

MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
June 23, 2025
5:30 P.M.

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, June 23, 2025.

The following were present:

Chairman James E. Haigler, who presided
Vice-Chairman Cecil Thornton
Councilwoman Rebecca Bonnette
Councilman Richard Carson
Councilman Ken Westbury,
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.

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 June 23, 2025 meeting agenda as presented and was seconded by Councilman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments None

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the June 9, 2025 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Thornton and seconded by Councilman Carson to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Appearances

Dr. Molnar, Executive Director of the Lower Savannah Council of Governments, provided Council with a presentation and gave updates on the status of programs offered by the organization.

Administrator McLauchlin reported on the Calhoun County Capital Project Sales and Use Tax program Audit, saying that the county is in compliance and there were no deficiencies found. He and Chairman Haigler expressed appreciation to those involved.

Resolutions

Resolution 8-2025 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN CALHOUN COUNTY AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA

ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES BEING AUTHORIZED AND DESIGNATED AS THE CLAIMANT AGENT FOR THE COUNTY PURSUANT TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SETOFF DEBT COLLECTION ACT OF 2003, AS AMENDED was approved. Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Thornton and seconded by Councilman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Calhoun Transportation Committee - Engineering Services - Administrator McLauchlin explained that a request for qualifications was solicited and Infrastructure, Consulting and Engineering (ICE) was the bidder of recommendation. Councilman Westbury made a motion to continue to use ICE, and was seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances

Ordinance 14-2025 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A LOAN FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO FINANCE CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM OF CALHOUN COUNTY AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO was presented for First Reading by Title Only. Vice-Chairman Thornton made a motion to pass First Reading by Title Only of Ordinance 14-2025 and was seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator

Administrator McLauchlin told of the upcoming 4th of July Fireworks Show, to be held on Saturday, July 28th.

Deputy Administrator Hall thanked Administrator McLauchlin for his many years of service and congratulated him on his retirement. After presentation of his retirement plaque, members of Council made comments regarding his time as Administrator for the County.

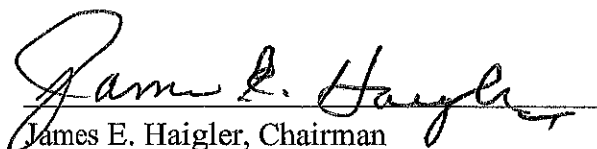
Councilman Carson commented regarding Spectrum and need for services in the lower portion of the county.

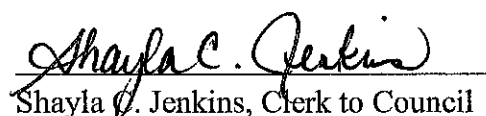
Executive Session

Councilman Westbury made a motion to go into Executive Session for receipt of legal advice, with no matters brought forward, and was seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously. After Executive Session, Councilman Carson made a motion to return to open session, and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Thornton.

Adjournment

Councilman Carson made a motion to adjourn with second by Councilman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.


James E. Haigler, Chairman


Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council