

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 27, 2025  
5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, January 27, 2025.

The following were present:

Chairman James E. Haigler, who presided  
Councilwoman Rebecca Bonnette  
Councilman Richard Carson  
Councilman Ken Westbury  
Administrator John McLauchlin  
Deputy Administrator Richard Hall  
Clerk to Council Shayla Jenkins  
Human Resource Director Brandy Roberson

Absent: Vice-Chairman 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](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 the motion to approve the January 27, 2025 meeting agenda as presented and was seconded by Councilman Westbury. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments** None

**Public Hearings**

Chairman Haigler opened a Public Hearing on **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. There were no questions or comments; therefore, the Hearing was closed. **Third Reading of Ordinance 2024-13.** Councilwoman Bonnette made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2024-13, and was seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the January 13, 2025 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.

### **Committee Reports** None

### **Appointments**

Chairman Haigler made the following appointments to Standing Committees:

**ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE** James E. Haigler (Chair) and Cecil M. Thornton, Jr.

**PUBLIC SERVICE AND COUNTY PLANNING** Richard Carson (Chair) and Ken Westbury

**JUDICIARY** Cecil M. Thornton, Jr. (Chair) and Rebecca Bonnette

**EDUCATION, RECREATION, HEALTH AND WELFARE** Ken Westbury (Chair) and James E. Haigler

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT** Rebecca Bonnette (Chair) and Richard Carson

### **Resolutions**

Resolution 1-2025 A RESOLUTION APPROVING SURPLUS PROCEEDS FROM THE 2019 CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX FOR COMPLETION OF APPROVED REFERENDUM PROJECTS (JOINT CALHOUN COUNTY- ST. MATTHEWS AREA WATER LINE PROJECT, CALHOUN COUNTY SANDY RUN FIRE DISTRICT SUBSTATION PROJECT, CALHOUN COUNTY SANDY RUN FIRE DISTRICT LADDER TRUCK PROJECT, AND CALHOUN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER ADDITION PROJECT) AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO was presented. Councilman Carson made a motion to approve Resolution 1-2025, and was seconded by Councilman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2-2025 PRESENTATION OF A RESOLUTION FROM THE CALHOUN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING THE APPROVAL OF A REZONING REQUEST FROM NANCY COLLINS, LINDA HILL, MICHAEL HILL AND BARRY HILL FOR TAX MAP# 022-00-00-039 FROM RURAL NEIGHBORHOOD AND INDUSTRIAL TO INDUSTRIAL was presented. Councilman Westbury made a motion to accept Resolution 2-2025, and was seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 3-2025 PRESENTATION OF A RESOLUTION FROM THE CALHOUN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING THE DISAPPROVAL OF A REZONING REQUEST FROM GEORGE WASHINGTON FOR TAX MAP#121-00-03-070 FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO MIXED USE RESIDENTIAL was presented. Councilman Westbury made a motion to accept Resolution 3-2025, and was seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

Casey Hallman (variance request) Council gave approval for the \$594 credit to be applied to Mrs. Hallman's new building permit. Councilman Westbury made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette and the motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

Budget Calendar (approval required) Council approved the FY 2025-2026 Budget Calendar. Councilwoman Bonnette made the motion, seconded by Councilman Carson and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Ordinances**

Ordinance 2025-1 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANIMAL CONTROL CODE was presented for First Reading. Motion to pass First Reading of Ordinance 2025-1 was made by Councilman Westbury, seconded by Councilman Carson and passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2025-2 AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING DESIGNATION OF TMS# 022-00-00-039 FROM RURAL NEIGHBORHOOD AND INDUSTRIAL TO INDUSTRIAL was presented for First Reading. Motion to pass First Reading of Ordinance 2025-2 was made by Councilwoman Bonnette, seconded by Councilman Westbury and passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2025-3 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING (1) THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO FEE-IN-LIEU OF *AD VALOREM* TAXES AND SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (THE "COUNTY"); HIGH ROAD REAL ESTATE, LLC; AND BLANCHARD MACHINERY COMPANY, PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED AS PROJECT CHATEAU, ACTING FOR THEMSELVES, ONE OR MORE AFFILIATES AND/OR OTHER PROJECT SPONSORS (COLLECTIVELY, THE "COMPANY"), PURSUANT TO WHICH THE COUNTY SHALL COVENANT TO ACCEPT CERTAIN NEGOTIATED FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES WITH RESPECT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND/OR EXPANSION OF CERTAIN FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY (THE "PROJECT"); (2) THE APPROVAL OF INCREASING CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS; (3) THE APPROVAL OF AN INVESTMENT PERIOD EXTENSION; AND (4) OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO was presented for First Reading. Motion to pass First Reading of Ordinance 2025-3 was made by Councilman Carson, seconded by Councilman Westbury and passed unanimously.

### **Administrator**

Administrator McLauchlin spoke on the passing of former county employee, Donna Livingston, and her years of service in the Finance Department.

Vice-Chairman Thornton was unable to attend the meeting due to attending a conference, and requested that Administrator McLauchlin read his letter, thanking the utilities department for their work on the water system during an outage.

Chairman Haigler called on Dr. Molnar, of LSCOG, who informed the group about upcoming events and happenings with the agency.

**Adjournment**

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

  
James E. Haigler, Chairman

  
Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council