

# AGENDA

## ITEM # 17

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**COUNTY OF JASPER**  
**Ordinance 2024-**  
**An Ordinance**  
**of Jasper County Council**

To provide for the levy of tax for public purposes in Jasper County for the fiscal year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 and ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 2025 and to make appropriations for said purposes; to adopt and approve the Jasper County capital and operations budget for fiscal year 2024-2025, to adopt and approve the Jasper County School District capital and operations budget for fiscal year 2024-2025; to provide for the levy of taxation for fiscal year 2024-2025; to limit the disbursements by the county treasurer to those appropriated by law; to provide that expenditures not exceed appropriations; to authorize tax anticipation notes; to make authorization of certain transfers; to provide for additional appropriations and borrowing; to codify Jasper County rates and fees; to provide for lapsing funds and continuing appropriations for subsequent years; to require certain agencies and departments to file accountings; to require the treasurer to sign general fund checks; to provide special rules for travel and training disbursements; to provide for travel reimbursements; to provide compliance with act no. 317 of 1990; to provide certain benefits to council members; to provide for county commission and committee stipends; to provide for jury mileage; to adopt property values; and to provide for effective date of this ordinance.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Jasper County Council in council duly assembled and by the authority of the same:

**SECTION 1. Appropriation for Jasper County Capital and General Operations Budget.** There is hereby appropriated from revenues to be collected from the stated sources the following sums for the Jasper County Capital and Operational needs and for the purposes set forth for fiscal year 2024 – 2025:

**JASPER COUNTY  
CAPITAL AND GENERAL OPERATIONS BUDGET  
FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025**

<b>REVENUE</b>		<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
County Property Tax Levy	\$ 33,465,600	Emergency Services	\$ 18,389,423
Local Option Sales Tax	\$ 4,862,500	Sheriff	\$ 8,844,200
Fee in Lieu	\$ 2,100,000	Detention Center	\$ 4,139,000
S.C. Local Government Fund Allocation	\$ 1,350,300	Engineering Services and Solid Waste	\$ 4,250,700
Cash Carry Forward	\$ 4,923,052	Agency Appropriations	\$ 2,683,079
All Other Revenue	<u>\$ 12,825,550</u>	All Other Expenditures	<u>\$ 21,220,600</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 59,527,002</b>	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 59,527,002</b>
<b>County Debt Tax Levy</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,120,400</u></b>	<b>County Debt</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,120,400</u></b>
<b>County Grand Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 62,647,402</u></b>	<b>County Grand Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 62,647,402</u></b>

The detailed Operations Budget containing line-by-line accounts by department and /or agency is hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance. Management of individual accounts for the functions of elected officials shall be the responsibility of that elected official.

**SECTION 2. Appropriation for Jasper County School District Capital and General Operations Budget.** There is hereby appropriated to the School Operations Budget the remaining non-appropriated funds collected through School District ad valorem taxation in Fiscal Year 2023-2024, which were in excess of School District funds appropriated by the FY 2023- 2024 budget ordinance. There is further hereby appropriated from revenues to be collected from the stated sources the following sums for the Jasper County School District Capital and Operational needs and for the purposes set forth for fiscal year 2024 - 2025:

**JASPER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CAPITAL AND GENERAL OPERATIONS BUDGET  
FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025**

**REVENUES**

School Property	
Operations Tax Levy	\$ 30,384,644
School Debt	<u>\$ 6,500,878</u>
School Grand Total	\$ 36,885,522

**APPROPRIATIONS**

School District	
Operations Tax Levy	\$ 30,384,644
School Debt	<u>\$ 6,500,878</u>
School Grand Total	\$ 36,885,522

**SECTION 3. Levy.** There is hereby levied upon the taxable property of Jasper County a sufficient number of mills by the County Council from assessment of the property therein which, together with fines, forfeitures and taxes collected by various tax offices and all income of the County shall raise the amount therein appropriated and for the purpose herein stated.

	<b>Millage</b>
County	140.00
County Debt	12.00
School	166.00
School Debt	<u>25.00</u>
Total Mills	343.00
 Cherry Point Fire District	 31.00

**SECTION 4. Disbursement by Treasurer.** The Treasurer is directed to disburse to or on behalf of the activities described in Sections 1 and 2 no more than the amount appropriated and to hold all additional revenues referred to herein and all revenues collected as a result of and through the levied millage, over and above the appropriations stated herein, in an interest bearing account of the County, pending future appropriation by the County Council. In the event that the actual collection of revenue shall be less than the appropriations made in Section 1 or 2, then appropriations shall be reduced to a sum equal to the amount of revenue actually collected.

**SECTION 5. Expenditures Not to Exceed Appropriations.** Expenditures shall not exceed appropriations without the consent of the County Council. County Council authorization to amend the budget shall be ratified by ordinance through a budget amendment.

**SECTION 6. Tax Anticipation Notes Authorized.** For the purpose of paying in cash for the foregoing and all other general ordinary County expenses for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as authorized by this ordinance or by any other appropriation ordinance hereafter passed in and for said fiscal year, the County Council of Jasper County is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to borrow from time to time as may be necessary on

the official note or notes of Jasper County, or other evidence or evidences of indebtedness, in anticipation of the collection of the taxes herein levied, provided that all loans made from private persons, firms, or corporations shall not exceed \$6,000,000 in the aggregate. Such borrowing shall be sold in such manner and upon such terms as the County Administrator shall deem in the best interest of Jasper County, upon the advice of the County's financial advisor and counsel. Such borrowing may take the form of a public or private sale, as deemed appropriate by the Administrator. Such sum or sums so borrowed shall constitute a valid and prior claim against the said taxes herein levied and against Jasper County, and shall also be secured by a pledge of the full faith, credit, and taxing power of Jasper County. The Administrator, and any other officers or staff of Jasper County as are deemed by the Administrator necessary or convenient to the accomplishment of the borrowing authorized herein, are hereby authorized to execute all agreements, contracts, certificates, undertakings, disclosures, and other documentation as is convenient or necessary to facilitate such borrowing.

**SECTION 7. Authorization of Transfer of Funds.** Each department head is permitted, subject to the County Administrator's (or his designee's) approval, to transfer appropriation(s) between object classifications codes within that department. Transfers from objects 2000 through 2080 (personnel codes) are not permitted under any circumstances without the approval of the County Administrator. The County Administrator is permitted, when it is in the best interest of the individual County departments or agencies, to transfer appropriations between departments (from one department to another department) and between the County's General Fund, Capital Projects Fund and Capital Improvements Fund (from one fund to another fund up to \$50,000).

**SECTION 8. Additional Appropriations and Borrowing.** If circumstances arise which, in the judgment of a majority of County Council, require the expenditure of a greater amount than herein above enumerated then the County Administrator shall have and is hereby given the right by this Ordinance to transfer funds between the County's General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, and Capital Projects Funds and may also appropriate available funds for a purpose not mentioned or referred to in this Ordinance, and the County Treasurer is authorized to borrow, if necessary, such amount as may be required to meet such increases or additional appropriations and may pledge the full faith and credit of Jasper County for the payment of the amount borrowed. Should actual funding sources be greater than projected in this Ordinance, the County Administrator may revise budgeted revenues and expenditures or direct the increase to be held for future year's disbursements.

**SECTION 9. Jasper County Rates and Fees.** The rates and fees attached hereto that are not included or provided for in either South Carolina law or other Jasper County law shall hereby be declared to be part thereof this Ordinance and shall be followed during implementation of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget for Jasper County.

**SECTION 10. Lapsing of Funds and Continuing Appropriations for Subsequent Year.** Budget appropriations of monies received by County departments and existing at the close of the fiscal year shall revert to the appropriate fund of the County. Departments wishing to carry over appropriations into the next succeeding fiscal year must submit the request in writing to the County Administrator no later than August 1, 2024, for approval

by the County Council. These carryovers must be for specific items budgeted in the 2023 - 2024 fiscal year for which unforeseen circumstances prevented the funds from being spent during the current year. Any “excess” funds accumulated at the end of the fiscal year shall be used only with the approval of County Council either to fund capital assets or other expenditures needed by the County or placed in the appropriate reserve fund by the County Administrator. Departments charged with the proper keeping and reporting of County accounts shall maintain both revenue and expenditure ledgers, and under no circumstances, except in such instances as over-payment errors, authorized transfers, or supplemental appropriations, shall entries except those enumerated in this Ordinance, be recorded on appropriations and/or expenditure ledgers.

