUMBER OF SEATS FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD AND THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD SEATS WAS DECIDED BY THE DELEGATION. CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS. CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND

COUNCILMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A REFERENDUM REGARDING A CHANGE IN THE METHOD OF ELECTION OF COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM THE EXISTING AT LARGE METHOD TO THE SEVEN (7) SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS METHOD; FORMULATING THE REFERENDUM QUESTION; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**STEVEN MALPHRUS – PUBLIC HEARING AND 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE CONVEYANCE OF AN EASEMENT TO HARGRAY, INC.:**

STEVEN MALPHRUS EXPLAINED THAT THE EASEMENT WAS NEED TO BRING TECHNOLOGY TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT BUILDING. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED HOW LONG HAS THE STAFF KNOWN THAT THIS WAS NEEDED. MR. MALPHRUS RESPONDED THAT IT WAS TO BRING CABLE TELEVISION INTO THE BUILDING. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED WHY THIS WAS NOT DONE PRIOR TO THE LANDSCAPING BEING INSTALLED AND WOULD THE INSTALLATION EFFECT THE LANDSCAPING. MR. MALPHRUS SAID IT WOULD NOT EFFECT THE LANDSCAPING. CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS. CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE CONVEYANCE OF AN EASEMENT TO HARGRAY, INC. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**STEVEN MALPHRUS - PUBLIC HEARING AND 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY TRANSFER FOR A NEW COMMUNICATION TOWER:**

MR. MALPHRUS TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY WAS SO THAT A NEW COMMUNICATION TOWER COULD BE BUILT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE COUNTY RECEIVED A GRANT IN 2007 TO BUILD THE TOWER. MR. MALPHRUS INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT 90% OF THE STUDIES ARE COMPLETE AND THE PROPERTY THEY ARE SWAPPING WITH OKATIE PLANTATION IS PROPERTY THAT THE OKATIE PLANTATION PREVIOUSLY GAVE THE COUNTY. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE COUNTY WOULD GIVE THE OLD SITE TO OKATIE PLANTATION AND OKATIE WOULD GIVE THE COUNTY ANOTHER PARCEL OF LAND FOR THE NEW COMMUNICATIONS TOWER. CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. KATHLEEN WILSON ASKED WHERE THE TOWER IS GOING TO BE BUILT. MR. MALPHRUS RESPONDED THAT THE LOCATION WAS ADJACENT TO THE OLD TOWER. BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE

PUBLIC HEARING AND 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY TRANSFER FOR A NEW COMMUNICATION TOWER. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**ANDREW FULGHUM – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE REGARDING THE PERRY HOUSE LEASE:**

MR FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT AN ORDINANCE WAS NECESSARY TO LEASE COUNTY PROPERTY AND THIS ORDINANCE WAS REGARDING LEASING THE PERRY HOUSE TO THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. MR. FULGHUM SAID THERE WERE STILL SOME ISSUES IN THE LEASE THAT NEEDED TO BE SETTLED. THE ISSUES WERE PARKING SPACES, UTILITIES, INSURANCE, AND OUTSIDE MAINTENANCE. MR FULGHUM SAID THE ATTORNEY IS WORKING ON MAKING THE CHANGES. MR FULGHUM ASKED THE COUNCIL FOR THE 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THERE WERE CHANGES THAT NEEDED TO BE MADE. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN PROVIDED WITH INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT THE OTHER COUNTIES IN THE STATE PAY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN THEIR COUNTY. RONNIE MALPHRUS SAID THAT A-TAX FUNDS CAN BE USED TO PAY FOR THE REPAIRS. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED FOR AN EXPLANATION AS TO HOW THE HOUSE WILL BE USED. KENDALL MALPHRUS, THE CHAMBER DIRECTOR, TOLD THE COUNCIL IT WOULD BE A VISITOR'S CENTER FOR JASPER COUNTY, A HISTORICAL MUSEUM AND THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICES WOULD BE LOCATED IN THE PERRY HOUSE. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAD ANY INCOME. MS. MALPHRUS SAID THEY CHARGE MEMBERSHIP DUES. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF ANY PROCEEDS WOULD COME TO THE COUNTY AND CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE RENT WOULD BE \$1.00. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED MR. FULGHUM TO BRING BACK A RECOMMENDATION FOR THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER REGARDING THE FEES. MS. MALPHRUS TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT WHAT THE CHAMBER DOES IS 100% FOR THE BETTERMENT OF JASPER COUNTY.

