

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

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

The following were present:

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

Absent: Councilman Cecil Thornton

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 January 22, 2024 meeting agenda as amended and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Alicia Scott, Calhoun County Deputy Treasurer, updated Council on collection of taxes at this point, and outlined dates for any penalties. She told that the department has collected roughly 1% more than this point last year, and also told of the new credit card machines in use.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the January 8, 2024 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilwoman Bonnette and seconded by Vice-Chairman Westbury to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointments

Chairman Haigler made appointments to the 2024 Standing Committees, keeping the assignments the same as 2023. There was a motion to accept, made by Vice-Chairman Westbury, seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette, which passed unanimously.

Resolutions

Resolution 1-2024 A RESOLUTION (1) AMENDING THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK BETWEEN LEXINGTON COUNTY,

SOUTH CAROLINA (“LEXINGTON COUNTY”) AND CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (“CALHOUN COUNTY”) TO ENLARGE THE PARK TO ADD CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN LEXINGTON COUNTY OPERATED BY FEDEX GROUND PACKAGE SYSTEM, INC.; AND (2) APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO was presented. Vice-Chairman Westbury mad a motion to pass Resolution 1-2024 and was seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2-2024 Appointing Belinda Mann to the Calhoun County Fire Commission from the Jumper Station Fire Department was presented. Councilman Carson made a motion to appoint, seconded by Vice-Chairman Westbury, which passed unanimously.

Administrator

Administrator McLauchlin thanked citizens for their patience while the Animal Shelter is expanded, which will take roughly 90 days. He also made comments regarding the Wannamaker building being taken down. The cotton houses on Mill Street will also be demolished, as they are in bad condition and the site will be used for the Emergency Operations Center.

Chairman Haigler inquired about the demolition projects on Bridge St, which is a Penny Sales Tax project.

Adjournment

Councilman Carson made a motion to adjourn with second by Vice-Chairman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.



James E. Haigler, Chairman



Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council