

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 10, 2021  
5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting, on Monday, May 10, 2021.

The following were present:

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

Absent: Councilman John Nelson

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](http://www.calhouncounty.sc.gov).

**Call to Order**

Chairman Summers called the meeting to order.

**Invocation**

Invocation was offered by Councilman James Haigler.

**Public Hearing**

Chairman Summers opened a Public Hearing on **Ordinance 2021-3 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 29716, AS AMENDED, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND LONE STAR SOLAR, LLC (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AS PROJECT COLA), TO PROVIDE FOR FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES INCENTIVES AND CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

There were no comments or questions; therefore the Hearing was closed.

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Before Third Reading of Ordinance 2021-3, **Resolution 12-2020 INDUCING AND IDENTIFYING A PROPOSED INVESTMENT UNDER CODE NAME OF “PROJECT COLA” AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO** was presented for passage. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Resolution 12-2020 as presented. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Haigler then made a motion to pass **Third Reading of Ordinance 2021-3**, with Councilman Thornton seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

1. Minutes of the April 12, 2021 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Thornton and seconded by Councilman Haigler to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Reports**

None

**Appointments**

Councilman Westbury made a motion to appoint Anita Wolfe to the Sandy Run Calhoun Fire District Board of Commissioners, to replace Margaret Nelson by passage of **Resolution 9-2021**. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Proclamations**

A Proclamation proclaiming the Month of May as Ruritan Awareness Month was presented. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass the Proclamation, with Councilman Haigler seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

**Appearances**

1. Dr. William Molnar of the Lower Savannah Council of Governments (COG) appeared before Council to present Chairman Summers with a Resolution thanking him for his service to the COG.

2. Chief Magistrate, Judge Jeff Bloom, came before Council to introduce the new Sandy Run Magistrate, Joseph Teague, who has been appointed by Senator Nikki Setzler to replace Judge Don Rickenbaker, who retired.

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3. Human Resource Director Brandy Roberson advised Council that the employee health insurance rates have increased by 4%. She added that this is the first increase since 2016, and requested Council's approval to pass 2% of the increase to employees' portion of the premium. Chairman Summers made a motion to approve the request, with Councilman Westbury seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resolutions**

1. **Resolution 10-2021** A RESOLUTION (1) AMENDING THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK BETWEEN LEXINGTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA ("LEXINGTON COUNTY") AND CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA ("CALHOUN COUNTY") TO ENLARGE THE PARK TO ADD CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN LEXINGTON COUNTY OPERATED BY BEULAH SOLAR, LLC ("COMPANY") AND OWNED BY TROY R. BUZHARDT; AND (2) APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO was presented. Councilman Thornton made a motion to pass Resolution 10-2021, with Councilman Haigler seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Resolution 11-2021** A RESOLUTION TO AMEND AN AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK OF LEXINGTON AND CALHOUN COUNTIES SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK was presented. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Resolution 11-2021 as presented. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Ordinances**

1. **Ordinance 2021-4** AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$7,000,000) AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO DEFRAY THE COSTS OF PROJECTS APPROVED PURSUANT TO A CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX REFERENDUM ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO was presented for **Third Reading**. Councilman Haigler made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2021-4. Councilman Westbury seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. **Ordinance 2021-5** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 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 was presented for **Second Reading**. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2021-5. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. **Ordinance 2021-6** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND DEBT SERVICE FOR CALHOUN COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021, AND FOR THE EXPENDITURE THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY was presented for **Second Reading**. Councilman Thornton made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2021-6. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. **Ordinance 2021-7** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE FEES FOR COUNTY PURPOSES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN WATER AND WASTEWATER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021, FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY was presented for **Second Reading**. Councilman Haigler made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2021-7. Councilman Westbury seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

5. **Ordinance 2021-8** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE FEES FOR COUNTY PURPOSES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN CALHOUN HILLS GOLF COMPLEX FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021, FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF CALHOUN HILLS GOLF COMPLEX was presented for **Second Reading**. Councilman Thornton made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2021-8. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

6. **Ordinance 2021-9** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF 4.18 MILLS TAXES TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE SANDY RUN FIRE DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021, AND TO APPROPRIATE OTHER FUNDS FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE SANDY RUN FIRE DISTRICT was presented for **Second Reading**. Councilman Haigler made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2021-9. Councilman Westbury seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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7. **Ordinance 2021-10** AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AND AUTHORIZE FUNDS TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE CALHOUN COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021, FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF, TO PROVIDE TWO (2) MILLS FOR DEBT SERVICE, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT was presented for **Second Reading**. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2021-10. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

8. **Ordinance 2021-11** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR COUNTY PURPOSES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021, AND FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY was presented for **Second Reading**. Councilman Thornton made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2021-11. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

9. **Ordinance 2021-12** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 6 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (RMC) was presented for Second Reading. Councilman Haigler made a motion to pass **Second Reading** of Ordinance 2021-12. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

10. **Ordinance 2021-<sup>14</sup>~~13~~** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2019-2 TO CHANGE THE RENTAL FEES FOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES OWNED AND OPERATED BY CALHOUN COUNTY was presented for First Reading by Title Only. Councilman Haigler made a motion to pass **First Reading by Title Only** of Ordinance 2021-<sup>14</sup>~~13~~. Councilman Westbury seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Administrator**

1. Administrator McLauchlin presented the Capital Improvement Plan of (copy attached) for the next five years. This Plan is needed for the County to receive grants. Councilman Westbury made a motion to approve the Capital Improvement Plan as presented. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Next, Administrator McLauchlin gave Council an update on the status of the Banks Property. He advised that the properties have been surveyed and appraised and that a RFP for real estate sales services should be out in the next two (2) weeks.

3. Administrator McLauchlin presented and asked for approval to submit applications of three (3) different USDA grants. These are 100% grants and no match is required of the County. The applications were presented and votes on as follows:

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(a) \$140,000 grant for improvements and additions at the County Animal Shelter – Councilman Westbury made a motion to approve this application, with Councilman Haigler seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

(b) \$50,000 grant for Phase III of the John Ford Community Center renovations - Councilman Westbury made a motion to approve this application, with Councilman Haigler seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

(c) \$50,000 grant for improvements to the Community Development Center - Councilman Westbury made a motion to approve this application, with Councilman Haigler seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

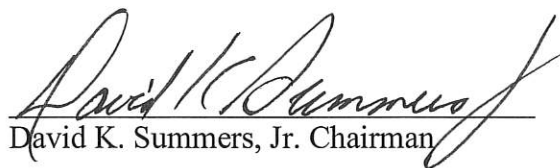
**Executive Session**

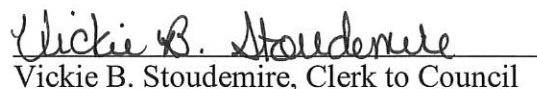
Councilman Westbury made a motion enter into Executive Session to discuss a Contract Matter in the Sheriff's Department; an Economic Development Matter concerning Project Beach; a Personnel matter concerning the Regional Medical Center; and a Security Matter regarding public events. Councilman Thornton seconded, the motion passed unanimously, and Council entered into Executive Session.

Council returned from Executive Session, having taken no action.

**Adjournment**

Councilman Westbury made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Haigler seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

  
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David K. Summers, Jr. Chairman

  
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Vickie B. Stoudemire, Clerk to Council

