

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 14, 2016  
5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, March, 2016 in the Council Chambers of the Courthouse Annex.

Present were: Vice-Chairman James E. Haigler, who presided  
Councilman John Nelson  
Councilman Cecil Thornton  
Councilwoman Pamela Claxton  
Administrator Lee Prickett  
Deputy Administrator Ted Felder  
Clerk Vickie Stoudemire

Absent: Chairman David K. Summers, Jr.

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 and The Times and Democrat; an Agenda was also posted on Calhoun County's website [www.calhouncounty.sc.gov](http://www.calhouncounty.sc.gov).

**Call to Order**

Vice-Chairman Haigler called the meeting to order.

**Invocation**

Invocation was offered by Councilman John Nelson.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the February 22, 2016 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilwoman Claxton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Reports**

None

**Appointments** None

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**Appearances**

1. Assistant Administrator Ted Felder presented a Litter Report, a Recreation Report, and a Mosquito Control Report (copies attached).
2. Mike Briggs and Melissa Mims of Central SC Alliance appeared before Council and gave a presentation of what the Alliance has done for Calhoun County in the year 2015.

**Resolutions and Proclamations**

1. Resolution 3-2016 Designating April as Fair Housing Month was presented. Councilman Thornton made a motion to pass Resolution 3-2016. Councilwoman Claxton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Resolution 4-2016 Recognizing the Calhoun County High School Boys' Basketball Team for its Class A State Championship was presented. Councilwoman Claxton made a motion to pass Resolution 4-2016, with Councilman Thornton seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

1. Assistant Administrator Ted Felder gave an update on the spec building in the I-26 Industrial Park. He advised that a pre-construction meeting was held on March 7 and that construction on the building should begin in early April, 2016 with a proposed completion date of September, 2016.

Mr. Felder also updated Council on the timber sales in the Industrial Park, stating that the plan for cutting will be presented to citizens at the next Crime Watch meeting in Sandy Run.

**New Business**

1. Assistant Administrator Ted Felder asked for authority for the County to enter into an MOA Agreement with South Carolina DOT to address flood issues on Old Belleville Road at the Human Resources Building. Councilman Nelson made a motion to authorize the MOA Agreement with the SC DOT as presented. Councilwoman Claxton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Next, Mr. Felder presented Grievance Procedures & Reasonable Accommodations Plan as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act, which is necessary for the County to go forward with CDBG grants. Councilman Thornton made a motion to approve the Plan, with Councilman Nelson seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

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3. Administrator Prickett presented a Service Agreement with QS/1 for computer and software services for the fiscal year 2016- 2017. The total for all departments is \$148,450.69 for the year, which is an increase of 3% over last year. Councilman Thornton made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Administrator Prickett presented, for approval, a bid of \$26,650.00 from Gianakouros Contracting for cabinet replacement at the Human Resource Building which is necessary due to the flooding in October. Mr. Prickett advised that he hopes this money can be reimbursed either by insurance or FEMA. Councilwoman Claxton made a motion to approve of the bid as presented. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Ordinances**

1. Ordinance 2016-2 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CALHOUN COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR REGULATIONS FOR LANDSCAPING LARGE SCALE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS was presented for First Reading By Title Only. Councilman Thornton made a motion to have First Reading By Title Only on Ordinance 2016-2. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Administrator**

1. Administrator Prickett advised that South Carolina DOT is requiring the lowering of the water line along I-26 to accommodate the work being done on the interstate at a cost to the County of \$12,500.00. DOT will also require the lowering of water lines at the Intersection of 6 and 176 at a cost to the County of \$9,500.00.

**Executive Session**

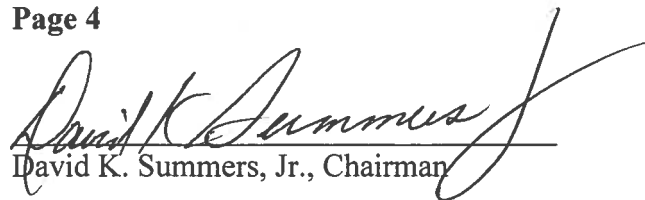
Councilwoman Claxton made a motion to convene Executive Session to discuss Economic Development of Project Panthers, Project Cavalier, and Project Flight. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Council returned from executive session having taken no action.

**Adjournment**

Councilwoman Claxton made a motion to adjourn, with Councilman Nelson seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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David K. Summers, Jr., Chairman

  
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Vickie B. Stoudemire, Clerk to Council

## Calhoun County Litter Update

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We have much to report to Council since our last Litter Report.

In November we applied for the Community Pride Grant. In January, we received \$6,556 for landscaping the St. John Community Center, and 2 banners for the Great Calhoun County Clean Up. In December we applied for an Enforcement Grant and received \$2,200 for 4 DVR's, 2 Monitors and Litter Training. In January of 2016 we applied for DHEC's Recycling grant and received monies for our annual Art contest to make our calendars, tee shirts and magnets.

