

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**September 9, 2024**  
**5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, September 9, 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](http://calhouncounty.sc.gov).

**Call to Order**

Chairman Haigler called the meeting to order.

**Invocation**

Invocation was offered by Councilwoman Bonnette.

**Approval of Agenda**

Councilwoman Bonnette made a motion to approve the September 9, 2024 meeting agenda and was seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the August 26, 2024 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Appointments**

Eddie Miller was appointed to the Planning Commission, representing District 1. The motion was made by Councilman Carson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Westbury, and passed unanimously.

## **Appearances**

### Zachary Tarrant – Recreation Department updates

Zachary Tarrant, Director, appeared to give updates regarding the nine parks, three community centers for a total of 156 acres that the department's staff maintains. He also highlighted softball camp, summer camp and soccer programs. Various venues around the county are being rented. There will be an upcoming Trunk or Treat on October 29 and holiday events as well.

### Reta Westbury - Update and Report on Calhoun Cares End of Fiscal Year and Report on the upcoming Veterans' Day program

Reta Westbury, Treasurer of Calhoun Cares, reported on the 20 years helping the citizens of the county as well as an award for Best Discount store in the T & D region. For the fiscal year end, Calhoun Cares took in \$89,000 in proceeds and gave back a total of \$86,770 to various organizations to aid citizens.

Also, Mrs. Westbury gave details for the upcoming Veterans' Day Celebration on Monday, November 11, and encourage the community to attend and reach out to local veterans.

## **Old Business None**

## **New Business**

Integrity Way - acceptance of ownership and maintenance – Council accepted Integrity Way by motion made by Vice-Chairman Westbury, second by Councilman Carson and unanimous vote.

Procurement – auditing services – Deputy Administrator, Richard Hall, gave explanation of the proposed auditing services, timeline to completion by extension deadline of March 31 and anticipated cost savings. Council approved Love/Bailey CPA Group to conduct the county's audit for next 3 fiscal years (24, 25 and 26). Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Westbury, seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette and passed unanimously.

## **Ordinances**

**Ordinance 2024-10** AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE CALHOUN COUNTY 2024 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, PURSUANT TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING ENABLING ACT OF 1994 was presented for Second Reading. Motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2024-10 was made by Vice-Chairman Westbury, seconded by Councilman Carson and passed unanimously.

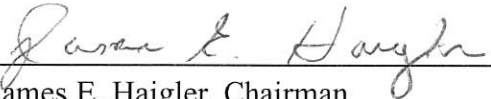
**Ordinance 2024-11** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SPECIAL SOURCE CREDIT AGREEMENTS BY AND BETWEEN CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND RRIFI SANDY RUN III MEMBER, LLC WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY, WHEREBY SUCH PROPERTY WILL RECEIVE CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE CREDITS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO was presented for Second Reading. Motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2024-11 was made by Vice-Chairman Westbury, seconded by Councilman Carson and passed unanimously.

**Administrator**

No comments

**Adjournment**

Councilman Carson made a motion to adjourn with second by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

  
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James E. Haigler, Chairman

  
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Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council