COUNCILMAN TYLER MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE REGARDING THE PERRY HOUSE LEASE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**ANDREW FULGHUM – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTING AFTER REDUCTION IN FORCE:**

MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT DUE TO THE REDUCTION IN THE WORKFORCE, THE COUNTY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART APPROVED IN APRIL, 2008 NEEDED TO BE REVISED. MR. FULGHUM REVIEWED THE CHANGES THAT INCLUDED THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, KEEP JASPER BEAUTIFUL, AND THAT THE NEW CHART WOULD DESIGNATE THAT THE DETENTION CENTER, BUSINESS LICENSE, THE PLANNING DIRECTOR, PARKS AND RECREATION AND THE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT COORDINATOR WOULD REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE ADMINISTRATOR. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT WOULD REPORT TO THE PLANNING DIRECTOR. MR. FULGHUM ASKED THAT THE

COUNCIL RESERVE COMMENTS REGARDING CHANGES FOR SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED TO DISCUSS THE CHART IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WHERE THE COUNCIL COULD ASK SPECIFIC QUESTIONS AND THEY COULD VOTE ON THIS ITEM AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION. IT WAS THE CONCENSUS OF THE COUNCIL TO DISCUSS THIS ORDINANCE FURTHER IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION.

**DAVID JIROUSEK – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING ACCESSORY STRUCTURES:**

MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT THIS AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE WAS BEING PRESENTED BECAUSE OF PUBLIC INTEREST. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE CURRENT ORDINANCE STATES THE SAME CRITERIA FOR ACCESSORY BUILDINGS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND RURAL AREAS. THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ACCESSORY BUILDING IN THE ORIGINAL ORDINANCE WAS 800 SQ. FEET OR 25% OF THE ORIGINAL STRUCTURE. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE AMENDMENT COVERS LARGER ACCESSORY BUILDINGS IN THE RURAL AREAS AND IT ALSO ADDRESSES HUNT CAMPS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE HOPED THERE WOULD BE A LOT OF PEOPLE AT THE PUBLIC HEARING AS HE FELT THIS WAS A GOOD ORDINANCE. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR COMMENTED ON THE NUMBER OF ACCESSORY DWELLINGS ALLOWED IN THE RURAL AREAS. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THE 75 FT. SET BACK WAS FROM THE PROPERTY LINE OR THE STREET. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE SET BACK APPLIED TO THE SIDE AND BACK OF THE PROPERTY. MR. JIROUSEK RESPONDED THAT THE SET BACK ONLY APPLIED TO THE FRONT OF THE PROPERTY. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED ABOUT HUNT CAMPS AND MR. JIROUSEK RESPONDED THAT ONE SEASONAL CAMP PER 100 ACRES WAS PERMITTED. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED FOR AN EXPLANATION AS TO WHAT WAS CONSIDERED AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE. MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THE VARIOUS TYPES OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURES WERE BARNs, SHEDS, GARAGES, POOL HOUSES, OPEN SHEDS, AND OTHER STRUCTURES THAT ARE NOT MEANT FOR PERMANENT OCCUPANCY. MR. JIROUSEK SAID HE WOULD PROVIDE A SUMMARY SHEET AT THE 2<sup>ND</sup> READING. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING ACCESSORY STRUCTURES. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

THERE WERE NO RESOLUTIONS.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

THERE WAS NO OLD BUSINESS.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CHAIRMAN HOOD - APPROVAL OF LOCATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS' PICTURES:**

CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE WAY THE PICTURES WERE BEING HUNG AND HE DID NOT THINK ANY NAILS SHOULD BE USED TO HANG THE PICTURES. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE FELT THE COUNCIL'S PICTURES SHOULD BE IN THEIR OFFICE OR THE COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID HE AGREED THAT NAILS SHOULD NOT BE USED; HOWEVER, HE FELT THE MOST OF THE TRAFFIC IN THE BUILDING WAS ON THE FIRST FLOOR AND THE COUNCIL MEMBERS' PICTURES BELONG ON THE FIRST FLOOR. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE FELT THE PICTURES SHOULD BE HUNG WHERE THE PEOPLE CAN SEE THEM. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED ABOUT HANGING THEM IN THE ART ROOM. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE FELT THAT THE PEOPLE KNEW WHO THE COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE AND HE SAID HE THOUGHT THE PICTURES SHOULD BE HUNG IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OVER THE DOOR. CHAIRMAN HOOD TABLED THE DECISION REGARDING WHERE TO HANG THE PICTURES AND WILL BE REVISITED.

**DALE TERRY - DISCUSSION REGARDING COUNTY VEHICLES LIST OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT SOLD AND AMOUNT SOLD FOR; LIST OF VEHICLES REMAINING TO BE SOLD; DECALS ON VEHICLES; INVENTORY AND LOCATION OF ALL COUNTY OWNED VEHICLES:**

MR. TERRY PRESENTED THE COUNCIL WITH A LIST OF THE COUNTY VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT THAT WAS SOLD ON GOV.DEALS MR. TERRY SAID THAT THE CAMARO SOLD, BUT THE PERSON WHO PURCHASED IT CHANGED HIS MIND AND A CROWN VICTORIA DID NOT SELL. CHAIRMAN HOOD TOLD MR. TERRY THAT THE COUNCIL WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE EXCURSION BEING USED BY AN EMPLOYEE AND THAT IT WAS TO BE USED ONLY BY COUNCIL. MR. TERRY SAID THAT THE EXCURSION NEEDED TO BE DRIVEN ONCE AND A WHILE. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED IF THE EXCURSION WAS ASSIGNED TO ANYONE AND MR. TERRY SAID IT WAS NOT. CHAIRMAN HOOD TOLD MR. TERRY IF THE VEHICLE NEEDED TO BE DRIVEN, MR. TERRY SHOULD DRIVE IT. CHAIRMAN HOOD TOLD MR. TERRY THAT ALL COUNTY CARS WERE TO HAVE DECALS.

**RONNIE MALPHRUS - DISCUSSION OF USE OF LOCAL A-TAX MONEY FOR THE BLUE HERON NATURE CENTER:**

MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD WERE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO KEEP THE BLUE HERON NATURE CENTER OPEN AND THAT A-TAX FUNDS COULD BE USED. MR. MALPHRUS EXPLAINED THAT DUE TO THE PAYMENT FOR THE SECURITY OFFICER IN POINT SOUTH, ONLY \$7,000.00 OF A-TAX FUNDS COULD BE USED FOR THE NATURE CENTER. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT SENIOR CITIZENS BEING THERE TO KEEP IT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE LADY WHO WORKED FOR THE COUNTY RETIRED. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE BOARD WAS TRYING TO KEEP MS. CASKEY THERE PART TIME. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THEY TALKED TO THE SCHOOL BOARD. MR. MALPHRUS RESPONDED THAT HE WAS NOT SURE IF THE SCHOOL

BOARD WAS CONTACTED. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED TO MOTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF \$7,000.00 OF LOCAL A-TAX FUNDS FOR THE BLUE HERON NATURE CENTER. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**ANDREW FULGHUM - APPROVAL OF AMENDED SHERIFF'S BUDGET TO ACCURATELY REFLECT THE BUDGET REDUCTION:**

CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE COUNCIL RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE CHIEF DEPUTY AS TO HOW THE SHERIFF WANTED TO AMEND HIS BUDGET. MR. MALPHRUS SAID AN ORDINANCE WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE TO AMEND THE BUDGET. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED TO MOTION TO APPROVE THE CHANGES TO THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET AND THE CHANGE BE INCLUDED IN THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2009-2010 BUDGET. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**ANDREW FULGHUM - APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - ARBORIST SERVICES FOR THE GOVERNMENT CAMPUS PROJECT:**

MR FULGHUM PRESENTED THE CONTACT FOR PROFESSION ARBORIST SERVICES. MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT THE ARBORIST WAS NEEDED TO PRESENT WHAT NEEDED TO BE DONE, COORDINATE WITH THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, AND WHAT WAS NEEDED TO PROTECT THE TREES. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE ARBORIST SERVICES CONTRACT WAS PUT OUT FOR BIDS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THIS CONTRACT DID NOT HAVE TO GO OUT FOR BID, HOWEVER, HE RECEIVED TWO PRICES TO MAKE SURE THE PRICE WAS FAIR. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED WHY IT WAS NOT PUT OUT FOR BID. MR FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT ACCORDING TO THE COUNTY'S PROCUREMENT POLICY, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES DID NOT NEED TO GO OUT FOR BID. MR. FULGHUM RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT FROM PRESERVATION TREE SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,290.00. MR. FULGHUM INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THE OTHER COMPANY'S QUOTE WAS \$2,312.00 LESS, BUT HE WAS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE PRESERVATION TREE CONTRACT BECAUSE THEY WORKED WITH THE COUNTY ON THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING. CHAIRMAN HOOD TOLD MR. FULGHUM HE WOULD HAVE LIKED TO SEE THIS CONTRACT PRESENTED DIFFERENTLY. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FROM PROFESSIONAL SERVICES' FOR ARBORIST SERVICES AT THE GOVERNMENT CAMPUS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,290.00. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH CHAIRMAN HOOD, VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR, AND COUNCILMAN TYLER VOTING FOR. COUNCILMEN ETHERIDGE AND GREGORY VOTED AGAINST.

**ANDREW FULGHUM - APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - ARCHITECTUAL SERVICES - COURTHOUSE PROJECT:**

MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT THE CONTRACT WAS TO SCOPE OUT THE SERVICES FOR THE AUDIO/VISUAL/SECURITY SYSTEMS FOR THE COURTHOUSE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT IT WAS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT

THAT EVERYTHING WAS UP AND RUNNING PROPERLY WHEN THE CLERK OF COURT MOVED BACK INTO THE COURTHOUSE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE CONTRACT WAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,602.50. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THIS CONTRACT WAS PUT OUT FOR BID. MR. FULGHUM SAID IT WAS NOT. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED IF IT INCLUDED A SCANNER. MR. FULGHUM SAID IT DID NOT, AS THIS IS A CONTACT TO KNOW WHAT WAS NEEDED. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT SECURITY. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THIS CONTRACT WAS TO FOR AN ARCHITECT TO TELL THE COUNTY WHAT WAS NEEDED TO COMPLY WITH THE COURT SYSTEM. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY COMPANIES IN THE COUNTY WHO COULD DO THIS TYPE OF WORK. MR. FULGHUM RESPONDED THAT THERE WERE COMPANIES IN THE COUNTY THAT COULD INSTALL THE EQUIPMENT, HOWEVER, THERE WERE NO COMPANIES THAT COULD DETERMINE WHAT WAS NEEDED. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED HOW THEY DETERMINED THAT IT WOULD TAKE 50 HOURS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE COMPANY WOULD GO THROUGH THE PLANS, SPEC AND BID OUT THE WORK, PLACE THE ADS FOR THE BIDS AND VERIFY THE BIDS. MR. MALPHRUS ADDED THAT THEY WILL ALSO OVERSEE THE INSTALLATION. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FROM WATSON TATE SAVORY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,602.50. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**DAVID JIROUSEK - APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – ON-CALL PLANNING SERVICES:**

