

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**January 26, 2026**  
**5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, January 26, 2026.

The following were present:

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

Absent: Vice-Chairman Cecil Thornton (attending conference)

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 Westbury made the motion to approve the January 26, 2026 meeting agenda as presented. Councilman Carson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments**

None

**Public Hearings**

Chairman Haigler opened a Public Hearing on **Ordinance 2025-24** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COUNTY'S FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCES TO ADOPT THE STATE MODEL FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE. With there being no public comments, the Hearing was closed. **Third Reading of Ordinance 2025-24**. Councilman Carson made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2025-24 and was seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the January 12, 2026 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Westbury to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Appointments**

Caroline Sandlin of the Fort Motte Fire Department was reappointed to the Calhoun County Fire Commission. Motion was made by Councilman Westbury, seconded by Councilman Carson and passed unanimously.

Chairman Haigler made appointments to Standing Committees as follows:

**ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE** - James E. Haigler (Chair) & Cecil M. Thornton, Jr.

**PUBLIC SERVICE AND COUNTY PLANNING** - Richard Carson (Chair) & Ken Westbury

**JUDICIARY** - Cecil M. Thornton, Jr. (Chair) & Rebecca Bonnette

**EDUCATION, RECREATION, HEALTH AND WELFARE** - Ken Westbury (Chair) & James E. Haigler

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT** - Rebecca Bonnette (Chair) & Richard Carson

### **New Business**

Apollo Ct – Council approved the transfer of ownership of Apollo Court to Zeus Industrial Products and/or its affiliates. Motion was made by Councilman Westbury, seconded by Councilman Carson and passed unanimously.

Calhoun County Museum - Collection Storage upgrades - Council approved Phase 1 of work to upgrade the Museum's Collection Storage to not exceed the grant total of \$49,000. The motion was made by Councilman Westbury, seconded by Councilman Carson and passed unanimously.

### **Ordinances**

**Ordinance 2026-1** AN ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CALHOUN COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE AND LAND USE REGULATIONS was presented for First Reading by Title Only. Motion to pass First Reading by Title Only of Ordinance 2026-1 was made by Councilman Westbury, seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette and passed unanimously.

### **Administrator**

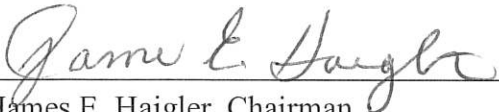
Administrator Hall updated Council on Yoland Johnson's appearance from last meeting regarding replacing mobile homes on her lots. Mrs. Johnson will be able to appeal the Building Official's decision to the Board of Zoning Appeals or apply for a variance.

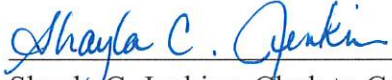
Also, Administrator Hall made note that Councilman Thornton was not present tonight due to the Insurance Trusts Meeting for the Association of Counties.

— Lastly, Administrator Hall gave information to Council regarding the need for citizens to serve on the Capital Project Sales Tax Committee. The appointments to the committee would take place at the second meeting in February.

**Adjournment**

Councilman Carson made a motion to adjourn with second by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

  
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James E. Haigler, Chairman

  
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Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council