

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 22, 2024  
5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, April 22, 2024.

The following were present:

Chairman James E. Haigler, who presided  
Vice-Chairman Ken Westbury  
Councilwoman Rebecca Bonnette  
Councilman Richard Carson  
Councilman Cecil Thornton  
Administrator John McLauchlin  
Clerk to Council Shayla Jenkins

The following press was notified of the meeting by mail, electronic mail, or by fax in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act: The Calhoun Times, The Times and Democrat, and Sandy Run News. An Agenda was also posted on Calhoun County's website calhouncounty.sc.gov.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Haigler called the meeting to order.

**Invocation**

Invocation was offered by Councilwoman Bonnette.

**Approval of Agenda**

Councilman Carson made the motion to approve the April 22, 2024 meeting agenda as presented and was seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments**

Phillip Ford, candidate for SC House District 93, spoke regarding his experiences and his goals for the office, telling that he was running for the seat to help others.

Al Jenkins, Regional Director for US Senator Tim Scott, gave comments regarding Economic Development and the work being done in the county.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the April 8, 2024 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilwoman Bonnette and seconded by Councilman Thornton to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Appointments**

Council approved the appointment of Tamesha Gilmore (District 4) to the Calhoun County Planning Commission. The motion was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Vice-Chairman Westbury and passed unanimously.

**Appearances**

Jason J. Giulietti, President & CEO of Central SC Alliance introduced himself to Council and gave professional background. He spoke regarding the opportunities for and collaboration on Economic Development in the county and his agency, involvement in the communities they serve and principles and priorities of Central SC Alliance.

**Administrator**

Administrator McLauchlin spoke on the following:

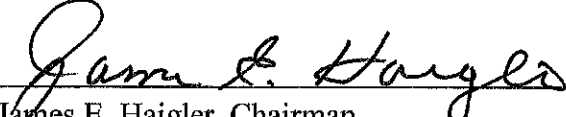
- Litter pick-up on April 17, 2024 – 38 volunteers picked up 165 bags of trash
- Gratitude for all involved in this year’s Purple Martin Festival

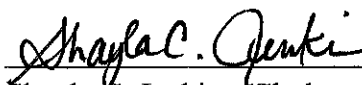
**Executive Session**

Council went into Executive Session to discuss a Contractual Matter with Lake Marion Regional Water Authority. Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Westbury to enter Executive Session bringing no matters forward, seconded by Councilman Carson and passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to adjourn with second by Councilman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

  
James E. Haigler, Chairman

  
Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council