

**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
MARY GORDON ELLIS EXECUTIVE BUILDING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
JANUARY 5, 2009  
4:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

GEORGE HOOD, CHAIRMAN  
LEROY BLACKSHEAR, VICE CHAIRMAN  
HENRY ETHERIDGE, COUNCILMAN  
REV. SAMUEL GREGORY, COUNCILMAN  
HUBERT TYLER, COUNCILMAN  
FRED TUTEN  
GLADYS JONES

**STAFF PRESENT:**

ANDREW FULGHUM, ADMINISTRATOR  
RONNIE MALPHRUS, DEP. ADM. ADM. SERVICES  
DALE TERRY, DEP. ADM. ENG. SERVICES  
WILBUR DALEY, DEP. ADM. EMG. SERVICES  
JUDITH FRANK, CLERK TO COUNCIL  
MARVIN JONES, ATTORNEY  
DAVID JIROUSEK, PLANNING DIRECTOR  
LISA LAMB. PLANNING AND ZONING COORDINATOR  
GLORIA LUCAS, HR DIRECTOR

**STAFF ABSENT:**

EVELYN LEE, DEP. 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 MEETING TO ORDER AT 4:00 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

CHAIRMAN HOOD LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

**INVOCATION:**

FRED TUTEN GAVE THE INVOCATION.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND MR. TUTEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. MS. JONES ASKED THAT THE MINUTES BE AMENDED TO CHANGE THE NAME OF MR. POLLINS FROM MR. RIVERS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**CHAIRMAN HOOD – PRESENTATION TO GLADYS JONES AND FRED TUTEN:**

CHAIRMAN HOOD PRESENTED OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS JONES AND TUTEN WITH CLOCKS FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE TO JASPER COUNTY. MS. JONES THANKED THE PUBLIC FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE OVER THE PAST 8 YEARS AND THAT SHE TRIED TO KEEP THE CITIZENS INFORMED AND TO TELL THEM THE TRUTH. SHE THANKED HER HUSBAND, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

MR. TUTEN SAID HE WAS THANKFUL FOR THE TIME HE SERVED AND THAT IT HAS BEEN A LEARNING EXPERIENCE.

**INSTALLATION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

PROBATE JUDGE JOEY MALPHRUS ISSUED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCILMEN BLACKSHEAR AND ETHERIDGE, COUNCILMAN GREGORY WAS SWORN IN TO OFFICE EARLIER. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE COMMENTED THAT HE HOPED AT THE END OF HIS FOUR YEARS TERM THAT PEOPLE WILL SAY THAT HE WAS ONE OF THE BEST COUNCILMAN EVER AND HE WANTED THE CITIZENS TO KNOW THAT HE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES FOR THEM.

COUNCILMAN GREGORY THANKED THE PEOPLE FOR VOTING FOR HIM AND HE HAD 8 YEARS OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL EXPERIENCE AND HE WAS BACK TO SERVE THE CITIZENS AND HE WAS HERE FOR THE CITIZENS OF JASPER COUNTY.

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR THANKED EVERYONE AND SAID THAT HE HOPED THAT HE WILL BE THE BEST COUNCILMAN WHO EVER SERVED THE CITIZENS OF JASPER COUNTY. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT HE WILL BE A TEAM PLAYER AND HE WILL WORK WITH EVERYONE.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

CHAIRMAN HOOD TURNED THE MEETING OVER TO MR. FULGHUM. MR. FULGHUM CALLED FOR NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR NOMINATED DR. GEORGE HOOD FOR CHAIRMAN. COUNCILMAN TYLER MOTIONED AND CHAIRMAN HOOD SECONDED THE MOTION TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. DR. GEORGE HOOD WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN BY ACCLAMATAION. MR. FULGHUM ASKED THAT THE COUNCIL VOTE FOR THE RECORD. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. CHAIRMAN HOOD THANKED

THE OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND HE WELCOMED THE NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT HE ALWAYS TRYS TO DO WHAT IS BEST FOR THE CITIZENS OF JASPER COUNTY.

**ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN:**

COUNCILMAN TYLER NOMINATED LEROY BLACKSHEAR FOR VICE CHAIRMAN. COUNCILMAN TYLER MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. MR. BLACKSHEAR WAS ELECTED AS VICE CHAIRMAN BY ACCLAMATION. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:**

THERE WERE NO PRESENTATIONS OR PROCLAMATIONS.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES**

**DAVID JIROUSEK – 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER THAT PROPERTY CONSISTING OF ONE (1) LOT BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 037-00-02-003 LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF U.S. HIGHWAY 17A AND SOUTH CAROLINA PRIMARY HIGHWAY 170A FROM THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONE:**

MR. JIROUSEK PRESENTED THE ORDINANCE AND STATED THAT THERE WERE NO CHANGES TO THE ORDINANCE FROM THE LAST READING AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND STAFF RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER THAT PROPERTY CONSISTING OF ONE (1) LOT BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 037-00-02-003 LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF U.S. HIGHWAY 17A AND SOUTH CAROLINA PRIMARY HIGHWAY 170A FROM THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**DAVID JIROUSEK –3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER THE FOLLOWING PARCELS BEARING TAX MAP NUMBER(S) 039-00-02-001, 039-00-02 002, 039-00-02-003, AND 039-00-02-004 DEPICTED ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONE AND TO TRANSFER PARCEL BEARING TAX MAP NUMBER 038-00-01-003 DEPICTED ON THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING MAP IN RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION ZONE:**

