



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
EMERGENCY
SPECIAL CALLED
VIRTUAL MEETING**

**Jasper County Clementa C. Pinckney Government Bldg
358 3rd Avenue Ridgeland, SC 29936**

Monday, January 20, 2025

Minutes

Officials Present: Chairman John Kemp, Vice Chairman Joey Rowell, Councilman Marty Sauls, Councilman Chris VanGeison and Councilman Joe Arzillo

Staff Present: County Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Wanda Giles, County Attorney David Tedder, Chief Russell Wells and Videographer Jonathan Dunham.

Call to Order of the Emergency Special Called Council Meeting by Chairman Kemp:

Chairman Kemp called the Emergency Special Called Meeting to order. The Report of Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act was read for the records as follows: *In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, notification of the meeting and the meeting agenda were posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting on the County Council Building at a publicly accessible place, on the county website, and a copy of the agenda was provided to the local news media and all person's or organizations requesting notification.*

The Pledge to the Flag was given and the Invocation was given by Councilman Rowell

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve: Councilman Rowell

Second: Councilman VanGeison

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

o **Chief Russell Wells – Winter Storm Update**

Chief Wells gave the Winter Storm Update to Council. Chief wells shared his computer screen to show the Surface Map for Tuesday and Wednesday. He noted that it showed accumulating snow and freezing rain and provided the Impact Threat Matrix as well from the National Weather Service. Sheltering operations were in conjunction with Kingdom Touch. Future National Weather Service briefings were also discussed. Chairman Kemp stated that this meeting had been called to declare a State of Emergency in the County.

o **David Tedder – Resolution # R-2025-03A - Resolution/Proclamation Declaring State Of Emergency In Jasper County Due to the January 21-24 2025 Winter Storm**

Mr. Tedder discussed emergency situations and how emergency resolutions could be passed without notification of 24 hours due to the emergency situation. He noted that Governor McMaster had issued an executive order and possibly may have future orders. He noted that this implemented our Emergency Operations Plan which included roads being closed, DOT closing roads, ways to mitigate injuries to property and personnel and other areas of concern during emergency status. He did note that due to information on the Emergency Order from the Governor that he needed to change the date on the document, the Council had been presented and would need to make some typographical changes.

Mr. Fulghum Noted that this resolution also authorizes him to seek reimbursement of federal funding sources if available. He noted that employees had been notified that tomorrow operational hours would be from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and then they would be sent home. He noted that this situation would be reviewed as the weather situation progressed. He also mentioned that recycling centers would also be open tomorrow from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and they are closed normally on Wednesday.

Motion to approve with the corrections to the date as stated by the County Attorney : Councilman Sauls
Second: Councilman Rowell
Vote: Unanimous
The motion passed.

For more information on this meeting please go to our YouTube Channel for the video go to https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBmlogX05cKAsHm_ggXCJIA

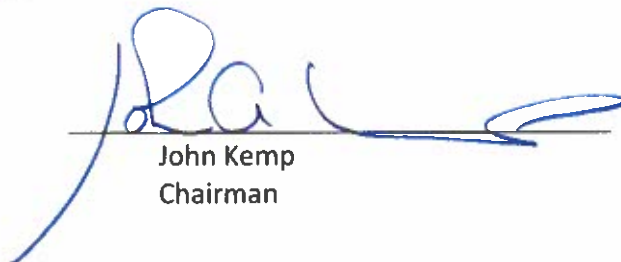
Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Rowell
Second: Councilman VanGeison
Vote: Unanimous
The motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Wanda H. Giles
Clerk to Council



John Kemp
Chairman