

MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 23, 2026
5:30 P.M.

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, February 23, 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
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

Vice-Chairman Thornton made the motion to approve the February 23, 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 2026-1** AN ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CALHOUN COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE AND LAND USE REGULATIONS. With there being no public comments, the Hearing was closed. **Third Reading of Ordinance 2026-1**. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2026-1 and was seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the February 9, 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

Calhoun County Council Proclamation recognizing the achievements of the Calhoun County High School Marching Band – The Proclamation was approved with a motion by Councilman Westbury, second by Councilwoman Bonnette and unanimous vote.

Appearances

Calhoun County High School Marching Band - The group was introduced and the band director, Mr. Lawton spoke as well as Mr. Young and Dr. Tullock, Superintendent. Council voiced congratulations to the students and their families on their achievements in the Sugar Bowl Band Competition.

Marc Briggman reported and gave updates on the Capital Penny Sales Tax projects.

Resolutions

Resolution 2-2026 CREATING A COMMISSION WITHIN CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX ACT, TITLE 4, CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE 3 OF THE COLD OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT, COMPOSITION, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SUCH COMMISSION; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO was presented. Members appointed to the commission by this resolution will be: Connie Jamison, J. S. White and Riley Godwin. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Westbury, seconded by Councilman Carson and passed unanimously.

New Business

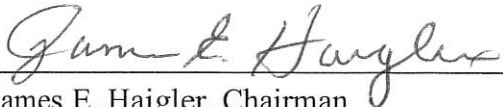
ESRI Mapping Software Licensing – Matt Trentham, Chief Deputy of Calhoun County Sheriff's Office explained the 911 mapping renewal and cost of \$30,200 per year for 3 years. The cost is 90 – 100% reimbursable. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Westbury, seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette and passed unanimously.

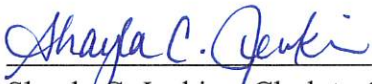
Administrator

Administrator Hall had no announcements. Gary Porth, School Board Trustee Chairman, remarked about the positive working relationship between the county and school district. Dr. Molnar, Executive Director of Lower Savannah Council of Governments, told of the board meeting being held in Calhoun County on April 9th.

Adjournment

Councilman Carson made a motion to adjourn with second by Councilman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.


James E. Haigler, Chairman


Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council