Should the County Council in any subsequent year fail to enact an appropriation ordinance for Jasper County, the appropriation and tax levy herein set forth shall be the appropriation ordinance for such subsequent year for Jasper County.

**SECTION 11. Agencies and Departments to File Accounting.** Agencies or departments receiving appropriated funds under this ordinance, at the County Council’s request, shall file an accounting for use of such funds. This accounting shall be available for examination or inspection by the citizens of Jasper County.

**SECTION 12. Treasurer to Sign Checks.** The Jasper County Treasurer or the Treasurer’s designee shall sign all general fund checks.

**SECTION 13. Special Rules for Travel and Training Disbursements.** The elected officials, appointed officials and/or department heads who receive an annual appropriation for travel and training shall be required to present an itemized statement and all appropriate receipts for reimbursement of the same. No official or department head shall be reimbursed in excess of their annual appropriation unless such expenditures are approved in advance by the County Administrator.

**SECTION 14. Travel Reimbursements.** All Jasper County employees who have reason to travel outside of Jasper County on official County business shall be reimbursed for same with respect to the County mileage rate and the latest approved subsistence schedule both of which are published in the Jasper County Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual. All out of state travel must be approved in advance by the County Administrator.

**SECTION 15. Compliance with Act No. 317 of 1990.** Section 1 of the Fiscal Year 2024–2025 Budget Ordinance contains provisions for the rollback against County property tax of \$3,926,400 of local option sales tax revenue for the fiscal year 2024-2025. The \$3,926,400 meets or exceeds the amount required as rollback in Act No. 317, 1990 Acts and Joint Resolutions 1822. All other local option tax discount revenue shall become general fund expenditures, as budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget. The local option sales tax discount factor for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 shall be .0007 which determines the amount of discount on individual tax bills. The factor was determined by using the formula prescribed by Act No. 317, 1990 Acts and Joint Resolutions 1822.

**SECTION 16. Council Member Benefits.** The Council Members wishing to be on the County Health Insurance Plan may do so under the same guidelines as the other County

employees. Council Members, who do not choose to be on the County’s Health Insurance Plan, may be compensated with additional benefits not to exceed the value of a County employee’s health insurance benefit paid by the County. Additional benefits that may be offered in lieu of health insurance include, but are not limited to, life insurance, dental insurance, existing 401K, new 401K accounts, existing IRA accounts or new IRA accounts, deferred compensation and credit union. These benefits will be limited to those plans already in place by the County and the County Administrator will have full discretion as to which benefits are offered. These benefits may not be exchanged for monetary compensation under any circumstances.

**SECTION 17. Commission and Committee Stipends.** This budget ordinance limits the payment of stipends to members of the Jasper County Planning Commission to one stipend per month in the amount of \$100.00. These stipends shall be paid providing the member attends the scheduled meeting. A quorum of the committees must be in attendance at the scheduled meeting for the stipend to be paid. The Board of Assessment Appeals and the Board of Zoning Appeals members will be paid an annual stipend of \$500.00.

**SECTION 18. Juror Mileage.** The Clerk of Court is hereby authorized and required to reimburse jurors for mileage for each day’s attendance upon court at the current Internal Revenue Service published rate for mileage.

**SECTION 19. Property Values Adopted.** The property values established by the County Auditor, County Assessor and the South Carolina Department of Revenue, based on Dec. 31, 2023, valuation are adopted and ordered implemented for tax year 2024.

**SECTION 20. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

**Jasper County Council**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
**L. Martin Sauls IV, Chairman**

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**Barbara Clark, Vice Chairman**

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**Alvin Adkins, Councilman**

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**John Kemp, Councilman**

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**Coy Garbade, Councilman**

**ATTEST:**

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**Wanda Simmons,  
Clerk to Council**

**First Reading: 5/06/2024**

**Second Reading:**

**Public Hearings:**

**Adopted:**

Reviewed for form and draftsmanship by the Jasper County Attorney.

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**David Tedder**

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**Date**



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## ITEM # 18

Public Comments

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ITEM # 19

Administrator's Report



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### **Administrator's Report May 6, 2024**

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1. Regional Planning Grant with Lowcountry Council of Governments (LCOG):  
The LCOG is submitting their annual CDBG Regional Planning Grant application. The grant (\$50,000) allows LCOG to assist localities in performing their annual needs assessments and to conduct project development meetings when needs arise.

Colleton County will serve as the lead applicant; however, LCOG requires grant certifications to be executed by all four counties. This in no way affects Jasper County's grant thresholds for pursuing our own projects.

I have executed the grant assurances as well as the intergovernmental agreement for this grant.

2. Road Ownership Transfer of Interest:  
A private citizen has made a request to transfer a portion of a state roadway to the requestor. As part of that process, the County is provided right of first refusal to accept the road into the County's maintenance responsibility. The County has no desire to provide maintenance and will need to communicate this to SCDOT as part of this process.

***The County Administrator's Progress Report and any miscellaneous correspondence, agendas, and minutes follow this report.***

## Program Certifications

As chief executive official of the local government, I hereby make the following certifications:

1. Is following the citizen participation requirements for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program including:
  - (a) Provides for and encourages citizen participation, particularly by low and moderate income persons who reside in slum or blighted areas and areas in which CDBG funds are proposed to be used;
  - (b) Ensures that citizens will be given reasonable and timely access to local meetings, information, and records relating to this unit of local governments proposed use of and actual use of CDBG funds;
  - (c) Furnishes citizens information, including but not limited to:
    - (1) The amount of CDBG funds expected to be made available for the current fiscal year (including the grant and anticipated program income);
    - (2) The range of activities that may be undertaken with CDBG funds;
    - (3) The estimated amount of CDBG funds proposed to be used for activities that will meet the national objective of benefit to low and moderate income persons; and
    - (4) The proposed CDBG activities likely to result in displacement and the unit of local governments anti-displacement and relocation plans as required.
  - (d) Provides for technical assistance to groups representative of persons of low and moderate income that request such assistance in developing proposals in accordance with the procedures developed by the State. Such assistance need not include providing funds to such groups;
  - (e) Provides for a minimum of two public hearings, each at a different stage of the program, for the purpose of obtaining citizens' views and responding to proposals and questions. Together the hearings cover community development and housing needs, development of proposed activities and a review of program performance. The public hearings to cover community development and housing needs must be held before submission of an application to the State. There must be reasonable notice of the hearings and they must be held at times and locations convenient to potential or actual beneficiaries, with accommodations for the disabled. Public hearings shall be conducted in a manner to meet the needs of non-English speaking residents where a significant number of non-English speaking residents can reasonably be expected to participate;
  - (f) Provides citizens with reasonable advance notice of, and opportunity to comment on, proposed activities in an application to the State and, for grants already made, activities which are proposed to be added, deleted or substantially changed from the unit of local government's application to the State. Substantially changed means changes made in terms of purpose, scope, location or beneficiaries as defined by criteria established by the State;
  - (g) Provides citizens the address, phone number, and times for submitting complaints and grievances, and provides timely written answers to written complaints and grievances within 15 working days, where practicable.
2. Assures that all reasonable steps have been taken to minimize the displacement of persons (families, individuals, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and farms) as a result of CDBG assisted activities.
3. Will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG program.

4. Will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements. However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of such public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.
5. Has adopted and is enforcing:
  - (a) A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
  - (b) A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.
6. Will conduct and administer the grant in conformance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619), and implementing regulations and agrees to take actions to affirmatively further fair housing.
7. Will certify, to the best of the certifying official’s knowledge and belief, that:
  - (a) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement;
  - (b) If any funds other than Federal funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee with this Federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, Disclosure Form to Report lobbying in accordance with its instructions; and
  - (c) It will require that the language of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.
8. Will comply with the provisions of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and with other applicable State and Federal laws.

*I declare that I am duly authorized, under the laws of the above-named unit of general local government, to make the foregoing certifications and acknowledge that these certifications may not be construed to restrict the responsibility or authority of the above-named unit of local government for the development and execution of its community development program as required by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and the laws, regulations, and the policies of the State of South Carolina.*

Andrew Fulghum/ County Administrator	Jasper County
Name and Title of Chief Elected/Administrative Official	Unit of Local Government
	04/30/2024
Signature	Date

# Conflict of Interest Certification

In the procurement of supplies, equipment, construction, and services by recipients and subrecipients, the provisions of the South Carolina Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act of 1991 apply. In all cases not governed by the ethical standards of the South Carolina Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act of 1991, such as the acquisition and disposition of real property and the provision of assistance with CDBG funds by the recipient or its subrecipients to individuals, businesses and other private entities under eligible activities, the conflict of interest provisions in the State CDBG regulations at 24 CFR Part 570.489 (h) apply in addition to the State Ethics Law.

