

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 8, 2024
5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, April 8, 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
Deputy Administrator Richard Hall
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 8, 2024 meeting agenda as presented and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Johnny Felder, candidate for SC House District 93, spoke about his goals for collaborations, advocating for the county and reasons he decided to run for the office.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the March 25, 2024 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilwoman Bonnette and seconded by Councilman Carson to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointments

Council approved the following to the Assessment Appeals Board:

District 1 – Michael Edge (reappointment)
District 2 – Christine Randolph (reappointment)
District 3 – Thomas Kohn (appointment)
District 4 – Alena Fleming (reappointment)
District 5 – Exodus Walker (reappointment)

The motion was made by Vice-Chairman Westbury, seconded by Councilman Thornton and passed unanimously.

Appearances

Robin Rucker appeared to give Veterans' Affairs Office updates. He presented statistics regarding the number of clients served and funds distributed to Calhoun County Veterans. There are updates to computer software, pending legislation for fully funding County Veteran service offices, and the Veterans' Day activities are growing.

Judge Jeffrey Bloom asked for approval of the Magistrate Court schedule. The motion to approve the schedule was made by Vice-Chairman Westbury, seconded by Councilman Thornton and passed unanimously. Judge Bloom also highlighted regular Magistrate Judges' meetings, sentencing community service and told of plans for business registrations and a new Magistrates' office.

Alicia Scott, Deputy Treasurer, informed Council of the enforcement of collecting outstanding Vehicle Tax Dealer Notices and Returned Checks.

New Business

Council approved the annual renewal of Publiq Financial Software and Services in the amount of \$192,380.03. Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Westbury, seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette and passed unanimously.

Administrator

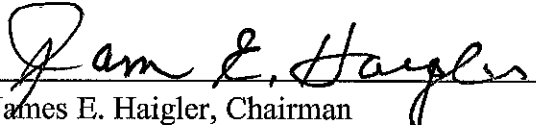
Administrator McLauchlin highlighted the following dates:


- April 13, 2024 – Purple Martin Golf Tournament
- April 17, 2024 – Countywide Litter Pickup
- April 19-20, 2024 - Purple Martin festivities
- April 24, 2024 – Red Rock Development - Sandy Run Community Litter Pickup

Chairman Haigler remarked on the Spring Fling event held at the Council on Aging, and commended Director Jill Truesdale and staff on a job well done.

Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to adjourn with second by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.


James E. Haigler, Chairman


Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council