MR. JIROUSEK REQUESTED THE APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR ON-CALL PLANNING SERVICES WITH LSL PLANNING, INC. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT SINCE THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT IS LIMITED TO STAFF HOURS AVAILABLE TO ADDRESS WORK PLAN ITEMS AND PLANNING COMMISSION GOALS A PLANNING SERVICES CONTRACT IS NEEDED. MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT THE CONTRACT WOULD ALLOW THE COUNTY TO OUTSOURCE STAFF HOURS AND GIVE THE PLANNING DIRECTOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR FROM EXPERTS IN THE FIELD ON ANY GIVEN SUBJECT. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THIS WAS GOING TO COST THE COUNTY ANY MONEY. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT INVOICES WOULD BE PAID FOR FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT'S "PLANNING EXPENSES LINE" IN THE BUDGET AND URBAN DESIGN COULD BE PAID FOR FROM DEVELOPER'S FEES. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE EXPENSES WENT BEYOND THE \$22,000.00 WOULD THEY HAVE TO COME BACK TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING. MR. JIROUSEK SAID HE PLANNED TO STAY WITHIN THE BUDGET. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THIS WOULD BE OUTSOURCING STAFF HOURS INSTEAD OF HIRING NEW STAFF. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH LSL PLANNING, INC. FOR ON CALL PLANNING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,000.00 AND THAT THE CONTRACT WOULD BE PAID FOR FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT'S "PLANNING EXPENSES LINE" IN THE BUDGET

AND URBAN DESIGN COULD BE PAID FOR FROM DEVELOPER'S FEES. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**DAVID JIROUSEK - APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – ON - CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES:**

MR. JIROUSEK REQUESTED THE APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR ON-CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH CET, LLC. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THE CONTRACT WAS WITH KURT CROASMUN'S COMPANY CET, LLC. MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT MR. CROASMUN HAS THE MAIN ENGINEER WHO WORKED WITH THE COUNTY IN THE PREPARATION OF THE ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS ORDINANCE AND HE HAS SERVED AS THE COUNTY'S MAIN ENGINEERING CONSULTANT ON THE MAJORITY OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS SINCE THE ADOPTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS. MR. JIROUSEK TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT MR. CROASMUN HAS WORKED WITH THE COUNTY FOR 3 ½ YEARS. MR. JIROUSEK TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE INVOICES FOR CET, LLC SERVICES WILL BE PAID FOR FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT'S "PLANNING EXPENSES" LINE IN THE BUDGET. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT SOME INVOICES MAY BE PAID FOR FROM THE DEVELOPER ESCROW ACCOUNTS. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ON-CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CET, LLC AND THAT THE INVOICES RESULTING FROM THIS CONTRACT BE PAID FOR FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT'S "PLANNING EXPENSES" LINE IN THE BUDGET AND SOME INVOICES MAY BE PAID FOR FROM THE DEVELOPER'S ESCROW ACCOUNTS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**COUNCILMAN GREGORY – DISCUSSION AND DECISION REGARDING THE REAR ENTRANCE TO THE JASPER COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING:**

COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THAT THE BACK DOOR OF THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING BEING CLOSED IS A HARDSHIP ON THE SENIOR CITIZENS AND THE HANDICAPPED CITIZENS. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THAT THERE IS A SECURITY MONITOR AT THE FRONT DOOR; HOWEVER, IT HAS NEVER BEEN PLUGGED IN. COUNCILMAN GREGORY STATED THAT HE FELT THE BACK DOOR TO THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING SHOULD BE UNLOCKED AND THAT THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE ABLE TO COME INTO THE BUILDING THERE AND NOT HAVE TO WALK AROUND THE BUILDING TO GAIN ACCESS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE DISCUSSED AN INCIDENT WITH LISA LAMB ABOUT A CITIZEN WAS SO WINDED FROM WALKING AROUND THE BUILDING HE HAD TO SIT DOWN BEFORE HE COULD HANDLE HIS BUSINESS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THAT THE RECEPTIONIST, LINDA MEYERS, RELATED AN INCIDENT TO HIM ABOUT ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS SO WINDED THAT SHE SAT HIM DOWN AND SHE WENT AND HANDLED HIS BUSINESS FOR HIM. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ADDED THAT THERE WAS A CITIZEN PRESENT AT THE MEETING WHO HAS

