

MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
June 8, 2020
5:30 P.M.

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, June 8, 2020 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 John McLaughlin
Deputy Administrator/CFO Denise Christmas
Deputy Administrator Lenessa Hawkins
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 and The Times and Democrat. An Agenda was also posted on Calhoun County's website 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

1. Minutes of the April 27, 2020 regular meeting and the May 18, 2020 special meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Haigler and seconded by Councilman Thornton to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

None

Appointments

1. Chairman Summers made a motion nominating Harris (Chip) Steppe to the Calhoun County Planning Commission as an at-large member. Mr. Steppe will take the place of

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former Commission member John McLauchlin, who resigned to take the position of County Administrator. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. There was no appointment made to the Hospital Board.

Resolutions and Proclamations

None

Appearances

1. Brian Nicholson and Grant Davis from Mauldin & Jenkins, CPA presented the 2019-2020 County audit. They reported that the audit received an unqualified opinion, which is the best opinion you can get. There were five (5) minor findings which were explained and are included in the audit which is available in the Administration office.

2. Charles Williams, CEO of tRMC appeared next. He also had with him Calhoun County's two Board members, Cynthia Keller and Boyd McLeod, as well as Dana Dalton from the hospital. He explained to Council that the hospital has been losing a substantial amount of money in its Behavioral, Psychiatric Care department. The hospital Board has approved a plan to eliminate this department and replace it with a Geriatric department. Behavioral and Psychiatric patients who present to the Emergency Department will still be treated and evaluated, but, if necessary, will be transported to other facilities that can better manage their care. Mr. Williams expects a net change of \$4 million after implementation of this change.

Next, Mr. Williams reported on an Express Care facility located on the tRMC campus. The cost of the facility is \$2,081,000.00. Calhoun County's share of the cost, if accepted, is \$244,000.00. Councilman Westbury made a motion for Calhoun County to support the Express Care for the amount requested in two (2) separate payments; one in the current fiscal year, and the other after July 1, 2020 in the next fiscal year. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

None.

New Business

1. Denise Christmas asked for a budget transfer from Construction to Capital Improvements to fund the Express Care facility. Councilman Westbury made a motion to transfer funds from Construction line item to Capital improvements for this purpose. James Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances

1. Ordinance 2020-4 Second Reading

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 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 Haigler made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-4. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Ordinance 2020-5 Second Reading

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, 2020, 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 2020-5. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Ordinance 2020-6 Second Reading

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, 2020, 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 2020-6. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Ordinance 2020-7 Second Reading

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, 2020, FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF CALHOUN HILLS GOLF COMPLEX was presented for Second Reading.

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Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-7.
Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Ordinance 2020-8 Second Reading

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF 4.12 MILLS TAXES TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE SANDY RUN FIRE DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 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 Nelson made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-8. Councilman Westbury seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Ordinance 2020-9 Second Reading

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AND AUTHORIZE FUNDS TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE CALHOUN COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020, FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF, TO PROVIDE THREE (3) MILLS FOR DEBT SERVICE, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT was presented for Second Reading. Councilman Haigler made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-9. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Ordinance 2020-10 Second Reading

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR COUNTY PURPOSES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020, AND FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY was presented for Second Reading. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-10. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Ordinance 2020-11 First Reading By Title Only

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 95-6 AS AMENDED BY SUBSEQUENT ORDINANCES, RELATING TO THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK OF LEXINGTON AND CALHOUN COUNTIES SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK; AND OTHER MATTERS THERETO RELATED was presented for First Reading By Title Only. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass First Reading By Title Only of Ordinance 2020-11. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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Administrator

1. Administrator McLauchlin reported to Council that the Stumphole Collection Site Lease is up for renewal. The owners of the property have requested an increase in the Lease amount to \$5,000.00 for the 5-year Lease. Councilman Westbury made a motion to renew the Lease at \$5,000.00 for the 5-year term. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Administrator McLauchlin reported to Council that the Public Hearing and third and final reading of the County budget will be at the next Council meeting on June 22.

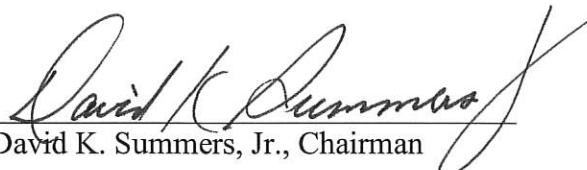
3. Administrator McLauchlin advised Council that free COVID-19 testing will be held in the Annex parking lot on Wednesday, June 17.

Executive Session

There were no items for Executive Session.

Adjournment

Councilman Haigler made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Thornton seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



David K. Summers, Jr., Chairman



Vickie B. Stoudemire, Clerk to Council