CDBG requirements pertaining to conflict of interest are summarized as follows:

**Conflicts Prohibited** - Except for the use of CDBG funds to pay salaries and other related administrative or personnel costs, the general rule is that no persons (described below under "Persons Covered") who exercise or have exercised any functions or responsibilities with respect to CDBG activities or who are in a position to participate in a decision-making process or gain inside information with regard to such activities, may obtain a financial interest or benefit from a CDBG-assisted activity, or have an interest in any contract, subcontract or agreement with respect thereto, or the proceeds thereunder, either for themselves or those with whom they have family or business ties, during their tenure or for one year thereafter.

**Persons Covered** - The Conflicts of Interest provisions apply to any person who is an employee, agent, consultant, officer, or elected official or appointed official of the State, the unit of local government, or of any designated public agencies or subrecipients that are receiving CDBG funds.

**Exceptions** - Upon the written request of the applicant/recipient, the State CDBG Program may grant an exception to the provisions of this section on a case-by-case basis if there has been public disclosure of the conflict and it is determined that such an exception will serve to further the purposes of Title I and the effective and efficient administration of the program or project of the State or the unit of local government.

**Certification** - *The unit of local government submits this application with the assurance that any conflict of interest as defined above or any appearance of conflict has been disclosed publicly and with this application; and the unit of local government has complied with State law and CDBG regulations. Any affected person has withdrawn from functions, responsibilities, or decision making with regard to the grant. It is further certified that if this grant is awarded, the unit of local government will disclose any potential conflict or the appearance of conflict before taking any action to approve assistance and will fully comply with these requirements.*

If not already identified in the application, the following potential conflicts exist:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type of Conflict</u>
N/A	None Known

Unit of Local Government: Jasper County Project: Regional Planning

Name of Chief Elected/Administrative Official: Jasper County Title: County Administrator

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 04/30/2024

### Budget

**Grant #**

	CDBG Funds Requested <i>COLUMN 1</i>	Non-CDBG Funds* <i>COLUMN 2</i>
Acquisition		
Property Disposition		
Clearance		
Code Enforcement		
Rehabilitation- Private Property		
Rehabilitation- Commercial		
Rehabilitation- Personnel		
New Housing Construction		
Relocation <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent		
Water Facilities		
Sewer Facilities		
Flood and Drainage Facilities		
Street Improvements		
Community Center/Facility Identify _____		
Other Public Facilities Improvements Identify _____		
Removal of Architectural Barriers		
Interim Assistance		
Public Services		
Economic Development Assistance to "Non-Profit"		
Economic Development Assistance to "For-Profit"		
Microenterprise Assistance		
Other Activities Identify _____		
Engineer/Architect		
Planning Only	49,000	
General Administration	1,000	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>50,000</b>	

\* If non-CDBG funds include non-cash contributions, please check this box and include an itemized list in the attachments.



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April 8, 2024

**VIA FIRST-CLASS US MAIL AND EMAIL**

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**RE: Transfer of portion of McTeer Avenue to non-governmental entity  
BSM File No.: 23578.001**

Dear Sirs:

I have been engaged by Angela Lloyd to assist her in obtaining the transfer of ownership and maintenance responsibility of a portion of state road S-27-239 (McTeer Avenue) to Ms. Lloyd. Enclosed is a sketch map showing the portion of McTeer Avenue in Ridgeland that Ms. Lloyd is seeking to have transferred.

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 57-5-80, Jasper County or the Town of Ridgeland would have the right of first refusal of this section of McTeer Avenue. Accordingly, I am requesting a written response from the County and Town within 30 days from the date of this letter if either desires to exercise the first right of refusal. If I do not receive a reply within this timeframe, we will consider this as a refusal to accept maintenance of the roadway, and we will request that SCDOT proceed to transfer ownership and maintenance to Ms. Lloyd as requested.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

Kathleen McDaniel

Encl.: sketch map of section of McTeer Avenue

cc: Angela Lloyd (via email only)



Google Maps

\* the only two property owners beyond road closure would be Angela Lloyd Courtney and Mark Woods (Jr.). All of the land owned beyond this closure would also be owned by these individuals



Map data ©2023 100 ft

**SECTION 57-5-80. Highway transfers from the state secondary system.**

The department may transfer from the state highway secondary system any road under its jurisdiction, determined by the department to be of low traffic importance, to one of the parties indicated in this section if mutual consent is reached between the department and the party that the road is being transferred to:

- (a) a county or municipality;
- (b) a school;
- (c) a governmental agency;
- (d) a nongovernmental entity; or
- (e) a person.

In all cases, the county or municipality shall have right of first refusal to accept roads into their maintenance responsibility when roads are considered for transfer from the state highway system to a nongovernmental entity or person and in no case may a state road be transferred to a nongovernmental entity unless all persons and businesses located on that road are in agreement with the transfer. Maintenance responsibility for roads transferred from the state highway system pursuant to the provisions of this section shall transfer from the jurisdiction of the department to the jurisdiction of the county or municipality, school, governmental agency, nongovernmental entity, or person, effective upon notice from the department of official action removing the road from the state highway system. Notification of the transfer must be given to the county's legislative delegation.

HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 33-106.2; 1952 (47) 2031; 1959 (51) 33; 1993 Act No. 181, Section 1509; 2013 Act No. 98, Section 3, eff June 24, 2013.



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### **Progress Report April 16, 2024 – May 6, 2024**

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1. BJWSA:  
Scheduled to meet with BJWSA staff on May 2.
2. Various Development Projects:  
Attended meeting with County staff, SCA staff, and outside counsel on April 17, 24 and May 1 to discuss active economic development projects.
3. Annual Performance Evaluations:  
Conducted throughout the organization in April. I am currently working through completing evaluations with my eight (8) direct reports.
4. New Councilmember Orientation:  
Scheduled for May 3.
5. Other Meetings/Events Attended or Scheduled to Attend:  
Community meeting in Levy on April 16, County Council workshop on April 22, SCA Board meeting in Columbia on April 23, Jasper on the Move event on April 25, and Coosawhatchie Users Group GIS meeting on April 26.



**MEETING DATE** Monday, April 15, 2024  
**MEETING LOCATION** In-Person at SCDOT – Columbia and Teams (virtual)  
**ATTENDEES** Sec. Justin Powell, Barbara Wessinger, Craig Winn, Chad Long – SCDOT  
 Michael Czymbor – City of Hardeeville Andrew Fulghum – Jasper County  
 Robert Unell, Ocie Vest – Stratford Land  
 Mikell Harper, Ben Gramling, Doug Smith – Gramling Bros.  
 David Beaty – Stantec, Stuart Sligh – Sligh Environmental, Lamar Mercer – T&H

**AGENDA – EXIT 3 LEAD GROUP DISCUSSION**

- **Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) with SCDOT, SCTIB, City and County.**  
 It is our understanding that the IGAs are in essentially final form and are ready to be executed once the City and County financial documents have been signed. The City and County public hearings have been **completed and approved** by both the City and County.
  - IGA between SCTIB, City and County
  - IGA between SCDOT and SCTIB
  - IGA between City and County
  
- **IJR Schedule**
  - 11-16-2023 Stantec delivered draft FONSI to SCDOT. **Complete**
  - 11-21-2023 SCDOT provided comments on draft FONSI. **Complete**
  - 11-20-2023 – Stantec delivered updated Exit 3 IJR document. **Complete**
  - 12-12-2023 – SCDOT provided comments on Stantec’s Exit 3 IJR document. **Complete**
  - 1-5-2024 - Stantec responded to all SCDOT comments. **Complete**
  - 4-1-24  
4-15-24 ○ 3-1-2024 – Stantec submittal to SCDOT of FONSI documents for Air, Noise, Vibration, Section 4(f), Greenhouse Gas, Farmland, Environmental Justice and Purpose and Need Statement. **Complete**
  - July 2024 - Final NEPA/IJR Package to be provided to SCDOT upon approval of the USACE Section 404 Permit.
  
- **Exit 3 and I-95 Widening**
  - SCDOT updates on Exit 3 construction plans and right of way maps.
  - SCDOT process for right of way acquisitions:
    - SCDOT to provide survey and legal descriptions for existing State right of way to be quit claimed to the city of Hardeeville and survey and legal descriptions for private (Stratford) right of way to be dedicated to SCDOT for Exit 3.
    - SCDOT provided draft of Waiver of Appraisal and documentation to allow them to accept the Exit 3 right of way from Stratford prior to the IJR/NEPA documents being approved by FHWA.
    - Stratford attorneys (Maynard Nexsen) provided draft general warranty deed for Stratford right of way dedication to SCDOT for Exit 3.
    - Precursor for all right of way dedications is the execution of the IGAs.

