

MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY TOUR
October 25, 2023
Beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Calhoun County Council had a county tour on Wednesday, October 25, 2023.

The following were present:

Chairman James E. Haigler
Councilman Richard Carson
Councilman Cecil Thornton
Administrator John McLauchlin
Deputy Administrator Richard Hall
Clerk to Council Shayla Jenkins
Human Resources Director Brandy Roberson
Community Development Director Marc Briggman
Public Works Director Cody Hair

The following press was notified of the tour 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.

The group gathered at and departed from Calhoun County Annex at 9:00 am. The group toured and discussed the current projects at the stops listed.

Exit 119 Improvements

The clearing of the trees at the exit will increase visibility of the Industrial Park. Interchange improvements will continue, and planned wastewater will be important in the area of 12th St Extension to tie into Saxe Gotha for industrial growth. Federal money contributed from Congressman Clyburn will address the T at Savany Hunt Creek Rd and allow for multiple lanes.

Sandy Run Industrial Park

There are plans in place for two (2) 500,000 square foot buildings. The group discussed the construction of a spine road to the speculative buildings and adjacent properties, since regulations dictate no driveways off of Highway 176. The group saw the Blanchard Machinery site and anticipated groundbreaking in spring 2024. The industries in the area are large taxpayers.

Sandy Run Fire Substation

Administrator McLauchlin pointed out the site for the station and commented that the ladder truck would be necessary to help with DAK and the other industries in the area.

Calhoun County Industrial Park

The group observed the location of the seven (7) acres Council approved and the area the County already owned all around it. There are nine (9) acres that could potentially go to Thermo King in the

event they will expand. Lots in the park are available. A 75 acre lot will be marketable, if the county grubs and grades the site.

Sandy Run Community Park and Walking Track

Trees will be planted between the convenience site and the park, and the track is getting use. The County is working on funding for the roadside fence. The new hours for the convenience site are working well.

Burn Building

The group met with Fire Coordinator Jeff Price at the site and toured the burn building. There is the opportunity for growth, which may need to include a meeting area and a third story tower.

Banks House

The group met Interim Museum Director, Jeremy Stoudenmire and toured the home, while getting history on the project. Attendees were able to see the work that has been done and were informed on what more would be happening with the property, according to the requirements.

Gressette Blvd/Chestnut St Residential Development

The group observed the site of the proposed development of single family homes. Town of St. Matthews Zoning will apply.

Lunch - Calhoun Hills Golf Course Vice-Chairman Westbury joined the tour.

Bluffs at Lake Marion

The group viewed the site from the vehicle. Plans are in place to rehab the landing and will include sheds and building. There will be an emphasis on training and education. The site is 300+ acres and consists of two trails. There is a stipulation to the improvements, which is no death to trees. The plan would center around ensuring that EMS and emergency services can access the boat ramp. Representative Ott will be allocating funds to the project.

Lone Star Solar

The group met with the construction team. First, there was a short safety orientation. The project, headed by Blue Ridge Power, will be 108 megawatts when completed. There are 676.6 acres is the project area, 498 acres is the disturbed area. There are numerous safety controls in place for batteries, consisting of monitors and sensors.

Lake Wilde

The group observed the site from the vehicle. The development has been underway for many years. The plan for the 1st phase is for 300 homes and various amenities.

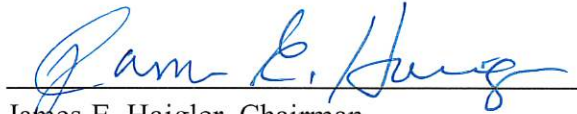
McCords Ferry

The DHEC permit has been issued, with an approval for up to 1,400 lots.


Stumphole Landing

The group discussed opportunities for recreation and plans in place. Vice-Chairman Westbury inquired about the population justifying the options, and the group discussed.

The group returned to the Annex and adjourned.



James E. Haigler, Chairman



Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council