

MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 8, 2025
5:30 P.M.

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, September 8, 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 Richard Hall
Clerk to Council Shayla Jenkins
Human Resources Director Brandy Roberson

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 September 8, 2025 meeting agenda as presented. Vice-Chairman Thornton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None

Public Hearings

Chairman Haigler opened a Public Hearing on **Ordinance 2025-17** AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE POSTPONEMENT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF REVISED PROPERTY VALUES RESULTING FROM THE EQUALIZATION AND REASSESSMENT OF ALL PROPERTIES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF CALHOUN COUNTY FOR ONE PROPERTY TAX YEAR; TO PROVIDE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO. With there being no public comments, the Hearing was closed. **Third Reading of Ordinance 2025-17.** Councilwoman Bonnette made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2025-17 and was seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the August 25, 2025 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Westbury and seconded by Councilman Carson to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Proclamations

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE GUARD AND NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2025 was presented and approved. Motion was made by Councilwoman Bonnette, seconded by Vice-Chairman Thornton and passed unanimously. Sgt. 1st Class Kincaid was present and gave thanks and comments regarding the organization's efforts. Chairman Haigler and Council thanked the State Guard for their work.

Resolutions

Resolution 9-2025 A RESOLUTION SETTING THE MILLAGE AND APPROVING THE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX CREDIT FACTOR FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR was presented for approval. Vice-Chairman Thornton made a motion to approve Resolution 9-2025, and was seconded by Councilman Westbury. The motion passed with 4-1 vote (Thornton, Westbury, Carson and Haigler, in favor; Bonnette opposed).

New Business

Ancillary benefits (approval required) – Brandy Roberson, Human Resource Director, was present and explained the change from Allstate to Aflac, costs savings and additional benefits. Councilman Westbury made a motion to approve the change and was seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion passed unanimously.

PORS Retirement Insurance through PEBA (approval required) – Ms. Roberson also explained the benefits for firefighters and approval would allow them to be under the Police Retirement System. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Westbury and seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances

Ordinance 2025-18 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE RECOVERY OF COSTS TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY SERVICES AND FIRE PROTECTION, THE ADOPTION OF FEES AND CHARGES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO was presented for Second Reading. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-18 and was seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2025-19 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND A COMPANY KNOWN AS PROJECT KELLY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO was presented for Second Reading. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-19 and was seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2025-20 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CALHOUN COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2 - ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE IV. - BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, DIVISION 6. - REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER OF ORANGEBURG AND CALHOUN COUNTIES was presented for First Reading. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass First Reading of Ordinance 2025-20 and was seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion passed unanimously.

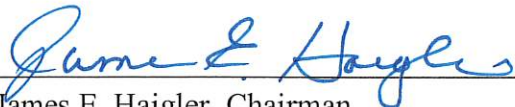
Administrator

Administrator Hall announced the following:

- Taste of Calhoun event on September 18
- Sandy Run Fall Festival on October 11
- Rural Veterans' Clinic on October 2-3
- Railroad closings in Cameron

Adjournment

Councilwoman Bonnette made a motion to adjourn with second by Vice-Chairman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.


James E. Haigler, Chairman


Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council