- Exit 3 right of way dedication to occur no later than June 1, 2024.
  - FHWA coordination will be handled by SCDOT.
  - Bid date expected to be December 2024.
- **Riverport Parkway North**
  - Stantec update on RPN construction plans and schedule (see schedule below).
  - Transfer SCDOT right of way to Hardeeville – We understand that this process will occur once the IGA between SCDOT, City and County has been executed.
  - CSX bridge design – Stantec has submitted the construction plans for Riverport Parkway North over the CSX rail to STV (CSX consultant) and received comments on the bridge design except the retaining wall design. **CSX is reportedly meeting soon to discuss the proposed Gravix retaining wall design.**
- **Riverport Parkway South**
  - Thomas & Hutton update on RPS construction plans and schedule (see schedule below).
  - Hardeeville right of way acquisition process – City Team working on this item currently for two small privately owned parcels and two parcels of the Sherwood Tract. **On schedule to be completed by the end of May 2024.**
- **SELC/CCL/River Keeper Agreement - Complete**
  - The Agreement has been executed by all parties and SELC has provided a letter to USACE removing their objections to the Riverport Project (includes Exit 3).
  - 668 acre Garnett Tract under contract to purchase as part of the additional mitigation plan for Exit 3 and Riverport.
- **Milestone Schedules**
  - March 19, 2024 – meeting held with USACE to finalize schedule for the Environmental Assessment (EA).
  - April 12, 2024 – weekly meetings begin with Riverport/Exit 3 Team and USACE to finalize all EA documents and processes.
  - April 22, 2024 meeting with full USACE Team to discuss any remaining items needed for the EA Decision Document expected by July 2024.
  - Riverport Parkway North – see schedule below.
  - Riverport parkway South – see schedule below.
- **Other items**

**Riverport/Exit 3 Permitting Milestones  
Draft Schedule**

Agency Critical Approvals & Milestones		Schedule Date	Complete
1	Joint Application to USACE & SCDHEC	9/29/2022	Yes
2	30 Day Public Notice	11/23/2022	Yes
3	USACE Agency Comments Received	1/4/2023	Yes
4	USACE Permit Coordination Meeting	2/13/2023	Yes
5	Initial Coordination with SELC	3/1/2023	Yes
6	Coordination Meeting with SCDNR	3/1/2023	Yes
7	Additional T & E Surveys	3/15/2023	Yes
8	Coordination of Bat Surveys	03/01 - 03/10/2023	Yes
9	Draft Agreement with SELC	7/1/2023	Yes
10	Coordination Meeting with USACE	8/9/2023	Yes
11	Coordination Meeting with USACE to present Garnett as Mitigation Fonsi	9/22/2023	Yes
12	Updated Biological Assessment	9/26/2023	Yes
13	Coordination Meeting with USACE & USFWS	10/4/2023	Yes
14	Garnett Tract Under Contract	10/6/2023	Yes
15	Response to Agency Comments	10/26/2023	Yes
16	SELC Agreement Executed	11/16 - 11/30/2023	Yes
17	Additional Coordination with SCDNR	12/8/2023	Yes
18	Interagency Meeting	1/4/2024	Yes
19	Letter of Concurrence from USFWS	1/15/2024	Yes
20	USACE and SCDHEC 30 Day Public Notice (Not Needed)	3/22/2024-4/22/2024	N/A
21	Section 106 Coordination Complete	5/1/2024	
22	SCDHEC Coastal Certification	6/1/2024	
23	SCDHEC 401 Certification	6/15/2024	
24	USACE Decision Document & 404 Permit	7/1/2024	

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Riverport Parkway North Schedule Milestones			
Draft Schedule			
Milestones		Schedule Date	Complete
1	Survey	10/16/2023	Yes
2	Preliminary Plans	2/26/2024	Yes
3	Preliminary Drainage	2/26/2024	Yes
4	Preliminary OPC	3/4/2024	Yes
5	Preliminary Regulatory Review	6/3/2024	
6	Utility Coordination	11/1/2024	
7	Preliminary Geotechnical	12/25/2023	Yes
8	Final Geotechnical	7/15/2024	
9	Final Plans	8/9/2024	
10	Final Drainage	8/9/2024	
11	Final OPC	8/16/2024	
12	Final Regulatory Review	10/18/2024	
13	Permitting Approval	10/25/2024	
14	Final Construction Plans	11/1/2024	
15	Environmental Documentation and Permitting	11/1/2024	

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Riverport Parkway South Permitting Milestones			
3.6.2024			
Permitting Schedule & Milestones		Schedule Date	Complete
1	Preliminary Plans	3/1/2024	Yes
2	Right of way from adjacent property owners	6/1/2024	
3	USACE Decision Document & 404 Permit	7/1/2024	
4	Submission to City of Hardeeville - Phase 1 & 2	7/3/2024	
5	Submission to SCDHEC - CZC & OCRM - Phase 1 & 2	7/3/2024	
6	Submission to BJWSA - Phase 1 & 2	7/3/2024	
7	Submission to SCDOT (Tie-in Coordination) - Phase 1 & 2	7/3/2024	
8	Submission to City of Hardeeville - Phase 3	7/3/2024	
9	Submission to SCDHEC - CZC & OCRM - Phase 3	7/3/2024	
10	Submission to BJWSA - Phase 3	7/3/2024	
11	Approval from BJWSA/SCDHEC W/WW - Phase 1 & 2	8/5/2024	
12	Concurrence from SCDOT (Tie-in Coordination) - Phase 1 & 2	8/9/2024	
13	Approval from SCDHEC - CZC & OCRM - Phase 1 & 2	9/5/2024	
14	Approval from City of Hardeeville - Phase 1 & 2	9/16/2024	
15	Approval from SCDHEC - CZC & OCRM - Phase 3	10/17/2024	
16	Approval from City of Hardeeville - Phase 3	10/24/2024	

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** County Transportation Committee Members  
**FROM:** Chad Rawls, Local Government Services Manager  
**DATE:** April 23, 2024  
**RE:** SFY 2024-25 Apportionment Forecast



The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is pleased to provide the attached **forecasted** apportionment chart for state fiscal year (SFY) 2024-25. The SFY begins July 1 and ends June 30.

This chart forecasts the revenues that each of the State's 46 County Transportation Committees (CTC) may expect to receive via the 3.99 cents/gallon gasoline tax as described in the "C" fund law, §12-28-2740. Actual revenues are distributed to the CTCs on a monthly basis and are determined by the volume of gasoline consumption. Therefore, actual revenues may differ from the forecasted revenues. As such, this forecast is being provided so that the CTCs may plan their program and their priorities.

Act 40 of 2017 requires CTCs to apply 100% of the proceeds from the additional 1.33 cent per gallon generated by the gas tax increase to the State Highway System. If additional one-time funding should become available, this spending requirement will be credited toward satisfying the 25% State Highway System funding requirement, which may be met based on a biennial averaging of expenditures. This information will continue to be shown on the first page of your monthly "C" fund statements. Please be aware that the CTC is responsible for meeting the 25% biennial average requirement by the end of the state fiscal year.

The SFY 2024-25 State budget has not yet been approved, but it may include additional one-time, non-recurring funds for the CTCs. Once the budget is finalized, SCDOT will communicate additional information to you if needed.

Thank you for all you do in service to the State of South Carolina. If SCDOT may be of service to you, please let me know. I can be reached at [RawlsCL@scdot.org](mailto:RawlsCL@scdot.org), (803) 737-1469, or (803) 237-3732.





Forecasted  
SOUTH CAROLINA "C" PROGRAM  
FORECASTED APPORTIONMENT OF FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

Apportionments do not include the Donor Bonus allocations.

