

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

April 27, 2026

5:30 P.M.

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, April 27, 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

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 27, 2026 meeting agenda as presented. Vice-Chairman Thornton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the April 13, 2026 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Thornton and seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of the April 20, 2026 Budget Work Session 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

Andrea Fogle was appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Motion was made by Councilman Carson, seconded by Councilman Westbury and passed unanimously.

Appearances

Will Walls of Love, Bailey & Associates presented the fiscal year 2025 audit and summarized findings of the unmodified audit. He highlighted that there were five internal control finds, which was an improvement from seven findings previously. Council thanked Mr. Walls for his report.

Resolutions

Resolution 6-2026 A RESOLUTION FROM CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTING THE CALHOUN COUNTY NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2026 was presented. Administrator Hall informed the group that this resolution is approving the plan when FEMA adopts it. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Resolution 6-2026 and was seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion 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 Second Reading. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2026-2 and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Thornton. 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 Second Reading. Vice-Chairman Thornton made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2026-3 and was seconded by Councilman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2026-4 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 FOR THE OPERATION, DEBT SERVICE, BUILDING FUND AND FOOD SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CALHOUN COUNTY, THE ORANGEBURG-CALHOUN TECHNICAL COLLEGE, AND THE CALHOUN COUNTY DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD (INCLUDING THE L. MARION GRESSETTE CENTER); TO PROVIDE FOR DEPOSIT AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN CALHOUN COUNTY was presented for First Reading. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass First Reading of Ordinance 2026-4 and was seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2026-5 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF CALHOUN AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVYING OF TAXES AND FEES, AND FOR THE EXPENDITURE THEREOF; FOR COUNTY PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027, AND DECLARING THAT THE SAME SHALL CONSTITUTE THE BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF CALHOUN FOR SUCH FISCAL YEAR; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO was presented for First Reading. Councilman Carson made a motion to pass First Reading of Ordinance 2026-5 and was seconded by Councilman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously.

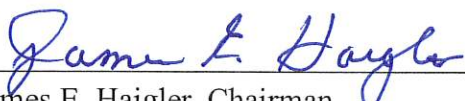
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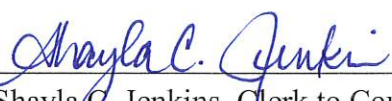
Administrator Hall thanked those who participated in the Purple Martin Festival and noted that the budget presented is balanced with no proposed millage increase.

- Councilman Westbury inquired about school district autonomy, and after some discussion, Administrator Hall said that he would check into the matter.
- Vice Chairman Thornton echoed sentiments regarding the Purple Martin Festival.
- Councilwoman Bonnette announced the Red Rock Fire Station Open House to be held on May 9, 2026.

Adjournment

Councilman Carson made a motion to adjourn with second by Councilman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.


James E. Haigler, Chairman


Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council