MR. JIROUSEK PRESENTED THE ORDINANCE AND STATED THAT THERE WERE NO CHANGES TO THE ORDINANCE FROM THE LAST READING AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND STAFF RECOMMEND APPROVAL. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED MR. JIROUSEK TO SHOW THE COUNCIL THE LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY ON THE MAP. MR. JIROUSEK POINTED OUT THE LOCATION. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE CITIZENS UNDERSTOOD WHY THIS CHANGE IN ZONING WAS BEING DONE. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THE CHANGE WAS ADVERTISED AND THE PROPERTY WAS POSTED. MR. JIROUSEK SAID HE RECEIVED NO OBJECTIONS FROM THE CITIZENS. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER THE FOLLOWING PARCELS BEARING TAX MAP NUMBER(S) 039-00-02-001, 039-00-02 002, 039-00-02-003, AND 039-00-02-004 DEPICTED ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONE AND TO TRANSFER PARCEL BEARING TAX MAP NUMBER 038-00-01-003 DEPICTED ON THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING MAP IN RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION ZONE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**DAVID JIROUSEK – 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JASPER COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO RESCIND CEDED PLANNING AND ZONING AUTHORITY TO THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND PURSUANT TO CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 6-29-330: TO AMEND SECTION 20-41, 20-42, 20-43, 2-181, 2-182, AND 2-184 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF JASPER COUNTY; TO WITHDRAW JURISDICTION FROM THE CENTRAL JASPER COUNTY-TOWN OF RIDGELAND JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE CENTRAL JASPER COUNTY-TOWN OF RIDGELAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND VEST THAT JURISDICTION IN THE JASPER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, RESPECTIVELY; TO REPEAL A CERTAIN INTERGOVERNMENTAL; TO REPEAL JASPER COUNTY ORDINANCE 20-201, 20-202, 20-203, 20-210, 20-301, 20-302, 20-303, 20-310 AND 20-320; AND TO PROVIDE FOR REVOCATION OF DELEGATED POWERS, SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATES:**

MR. JIROUSEK PRESENTED THE ORDINANCE AND STATED THAT THERE WERE NO CHANGES TO THE ORDINANCE FROM THE LAST READING AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND STAFF RECOMMEND APPROVAL. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE MUNICIPALITIES HAD THE RIGHT TO ANNEX LAND BEYOND THE FIVE MILE RADIUS. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THE GROWTH BOUNDARIES WERE AGREED UPON AND THAT DEVELOPMENT WAS ENCOURAGED WITHIN THOSE BOUNDARIES. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THAT SOME PEOPLE SAID THEY WERE ANNEXED INTO THE MUNICIPALITIES AND THEY DID NOT WANT TO BE ANNEXED. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT A PERSON HAS TO REQUEST TO BE

ANNEXED. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID SOME OF THE CITIZENS HAVE COMMENTED TO HIM THAT THEY WERE ANNEXED AND THEY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF BEING ANNEXED. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT SOME AREAS ARE NOT ACTUALLY IN THE CITIES AND IF THEY DID NOT REQUEST TO BE ANNEXED, AND THEN THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ANNEXED. MR. FULGHUM COMMENTED THAT THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT HAS ACCURATE ZONING MAPS AND THE STAFF CAN RESEARCH THE PROPERTIES FOR HIM. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THE PEOPLE ARE CONFUSED BECAUSE THE ROADS HAVE BEEN ANNEXED. MR. FULGHUM RESPONDED THAT THE ROAD BEDS COULD HAVE BEEN ANNEXED. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WOULD PROVIDE THE COUNCIL WITH UPDATED MAPS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE COMMENTED THAT THIS ORDINANCE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE CITY LIMIT PERAMETERS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JASPER COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO RESCIND CEDED PLANNING AND ZONING AUTHORITY TO THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND PURSUANT TO CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 6-29-330: TO AMEND SECTION 20-41, 20-42, 20-43, 2-181, 2-182, AND 2-184 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF JASPER COUNTY; TO WITHDRAW JURISDICTION FROM THE CENTRAL JASPER COUNTY-TOWN OF RIDGELAND JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE CENTRAL JASPER COUNTY-TOWN OF RIDGELAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND VEST THAT JURISDICTION IN THE JASPER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, RESPECTIVELY; TO REPEAL A CERTAIN INTERGOVERNMENTAL; TO REPEAL JASPER COUNTY ORDINANCE 20-201, 20-202, 20-203, 20-210, 20-301, 20-302, 20-303, 20-310 AND 20-320; AND TO PROVIDE FOR REVOCATION OF DELEGATED POWERS, SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATES

**DAVID JIROUSEK - 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR FINANCIAL SECURITY PERFORMANCE AND MAINTENANCE GUARANTEES:**