County	AREA		POPULATION		RURAL ROADS		FORECASTED APPORTIONMENT	
	Sq. Mile	Percent	Number	Percent	Miles(CL)	Percent	Percent	Amount
Abbeville	491	1.63%	24,295	0.47%	934	1.43%	1.18%	\$1,363,300
Aiken	1,071	3.56%	168,808	3.30%	2,379	3.65%	3.50%	\$4,046,900
Allendale	408	1.36%	8,039	0.16%	505	0.77%	0.76%	\$881,300
Anderson	714	2.37%	203,718	3.98%	2,695	4.13%	3.49%	\$4,038,300
Bamberg	393	1.31%	13,311	0.26%	660	1.01%	0.86%	\$993,100
Barnwell	548	1.82%	20,589	0.40%	624	0.96%	1.06%	\$1,225,300
Beaufort	576	1.92%	187,117	3.66%	893	1.37%	2.31%	\$2,673,400
Berkeley	1,104	3.67%	229,861	4.49%	2,291	3.51%	3.89%	\$4,496,700
Calhoun	381	1.27%	14,119	0.28%	736	1.13%	0.89%	\$1,029,000
Charleston	918	3.05%	408,235	7.98%	1,283	1.97%	4.33%	\$5,005,700
Cherokee	393	1.31%	56,216	1.10%	1,069	1.64%	1.35%	\$1,557,700
Chester	581	1.93%	32,294	0.63%	982	1.50%	1.36%	\$1,567,000
Chesterfield	799	2.66%	43,273	0.85%	1,698	2.60%	2.03%	\$2,351,600
Clarendon	607	2.02%	31,144	0.61%	1,187	1.82%	1.48%	\$1,712,500
Colleton	1,057	3.52%	38,604	0.75%	1,425	2.18%	2.15%	\$2,485,800
Darlington	561	1.87%	62,905	1.23%	1,312	2.01%	1.70%	\$1,966,300
Dillon	405	1.35%	28,292	0.55%	863	1.32%	1.07%	\$1,241,400
Dorchester	569	1.89%	161,540	3.16%	1,137	1.74%	2.26%	\$2,615,600
Edgefield	501	1.67%	25,657	0.50%	888	1.36%	1.18%	\$1,359,000
Fairfield	686	2.28%	20,948	0.41%	987	1.51%	1.40%	\$1,619,100
Florence	801	2.66%	137,059	2.68%	1,799	2.76%	2.70%	\$3,119,200
Georgetown	814	2.71%	63,404	1.24%	1,148	1.76%	1.90%	\$2,197,900
Greenville	786	2.61%	525,534	10.27%	3,176	4.87%	5.92%	\$6,836,700
Greenwood	456	1.52%	69,351	1.35%	996	1.53%	1.47%	\$1,694,000
Hampton	560	1.86%	18,561	0.36%	696	1.07%	1.10%	\$1,268,100
Horry	1,133	3.77%	351,029	6.86%	2,986	4.58%	5.07%	\$5,855,800
Jasper	655	2.18%	28,791	0.56%	590	0.90%	1.22%	\$1,404,100
Kershaw	727	2.42%	65,403	1.28%	1,487	2.28%	1.99%	\$2,301,300
Lancaster	549	1.83%	96,016	1.88%	1,288	1.97%	1.89%	\$2,186,400
Laurens	713	2.37%	67,539	1.32%	1,514	2.32%	2.00%	\$2,315,100
Lee	410	1.36%	16,531	0.32%	716	1.10%	0.93%	\$1,072,500
Lexington	699	2.32%	293,991	5.74%	2,405	3.68%	3.92%	\$4,527,300
McCormick	359	1.19%	9,526	0.19%	1,012	1.55%	0.98%	\$1,129,000
Marion	489	1.63%	29,183	0.57%	902	1.38%	1.19%	\$1,378,600
Marlboro	480	1.60%	26,667	0.52%	853	1.31%	1.14%	\$1,319,400
Newberry	630	2.10%	37,719	0.74%	1,257	1.93%	1.59%	\$1,832,900
Oconee	627	2.09%	78,607	1.54%	2,139	3.28%	2.30%	\$2,657,100
Orangeburg	1,106	3.68%	84,223	1.65%	2,598	3.98%	3.10%	\$3,584,500
Pickens	497	1.65%	131,404	2.57%	1,424	2.18%	2.13%	\$2,466,400
Richland	757	2.52%	416,147	8.13%	2,399	3.68%	4.77%	\$5,517,500
Saluda	453	1.51%	18,862	0.37%	980	1.50%	1.13%	\$1,301,000
Spartanburg	808	2.69%	327,997	6.41%	2,991	4.58%	4.56%	\$5,268,700
Sumter	665	2.21%	105,556	2.06%	1,477	2.26%	2.18%	\$2,518,400
Union	514	1.71%	27,244	0.53%	817	1.25%	1.16%	\$1,345,900
Williamsburg	934	3.11%	31,026	0.61%	1,314	2.01%	1.91%	\$2,205,700
York	681	2.27%	282,090	5.51%	1,753	2.69%	3.49%	\$4,030,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,066</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>5,118,425</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>65,268</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$115,562,500</b>

Area and Population are updated once every 10 years from the Census.

Rural road centerline mileages are updated annually.

Population has been updated according to 2020 Census

Area has been updated according to 2020 Census

# COOSAWHATCHIE USERS GROUP MEETING

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Government Building  
358 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Ridgeland, SC 29936

Date: April 26, 2024

Time: 9:30am – 1:00pm

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## Additional information

Please RSVP by email for lunch no later than April 22<sup>nd</sup> and let us know how many will be attending! Email Dan Morgan at [danielm@bcgov.net](mailto:danielm@bcgov.net).

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APRIL 26, 2024

Please Sign-In For The GIS Conference.

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Telephone#:</u>
1. Garry Richardson	PECT	843-208-5509
2. Ryan Tindal	PECT	843-208-5511
3. Chris Brassard	BCS	803-645-3076
4. Chris Harvey	BCS	803-645-1475
5. Sue Perande	NCAS Beaufort	843-228-16702
6. Adam Phillips	Broad Creek PSD	843-802-8681
7. Patrice Moore	BTUSA	843-540-1617
8. Kevin Meade	BWSA	"
9. Amanda Williams	BWSA	
10. Michael Mission	BTUSA	
11. Tamara Gullett	BCSC GIS	
12. Kelsie Floyd	BCSC GIS	
13. Jackson Zimmerman	NCIS Beaufort	843-228-6755
14. Iz denore	Beaufort County	843-255-2537



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- 5. Jereed Pritchett Bluffton Township Fire District 912-463-7521
- 16. Dawnel Morgan Beaufort County 843-255-2535
- 17. Katie Mook Blumetto Electric 843-208-5510
- 18. Tricia Kilpore BJTWSA 843-540-5358
- 19. Karsdel Fegansin, Sr Colleton County 843-437-2495
- 20. Ryan Coleman Town of Bluffton 843-368-8114
- 21. Bill Addison Colleton County 843-898-8110
- 22. Joe Wilson Eagle View 204-629-2119
- 23. Kimberly Hiatt Colleton County (843) 898-8103
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AGENDA  
Consent Agenda  
ITEM # 20  
Minutes



# JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

Jasper County Clementa C. Pinckney Government Bldg.  
358 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Ridgeland, SC 29936

Monday, March 4, 2024

## MINUTES

**Officials Present:** Chairman L. Martin Sauls IV, Vice Chairwoman Barbara B. Clark, Councilman Pastor Alvin Adkins, Councilman John Kemp and Councilman Coy Garbade.

**Staff Present:** County Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Wanda Giles, County Attorney David Tedder, Kimberly Burgess, Russell Wells, Rose Dobson-Elliott, Danny Lucas and Videographer Jonathan Dunham.

### 1. Call to Order:

Chairman Sauls called the 5:04pm Council Meeting to order. Prior to reading the report of compliance The Report of Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act was read for the records as follows: *In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of meetings and agendas were posted and furnished to all news media and persons requesting notification.*

### 2. Executive Session SECTION 30-4-70.

(a) A public body may hold a meeting closed to the public for one or more of the following reasons:

(1) Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body – [Appointed and Elected Officials' Salaries](#)

(2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contract arrangements and proposed purchase or sale of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice related to pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim – [Tax Map # 087-00-05-008 and Tax Map # 087-00-05-009; Ord# O-2024-Moratorium Ordinance; Telfair Commercial Tract; Soul Freedom Marketing, LLC; Rivers Reach / Settings; The Baird Audit Group LLC; Tax Map 067-00-01-067; and Tax Map #'s 087-00-05-008 and 087-00-05-009; Tax Map #s 048-00-01-005 and 048-00-01-007](#)

(5) Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by a public body – [Prospect Update; Project Refurb; Project Peaches](#)

ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTER ON WHICH DISCUSSION HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED MAY HAVE DISCUSSION SUSPENDED FOR PURPOSES OF BEGINNING THE OPEN SESSION AT ITS SCHEDULED TIME, AND COUNCIL MAY RETURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEMS. **PLEASE BE ADVISED THERE MAY BE VOTES BASED ON ITEMS FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**Motion to go into executive session with the removal of duplicate tax map numbers :** Councilman Kemp

**Second:** Vice Chairwoman Clark

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

### **3: Return to Open Session at 6:30PM**

**Motion to return to regular session:** Vice Chairwoman Clark

**Second:** Councilman Adkins

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**Action coming out of Executive Session –** There were no motions coming out of Executive Session.

