

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

June 8, 2026

5:30 P.M.

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, June 8, 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 8, 2026 meeting agenda as presented. Councilman Westbury seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None

Public Hearings

Chairman Haigler opened a Public Hearing on **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. With there being no public comments, the Hearing was closed. **Third**

Reading of Ordinance 2026-4. Councilman Carson made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2026-4 and was seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Haigler opened a Public Hearing on **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. With there being no public comments, the Hearing was closed. **Third Reading of Ordinance 2026-5.** Councilman Carson made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2026-5 and was seconded by Councilman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the May 11, 2026 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Thornton and seconded by Councilman Carson to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Proclamations

Forging Strong Fathers and Families Month was passed by Council, and comments were made regarding the importance of the organization, and Shawna Robinson was present to receive on behalf of the Coalition. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Westbury, seconded by Vice-Chairman Thornton and passed unanimously.

Appearances

Bryant Williams, Executive Director of Calhoun County Mental Health, appeared to give updates and report on the services offered by the agency. He also introduced Latischa Herriott, Clinic Director.

Resolutions

Resolution 7-2026 A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ELIMINATION OF A GRADE CROSSING; REPEALING ALL PRIOR ACTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was passed by Council. Motion was made by Councilman Westbury, seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette and passed unanimously

New Business

Recommendation for Award – HVAC Maintenance, Service, and Repair RFP 2522 – Awarded to Spires Heating and Air for \$35,200 annually. Motion was made by Councilman Westbury, seconded by Vice-Chairman Thornton and passed unanimously

Recommendation for Award – Calhoun County ambulance RFP 2520 – Awarded to Northwestern Emergency Vehicles in the amount of \$337,190.91. Administrator Hall informed that the purchase will be covered largely by funds received from the MUSC/RMC merger and the remainder is in the fund balance. Motion to award by was made by Councilman Westbury, seconded by Councilman Carson 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 First Reading. Vice-Chairman Thornton made a motion to pass First Reading of Ordinance 2026-6 and was seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion passed unanimously.

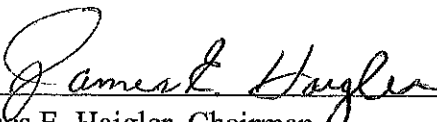
Ordinance 2026-7 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN ASSET PURCHASE AND WATER SYSTEM TRANSFER AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA AND CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; AUTHORIZING A WHOLESALE WATER SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF CERTAIN COUNTY REAL PROPERTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO was presented for First Reading by Title Only. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass First Reading by Title Only of Ordinance 2026-7 and was seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously.

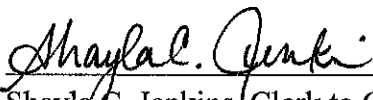
Administrator

Administrator Hall announced the July 3rd Fireworks show and reminded of the Primary Election on tomorrow.

Adjournment

Councilman Carson made a motion to adjourn with second by Vice-Chairman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.


James E. Haigler, Chairman


Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council