

MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 13, 2026
5:30 P.M.

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, July 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

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 Westbury made the motion to approve the July 13, 2026 meeting agenda as presented. Vice-Chairman Thornton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None

Public Hearings

Chairman Haigler opened a Public Hearing on **Ordinance 2026-6** AN ORDINANCE ENACTED 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, PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION OF A ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX UPON REFERENDUM APPROVAL, THE AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS PAYABLE FROM SUCH SALES AND USE TAX UPON REFERENDUM APPROVAL, THE FORM OF THE BALLOT TO BE USED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO. With there being no public comments, the Hearing was closed. **Third Reading of Ordinance 2026-6.** Councilwoman Bonnette made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2026-6 and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Haigler opened a Public Hearing on **Ordinance 2026-8** AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AND GOVERN THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE, CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND ABANDONMENT OF COUNTY ROADS; TO REGULATE ENCROACHMENTS WITHIN RIGHT-OF-WAY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS RELATED THERETO. With there being no public comments, the Hearing was closed. **Third Reading of Ordinance 2026-8.** Vice-Chairman made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2026-8 and was seconded by Councilman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Haigler opened a Public Hearing on **Ordinance 2026-9** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY FROM CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO. With there being no public comments, the Hearing was closed. **Third Reading of Ordinance 2026-9.** Councilwoman Bonnette made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2026-9 and was seconded by Councilman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Haigler opened a Public Hearing on **Ordinance 2026-10** AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE UPDATED ZONING MAP FOR CALHOUN COUNTY. With there being no public comments, the Hearing was closed. **Third Reading of Ordinance 2026-10.** Vice-Chairman Thornton made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2026-10 and was seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the June 22, 2026 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Westbury and seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of the June 29, 2026 Special Called Meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilwoman Bonnette and seconded by Councilman Westbury to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Proclamations

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) 36th Anniversary Proclamation was passed by Council. Motion was made by Councilwoman Bonnette, seconded by Councilman Westbury. Mary Reaves and LaQuanda. Clark with the organization thanked Council and gave remarks regarding their roles and services offered.

Ordinances

Ordinance 2026-12 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PROJECT PROTEIN, ACTING FOR ITSELF, ONE OR MORE AFFILIATES, TO PROVIDE FOR A FEE IN LIEU OF AD

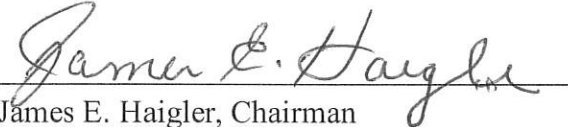
VALOREM TAXES INCENTIVE, CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS, THE INCLUSION OF THE PROPERTY IN A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL OR BUSINESS PARK, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO was presented for First Reading by Title Only. Councilwoman Bonnette made a motion to pass First Reading by Title Only of Ordinance 2026-12 and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously. Economic Development Director John McLaughlin reported that the project is the expansion at Devro.

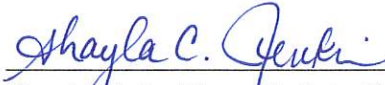
Administrator

Administrator Hall thanked all involved with the Fourth of July festivities, announced upcoming election dates for the Special Election and congratulated the Lake Marion All Stars for winning the regional championship.

Adjournment

Councilman Westbury made a motion to adjourn with second by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.


James E. Haigler, Chairman


Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council