**4. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation:** The Pledge to the Flag was given and the Invocation was given by Vice Chairwoman Clark.

### **5. Approval of the Consent Agenda Items:**

**Motion to approve the consent agenda:** Vice Chairwoman Clark

**Second:** Councilman Adkins

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

### **6. Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion to approve with the change that Item # 19 is amended to read Chapter 26 Taxation:** Councilman Kemp

**Second:** Vice Chairwoman Clark

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

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## **PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

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### **7. [Jessica Daley](#) – Needs Assessment Public Hearing**

Ms. Daley was present to address the Needs Assessment Public Hearing. She gave a presentation and encouraged everyone that if they feel that they had been discriminated against, to please give them a call. The public hearing was opened but there were no comments, so the public hearing was closed.



## 8. **Jessica Daley** – Marsh Cove Fire Substation Project Closeout Public Hearing

Ms. Daley was present to address the Marsh Cove Fire Substation Project Closeout Public Hearing. She noted that this project would now be closed out from CDBG. The public hearing was opened but there were no comments, so the public hearing was closed.

## 9. **Sheriff Hipp** – Presenting information and data in reference to the Sheriff's Office accomplishment over the past 3 years.

Sheriff Hipp prepared a summary for Council of the 2021, 2022 and 2023 accomplishments covering the last 3 years. A copy of this information is attached to the minutes as "Attachment A".

## 10. **Sheriff Hipp** – Presentation by Hardeeville Police Chief Sam Woodward to present Seargeant D. Riley with an accommodation award.

The City of Hardeeville Police Chief Sam Woodward presented Seargeant D. Riley with an accommodation award at this meeting.

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## RESOLUTIONS

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## 11. **David Tedder** – Consideration of Resolution #R-2024-06 Ratifying the letter of intent for the sale of 1.7 acres at Cypress Ridge Industrial Park.

Mr. Tedder was present to represent and review this request for the consideration of this resolution ratifying the letter of intent for the sale of 1.7 acres at Cypress Ridge Industrial Park.

**Motion to approve:** Vice Chairwoman Clark

**Second:** Councilman Garbade

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

## 12. **David Tedder** – Consideration of Resolution #R-2024-07 Committing to Negotiate a Fee-In-Lieu Of *Ad Valorem* Taxes Agreement Between Jasper County and Project Peaches; Identifying the Project; and Other Matters Related Thereto (Inducement Resolution)

Mr. Tedder was present to represent and review this request for the consideration of this resolution committing to negotiate a Fee-In-Lieu of *Ad Valorem* Taxes Agreement between Jasper County and Project Peaches; Identifying the Project; and other matters related thereto.

**Motion to approve:** Councilman Adkins

**Second:** Vice Chairwoman Clark

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**13. David Tedder – Consideration of Resolution #R-2024-08 Providing for Acknowledgments Regarding Completion of Certain Infrastructure at the Development known as The Settings At Mackay’s Point, and Providing for Certain Amendments to The Special Services Contract between Rivers Reach At Pocotaligo, LLC and Jasper County**

Mr. Tedder was present to represent and gave a background overview of this request for the consideration of this resolution providing for acknowledgments regarding completion of certain infrastructure at the development known as The Settings at Mackay’s Point, and providing for certain amendments to The Special Services Contract between Rivers Reach At Pocotaligo, LLC and Jasper County. He

**Motion to approve:** Councilman Garbade

**Second:** Councilman Kemp

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**14. Kimberly Burgess – Resolution #R-2024-09 declaring property surplus and authorizing its disposition. (Ambulance Chassis)**

Ms. Burgess was present to represent and review this request for the consideration of this resolution declaring property surplus and authorizing its disposition.

**Motion to approve:** Councilman Adkins

**Second:** Vice Chairwoman Clark

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES AND ACTION ITEMS**

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**15. John Wall – Public hearing and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance #O-2024-04 Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of *Ad Valorem* Taxes And Incentive Agreement By And Between Jasper County, South Carolina And Project Install To Provide For Payment Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of Taxes; Approving The Creation Of A Multicounty Park With Hampton County, South Carolina; Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Multicounty Park Agreement By And Between Jasper County, South Carolina And Hampton County, South Carolina; Authorizing Certain Infrastructure Credits And; And Other Related Matters. (Project Install) (1<sup>st</sup> reading 02.05.2024)**

Mr. Wall was present to represent and review this request for consideration by Council. He noted that since this was the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading a public hearing had been scheduled for tonight. The public hearing was opened but there were no comments, so the public hearing was closed.

**Motion to approve:** Councilman Kemp

**Second:** Councilman Adkins

**Vote:** Unanimous  
The motion passed.

**16. David Tedder** – Consideration of the **1<sup>st</sup> reading** of an Ordinance authorizing the Execution and Delivery of A Fee-In-Lieu Of *Ad Valorem* Taxes and Incentive Agreement by and Between Jasper County, South Carolina and Project Peaches to Provide for Payment of A Fee-In-Lieu Of Taxes; Authorizing Certain Infrastructure Credits and; and Other Related Matters.

Mr. Tedder was present to represent and review this request for consideration by Council. Mr. Tedder noted the public hearing for this ordinance was scheduled for the first meeting in April.

**Motion to approve:** Vice Chairwoman Clark  
**Second:** Councilman Garbade  
**Vote:** Unanimous  
The motion passed.

**17. David Tedder** – Public hearing and consideration of the **2<sup>nd</sup> reading** of Ordinance **#O-2024-05** Extending a Temporary Moratorium on Applications, Administrative Processing and Permitting for Approval of Large Residential Subdivisions, Major Subdivisions, Commercial Development Projects and Signage Within the Euhaw Broad River Planning Area and Matters Related Thereto. (*1<sup>st</sup> reading 02.26.2024*)

Mr. Tedder was present to represent and review this request for consideration by Council to extend the temporary moratorium that was currently in place on **applications, administrative processing and permitting for approval of large residential subdivisions, major subdivisions, commercial development projects and signage within the Euhaw Broad River planning area to be extended until 07.31.2024.**

**Motion to approve:** Councilman Kemp  
**Second:** Councilman Garbade

Mr. Tedder noted that the public hearing should be held before the vote. The public hearing was opened. Mr. Tedder read a letter from Earl Fore for the record and Mr. Smittie Cooler spoke in person to thank Council for doing the moratorium. Since there were no other public hearing comments the public hearing was closed.

**18. David Tedder** – Consideration of the **1<sup>st</sup> reading** of an Ordinance to amend the Jasper County Code of Ordinances by repealing Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 6, *Economic Development Alliance*.

Mr. Tedder was present to represent and review this request for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of an Ordinance to amend the Jasper County Code of Ordinances by repealing Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 6, *Economic Development Alliance* for consideration by Council. He noted that Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 6, needed to be repealed.

**Motion to approve:** Councilman Kemp  
**Second:** Councilman Adkins  
**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**19. David Tedder – Consideration of the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of an Ordinance to amend the Jasper County Code of Ordinances by deleting existing Chapter 26, *Taxation*, Article I and Article II in their entirety, and adopting a new Article I and Article II in their stead. (BOA)**

Mr. Tedder was present to represent, review and give an overview of this request for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of an Ordinance to amend the Jasper County Code of Ordinances by deleting existing Chapter 26, *Taxation*, Article I and Article II in their entirety, and adopting a new Article I and Article II in their stead.

**Motion to approve:** Vice Chairwoman Clark

**Second:** Councilman Garbade

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**20. David Tedder – Consideration of the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of an Ordinance to amend the Jasper County Code of Ordinances by repealing Chapter 28, *Utilities*, Articles II through IV in their entirety and replacing them with a new Article II. (BJWSA)**

Mr. Tedder was present to represent and review this request for consideration by Council of an Ordinance to amend the Jasper County Code of Ordinances by repealing Chapter 28, *Utilities*, Articles II through IV in their entirety and replacing them with a new Article II.