In regards to the very large tire pile, the last truck load from Community Club Road was removed in January of 2016. A company called C2G removed 115 loads and 682 tons of tires. Boyce Till and Cindy Felder spent 297.50 man hours at the tire site, commuting a total of 3080 miles round trip. The hours and mileage were turned into Three Rivers and DHEC.

In January we had 20 Calls for Litter Service, and cleaned up 12 bags of trash. Also, Ms. Felder was on call at A/C 1-11 to 1-17.

In February we had 15 calls for litter service. We cleared 1 bag of trash on Highway 601, one mattress on Old Belleville Road, and four tires from Wise Road. As you know, Ms. Price at Animal Control had knee surgery in January so the on-call rotation changed to every 3 weeks. Ms. Felder was on call 2 times in Feb 1 to 7 and 15 to 21.

Ms. Felder attended the SCLCA annual conference in Myrtle Beach for Litter Control from February 24-26.

Ms. Felder also makes deliveries to the Collection Sites at the end of each month. The supplies are toilet paper, paper towels, hand soap and pine sol. She also observes the grounds and building for any concerns for cleanliness and safety. She speaks to the attendants and addresses any concerns or needs they may have. We are pleased that most of our collection sites now have DVR's, and we

review them to be sure they are date and time stamped and in good working order.

As you may recall, one of the requirements for receiving grants from Palmetto Pride is to participate in the Great American Clean Up held from March-May. We will be holding our Great Calhoun County Clean Up during those months. We will hold a county recognition day at the John Ford Community Center on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Lauren Coleman, DeeDee Prickett and Kenneth Hasty have volunteered to help with this project. We will also be asking citizens to help clean up the roadsides. Ms. Felder will be recording the amount of trash collected and at the end of May we will turn in all required documents as stipulated within the grant guidelines.

The April 30<sup>th</sup> day at John Ford will be from 9:00 to 2:00 and we will have hotdogs chips and drinks for the public. We will be asking for a sponsor to help with the food and beverage. With the aforementioned grant funding we are having 2 banners printed, and these banners can be hung across the road or along the roadside. We can reuse them at or community centers and or our ball fields.

The calendars have been a great hit, and the remaining calendars will be on hand and given out to the public. The tee shirts should be in by April and will be given to the students that entered our contest. We will place articles in the Calhoun Times regarding the event as well. We will also ask the students to come out and have their art work displayed, and we have applied for DHEC's bottle and can recycling mascot to join us. We hope to have them on hand for pictures at the John Ford Center. We believe that this event will be similar to last year's May event where we picked up 7 tons of trash and 10 pallets of electronics.

With the break in the weather near we will also be planning our employee pickups. We don't like that Highways 176, 601, 6, 21 and the roadways around the interstate are in need of some clean up, but we do get complaints of other roadways within the county that are in need of help as well. We do work with SCDOT's Mr. Lyle Davis and their Adopt-A-Highway program as well.

I will be happy to answer any questions I can.

# RECREATION REPORT



**Date:** March 14, 2016  
**Department:** Recreation  
**Staff Contact:** Tyrone Dantzler Sr, Director  
**Agenda Title:** Three Month Report  
**Agenda Action:** Updates

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## FACILITIES

- As I always have the pleasure of saying, the community is really taking advantage of the availability of the rental facilities, especially John Ford and St. John Centers. Thank you to the public for their enthusiastic use of these locations.

## ATHLETICS

- The Adult Volleyball “Community Game” is scheduled for Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm at the Calhoun County High School Gym. Please come out to support the Calhoun County Recreation Department.
- Our Winter Sports have successfully completed their first season! The youth basketball teams consisted of more than 30 youth from ages 6-13. They played games against Santee, Columbia, and Orangeburg. The home games were played at John Ford’s gym on Thursdays at 6:00pm. The program concluded with a participants’ cookout and awards night.
- Adult Basketball is continuing to make its presence known in the community with play on Wednesdays from 6:00pm to 8:00pm and Sundays from 3:00pm to 7:00pm at John Ford. Come on out and enjoy a game or two.
- The end of Winter means that our Spring Sports will get underway this week! The Youth Golf program’s first session will be on Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm at Calhoun Country Club Golf Course. The programs will serve youth ages 7-12 years old. Please tell a friend! The Youth Soccer Program schedule should be available by the first of next week; registration is ongoing. For the fall session we had six young golfers take the course and we already have 12 registered for the spring. It is very exciting how quickly this program is taking hold.

***Analysis – On behalf of Tyrone Dantzler, Recreation Director, Recreation Advisory Committee, and its volunteers and partners, we would like to thank the council and administration for all its support and participation towards the continuous success of the Recreation Department.***

## Report to Council

*March 14, 2016*

### Mosquito Control Report

As you know, there have been many long-lasting consequences as a result of the "1000 year flood" that hit us in October. When you take in a year's worth of rain in one weekend, it leaves a footprint. One of the issues we are confronting is a much different mosquito control situation. We had many, many unplanned hatchings of mosquitos county-wide in the fall and early winter. As a result we had to use two trucks and spray all over the county 30-32 unbudgeted times. We normally spend around \$10,000 on our mosquito program annually, but we are going to be over \$26,000 this year. And I wish that was all the bad news.