HAD A HARD TIME GETTING INTO THE BUILDING AND THAT MS. JUANITA WHITE SAID SHE WOULD BE GLAD WHEN THE HANDICAP PARKING WAS PUT IN THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE DISCUSSED AN INCIDENT WHERE A LADY FELL AND EMS HAD TO BE CALLED. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT THERE WAS A SIGN IN THE BACK OF THE BUILDING FOR HANDICAP PEOPLE TO BUZZ IN. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THAT THE SIGN WAS NOT THERE BEFORE AND IT JUST NOW APPEARED. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT THE SIGN IS UP NOW AND HANDICAP PEOPLE CAN BE BUZZED IN. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT PEOPLE GENERALLY HAVE TO WALK A LONG DISTANCE TO GET IN TO COURTHOUSES AND HE TOLD THE ADMINISTRATOR TO MAKE SURE THE RECEPTIONIST DESK IS ALWAYS MANNED SO THE HANDICAPPED PEOPLE CAN BE BUZZED IN. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SECURITY IS NEEDED. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID HE FELT THE BACK DOOR SHOULD NOT BE LOCKED AS HE HAS TRIED TO GET BUZZED IN AND NO ONE WAS AT THE RECEPTIONIST'S DESK. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THAT IF SECURITY IS NEEDED, THEN THE COUNTY NEEDS TO HIRE SOMEONE WHO DOES SECURITY WORK. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THAT THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO TAKE CARE OF THE CITIZENS, AND NOT MAKE THEM WALK AROUND THE BUILDING. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE WORKED IN THE PUBLIC FOR 39 YEARS AND A LOT OF PEOPLE FALL, BUT YOU CANNOT CONTROL IT AND WITH THE SIGN THERE, PEOPLE CAN GET IN. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID OLDER PEOPLE WILL GO TO THE DOOR AND NOT READ THE SIGN AND HE FELT THE DOOR SHOULD BE UNLOCKED. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO REVERSE THE DOORS AND LET THE PEOPLE ENTER THE BUILDING FROM THE PARKING LOT SIDE OF THE BUILDING. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID IT WOULD COST A LOT OF MONEY TO CHANGE THINGS AND HE DID NOT KNOW WHY THINGS DID NOT WORK IN THE BUILDING. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED HOW WOULD IT COST MONEY TO OPEN THE BACK DOOR. CHAIRMAN HOOD RESPONDED THAT THE SCANNER AND THE DOORS WOULD HAVE TO BE MOVED. MR. FULGHUM STATED THAT THE BACK DOOR IS AN ELECTRIC DOOR. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT THE BACK DOOR IS A BUZZER DOOR. COUNCILMAN GREGORY RESPONDED THAT THE DOOR CAN BE UNLOCKED. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF THE DOORS ARE GOING TO BE MOVED. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THE PROBLEM IS WITH THE DOORS AND IT WAS NOT THE ADMINISTRATOR'S CHOICE TO MAKE THE DECISION REGARDING THE DOORS. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE DID NOT WANT TO SPEND MONEY FOOLISHLY. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THAT THE MONEY SHOULD BE SPENT TO MOVE THE DOORS IF THIS IS WHAT THE CITIZENS WANT. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE COULD QUALIFY HIS STATEMENT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID TO MAKE THE BACK DOORS ACCESSIBLE TO THE CITIZENS. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THAT THE DOORS DO NOT HAVE TO BE REVERSED AND NO ADDITIONAL MONEY NEEDED TO BE SPENT, THE BACK DOORS JUST NEEDED TO BE UNLOCKED SO THE CITIZENS CAN ENTER THE BUILDING FROM THE PARKING LOT SIDE. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED FOR THE MOTION TO BE

CLARIFIED. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO MAKE THE BACK DOORS ACCESSIBLE WITHOUT HAVING TO BE BUZZED IN. THE MOTION FAILED WITH CHAIRMAN HOOD, VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR, AND COUNCILMAN TYLER VOTING AGAINST. COUNCILMEN GREGORY AND ETHERIDGE VOTED FOR.