**Motion to approve:** Vice Chairwoman Clark

**Second:** Councilman Garbade

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

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#### CITIZEN COMMENTS

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**21. Open Floor to the Public per Ordinance 08-17 Any citizen of the County may sign to speak in person at the Council Meeting (before the Council Meeting's 6:30PM start time on the Sign-In Sheet on the Podium), to address Council on matters pertaining to County Services and Operations. Presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and total public input will be limited to 30 minutes.**

Smittie Cooler signed in but did not stay for the rest of the meeting.

Paul Dullan was present to discuss Rivers Reach.

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**22. Administrator's Report:** Mr. Fulghum reviewed his information from his report he had Ms. Burgess give an update on Finance. She discussed the two bids for Sgt. Jasper Park for the replacement fencing. There were no Action Items requiring a vote from the Council in the Administrator's Report.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion to approve:** Councilman Garbade

**Second:** Vice Chairwoman Clark

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

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23. **Lisa Wagner** – Approval of the **3<sup>rd</sup> reading** of Ordinance **#O-2024-02** to Amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property located at 951 Carolina Drive, bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 067-00-01-003 from the Rural Preservation Zone to the Industrial Development Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map.

24. **Danny Lucas** – Approval of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan RFP Recommendation. *(Tabled at the 02.05.2024 meeting)*

25. **Kimberly Burgess** – Authorizing a \$48,000.00 grant match contribution to the Jasper County 250 Committee.

26. **Kimberly Burgess** – Authorizing review / ratification of the emergency procurement of not to exceed \$41,000.00 for the purchase, installation, and disposal of three industrial dryers for the Detention Center.

27. **Russell Wells** – Authorizing the acquisition of 800 mHz public safety radio frequency maintenance equipment (Formerly identified as a "Communications Service Monitor")

28. Approval of the Minutes 01.16.2024:

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## END OF CONSENT AGENDA

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29. **Council Members Comments:** Councilmember Comments were given but there were no comments that required action.

30. **Possible Return to Executive Session to Continue Discussion on Matters Regarding Agenda Item II.** There was no need to return to the Executive Session for this meeting. For additional information on this meeting please visit our website for this meeting's agenda E-Packet or for the video go to [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBmloqX05cKAsHm\\_ggXCJIA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBmloqX05cKAsHm_ggXCJIA)

31. **Adjournment:**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Councilman Kemp

**Second:** Vice Chairwoman Clark

**Vote:** Unanimous

The meeting adjourned.

**Respectfully submitted:**

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Wanda H. Giles  
Clerk to Council

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L. Martin Sauls IV  
Chairman



**Jasper County Sheriff's Office**  
Donald L. Hipp, Sheriff

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make Jasper County  
a better and safer  
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**JASPER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

1. The previous administration was awarded a grant for litter control in the amount of \$9,500.00 and never used it. We were able to clean up trash from the middle of Tammy Lane with the grant. We were also able to purchase Automated License Plate Reader cameras and place them in two locations within the county that were having problems with different crimes. These cameras have greatly reduced the crime rate in these neighborhoods. These cameras cost \$2,500.00 each and will cost \$2,500.00 each year we keep them. Between December 13, 2021, and January 11, 2022, the cameras have read 51,412 License plates. Those plates 30,947 of them are what are called Unique plate reads. Unique plate reads are defined as plates that are read more than once, stolen vehicles, or vehicle related to a crime. Flock Safety cameras have been searched a total of 192 times in the same time frame by outside agencies. These searches were for vehicles related to crimes throughout the United States. The cameras have been instrumental in helping locate missing persons, such as Sheriff Brantley. One of the cameras also helped apprehend a suspect for the Hardeeville Police Department that shot a store clerk approximately 8 times.
  
2. We were able to secure a new \$797,000.00 body worn camera and taser contract where we were able to outfit all the officers within the department with new body cameras and tasers. This program also has mandatory videos the supervisors must review monthly for training and officer accountability purposes. Supervisors also could log into the system and watch an officer through the body camera while the officer is on scene.
  
3. Under this administration the Sheriff's Office was able to secure over a half of a million dollars in grants.  
  
A \$277,000.00 grant was recently awarded that will fully fund two new School Resource Officers. The grant includes all the equipment to go with each position.  
  
A \$86,000.00 grant was received that was used to help pay for a new body worn camera contract.

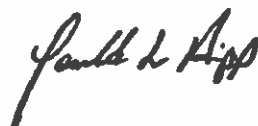
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A grant for \$67,000.00 was received and was used to help pay for new bullet proof vest for the officers to bring all the department issued vest into compliance.

4. The Sheriff's Office implemented Project Reach Out in the schools. This is a mentoring program for students. The program assists challenged youth by providing a positive influence as well as encouragement and offers solutions to assist with handling tough battles and real-world experiences that face our students today. The program was started in February 2021 and has helped approximately 300 students since its inception.
5. The Sheriff's Office has leased two mobile Automated License Plate Readers that have been mounted on two separate patrol vehicles. These systems immediately notify the officer in the patrol vehicle if a vehicle surrounding them is listed as stolen, has no insurance, is connected to a wanted person, etc.
6. We were able to conduct a payroll study compared to the surrounding agencies and work with the Jasper County Council to raise the starting pay for officers from \$38,300.00 per year to \$46,868.00 per year. Upon being sworn into office the Sheriff's Office was 16 officers short. Since the pay increase, we're only 4 officers short not counting the recent grant for the 2 School Resource Officers.
7. Under the current administration, the Sheriff's Office was able to certify 4 School Resources Officers as DARE officers and DARE instructors.
8. Upon taking office the Sheriff's Office was over budget for overtime from the previous administration. The Sheriff's Office completely re-aligned the Sheriff's Office payroll through Human Resources and the APD program for better accountability of overtime. By doing so we have saved the county the following:

Between January 2020 and June 2020, the previous administration spent \$164,159.53 in overtime wages. Between January 2021 and June 2021, the current administration we have spent \$53,810.86 in overtime wages. This is a difference of \$110,348.67.

Between July 2020 and November 2020, the previous administration spent \$135,801.93 in overtime wages. Between July 2021 and November 2021 under





the current administration we have spent \$66,773.72 in overtime wages. This is a difference of \$69,028.21. This is a savings to the county of approximately \$179,376.88 for the year.

9. In 2020 the previous administration collected approximately \$4,698.50 in court ordered sex offender registry fees.

In 2021, under the current administration the Sheriff's Officer collected approximately \$9,746.50 in court ordered sex offender registry fees.

Under the previous administration the Jasper County Sheriff's Office lost its access to upload the sex offenders into the state system through the internet. All the information had to be mailed to SLED for them to upload it. Under this administration the Sheriff's Office was able to correct the problem with SLED and can now upload all the sex offenders electronically.

10. The current administration has been working to correct the evidence storage issues with the Sheriff's Office evidence vault. I have upgraded the alarm system for the evidence vault and property rooms and added a full-time evidence and property custodian.

11. This administration has centralized all the records within the Sheriff's Office in one location for better record keeping and organization. With the prior administration records were stored between two separate locations with separate addresses.

12. In 2020, under the previous administration Jasper County experienced 4 homicides. In 2021, under my administration Jasper County experienced 3 homicides with all 3 being solved by arrest.

13. Under current administration, the Sheriff's Office Narcotics team has managed to build working relationships with the surrounding agencies to include Federal agencies. As Sheriff, I have also been able to purchase specialized equipment for the Narcotics Team that will help them conduct entries during the execution of Search Warrants without having to call in outside agencies.


14. We have been able to implement a new accounting program and procedures for better accountability for all funds within the Sheriff's Office.



15. We have also adjusted all the Sheriff's Office Seizure and Forfeiture accounts to be state and federal compliant.
16. The current administration worked to balance the 2020/2021 budget and managed to finish the fiscal year only 2% over budget. This was accomplished even though the previous administration controlled the first 6 months of the budget.

### **2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

1. Replaced all the outdated shotguns within the department and was also able to equip every Deputy with a shotgun.
2. Replaced all the worn out 10-33 assault rifles with brand new ones and was able to outfit all the Deputies with a new rifle.
3. Purchased a drone that has night vision/infrared capability to assist with search and rescue operations and to conduct arial photographs of crime scenes.
4. Purchased a digital narcotics tester that will test narcotics through the packaging keeping the Deputy safe from possible exposure to harmful substances such as Fentanyl.
5. With the council's help we have replaced approximately 98% of worn-out patrol vehicles with new vehicles.
6. We signed a contract with AXON to add in-car cameras to all our patrol vehicles that will work in conjunction with our body camera, tasers, and signal side arm kits and have automated license plate readers built into them.
7. The Sheriff's Office was able to appoint a second Animal Control Officer.
8. The Sheriff's Office was able to create an IT position while staying under budget.
9. The Sheriff's Office was able to lease a new state-of-the-art Animal Control Vehicle.
10. The Sheriff's Office purchased an off-road utility vehicle to help with off-road search and rescue efforts while staying under budget.



