



JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING VIRTUAL

Wednesday, July 2, 2025
Minutes

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

Staff Present: County Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Wanda Giles, County Attorney David Tedder, Kimberly Burgess, Lisa Wagner, James Iwanicki, Danny Lucas, Chief Russell Wells, and Videographer Jonathan Dunham.

Call to Order:

Chairman Kemp called the 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 the agenda: Councilman VanGeison

Second: Councilman Rowell

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Executive Session

SECTION 30-4-70. Meetings which may be closed; procedure; circumvention of chapter; disruption of meeting; executive sessions of General Assembly

(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 agreements and proposed purchase or sale of property, the receipt of legal advise where the legal advised related to a 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 – Section 30-4-70(a)(2) – **Charlene"Charlie" Wood Uhrmann vs. Jasper County et al; Airport Leases**

Motion to go into Executive Session: Councilman VanGeison

Second: Councilman Arzillo

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Motion to return from Executive Session: Councilman Rowell

Second: Councilman VanGeison

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Motion from Executive Session:

Chairman John Kemp stated the following:

I move that the Council authorize the County Administrator to engage Danny Crowe to represent the defendants in the Charlene Uhrmann lawsuit as discussed in Executive Session and to provide the South Carolina Insurance Reserve Fund with information requested related to his defense of the lawsuit.

Chairman Kemp also noted that Councilman Arzillo recused himself during the discussion on the representation by Danny Crowe.

Motion to approve – Councilman VanGeison

Second – Councilman Rowell

Vote:

Chairman Kemp – Yes

Councilman Rowell – Yes

Councilman VanGeison – Yes

Councilman Arzillo recused himself from the vote on this item.

The motion passed.

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Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn: Councilman VanGeison

Second: Councilman Rowell

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.



John A. Kemp, Chairman



Wanda H. Giles, Clerk to Council