MR. JIROUSEK PRESENTED THE ORDINANCE AND STATED THAT THERE WERE NO CHANGES TO THE ORDINANCE FROM THE LAST READING AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND STAFF RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

MR. JIROUSEK INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THE LDR REQUIRES CERTAIN FINANCIAL SECURITIES FOR PERFORMANCE AND MAINTENANCE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE DEVELOPMENTS ARE COMPLETED AS APPROVED. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THESE SECURITIES CAN BE IN THE FORM OF A BOND OR A LINE OF CREDIT. MR. JIROUSEK DISCUSSED THE DIFFERENT REQUIREMENTS FOR MULTIPLE LOT DEVELOPMENTS AND INDIVIDUAL SINGLE LOT DEVELOPMENTS. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR FINANCIAL SECURITY

PERFORMANCE AND MAINTENANCE GUARANTEES. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**DAVID JIROUSEK – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE CONDITIONAL USE REGULATIONS FOR TOWNHOUSES AND PATIO HOUSES AND ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR DUPLEXES; TO AMEND THE “RESIDENTIAL USES” SECTION 6:1 TABLE 1; TO AMEND THE TABLE IN SECTION 6:2; TO AMEND SECTION 6:2.1 AND SECTION 6:2.2; TO ADD TO SECTION 6:2, SECTION 6:2.2A DEALING WITH DUPLEXES; TO AMEND TABLE 1 OF SECTION 7.3; TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE PHRASE “DWELLING, PATIO HOME” AS FOUND IN ARTICLE 4 OF ZONING ORDINANCE; AND TO REPEAL THE DEFINITION OF THE FOLLOWING TERMS IN ARTICLE 4: PATIO HOME, DWELLING, ZERO LOT LINE, AND DWELLING, PATIO HOUSE:**

MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT THIS ORDINANCE IS TO REGULATE DUPLEX HOMES, PATIO HOMES, AND TOWNHOUSES. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THIS ORDINANCE WILL PROHIBIT ALL TOWNHOUSE AND PATIO HOMES IN THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICTS. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THIS CHANGE WILL INSURE LAND OUTSIDE THE MUNICIPAL GROWTH BOUNDARIES AND DEVELOPMENT AREAS AS NOTED IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IS NOT DEVELOPED AT AN URBAN SCALE AND DENSITY. MR. JIROUSEK COMMENTED THAT LAND IN THE RURAL PRESERVATION AND RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS DEPEND ON SEPTIC USE AND THIS ORDINANCE STATES THAT DUPLEXES ARE ALLOWED IN RESIDENTIAL AND RURAL PRESERVATION AREAS. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT DUPLEX, TOWNHOUSE, AND PATIO HOMES ARE CONDITIONAL ALLOWED USES. MR. JIROUSEK ADDED THAT PROJECT AREA REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING OPEN SPACE, SIDEWALKS, BUILDING ORIENTATION AND OTHER DESIGN-ORIENTED CONDITIONAL USE GUIDELINES ARE INCLUDED, AS WELL AS, LOT SIZE AND SET-BACKS. MR. JIROUSEK STATED THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND STAFF RECOMMEND APPROVAL. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE CONDITIONAL USE REGULATIONS FOR TOWNHOUSES AND PATIO HOUSES AND ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR DUPLEXES; TO AMEND THE “RESIDENTIAL USES” SECTION 6:1 TABLE 1; TO AMEND THE TABLE IN SECTION 6:2; TO AMEND SECTION 6:2.1 AND SECTION 6:2.2; TO ADD TO SECTION 6:2, SECTION 6:2.2A DEALING WITH DUPLEXES; TO AMEND TABLE 1 OF SECTION 7.3; TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE PHRASE “DWELLING, PATIO HOME” AS FOUND IN ARTICLE 4 OF ZONING ORDINANCE; AND TO REPEAL THE DEFINITION OF THE FOLLOWING TERMS IN ARTICLE 4: PATIO HOME, DWELLING, ZERO LOT LINE, AND DWELLING, PATIO HOUSE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**DAVID JIROUSEK – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONVEYANCE OF AN EASEMENT TO CENTRAL ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE, INC.:**

MR. JIROUSEK PRESENTED THE ORDINANCE AND EXPLAINED THE LOCATION OF THE EASEMENT. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT CENTRAL ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE, INC. IS OFFERING THE COUNTY \$149,795.00 FOR THE EASEMENT. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THIS EASEMENT WOULD RUN PARALLEL AND ADJACENT TO THE CURRENT POWER LINES. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION THAT HIS BE THE 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONVEYANCE OF AN EASEMENT TO CENTRAL ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE, INC. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**MARVIN JONES – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING THE A NEW CODE FOR JASPER COUNTY, SC ; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE (BY TITLE ONLY):**

MARVIN JONES PRESENTED THE ORDINANCE AND EXPLAINED THAT THE CLERK TO COUNCIL HAS BEEN WORKING ON A RECODIFICATION OF ALL THE COUNTY'S ORDINANCES AND THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO PASS AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE NEW CODE. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING THE NEW CODE FOR JASPER COUNTY, SC; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE (BY TITLE ONLY). THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION REGARDING ECONOMIC STIMULUS FUNDS:**

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DELAYED UNTIL AFTER THE MEETING WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD.