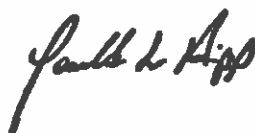
11. The Sheriff's Office purchased two (2) bloodhounds to help with finding lost individuals and fleeing suspects.
12. We were able to appoint an investigator and a volunteer (former investigator) to investigate cold cases.
13. The Sheriff's Office was able to outfit all officers with dress uniforms while staying under budget.
14. The Sheriff's Office was able to form a Color/Honor Guard to attend funerals and ceremonies.
15. Purchased two (2) interactive whiteboards for meeting and training purposes while staying under budget.
16. The Sheriff's Office added seventeen (17) Automated License Plate Readers throughout the county to assist in recovering lost individuals, wanted persons, and stolen vehicles. All the Automated License Plate Reader cameras (19 total) read over 300,000 license plates per month.
17. The Sheriff's Office was able to certify two (2) of the School Resource Officers with Active Shooter Assessment training so they can assist the schools, churches, and other businesses with setting up security measures to prevent active shooter situations in their facilities.
18. Held the Sheriff's Office first National Night Out event, which was a great success.
19. Continued the annual Trunk or Treat event which was a great success.
20. The Sheriff's Office was able to promote an officer to the Rank of Major.
21. The Sheriff's Office was awarded a new School Resource Officer grant from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety that fully funded two (2) new School Resource Officers, saving the county additional funds.
22. Received \$185,211.94 from the SC Department of Public Safety to help pay for the new in-car cameras.
23. Received \$101,271.10 from the SC Department of Public Safety to help pay for Body-Worn cameras.
24. Signed an agreement with the military's NCIS service to conduct more stringent background checks on applicants.

*Paula L. Hipp*

25. The Sheriff's Office was able to replace all the office computers while staying under budget.
26. The Sheriff's Office was able to replace all the in-car computers while staying under budget.
27. The Sheriff's Office investigated one (1) homicide, one (1) manslaughter case, and one (1) hit-and-run fatality with all of them being solved by arrest.
28. The Sheriff's Office was able to have two (2) Evidence Custodians trained and certified by the International Association for Property and Evidence.
29. The Sheriff's Office able to have two (2) Deputies FAA trained and certified UAS Drone pilots.
30. Between responding to calls for service, the Deputies were able to issue more than \$1,123,843.00 in citations.
31. The Sheriff's Office was able to purchase a Live Scan digital fingerprint machine to print fingerprint cards for sex offenders and concealed weapons permit applications that's connected with South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, while staying under budget.
32. The Sheriff's Office created the Multi-Agency VICE Unit partnering with the Hardeeville Police Department and Fourteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office to investigate narcotics and violent crimes throughout Jasper County.
33. In 2022 the Sheriff's Office responded to 29,722 calls for service.
34. According to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division's National Incident Based Reporting system the Sheriff's Office obtained a 40.91% clearance rate on the crimes that are required to be reported to SLED. This rate is up from the 2021 rate of 22.42%.

### **2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

1. Created a Special Services Division to oversee the Animal Control Deputies, Airport Deputy, building upgrades, and hurricane preparedness.
2. Remodeled the Criminal Investigations Office adding offices for the VICE Unit, Special Services Lieutenant, and Animal Control.
3. Upgraded the vault in the main office with secure storage to securely store firearms and ammunition.



4. Remodeled the Patrol Office to add a small kitchen with a sink, countertops, cabinets, and a refrigerator.
5. Installed an electronic gate on the impound yard at the Criminal Investigation Division office.
6. Awarded a continuation of the School Resource Officer grant with an awarded amount of \$433,840.00.
7. Awarded a new School Resource Officer grant for \$173,805.00 to add a second (new officer) SRO at Polaris Tech.
8. Awarded a Body Armor Assistance grant in the amount of \$15,415.00 to help pay for new body armor.
9. Partnered with Project Life Saver to help place tracking devices on people who suffer from cognitive disabilities and have a tendency to wander from home and get lost.
10. The Sheriff's Office responded to 32,249 calls for service.
11. According to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division's National Incident Based Reporting system the Sheriff's Office obtained a 57.02% clearance rate on the crimes that are required to be reported to SLED. This rate is up from the 2022 rate of 40.91%.
12. The Sheriff's Office was able to appoint an experienced Intelligence Analyst at no cost to the department or county.

*Janet L. App*



JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
VIRTUAL SPECIAL CALLED

# COUNCIL MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION

Tuesday, March 12, 2024  
Minutes

**Officials Present:** Chairman L. Martin Sauls IV, Vice Chairwoman Barbara B. Clark, Councilman Pastor Alvin Adkins, and Councilman Coy Garbade. Absent: Councilman Kemp

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

## Call to Order:

Chairman Sauls called the 6:00pm Council Meeting to order. Prior to reading the report of compliance The Report of Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act was read for the records as follows: *In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of meetings and agendas were posted and furnished to all news media and persons requesting notification.*

**Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation:** The Pledge to the Flag was given and the Invocation was given by Vice Chairwoman Clark.

## Executive Session SECTION 30-4-70.

(a) A public body may hold a meeting closed to the public for one or more of the following reasons:

- (2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contract arrangements and proposed purchase or sale of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice related to pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim – [Consideration of Special Audit Proposal from The Baird Audit Group, LLC](#)

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THERE MAY BE VOTES TAKEN BASED ON ITEMS FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**Motion to go into Executive Session:** Vice Chairwoman Clark

**Second:** Councilman Garbade

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**Return to Open Session:**

**Motion to return to Regular Session:** Vice Chairwoman Clark

**Second:** Councilman Garbade

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

○ **Action coming out of Executive Session**

**Move to approve the terms of The Baird Audit Group's Engagement Letter dated February 29<sup>th</sup> as a special audit pursuant to section 4-9-150 of the Code of Laws, and authorize the Administrator, with the assistance of the County Attorney, to execute the letter on behalf of the County and take all necessary and desirable steps on behalf of Jasper County to ensure the completion of the audit in a timely manner:** Chairman Sauls

**Second:** Vice Chairwoman Clark

**Vote:** Unanimously approved by Chairman Sauls, Vice Chairwoman Clark, Councilman Adkins and Councilman Garbade

The motion passed.

Once the Council voted on the above item that came out of Executive Session, Chairman Sauls said he would like to provide a statement on this matter. He noted that the proposed action to bring The Baird Audit Group to perform a special audit is to not embarrass or attack the treasurer or his staff, but to identify ongoing issues in that office that are affecting the ability of the County to track and account for County revenue and expenditures in a timely manner, and also affects the local governments for whom we collect and distribute tax funds. With upcoming bond matters, it is imperative that these matters be addressed, and actions taken to maintain the County's high financial status and the national financial community.

To be clear, this is not an audit where anyone is accused or even suspected of intentional wrongdoing Council has received information that there have been errors and missteps in regard to the receipt and appropriate disbursements of funds provided to the County, both state and local, and desires to obtain the information necessary to address the errors and prevent their re-occurrence.

This engagement of The Baird Audit Group is to ensure that all tax receipts are properly received, deposited, and recorded and that disbursements related to the tax receipts are appropriate, and to determine that the state monies are properly recorded, and disbursements related to these monies are accurately calculated and recorded on the County financial records in the timely manner.

Is the hope that the result of this special audit will be to identify and correct any deficiency that affects the financial matters of the County and ensure that the funds of Jasper County citizens are treated in a financially responsible manner. It is the County Council's duty to oversee this and make sure that office is operating efficiently, effectively, and transparently and we will see that this job is done.

**Possible Return to Executive Session to Continue Discussion on Matters Regarding Agenda Item II.** There was no need to return to the Executive Session for this meeting. For additional

information on this meeting please visit our website for this meeting's agenda E-Packet or for the video go to [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBmloqX05cKAsHm\\_ggXCJlA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBmloqX05cKAsHm_ggXCJlA)

**Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn:** Vice Chairwoman Clark

**Second:** Councilman Garbade

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:11pm.

**Respectfully submitted:**

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Wanda H. Giles  
Clerk to Council

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L. Martin Sauls IV  
Chairman



# AGENDA

## ITEM # 21

Councilmember

Comments