

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING**

**August 10, 2026**

**5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, August 10, 2026.

The following were present:

Chairman James E. Haigler, who presided  
Vice-Chairman Cecil Thornton  
Councilman Richard Carson  
Councilman Ken Westbury  
Councilwoman Rebecca Bonnette  
Administrator Richard Hall  
Assistant Administrator/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](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 August 10, 2026 meeting agenda as presented. Councilman Westbury seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the July 13, 2026 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.

**Proclamations**

A Proclamation Recognizing August as Emergency Management Awareness Month was passed by Council. Motion was made by Councilwoman Bonnette, seconded by Councilman Carson and passed unanimously.

### **Appearances**

David Chojnacki appeared to give Emergency Management Agency & Emergency Operations Center updates. He reported that the EOC construction is going as planned with an anticipated completion around March. He recognized Bill Minikiewicz, Lee Ott, Richard Kline and Phil Shreves for recent accomplishments, certifications and service. He announced new projects and reported on ongoing endeavors for the department.

Christopher Green of South Carolina State University 1890 Research and Extension, gave Council an overview of the services the agency provides and highlighted the summer program held in Calhoun County. He also requested assistance with a location to house the program going forward.

### **Resolutions**

Resolution 9-2026 AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF A FEE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND RRIFI SR LAND, LCC, WHICH WAS JOINED AS A SPONSOR PARTY THERETO BY RRIFI SANDY RUN III MEMBER, LLC was presented. Councilwoman Bonnette made a motion to pass Resolution 9-2026 and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

Calhoun County Library HVAC System – Council approved the award to Spires Heating and Air in the amount of \$48,300.00. Motion was made by Councilman Westbury, seconded by Vice-Chairman Thornton and passed unanimously.

### **Ordinances**

**Ordinance 2026-12** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PROJECT PROTEIN, ACTING FOR ITSELF, ONE OR MORE AFFILIATES, TO PROVIDE FOR A FEE IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES INCENTIVE, CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS, THE INCLUSION OF THE PROPERTY IN A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL OR BUSINESS PARK, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO was presented for Second Reading. Councilman Carson made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2026-12 and was seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Administrator**

Administrator Hall highlighted the following:

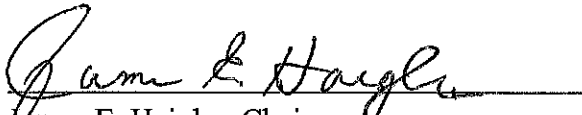
- Special Election dates and timeline

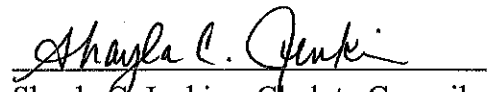
- Association of Counties Conference and Institute of Government graduates
- Vice-Chairman Thornton named as President of the South Carolina Association of Counties
- Data centers and ordinances relating to the issue are being looked into.

Chairman Haigler remarked about the conference and applauded County Officials taking the opportunity to learn. Vice-Chairman Thornton asked everyone to keep IT Director, Robert Truesdale in prayer as he recovers.

### **Adjournment**

Councilman Carson made a motion to adjourn with second by Councilman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

  
James E. Haigler, Chairman

  
Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council