

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 27, 2020
5:30 P.M.
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, April 27, 2020 via Teleconference.

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.

DUE TO THE COVID-19 (CORONA) VIRUS QUARANTINE, THIS MEETING WAS HELD BY TELECONFERENCE.

Call to Order

Chairman Summers called the meeting to order. A verbal roll call was called and all Councilmen affirmed that they were on the phone call.

Invocation

Invocation was offered by Councilman John Nelson.

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of the March 9, 2020 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Haigler and seconded by Councilman Westbury to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

None

Appointments

None

Resolutions and Proclamations

None

Appearances

1. Charles Williams, CEO of The Regional Medical Center spoke concerning COVID-19 Funding Opportunities. He went over the documents that each Councilman had received earlier (copy attached), and took any questions. Also, Liza Porterfield, CFO for the hospital, explained the Medicare Accelerated and Advanced Payment Program as well as the Line of Credit requested. Under the Medicare Accelerated and Advance Payment Program the hospital would be eligible to request \$24 million. The hospital is also requesting approval to proceed with establishing an operating line of credit up to \$25 million.

Old Business

1. Administrator McLaughlin spoke to Council concerning the draft they were sent showing a proposed sign for the I-26 Industrial Park. He advised that he has asked for a few small changes and will get back to them with the changes.

2. Council was advised that the Purple Martin Festival which was planned for April 25 had been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

3. Deputy Administrator/CFO, Denise Christmas, advised that there has been a change in the budget readings schedule, with the first reading on April 27, the second reading on June 8, and the Public Hearing and third reading to be held on June 22.

New Business

1. **Resolution 3-2020** A Resolution Approving the Establishment of a Line of Credit in an Original Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$25,000,000 and the Medicare Accelerated and Advance Payment Program Loan in an Amount not to Exceed \$24,000,000 by the Regional Medical Center of Orangeburg and Calhoun Counties was presented for passage.

Councilman Westbury noted that the Resolution presented had been amended from the Resolution that Council had been sent. He made a motion to accept amended verbiage in the Resolution and to accept the changes. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed

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unanimously. Councilman Westbury then made a motion to pass Resolution 3-2020 as amended. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Administrator McLaughlin gave a report on the bids for Landscape Maintenance. The winning bids were as follows:

Library, Annex and Courthouse Grounds.....	True Blue Landscaping	\$14,675.00
I-26 Industrial Park Entrance	True Blue Landscaping	\$7,965.00
Removal and Replanting shrubbery at Courthouse...	Fairview Nursery	\$8,500.00

Motion was made by Councilman Westbury to accept the bids as stated, with Councilman Thornton seconding. The Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances

1. Ordinance 2020-4 By Title Only

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 First Reading By Title Only. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Ordinance 2020-4 By Title Only. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Ordinance 2020-5 By Title Only

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 First Reading By Title Only. Councilman Haigler made a motion to pass Ordinance 2020-5 By Title Only. Councilman Westbury seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Ordinance 2020-6 By Title Only

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 First Reading By Title Only. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Ordinance 2020-6 By Title Only. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Ordinance 2020-7 By Title Only

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 First Reading By Title Only. Councilman Haigler made a motion to pass Ordinance 2020-7 By Title Only. Councilman Westbury seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Ordinance 2020-8 By Title Only

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 First Reading By Title Only. Councilman Nelson made a motion to pass Ordinance 2020-8 By Title Only. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Ordinance 2020-9 By Title Only

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 First Reading By Title Only. Councilman Haigler made a motion to pass Ordinance 2020-9 By Title Only. Councilman Westbury seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Ordinance 2020-10 By Title Only

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 First

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Reading By Title Only. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Ordinance 2020-10 By Title Only. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Administrator

1. Administrator McLauchlin reported to Council that there is an opportunity for a Federal Grant for new construction of a roadway as related to freight traveling from Bates Court to a frontage road in Sandy Run.

2. Next, Administrator McLauchlin updated Council on the Sandy Run Industrial Park sign. He stated that the lighted sign is up at the entrance to the Park and that due to the COVID-19 quarantine, a formal unveiling was not held.

3. Administrator McLauchlin reported to Council that staff is starting to formulate a re-opening plan, following what Governor McMaster recommends.


4. Administrator McLauchlin added that Thursday, May 8 will be a litter pick up day in the County. He also stated that the Calhoun Hills Golf Complex will re-open to the public, with restrictions in place, on Friday, May 1.


Executive Session

There were no items for Executive Session.

Adjournment

Councilman Nelson made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Thornton seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.


David K. Summers, Jr., Chairman


Vickie B. Stoudemire, Clerk to Council