**OLD BUSINESS;**

**ANDREW FULGHUM – JUSTIFICATION FOR INDIVIDUAL CELL PHONE ASSIGNMENTS AND POLICY FOR COST EFFECTIVE SYSTEM:**

MR. FULGHUM SAID HE DID NOT HAVE THE REPORT READY, BUT THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO SET UP A POLICY REGARDING CELL PHONES. MR. FULGHUM SUGGESTED THAT THE COUNCIL WORK ON THE POLICY AT

THEIR RETREAT OR AT A WORK SESSION. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT STEVEN MALPHRUS WILL BE PRESENTING A NEW CONTRACT FOR CELL PHONES UNDER NEW BUSINESS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE NEW CONTRACT WILL SAVE \$11,000.00 PER YEAR. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE COUNTY ALREADY HAD A CELL PHONE CONTRACT AND MR. FULGHUM RESPONDED THAT THE COUNTY HAS A CONTRACT WITH ALLTEL. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED MR. FULGHUM IF HE WAS ASKING FOR DIRECTION FROM COUNCIL AND MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WILL GIVE THE COUNCIL A REPORT SO THEY CAN DISCUSS IT AT THEIR RETREAT OR AT A WORKSHOP. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF A POLICY WAS CURRENTLY IN PLACE AND MR. FULGHUM RESPONDED THAT THERE WAS NOT A POLICY, ONLY USE IS COVERED, NOT WHO GETS A CELL PHONE. MR. FULGHUM SAID TO KEEP THE CURRENT PHONES AND THE NEW CONTRACT WOULD SAVE MONEY. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THERE WAS A POLICY AS TO WHO HAS PHONES AND MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT ONLY USE IS COVERED AND THAT NO ONE ELSE WILL BE ISSUED A PHONE UNTIL A POLICY IS IN PLACE. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE COUNCIL WILL WORK ON THE POLICY AS TO WHO SHOULD HAVE A PHONE BECAUSE THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO CUT THE COST.

**SISTER LUPE – JCNU REQUEST FOR GRANT MATCHING FUNDS:**

SISTER LUPE AND TEDD MOYD GAVE A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT AND STATED THE JCNU IS A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION THAT HAS BEEN IN BUSINESS SINCE 2000. SISTER LUPE SAID THAT THEY WERE PRESENT TO REQUEST A GRANT FROM THE COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$160,000.00 TO USE TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF BRANCHVILLE II. SISTER LUPE SAID THAT BRANCHVILLE II WAS A HUD PROJECT AND THEY WANTED TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY AND PUT IT BACK INTO AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SISTER LUPE SAID THE PURCHASE PRICE IS \$1,600,000.00 AND THEY HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR 80 % BANK FINANCING. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED IF WHEN THEY MET WITH MR. FULGHUM DID THEY WORK ON A PAYBACK SCHEDULE. SISTER LUPE SAID THEY WERE ASKING FOR \$160,000.00 AND THAT THE GRANT WOULD BE FOR \$60,000.00 AND FOR A FORGIVABLE LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000.00 AND 3% INTEREST WOULD BE PAID. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE FELT THAT THEY COULD COME UP WITH SOME CREATIVE FINANCING. SISTER LUPE SAID THEY WOULD CONSIDER A LOAN. MR. FULGHUM ASKED TO BE ALLOWED TO WORK WITH JCNU AND HE WOULD BRING BACK A PLAN TO COUNCIL TO CONSIDER. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED FOR THE ATTORNEY TO BE INCLUDED WHEN WORKING ON THE PLAN. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THAT AFFORDABLE HOUSING WAS VERY IMPORTANT, BUT WHERE WOULD THE \$160,000.00 COME FROM AND HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A WORKSHOP BEFORE A DECISION IS MADE ON THIS ISSUE. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT IT COULD BE PLACED IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND HE WAS ASKING THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVE HAVING THE ADMINISTRATOR COME BACK TO COUNCIL AT THE NEXT MEETING WITH A SOLID

RECOMMENDATION. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE ADMINISTRATOR WAS ASKING TO MOVE FORWARD AND PUT THE FUNDING IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. MR. FULGHUM RESPONDED THAT HE WAS ASKING FOR PERMISSION TO WORK ON A PLAN AND TO BRING IT BACK FOR COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION. COUNCILMAN TYLER SAID HE FELT THE ADMINISTRATOR SHOULD BE GIVEN A TIME FRAME. SISTER LUPE STATED THAT SHE WOULD NEED A WRITTEN COMMITMENT TO SECURE FUNDING AND THE TIME FRAME BY THE TIME OF THE CLOSING. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT HE CAN GET IT DONE IN 2 WEEKS. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO HAVE THE ADMINISTRATOR AND THE COUNTY ATTORNEY WORK WITH JCNU AND TO BRING BACK A SOLID RECOMMENDATION AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**WILBUR DALEY – UPDATE ON ISO RATINGS:**

DEP. ADMINISTRATOR DALEY DISCUSSED THE ISO STUDY AND INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THE COUNTY'S NEW ISO RATING IS 5/9. ANYONE WITHIN FIVE MILES OF A FIRE STATION AND WITHIN 1000 FEET OF A CERTIFIED WATER SUPPLY IS RATED FIVE, THE OTHER AREAS ARE RATED NINE. MR. DALEY PRESENTED A MAP TO COUNCIL DEPICTING THE AREAS AND THE RATINGS.

VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THE NEW RATING WILL HELP THE CITIZENS WITH INSURANCE RELIEF AND MR. DALEY RESPONDED IN SOME AREAS. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY PLANS TO GET A LOWER ISO RATING IN THE OTHER AREAS. MR. DALEY SAID THAT MORE EMPLOYEES, MORE EQUIPMENT AND MORE WATER SOURCES ARE NEEDED AND THEY WERE WORKING ON AREAS WHERE PONDS CAN BE CERTIFIED. MR. DALEY SAID MORE STATIONS ARE NEEDED SO THAT THE FIVE MILE AREAS OVERLAP. MR. DALEY SAID THEY CURRENTLY HAVE 31 VOLUNTEERS AND 3 VOLUNTEERS EQUAL ONE PAID PERSON AND WHILE WATER SHUTTLES ARE ALLOWED, MORE TANKERS WILL BE NEEDED. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED THAT IF HE HAD MORE MANPOWER AND TRUCKS COULD THE RATING BE BROUGHT DOWN TO FIVE. MR. DALEY SAID THAT IT COULD BE POSSIBLE TO REDUCE THE RATING AND THEY WERE CURRENTLY WORKING ON HAVING DRY HYDRANTS INSTALLED. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE COUNTY HAD MORE PAID FIREMEN THAN VOLUNTEERS. MR. DALEY SAID THE COUNTY HAD 39 PAID FIREMEN AND 31 VOLUNTEERS. MR. DALEY SAID THAT IT WAS NOT NECESSARILY GOOD TO HAVE ALL VOLUNTEERS BECAUSE VOLUNTEERS ARE ONLY GOOD IF THEY SHOW UP. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED ABOUT THE GROWTH AND MR. DALEY RESPONDED THAT THE GROWTH WILL PUT MORE STRESS ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS WITH THE CURRENT MANPOWER. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED THAT IN THE RUN OF A DAY, HOW MANY EMPLOYEES

ARE THERE AT A STATION AND MR. DALEY SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE ONE EMPLOYEE UNLESS A MED TEAM IS STATIONED THERE. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THAT HE SEES SOME VERY FANCY TRUCKS AND AMBULANCES, BUT MORE PEOPLE NEED TO BE HIRED INSTEAD OF SPENDING MOST OF THE MONEY ON EQUIPMENT.

**DALE TERRY – APPROVAL OF ROCK BID:**

DEP. ADMINISTRATOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES, DALE TERRY, INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT HE WAS GOING TO TRY AND GET FUNDING FROM THE TRANSPORTION COMMITTEE FOR RECYCLED CONCRETE. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED ABOUT THE OTHER PRODUCT THEY USED WHEN MR. SMITH WORKED FOR THE COUNTY. MR. TERRY SAID THAT THEY HAVE USED SEVERAL DIFFERENT TYPES OF MATERIALS; HOWEVER, ROCK WORKS BEST ON MOST OF THE ROADS. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED ABOUT CHIPPED UP RUBBER AND MR. TERRY SAID THEY TRIED IT, BUT IT DIDN'T WORK. MR. TERRY SAID HE HEARD ABOUT A NEW PRODUCT, HOWEVER, YOU HAVE TO STAY OFF THE ROAD FOR 24 HOURS. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE WENT TO A ROAD IN GRAYS THAT HAD ASPHALT MILLINGS AND MR. TERRY SAID THAT ROCK WORKS BETTER THAN THE OTHER PRODUCTS. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID WHAT MAKES ONE PRODUCT BETTER THAN OTHERS. MR. TERRY SAID THE TYPE OF ROAD, THE AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC AND HOW WET THE ROADS GET. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT PAVING ROADS IN JASPER COUNTY AND CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS, BUT IT IS TOO EXPENSIVE TO PAVE THE ROADS AND THE STATE IS NOT PAVING ANYMORE ROADS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THEY DID TRY A CONCRETE PRODUCT AND THEY ARE RESEARCHING IT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE COMMENTED THAT THE LOW BIDDER WAS FROM OUT OF THE COUNTY AND LOWCOUNTRY CONCRETE WAS ONLY 17 CENTS A TON HIGHER AND HE WANTED TO KNOW IF THE PROCUREMENT POLICY HAD ANYTHING IN IT ABOUT USING LOCAL VENDORS. ATTORNEY JONES SAID THERE IS A PROVISION IN THE PROCUREMENT POLICY REGARDING LOCAL VENDORS. RONNIE MALPHRUS SAID THE BID CAME FROM BEAUFORT COUNTY. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THEY HAD A PRESENCE IN JASPER COUNTY AND VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THEY ACTUALLY HAD TWO LOCATIONS AND JASPER COUNTY. MR. FULGHUM SAID THEY WOULD HAVE TO RESEARCH THE SITUATION. **VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM LOWCOUNTRY CONCRETE SO LONG AS IT COMPLIES WITH THE COUNTY'S PROCUREMENT POLICY.**