Usually in Mid-May we start receiving the mosquito calls. This year they started about two weeks ago right at the start of March. So we are already dealing with them in 2016 which was also unexpected. That extra 7-8 weeks of spraying is probably going to push us over \$30,000 for the fiscal year. There was no way to foresee this. We hope this is a short-term problem for 2015-16 and that the normal schedule returns in 2017. We will keep Council informed on that.

The silver lining on this is that our efforts did not go unnoticed. ETV Public Radio talked to us about what we are doing and is using our comments to help get the word out statewide. We are not the only county dealing with a new mosquito landscape. I will be happy to take any questions you may have.

### Speculative Building Update

I am pleased to report to Council that the Project Management team from Thomas & Hutton held the preconstruction conference for our Speculative Building on March 7 on the site where the building will be located. Representatives from M. B. Kahn were there, along with Mr. Prickett, myself, Thomas and Hutton, Terracon and Conder Construction. Site Construction is set to begin in early April with a projected completion for September.

### Industrial Park Speculative Building and Timber Review and Sale Updates

As Council knows, MB Kahn Construction was the low-bidder for the construction phase of the Speculative Building. Our project managers at Thomas & Hutton indicate that we are in the final phases of the contract negotiations and that we will be under budget.

Intertwined with the Spec Building Process is the review of our Timber Review and Sales that are also happening, which includes the I-26 Industrial Park. We wanted to make sure that both complimented each other and that no delays or hiccups happened through the year. Our Forester, Guy San Fratello, took Mr. Prickett and I out and we drove the entire I-26 park, discussing where we should clear cut and where we should just do thinning and where we should avoid completely. I have before you a map of the park which shows what areas will see thinning, cutting, etc. This was a long-overdue process we needed to do and we are reducing significantly the chances of a fire hazard on county property as a



result. Councilman Nelson has worked closely with us as we've done this to make sure information got out to the public so they know what is going on and why it is going on. Mr. San Fratello and I will also be at a Sandy Run Crime Watch meeting on Monday of next week to speak to them about this. And one final reminder, this Forestry review is also reviewing the other county owned properties that include timber and the same decisions are being made about those as well and not just at the I-26 park.

Our goals are simple: 1. Remove where possible liability to the County from potential fire hazard; 2. Preserve and only thin those properties which are not yet mature or don't need to be cut for other reasons; 3. Clear cut where it is needed so we can take advantage of near-record timber prices. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

### **Proposed MOA Agreement with SCDOT**

As Council recalls, we have been in discussions with FEMA and SCDOT reviewing our options for how to prevent future flood incidents at the Rickenbacker Building (DHEC/DSS). I am pleased to report that SCDOT visited the building in late February, walked the site and took photographs. It was very evident to them that a good deal of storm drainage from the north, south and west flows to the site through the culverts under Old Belleville Road and then through the underground pipes and into the ditch at the back of the site.

They let us know that in order to fully assess the potential improvements that could help with future flooding issues, storm water modeling would need to be completed for the watershed draining to the site, as well as the existing on-site storm drain system, ditches and pond to the east of the site, all of which we agree with. DOT feels that several potential improvements are possible to improve the drainage system, dependent on the aforementioned model results, which likely would include but not be limited to: as well as what the Corps of Engineers will allow (assuming the ditch is jurisdictional).

- Increasing the size or number of culverts under Old Belleville Road
- Removing the underground storm drain pipe extending from the existing culverts to the ditch and allowing for open channel flow along the south side of the DSS Building
- Cleaning/Re-grading the existing ditch and removing overgrowth along the banks (See attached photos)
- Improving the interconnectivity of the ditch and existing pond. This may include replacing existing culverts under the roadways to the east of the site with larger pipes or box culverts and cleaning the ditches to the north and south of this intersection.
- Constructing a storm water detention pond or additional ditching on the north side of the DSS Building on property owned by Calhoun County. This may allow for drainage to be diverted from the culvert-ditch system and possibly alleviating the flow through that system.

Of course, if we are assuming the ditch is a jurisdictional wetland, The Army Corps of Engineers will also have to chime in on what they will allow us to do as you know.

As a result of our meetings, SCDOT has proposed a Memorandum of Agreement for us to work together on a Mitigation Process. Mr. Prickett has reviewed this and may have some comments to add before we ask you to vote on this and if needed I will be happy to answer any questions you may have that I can answer.

### **Approval of Grievance Procedures related to CDBG Grants**

As you know, we recently were approved for a CDBG Grant to bring a fire pumper truck to the Jumper Station Fire Department service area. LSCOG has let us know that CDBG is now requiring this proposed grievance procedure related to ADA/Section 504. You have a copy of it before you and we ask that you pass this tonight so we can put our truck out for bid.

### **Amendment to Zoning Ordinance**

As you know, we are doing several amendments to our existing Zoning Ordinance in 2016 so that we can bring you a completed new ZO that reflects all the updates after we are through. The first was related to Solar. This one is related to landscaping and is being done by title only tonight. We will have two more substantive readings and a public hearing later.