

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

April 13, 2026

5:30 P.M.

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, April 13, 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
Assistant Administrator Brandy Roberson
Economic Development Director John McLaughlin

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 April 13, 2026 meeting agenda as presented. Councilman Westbury seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None. Chairman Haigler reviewed procedures for Public Comments.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the March 23, 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.

Appearances

Bob Brockington, Clerk of Court gave updates on the office and a recap of his first year, citing cost savings, more efficient procedures, streamlining and outlook for the future.

Attorney Lawrence Flynn appeared to give fire department audit findings and told that most of the departments made best efforts to comply with requests pertaining to the audits, but there was no access to former Sandy Run Fire Department records. Findings largely reflected recording and record-keeping issues, with no findings currently to be considered fraudulent. Attorney Flynn advised of necessary plans to move forward to include reporting functions, filing tax returns and procurement. Administrator Hall asked for Council's agreement to work with Attorney Flynn to work on procedures needing to be fixed and Chairman Haigler requested the topic to go to the Public Service and County Planning standing committee as well.

Resolutions

Resolution 4-2026 A Resolution Recognizing April as Fair Housing Month was presented. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Resolution 4-2026 and was seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Wild Rose Ln – Report was given by Administrator Hall due to citizen concerns regarding signs still being in place about the closing. The signs remain as a part of the process; however, it is not anticipated that the road will be closed.

New Business

RFP 2518 Water Storage Tank Maintenance – Award was made to Southern Corrosion in the amount of \$784,381 for 10 years. Motion was made by Councilman Westbury, seconded by Councilman Carson and passed unanimously.

Request to Cease Maintenance on Marshall Road – The request has come from South Carolina State University in order to obtain grant funding. Motion to cease maintenance was made by Councilman Westbury, seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette and passed unanimously.

Ordinances

Ordinance 2026-2 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE V OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO ALLOW FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE CALHOUN COUNTY PROCUREMENT CODE was presented for First Reading. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass First Reading of Ordinance 2026-2 and was seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2026-3 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 21 OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING THE CREATION AND DUTIES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION was presented for First Reading. Vice-Chairman Thornton made a motion to pass First Reading of Ordinance 2026-3 and was seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously.

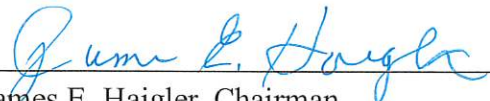
Administrator

Administrator Hall spoke on the following:

- Upcoming Purple Martin Festival Events
- Litter pick up – 38 employees picked up a total of 107 bags of litter
- Zoning updates – Planning Commission will review map changes, which will then come before Council
- Two new fire trucks have been delivered for Belleville and Caw Caw Fire Departments
- Audit presentation will be held at the next regular meeting
- Emergency Operations Center has a projected cost of \$2.45M and an estimated 300 days for construction

Adjournment

Councilman Carson made a motion to adjourn with second by Vice Chairman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.


James E. Haigler, Chairman


Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council