

MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 24, 2026
5:30 P.M.

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, August 24, 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.

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 24, 2026 meeting agenda as presented. Councilman Westbury seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None

Public Hearings

Chairman Haigler opened a Public Hearing on **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. With there being no public comments, the Hearing was closed.

Third Reading of Ordinance 2026-12. Councilwoman Bonnette made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2026-12 and was seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the August 10, 2026 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Westbury and seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Proclamations

A Proclamation Honoring the Memory and Accomplishments of Mrs. Rebecca Keller was passed by Council. Motion was made by Councilman Carson, seconded by Councilman Westbury and passed unanimously. Comments were made by Council, Ms. Kayla Keller on behalf of the family, as well as Ms. Harriett Haigler.

Appearances

Boyd Bruce commended Library Interns and told of the remarkable job that they have done. Dee & Joy Buyck Carpenter Foundation and Friends of the Library Funds were utilized to hire the interns. Council thanked the interns and Mr. Bruce for their work with the library.

Resolutions

Resolution 10-2026 A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE NEGOTIATION OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (THE "COUNTY") AND PROJECT PROTEIN, ACTING FOR ITSELF, ONE OR MORE AFFILIATE AND/OR OTHER PROJECT SPONSORS (THE "COMPANY") WITH RESPECT TO THE EXPANSION OF CERTAIN FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY (THE "PROJECT") was presented. Councilman Carson made a motion to pass Resolution 10-2026 and was seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously.

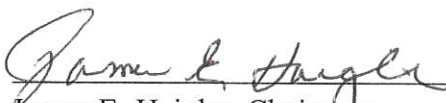
Administrator

Administrator Hall highlighted the following:

- Special Election Runoff
- Taste of Calhoun to be held on August 30, 2026.

Adjournment

Councilman Carson made a motion to adjourn with second by Councilman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.


James E. Haigler, Chairman


Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council