**CHAIRMAN HOOD – DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE UPDATE:**

CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE DID NOT HAVE AN UPDATE FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

**ANDREW FULGHUM – CDBG-R GRANT APPLICATION:**

MR. FULGHUM REPORTED THAT THE CDBG-R GRANT APPLICATION WAS NOT APPROVED.

**ANDREW FULGHUM – APPLICATION FOR FORMULA FUNDING STIMULUS GRANT:**

MR. FULGHUM REPORTED THAT A JAG GRANT APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED FOR \$17,000.00 AND IT WAS APPROVED; THE FUNDS WERE GOING TO BE USED FOR TASERS FOR THE SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT.

**ANDREW FULGHUM – COURTHOUSE RENOVATION PROJECT CHANGE ORDER:**

MR. FULGHUM PRESENTED A CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,220.00 FOR THE REMOVAL OF TILE FROM THE COURTHOUSE. MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL MORE LAYERS OF TILE THAN ANTICIPATED. MR. FULGHUM INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT HE APPROVED THE CHANGE ORDER AS IT WAS WITHIN HIS AUTHORITY TO APPROVE.

**ANDREW FULGHUM – STATUS UPDATE- NACO PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT CARD PROGRAM:**

MR. FULGHUM REPORTED THAT IN MAY, THE TOTAL SAVINGS ON PRESCRIPTIONS FOR THE 132 PARTICIPANTS WAS OVER \$1,800.00. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE CITIZENS WHO DO NOT HAVE PRESCRIPTION DRUG CARDS CAN GET THE NACO PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT CARDS IN THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

**ANDREW FULGHUM – FEDERAL GRANT FOR RIDGELAND AIRPORT RUNWAY OVERLAY PROJECT:**

MR. FULGHUM TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT HE HEARD ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS WERE AVAILABLE AND HE WAS WORKING ON A \$440,000.00 GRANT FOR THE RIDGELAND AIRPORT. MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT IF THE GRANT WAS AWARDED, THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE AN \$11,000.00 MATCH.

**ANDREW FULGHUM – DELEGATION REEQUEST:**

MR. FULGHUM TOLD THE COUNCIL HE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE DELEGATION OFFICE REQUESTING THE 2009-2010 APPROPRIATION FOR

\$10,000.00 BE SENT TO HAMPTON COUNTY. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO SEND THE \$10,000.00 2009-0210 APPROPRIATION FOR THE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION OFFICE TO HAMPTON COUNTY. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR AND COUNCILMEN GREGORY, ETHERIDGE AND TYLER VOTING FOR. CHAIRMAN HOOD VOTED AGAINST AS HE SAID THAT WAS NOT HOW THE COUNCIL SAID IT WAS TO BE HANDLED WHEN THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE BUDGET.

**ANDREW FULGHUM – MINE OPERATING PERMIT:**

MR. FULGHUM UPDATED THE COUNCIL ON A MINING OPERATING PERMIT HE RECEIVED. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE PERMIT WILL BE POSTED IN THE LOBBY. MR. JIROUSEK ADDED THAT THE MINE WAS LOCATED IN TARBORO, AND THAT ANY FURTHER EXPANSION BEYOND THE FIVE ACRES WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH REZONING. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN, UPDATE WAS PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

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

CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS. CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS EMPLOYMENT MATTERS AND DISCUSSION OF MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED LOCATION, EXPANSION, OR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES ENCOURAGING LOCATION OR EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES OR OTHER BUSINESSES IN THE AREA SERVED BY A PUBLIC BODY. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:**

COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE SALARY RECOMMENDATIONS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**ADJOURN:**

COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND CHAIRMAN HOOD SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 10:35 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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JUDITH M. FRANK, CCC  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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DR. GEORGE M. HOOD  
CHAIRMAN