

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING**

**May 14, 2018**

**5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, May 14, 2018 in the Council Chambers of the Courthouse Annex.

Present were: Chairman David K. Summers, Jr., who presided  
Vice-Chairman James E. Haigler  
Councilman Cecil Thornton  
Councilman John Nelson  
Councilman Ken Westbury  
Administrator Lee Prickett  
Deputy Administrator Ted Felder  
Clerk Vickie Stoudemire  
Finance Director Denise Christmas  
HR Director Brandy Roberson

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 The Calhoun Ledger; 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 John Nelson.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the April 23, 2018 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Nelson and seconded by Councilman Haigler to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Reports**

None

### **Appointments**

Councilman John Nelson made a motion to appoint Ginger Hardee to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act Commission as set out in Resolution 9-2018. Councilman Westbury seconded the nomination and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Summers made a motion to appoint Drake Perrow to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act Commission as set out in Resolution 9-2018. Councilman Westbury seconded the nomination and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Haigler made a motion to appoint Samuel Holman to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act Commission as set out in Resolution 9-2018. Councilman Westbury seconded the nomination and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass **Resolution 10-2018** Appointing Commissioners to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act Commission. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Appearances**

1. E-911 Director Elaine Golden appeared before Council and informed them of the process for changing a street name. Councilman Westbury stated that he would like to have the name of Country Club Road changed now that the County has bought the golf course. No decision was made.

2. Human Resource Director Brandy Roberson presented information concerning Health Insurance Renewal for County employees. She suggests that the County change from United Health Care to Blue Choice. This will result in savings to the County. Blue Choice will also provide dental coverage. Councilman Westbury made a motion to change employee health and dental insurance coverage from United Health Care to Blue Choice. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Roberson also asked that the County continue to fund the Health Reimbursement Account for employees who participate in the County's Wellness Event at the current amount of \$1,000.00 per employee. Councilman Nelson made a motion to continue the HRA as presented. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Resolutions and Proclamations**

Councilman Nelson presented a Resolution proclaiming May as Ruritan Month. The Resolution passed and was signed by Chairman Summers.

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**Old Business**

1. Administrator Prickett asked that Council make a decision on the operation or closure of the swimming pool located at the Calhoun Hills Golf Complex. He stated that the estimated cost to meet requirements to operate the pool is \$40,000 to \$50,000. The YMCA turned down the opportunity to operate the pool and the County Recreation Committee recommends closing the pool. Councilman Westbury made a motion that the County begin proceedings to close the swimming pool, with Councilman Haigler seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Administrator Prickett updated Council on the sale of the Spec Building located in the County Industrial Park. The latest group to consider the building decided not to go forward with the purchase. Mr. Prickett suggested that the County hire a real estate firm to handle marketing and sale of the building. He advised that NAI Earle Furman will contract to list the building for a 4% fee if they handle the sale exclusively. If they partner with another firm, the fee will be 6% to be divided between the two companies. Councilman Westbury made a motion to hire NAI Earle Furman to market and sell the Spec Building. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**New Business**

1. Charles Whetstone, an attorney with Whetstone Perkins & Fulda, LLC appeared before Council to discuss his firm's Opioid law suit. He advised that four counties in South Carolina have joined in the suit which has been filed in Federal Court. He added that there would be no cost to the County if the law suit is not successful.

**Ordinances**

1. **Ordinance 2018-1** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK BY AND BETWEEN CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND LEXINGTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA DATED DECEMBER 11, 1995 TO ENLARGE THE PARK TO ADD CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN CALHOUN COUNTY (PROJECT CHERRY) AND TO ADDRESS OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (LONE STAR SOLAR, LLC AND WSW SOLAR, LLC) was presented for Third Reading. Councilman Haigler made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2018-1. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. **Ordinance 2018-2** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AGREEMENTS BY AND BETWEEN CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND

CERTAIN COMPANIES AS SPONSOR AND SPONSOR AFFILIATE, RESPECTIVELY, IDENTIFIED COLLECTIVELY FOR THE TIME BEING AS PROJECT CHERRY, TO PROVIDE FOR FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES INCENTIVES AND CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS (LONE STAR SOLAR, LLC AND WSW SOLAR, LLC) was presented for Third Reading. Councilman Nelson made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2018-2. Councilman Westbury seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**3. Ordinance 2018-9** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 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 First Reading By Title Only. Councilman Haigler made a motion to pass First Reading By Title Only of Ordinance 2018-9. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**4. Ordinance 2018-10** 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, 2018, AND FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY was presented for First Reading By Title Only. Councilman Thornton made a motion to pass First Reading By Title Only of Ordinance 2018-10. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**5. Ordinance 2018-11** 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, 2018, FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY was presented for First Reading By Title Only. Councilman Nelson made a motion to pass First Reading By Title Only of Ordinance 2018-11. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**6. Ordinance 2018-12** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE FUNDS FOR COUNTY PURPOSES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN CALHOUN HILLS GOLF COMPLEX FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2018, FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY was presented for First Reading By

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Title Only. Councilman Haigler made a motion to pass First Reading By Title Only of Ordinance 2018-12. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**7. Ordinance 2018-13** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR COUNTY PURPOSES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2018, AND FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY was presented for First Reading By Title Only. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass First Reading By Title Only of Ordinance 2018-13. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**8. Ordinance 2018-14** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF 2 MILLS TAXES TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE SANDY RUN FIRE DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2018, 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 First Reading By Title Only. Councilman Nelson made a motion to pass First Reading By Title Only of Ordinance 2018-14. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**9. Ordinance 2018-15** AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AND AUTHORIZE FUNDS TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE CALHOUN COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2018, FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF, TO PROVIDE FIVE (5) MILLS FOR DEBT SERVICE, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT was presented for First Reading By Title Only. Councilman Thornton made a motion to pass First Reading By Title Only of Ordinance 2018-15. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**10. Ordinance 2018-16** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE CREDIT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PROJECT INDY TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCLUSION OF PROPERTY IN A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK AND THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS was presented for First Reading By Title Only. Councilman Haigler made a motion to pass First Reading By Title Only of Ordinance 2018-16. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Administrator**

1. Administrator Prickett asked that the May 28 Council meeting be cancelled as that is Memorial Day, which is a holiday recognized by the County. He added that a special called meeting could be held if necessary. Council agreed.

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2. Administrator Prickett gave an update on the Sandy Run water lines. He said that testing is being done by DHEC on the lines as well as the completed test well.

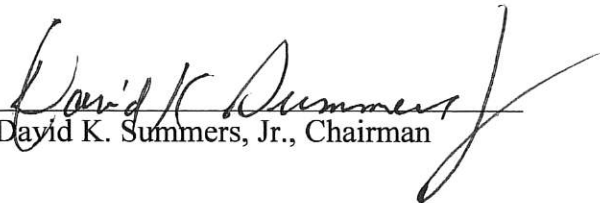
**Executive Session**


Councilman Westbury made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a contract matter with Whetstone Perkins & Fulda, LLC; a personnel matter in the Building and Planning office; and Economic Development matters concerning Project Indy and Zeus Industrial Products Gaston Facility. Councilman Nelson seconded and Council went into Executive Session.

Council returned to open session and Councilman Westbury made a motion to enter into a contract with Whetstone Perkins & Fulda, LLC to join the Opioid Law Suit. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Councilman Westbury made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Haigler seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

  
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David K. Summers, Jr., Chairman

  
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Vickie B. Stoudemire, Clerk to Council

