

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

June 22, 2026

5:30 P.M.

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, June 22, 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 June 22, 2026 meeting agenda as presented. Councilman Westbury seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Jacob Hair informed Council that members of the public were well pleased with the tournament held at the Sports Complex over the weekend.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the June 8, 2026 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Thornton and seconded by Councilman Westbury to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Appearances

Crystal Youmans and Jade Steedly appeared to introduce the two newest paramedics, Matt Cole and Joshua Zeigler, who recently passed the paramedic exam, and pinned them with their new rank in EMS.

Resolutions

Presentation of a Resolution from the Calhoun County Planning Commission recommending the adoption of the updated zoning maps - Council voted to approve the resolution from the planning commission. Motion was made by Councilman Westbury, seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette and passed unanimously.

New Business

Fire Equipment Lawsuit Contract -- Council approved participation in the class action lawsuit regarding fire equipment and will be represented by Attorney Charles Whetstone with no fees unless awarded. Motion to approve participation was made by Councilman Westbury, seconded by Councilman Carson and passed unanimously.

Acceptance of Maintenance Easement - Hidden Trail -- Council approved Hidden Trail as a part of the county road system. Motion was made by Councilwoman Bonnette, seconded by Vice-Chairman Thornton and passed unanimously.

Ordinances

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 was presented for Second Reading. Councilman Carson made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2026-6 and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously.

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 was presented for First Reading. Vice-Chairman Thornton made a motion to pass First Reading of Ordinance 2026-8 and was seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion passed unanimously.

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 was presented for First Reading. Councilwoman Bonnette made a motion to pass First Reading of

Ordinance 2026-9 and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously.

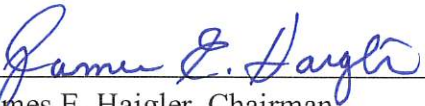
Ordinance 2026-10 AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE UPDATED ZONING MAP FOR CALHOUN COUNTY was presented for First Reading. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass First Reading of Ordinance 2026-10 and was seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously.

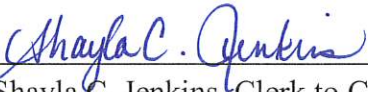
Administrator

Administrator Hall thanked all involved with the event at the Sports Complex and reminded of the July 3rd Fireworks show.

Adjournment

Councilman Carson made a motion to adjourn with second by Vice-Chairman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.


James E. Haigler, Chairman


Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council

