

MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 14, 2025
5:30 P.M.

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, July 14, 2025.

The following were present:

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

Absent: Councilman Richard Carson

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, with a moment of silence for the tragedy in Texas.

Invocation

Invocation was offered by Councilwoman Bonnette.

Approval of Agenda

Councilman Westbury made the motion to amend the July 14, 2025 meeting agenda to include, as new business, the Fort Motte Fire Department engine replacement. Vice-Chairman Thornton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments None

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the June 23, 2025 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Thornton and seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Representation Agreement – Ultra Processed Foods Litigators – Administrator Hall explained the suit and told that participation in the class action lawsuit will be of no cost. Council Westbury made a motion to approve, and was seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously.

Fort Motte FD engine replacement – Administrator Hall explained the need for the replacement. Councilman Westbury made a motion to approve the engine replacement in the amount not to exceed \$58,659.25. Vice Chairman Thornton seconded, and 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 postponed for Second Reading, to provide for the ordinance language.

Ordinance 15-2025 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A TAX ANTICIPATION BORROWING OF CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$2,500,000, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; TO PRESCRIBE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH BORROWING AND THE FORM OF NOTE TO BE EXECUTED EVIDENCING THE SAME; TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO was presented for First Reading by Title Only. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass First Reading by Title Only of Ordinance 15-2025 and was seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 16-2025 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 30 OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES FOR ENFORCEMENT OF ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCES AND TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH ENFORCEMENT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO was presented for First Reading by Title Only. Administrator Hall explained that Animal Control will become enforced by the Sheriff's Department and Council gave comments in support and thanking Sheriff Summers. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass First Reading by Title Only of Ordinance 16-2025 and was seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator

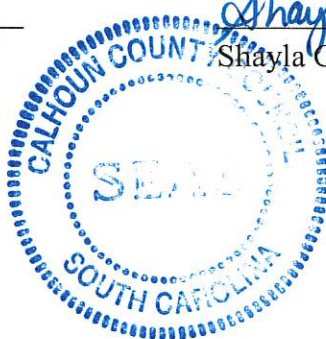
Administrator Hall had no additional comments.

Adjournment

Councilman Westbury made a motion to adjourn with second by Vice-Chairman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.


James E. Haigler, Chairman


Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council

The seal is circular with a double-lined border. The outer ring contains the text "CALHOUN COUNTY" at the top and "SOUTH CAROLINA" at the bottom, separated by small dots. In the center of the seal, the word "SEAL" is written in a stylized font.