**GLORIA LUCAS – UPDATE ON WAGE AND SALARY REPORT FROM SCAC:**

MS. LUCAS SAID THAT THE COUNTY WAS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WAGE AND SALARY REPORT FROM SCAC. MS. LUCAS SAID THAT IT WAS

NECESSARY TO LOOK AT THE POSITIONS AND MATCH THEM TO THE POSITIONS THAT WERE PREPARED FOR JASPER COUNTY BY CONDREY. MS. LUCAS SAID THAT THE JOB TITLES IN THE SCAC SURVEY WERE OFTEN DIFFERENT FROM THE COUNTY'S JOB TITLES AND IT TOOK A LOT OF TIME TO SELECT THE POSITION THAT MOST CLOSELY MATCHED THE ONE LISTED IN THE SCAC SURVEY. MS. LUCAS PROVIDED THE COUNCIL WITH A LIST OF THE JASPER COUNTY JOB TITLES. SHE SAID THAT IT WAS HER BELIEF THAT INSTEAD OF TRYING TO MATCH THE POSITION, SHE SHOULD HAVE STATED THAT THE POSITION DID NOT EXIST IN JASPER COUNTY. MS. LUCAS SAID THERE WERE MISTAKES MADE BY THE STAFF AND THE ASSOCIATION. MS. LUCAS SAID SHE PREPARED A LIST OF THE DISCREPANCIES. MS. LUCAS SAID THAT SHE CONTACTED MR. CONDREY AND HE SAID HE STOOD BY HIS STUDY AND THAT JASPER COUNTY IS IN THE FOREFRONT OF SALARY AND WAGE CLASSIFICATIONS AND THE OTHER COUNTIES SHOULD BE INVITED INTO THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY. MS. LUCAS SAID THAT SOME OF THE OTHER COUNTIES MAY NOT HAVE HAD A WAGE AND SALARY STUDY DONE AND MR. CONDREY DID NOT LIMIT HIS STUDY TO COUNTIES OF THE SAME SIZE OR POPULATION, BUT HE COMPARED THE SALARIES OF THE AREAS THAT COMPETE WITH JASPER COUNTY IN THE WORKPLACE AND THAT JASPER COUNTY SHOULD BE PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO OFFER OPPORTUNITIES AND FAIR SALARIES TO THE EMPLOYEES. MS. LUCAS SAID THE COUNTY HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN ATTRACTING EMPLOYEES WITH THE NECESSARY DEGREES, TRAINING AND LICENSES BECAUSE OF THE SALARIES COMPILED BY CONDREY. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE FELT THAT THE ISSUE HAS BEEN COVERED AND HE ASKED FOR THIS REPORT BECAUSE WHEN HE ATTENDED A MEETING IN CHARLESTON, THE OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS ASKED HIM HOW JASPER COUNTY'S SALARIES HAD GOTTEN SO FAR OUT OF LINE WITH THE OTHER COUNTIES. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT HE WISHED THAT CONDREY WOULD HAVE COME BACK AND SHOWED THE COUNCIL HOW THEY FACTORED THE SALARIES AS THEY WERE TO DO. MS. LUCAS SAID THAT WHEN SHE SPOKE TO MR. CONDREY HE SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH COUNCIL REGARDING FACTURING SALARIES. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED MS. LUCAS TO GET SOME DATES THAT HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE.

**RONNIE MALPHRUS – APPROVAL OF PSIC RADIO GRANT:  
EXPENDITURE:**

MR. MALPHRUS EXPLAINED THAT THE COUNTY HAS A GRANT TO PAY FOR THE RADIOS AND THE COUNTY HAS PARTNERED WITH RIDGELAND AND HARDEEVILLE TO PURCHASE THE RADIOS. MR. MALPHRUS INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THE RADIOS COST \$327,831.53 AND THE MATCH FOR THE COUNTY IS \$53,563.50 AND THOSE FUNDS WILL COME FROM THE GRANT MATCHING FUND. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT RIDGELAND WILL PAY \$13,187.87 AND HARDEEVILLE WILL PAY \$15,206.51. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE RADIOS WILL BE PURCHASED FROM MOTOROLA AND

MOTOROLA IS ON THE STATE CONTRACT. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE RADIOS AND THE FUNDS WILL COME FROM THE GRANT MATCHING FUNDS. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**DAVID JIROUSEK – APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO REGIONAL COMMITTEE:**

DAVID JIROUSEK ASKED THE COUNCIL TO APPOINT A COUNCIL MEMBER TO REPLACE MS. JONES ON THIS COMMITTEE. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED THE COUNCIL IF ANYONE WOULD SERVE ON THE BOARD. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE VOLUNTEERED TO SERVE ON THE BOARD.

