

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

March 9, 2026

5:30 P.M.

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, March 9, 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
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 March 9, 2026 meeting agenda as presented. Councilman Westbury seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments None

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the February 23, 2026 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Westbury and seconded by Vice-Chairman Thornton to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointments

The following were reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals: Herbert Edmond, Robert Jeffcoat, David Stack and Steve Turkvan. The motion was made by Councilman Westbury, seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette and passed unanimously. The Board currently has one vacancy to be filled from the lower portion of the county.

Appearances

Ashley Keller, Director of Voter Registration and Elections appeared to give updates and information regarding the 2026 election cycle to include filing, dates and early voting.

Brad Littlejohn, Finance Director, introduced himself to Council and gave background on his experiences.

Administrator

Administrator Hall gave thanks to the Finance Department for their work on the upcoming budget as well as the county audit, which is expected to meet the extension deadline of March 31st. He also spoke on the Fire Department audits, saying that there will be a presentation at an upcoming meeting and that information had been gathered from all departments with the exception of the former Sandy Run Fire Department.

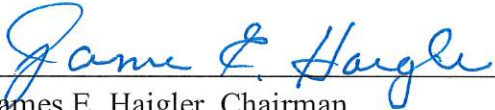
Administrator Hall also highlighted upcoming events such as the Sandy Run Spring Fling, taxes moving to the Delinquent Tax office on March 17th, Countywide litter pick-up, Town of St. Matthews Gala and Purple Martin events.

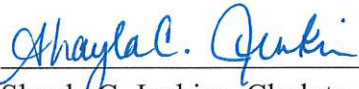
Councilman Westbury inquired about an organizational chart, and Administrator Hall said that there is work being done to revamp, as there will be no Deputy Administrator, but two Assistant Administrators, Shayla Jenkins and Brandy Roberson.

Chairman Haigler thanked Deputy Lawson for his service guarding Council meetings and the group congratulated him on his upcoming retirement.

Adjournment

Councilman Carson made a motion to adjourn with second by Vice-Chairman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.


James E. Haigler, Chairman


Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council