

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

June 29, 2026

5:30 P.M.

Calhoun County Council held a special called meeting on Monday, June 29, 2026.

The following were present:

Chairman James E. Haigler, who presided
Vice-Chairman Cecil Thornton
Councilman Richard Carson
Councilman Ken Westbury
Administrator Richard Hall
Assistant Administrator/Clerk to Council Shayla Jenkins

Absent: Councilwoman Rebecca Bonnette

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 Councilman Westbury.

Public Hearing

Chairman Haigler opened a Public Hearing on **Ordinance 2025-22** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PROJECT SAM; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Economic Development Director, John McLauchlin, informed that the Project Sam is Amazon and the project is a last mile delivery station to be housed in the Calhoun Industrial Park. The approximately \$37 million investment includes 100 full time jobs as well as part time delivery opportunities. The company has not asked for incentives and there will be improvements made at Exit 125 and Valley Ridge Rd.

In public comments, Christian Wolfe voiced concerns with trash and litter along with traffic increases. Administrator Hall responded that there would be no egress onto Valley Ridge Rd and told that there are also plans in place for stormwater near the creek. Also, Jacob Hair inquired about drone delivery and Mr. McLauchlin told that there is no scheduled drone service for this facility.

Chairman Haigler thanked Mr. McLauchlin for his work on the project and remarked on the benefits for the county's tax base. With no further public comments, the Hearing was closed.

Third Reading of Ordinance 2025-22. Councilman Carson made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2025-22 and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Fire Engine for Jumper Station Fire Department – Council approved financing the \$400,000 Pierce Engine, which was already included in the heavy equipment budget. Motion was made by Councilman Westbury, seconded by Vice-Chairman Thornton, and passed unanimously.

Ordinances

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 Second Reading. Councilman Carson made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2026-8 and was seconded by Councilman Westbury. 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 Second Reading. Councilman Carson made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2026-9 and was seconded by Councilman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2026-10 AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE UPDATED ZONING MAP FOR CALHOUN COUNTY was presented for Second Reading. Vice-Chairman Thornton made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2026-10 and was seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

Councilman Westbury made the motion to go into **Executive Session to discuss an Economic Development Matter – Project Vision**, and come back with a vote. Vice Chairman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Carson made a motion to return to open session, was seconded by Vice-Chairman Thornton and passed unanimously.

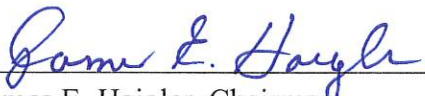
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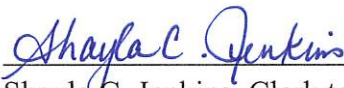
Ordinance 2026-11 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PROJECT VISION, ACTING FOR ITSELF, ONE OR MORE AFFILIATES, AND/OR OTHER PROJECT SPONSORS AND SPONSOR AFFILIATES, TO PROVIDE FOR A FEE 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. Councilman Carson made a motion to pass First Reading by Title Only of Ordinance 2026-11 and was seconded by Councilman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 8-2026 A RESOLUTION COMMITTING CALHOUN COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A FEE IN LIEU OF *AD VALOREM* TAXES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CALHOUN COUNTY AND AN ENTITY OR ENTITIES IDENTIFIED BY THE COUNTY AS PROJECT VISION AND ITS AFFILIATED AND RELATED ENTITIES, WHEREBY CALHOUN COUNTY WILL PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF CERTAIN FEES-IN-LIEU OF *AD VALOREM* TAXES AND PROVIDE CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO was approved. Motion was made by Councilman Carson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Thornton and passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Councilman Carson made a motion to adjourn with second by Councilman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.


James E. Haigler, Chairman


Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council