**STEVEN MALPHRUS – CONSIDERATION OF AERIAL IMAGING PROPOSAL:**

STEVEN MALPHRUS PRESENTED THE PROPOSAL AND SAID THIS WILL BE A GREAT TOOL FOR THE ASSESSORS OFFICE AS THEY WILL BE ABLE TO MEASURE PROPERTY AND HOUSES WITHOUT LEAVING THE OFFICE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT SINCE THE COMPANY WAS DOING SOME WORK IN BEAUFORT, THE COUNTY CAN SAVE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT SINCE THEY WILL SHARE THE COST WITH HARDEEVILLE, RIDGELAND AND BEAUFORT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE COST WOULD BE \$16,298.00 PER YEAR WHICH WOULD BE DIVIDED THREE WAYS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE COMPANY WILL BILL THE COUNTY IN JULY SO THAT IT CAN BE PART OF NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE REPORT SHOULD HAVE BEEN SUMMARIZED SINCE THE ATTORNEY IS GIVEN THE CONTRACT TO REVIEW. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THIS NEEDED TO BE DONE AND CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE FELT IT WAS NEEDED. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE CURRENT AERIALS ARE 10 YEARS OLD. MR. ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE AERIAL ARE UPDATED ANNUALLY AND WILL THE PRICE INCREASE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE AERIALS WILL BE UPDATED BIANNUALLY AND THE COST HAS COME DOWN. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE CONTRACT IS FOR TWO YEARS AND THE COST IS \$16,290.00 PER YEAR. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2 YEAR CONTRACT AND THAT THE CONTRACT WILL BE PAID OVER TWO YEARS AND THE PAYMENTS WILL BE \$16, 290.00 PER YEAR AND THE FUNDING WILL BE ADDRESSED IN THE NEW BUDGET. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**STEVEN MALPHRUS – CONSIDERATION OF VERIZON CELL PHONE CONTRACT:**

MR. STEVEN MALPHRUS PRESENTED THE VERIZON CONTRACT FOR CELL PHONES. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT VERIZON WAS IN THE PROCESS OF BUYING ALLTEL. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE NEW CONTRACT WOULD SAVE THE COUNTY ABOUT \$500.00 PER MONTH. MR. MALPHRUS SAID

THEY TESTED THE PHONES IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE COUNTY AND THERE WERE DRY SPOTS WITH BOTH VERIZON AND ALLTEL. MR. ETHERIDGE ASKED IF ALLTEL WAS IN THE SURVEY AND MR. MALPHRUS RESPONDED THAT VERIZON WAS A BETTER SOLUTION AND THAT HE COULD NOT DISCUSS THE ISSUES WITH ALLTEL IN PUBLIC. COUNCILMAN GREGORY DISAGREED THAT VERIZON WAS A BETTER SOLUTION. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THE ISSUES WITH ALLTEL WERE NOT ABOUT PERSONNEL SO WHY WAS IT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM, AND WHY COULD IT NOT BE DISCUSSED IN PUBLIC. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THE COUNCIL SHOULD KNOW THE DISCREPANCIES AND THE STAFF NEEDED TO GO BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT VERIZON HAS ADDED SOME NEW TOWERS. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF IT WAS A FACT THAT THE TWO COMPANIES WERE MERGING AND MR. FULGHUM RESPONDED THAT IT WAS A FACT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THEY MERGED AND CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THEY WERE IN NEGOTIATIONS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF \$62.99 PER MONTH WAS FOR A BLACKBERRY AND MR. MALPHRUS IT WAS FOR A BLACKBERRY SMARTPHONE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED WHY HR NEEDED A BLACKBERRY AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT COULD BE DEALT WITH LATER. STEVE PATTERSON, THE VERIZON REPRESENTATIVE, SAID THE MERGER WILL BE FINAL ON 1/9/09. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF VERIZON HAS UPGRADED THEIR SYSTEM IN JASPER COUNTY AND MR. PATTERSON RESPONDED THAT VERIZON HAS INSTALLED SOME NEW TOWERS, BUT NONE IN JASPER COUNTY AND THE ALLTEL FOOTPRINT WILL BE PUT INTO THE VERIZON FOOTPRINT. MR. PATTERSON SAID THERE WAS A LOT HE DIDN'T KNOW BECAUSE IT HAS NOT BEEN PUBLISHED. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED WHY THE RUSH TO CHANGE WHEN THE IMPROVEMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN DONE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE MEN IN THE FIELD SAID THAT THEY HAVE DEAD ZONES WITH BOTH COMPANIES. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED IF THE CONTRACT WAS APPROVED TONIGHT AND THE COUNCIL CUTS THE NUMBER OF PHONES, WOULD THE COUNTY BE CHARGED A FEE FOR ANY PHONES THAT WOULD BE CANCELLED. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE COUNTY IS GIVEN A 30 DAY TEST DRIVE AND THE COUNTY CAN REMOVE ANY NUMBER OF PHONES AT ANYTIME WITHOUT A CHARGE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF ALLTEL HAD THE SAME POLICY AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THEY ARE ON STATE CONTRACT AND THE COUNTY CAN GET OUT OF THE CONTRACT WITHOUT ANY PENALTIES. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE "V" ON THE LIST WAS FOR VERIZON AND DID THE COUNTY ALREADY HAVE VERIZON PHONES. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE BLACKBERRIES ARE ALL UNDER VERIZON. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED TO STAY WITH ALLTEL. THE MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO TABLE THIS UNTIL THE COUNCIL HAS HAD

TIME TO INVESTIGATE THE SITUATION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

THERE WERE NO COMMITTEE REPORTS.

**ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS:**

MR. FULGHUM SAID HE HAD ONE ITEM THAT WOULD REQUIRE A COUNCIL DECISION. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE LCOG CBDG GRANT FOR THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PROJECT AND THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE BID NEEDED TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE LOW BID WAS FROM CLELAND UTILITIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$248,108.13. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT FUNDS FROM THE CBDG GRANT WILL PAY FOR THIS WORK. MR. FULGHUM ASKED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVE THE BID AND ENTER INTO A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS AND TO OVERSEE THE BID AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE NECESSARY PAPERS. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE BID FROM CLELAND UTILITIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$248,108.13 AND TO ENTER INTO A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS AND TO OVERSEE THE BID AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE NECESSARY PAPERS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

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

CARRIE FAIR FROM THE ROBERTVILLE COMMUNITY SAID THAT THEY HAVE SOME CONCERNS REGARDING SAND MINING AND SHE ASKED ABOUT THE ZONING LAWS IN THE RURAL AREA REGARDING SAND MINING. MS. FAIR SAID THAT SAND MINING IS BEING DONE IN THE TARBORO AREA. MS. FAIR SAID THAT SAND MINING AFFECTS THE WELLS, SEPTIC TANKS AND IT IS A DANGER TO THE CHILDREN IN THE AREA. MS. FAIR ASKED HOW THE PUBLIC IS NOTIFIED WHEN SAND MINING IS PROPOSED IN A CERTAIN AREA. MS. FAIR SAID SHE WAS AWARE THAT NOTICE WAS GIVEN, BUT IT WAS GIVEN IN A BEAUFORT NEWSPAPER. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED THE STAFF TO PROVIDE THE CLERK WITH THE INFORMATION SO THAT THE CLERK CAN PROVIDE THE INFORMATION TO MS. FAIR.

MS. FAIR ASKED ABOUT FEES THAT THE COUNTY RECEIVES FROM THE UTILITIES. MS. FAIR SAID SHE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW THE FEES WERE DISTRIBUTED. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID SHE WOULD HAVE TO DIRECT THAT QUESTION TO THE UTILITIES THAT PAY THE FEES.

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

THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 6:15 P.M. AND THE CHAIRMAN SAID THAT THE COUNCIL WILL RETURN TO THE MEETING AND GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD.

**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
JASPER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD  
JOINT MEETING  
MARY GORDON ELLIS EXECUTIVE BUILDING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
JANUARY 5, 2009  
6:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**COUNTY COUNCIL:**

CHAIRMAN HOOD CALLED THE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:45 P.M.

**SCHOOL BOARD:**

CHAIRMAN HUBBARD CALLED THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:47 P.M.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**CONTRACTUAL MATTERS:**

VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER MOTIONED THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

BERTIE RILEY MOTIONED AND ALLIAN HAMILTON CLARK SECONDED THE MOTION FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**RETURN TO REGULAR:**

COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION FOR COUNTY COUNCIL TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

MS. WILLIAMS MOTIONED AND MS. RILEY SECONDED THE MOTION FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT THE COUNCIL AND THE SCHOOL BOARD DISCUSSED A PROPOSAL FOR THE ENGAGEMENT OF A LOBBYIST AGREEMENT.

VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO PASS THE RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS FUNDS AND TO ENTER A CONTRACT WITH THE LOBBYIST FOR JOINT REPRESENTATION (COUNTY AND SCHOOL BOARD) FOR THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS FUNDS AND THE COST OF THE LOBBYIST IS TO BE SHARED EQUALLY BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE SCHOOL BOARD. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MS. SNOOKS MOTIONED AND SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MR. GARDNER SECONDED THE MOTION TO ENTER A CONTRACT WITH THE LOBBYIST FOR JOINT REPRESENTATION (COUNTY AND SCHOOL BOARD) FOR THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS FUNDS AND THE COST OF THE LOBBYIST IS TO BE SHARED EQUALLY BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE SCHOOL BOARD. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**ADJOURN:**

**COUNTY COUNCIL:**

COUNCILMAN TYLER MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE JOINT MEETING WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**SCHOOL BOARD:**

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MS. WILLIAMS MOTIONED AND SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MS. HAMILTON CLARK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**RETURN TO COUNCIL MEETING:**

COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO RETURN THE REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACTUAL MATTERS AND RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:**

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

CHAIRMAN HOOD REPORTED THAT THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED LEGAL AND CONTRACTUAL MATTERS AND NO ACTION WAS NECESSARY.

**ADJOURN:**

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

THE MEETING ENDED AT 8:50 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