

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 28, 2024  
5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, October 28, 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 McLaughlin  
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**

Councilman Carson made a motion to approve the October 28, 2024 meeting agenda and was seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments** None

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the October 15, 2024 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Thornton and seconded by Councilman Carson to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Appearances**

Christopher Green, Regional Director – 1890 Program at SC State University was unable to attend this meeting.

Meadors Architecture – Emergency Operations Center update – Jeremy Tate appeared to give updates on the Emergency Operations Center that will be located on Mill St. He spoke about the specifications and plans for the 4,400 sq ft project and estimates a 12 month completion time.

**Old Business** None

**New Business**

Collection Site Decals – Administrator McLauchlin spoke about the possibility of decals to be used at collection sites to identify county citizens, and noted that different counties handle this in various ways. He told that due to costs related to additional staff that would be required, the cost to implement, and potentially increasing the roadside trash, Administration does not recommend the change to decals.

**Ordinances**

Ordinance 2024-12 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26 OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING THE UNLAWFULNESS OF EXCESSIVE NOISE AND NUISANCES was presented for First Reading. Motion to pass First Reading of Ordinance 2024-12 was made by Vice-Chairman Westbury, seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette and passed unanimously.

**Administrator**

Administrator McLauchlin made comments on the following:

- The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12 due to Veterans' Day holiday
- The Veterans' Day program will be held on Monday, November 11 to include the parade at 10am, followed by the program at 11am.
- Early Voting is being held October 21 – November 2 and now includes 3 locations (Sandy Run, St. Matthews and Cameron)
- County Trunk or Treat will be held October 29<sup>th</sup> in the Annex parking lot from 5:00pm – 8:00pm.

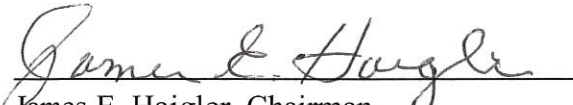
**Executive Session**

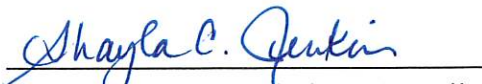
Council went into Executive Session to discuss a Contract Matter – Public Safety Communications. Motion was made by Councilwoman Bonnette to enter Executive Session bringing no matters forward, seconded by Councilman Carson and passed unanimously.

Motion to return to open session was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Vice-Chairman Westbury and passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Councilman Thornton made a motion to adjourn with second by Vice-Chairman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

  
James E. Haigler, Chairman

  
Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council