

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

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, December 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 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.

Call to Order

Chairman Haigler called the meeting to order.

Invocation

Invocation was offered by Councilwoman Bonnette.

Approval of Agenda

Councilwoman Bonnette made the motion to approve the December 9, 2024 meeting agenda as presented and was seconded by Councilman Carson. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Robert McDonald made comments regarding the time of the meetings, asking about the time being later than 5:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the November 25, 2024 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Carson and seconded by Vice-Chairman Westbury to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointments

Tony Evans was appointed to the Calhoun County Fire Commission as the representative from Caw Caw, to fill the unexpired term of Nick Stabler. Motion was made by Councilman Carson, seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette and passed unanimously. Councilman Carson thanked Mr. Stabler for his years of service.

Appearances

Boyd Bruce, Library Director, gave end of year updates to council regarding the programs and goals for the library. There were approximately 750 attendees for the Boo Bash held in October. Mr. Bruce outlined upcoming programs, additional services as well as future plans to include adult activities, food share and library boxes in communities.

Resolutions

Resolution 13-2024 AUTHORIZING, PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS 1976, AS AMENDED, (1) THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THAT CERTAIN FEE-IN-LIEU OF *AD VALOREM* TAXES AND INCENTIVE AGREEMENT ORIGINALLY DATED DECEMBER 12, 2016, AS FIRST AMENDED AS OF MARCH 14, 2022, BY AND BETWEEN ALPEK POLYESTER USA, LLC (F/K/A/ DAK AMERICAS, LLC) AND CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO EXTEND THE INVESTMENT PERIOD THEREIN AND (2) THE GRANTING OF A WAIVER OF CERTAIN INVESTMENT LIMITATIONS RELATED TO THAT CERTAIN FEE AGREEMENT ORIGINALLY DATED JANUARY 31, 2011, AS AMENDED BY CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 15-2014, BY AND BETWEEN ALPEK POLYESTER USA, LLC (F/K/A/ DAK AMERICAS, LLC) AND CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO was presented. Councilwoman Bonnette made a motion to pass Resolution 13-2024 and was seconded by Councilman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

EMS Equipment Lease (approval required) - Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to approve the equipment lease in the amount of \$665,700.95 and was seconded by Councilman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances

Ordinance 2024-13 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ALLOCATION OF REVENUES GENERATED FROM ONE OR MORE MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARKS WITHIN CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO was presented for First Reading by Title Only. Administrator McLaughlin told that case law indicates some amount from solar project revenues must go to every political subdivision. Motion to pass First Reading by Title Only of Ordinance 2024-13 was made by Vice-Chairman Westbury, seconded by Councilman Carson and passed unanimously.

Administrator

Administrator McLaughlin announced that there will be no second meeting in December.

Dr. Molnar of LSCOG was called on and announced upcoming events and meetings for the organization and told that the full board meeting comes to Calhoun County in February 2025.

Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to adjourn with second by Councilman Carson. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.


James E. Haigler, Chairman


Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council