

MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
Budget Work Session
Calhoun Hills Golf Complex
April 20, 2026
9:00 A.M.

Calhoun County Council held its Budget Work Session on Monday, April 20, 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

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.

Chairman Haigler called the meeting to order and Invocation was offered by Councilwoman Bonnette.

Administrator Hall began review of the budget work book, discussed revenue projections and told that the budget presented includes no millage increase.

Agency requests were discussed and requirements going forward. Dr. Walt Tobin and Mr. Kim Huff of Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College appeared and spoke about the current status of the college and asked that Council continue the financial support as they have in the past. Sheriff Thomas Summers and Chief Deputy Matt Trentham spoke regarding their request, and that the figures for operating remains the same.

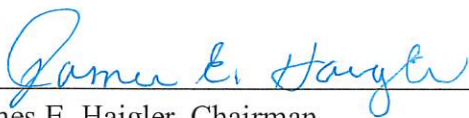
Council continued to review proposed budgets by department as well as highlights and accomplishments for each. The group discussed ways to save and county needs.

Resolution 5-2026 REQUESTING THAT THE COMMISSION CREATED PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX ACT, TITLE 4, CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE 3 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, CONSIDER CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO was presented. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Resolution 5-2026 and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Thornton. Following discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

County Strategic Plan – Council approved the updated Strategic Plan. Motion was made by Councilman Westbury, seconded by Councilman Carson and approved unanimously.

Council, along with Administrator Hall, Assistant Administrators Shayla Jenkins and Brandy Roberson and Economic Development Director John McLaughlin, departed for a tour of Blanchard Machinery and the Red Rock Fire Station.

The group dispersed at 4:45 pm.


James E. Haigler, Chairman


Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council