

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
HELD VIRTUALLY
February 22, 2021
5:30 P.M.**

DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THIS COUNCIL MEETING WAS HELD VIRTUALLY

Calhoun County Council held a Special Called meeting, virtually, on Monday, February 22, 2021.

A roll-call was held and the following were present:

Chairman David K. Summers, Jr., who presided
Vice-Chairman James E. Haigler
Councilman Cecil Thornton
Councilman John Nelson
Councilman Ken Westbury
Administrator John McLaughlin
Deputy Administrator/CFO Denise Christmas
Clerk to Council Vickie Stoudemire

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 www.calhouncounty.sc.gov.

Call to Order

Chairman Summers called the meeting to order. A verbal roll call was called and all Councilmen affirmed that they were in attendance.

Invocation

Invocation was offered by Councilman John Nelson.

Appointments by Resolution

1. 5-2021 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE THREE RIVERS SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS was presented. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Resolution 5-2021 appointing Cecil Thornton to

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the Three Rivers Solid Waste Authority Board of Directors. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. 6-2021 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE THREE RIVERS SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS was presented. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Resolution 6-2021 appointing John McLauchlin as an alternate member to the Three Rivers Solid Waste Authority Board of Directors. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Appearances

1. Grant Davis of Mauldin & Jenkins presented the Calhoun County FY 2020 Audit Report. He gave a clean opinion and noted there were no significant items to report. A copy of the Audit is available in the Calhoun County Administration office.

Ordinances

1. **Ordinance 2021-1** AN ORDINANCE TO REPLACE CALHOUN COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE 2016-11 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS was presented for Second Reading. Councilman Thornton made a motion to pass Second Reading on Ordinance 2021-1. Councilman Westbury seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Administrator

1. Administrator McLauchlin asked for approval of the I-26 Industrial Park signage bid. He reported that seven bids were received. His recommendation is that the County accept the bid of \$187,700.00 from Pyramid Contracting, which includes the monument signage, an alternate, and landscaping. Councilman Westbury made a motion to accept the bid of \$187,700.00 from Pyramid Contracting for the signage at the I-26 Industrial Park. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Administrator McLauchlin notified that Council due to the number of COVID-19 cases decreasing, he recommends that Council buildings be re-opened to the public and that all employees return to full time work schedules. Councilman Westbury made a motion that County buildings be re-opened to the public and that employees return to full time work schedules, with the caveat that Administration can decide to return to a modified schedule if necessary. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Westbury also made a motion that Council members return to having in-person meetings, utilizing social distancing, without the public attending, but allowing live-streaming

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electronically to the public, beginning with the March 8 Council meeting. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Administrator McLauchlin advised Council that the State Supreme Court made its ruling in the Penny Sales Tax Lawsuit, which was decided in the County's favor. He reported that as estimated 1.6 million dollars has been collected during the time of the lawsuit and that he will be meeting with the bond attorneys to begin the process of bonding proceeds to fund the designated projects.

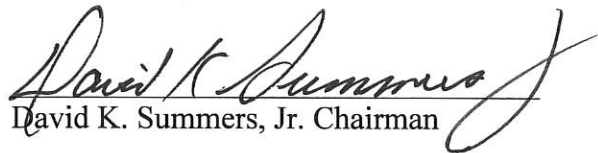
Councilman Westbury asked that Administrator McLauchlin or CFO Denise Christmas be prepared to give a report of all monies spent on the defense of the lawsuit at the next Council meeting.

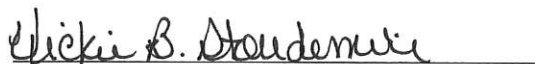
Executive Session

There were no items for Executive Session.

Adjournment

Councilman Westbury made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Thornton seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.


David K. Summers, Jr. Chairman


Vickie B. Stoudemire, Clerk to Council

