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JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

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

Monday, April 7, 2025

AGENDA

5:00 PM – Workshop:

- Ken Holt - Ridgeland-Claude Dean Airport Runway Length Justification Study
- Chapter 28 Utilities Ordinance Modification

Call Workshop to Order - Chairman Kemp

Clerk's Report of Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act: 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.

Adjourn workshop.

6:00 PM – Meeting:

1. Call the Meeting to Order by Chairman Kemp

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2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation:

3. Approval of the Consent Agenda Items:

Approval of Consent Agenda passes all Consent Agenda Items. Consent Agenda Items are not considered separately unless any Councilmember so requests. In the event of such a request the item is placed at the end of the Public Hearings, Ordinances and Action Items.

4. Approval of the Regular Agenda:

PRESENTATION

5. **Dale Douthat** – Presentation by the United Way

6. **Chairman Kemp's comments:**

CITIZEN COMMENTS

7. Open Floor to the Public per Ordinance Number #08-17 Any citizen of the County may sign to speak in person at the Council Meeting (before the Council Meeting's 6:00PM 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.

RESOLUTIONS

8. **Andrew Fulghum** – Consideration of Resolution [#R-2025-25](#) Resolution of Jasper County Council to designate April 2025 as Fair Housing Month in Jasper County, South Carolina.

9. **Chairman Kemp** – Consideration of Resolution [#R-2025-26](#) of Jasper County Council Creating An Ad Hoc Committee pursuant to Section 2-56 through 2-60 to evaluate 2025-2026 County Budget Requests for Grants/Financial Support by Local Agencies and Non-Profits and Matters Related Thereto.

10. **Kimberly Burgess** – Consideration and **Public Hearing** regarding Resolution [#R-2025-27](#) pursuant to Section 2-415 (a) of the Jasper County Code of Ordinances, exempting the proposed purchase of goods and/or services required to achieve compliance with certain Minimum Standards for Local Detention Facilities in South Carolina as stated in the March 10, 2023, letter to the Jasper County Council and the accompanying inspection report prepared by the South Carolina Department of Corrections from the bidding and other requirements of the Jasper County Purchasing and Contracting Ordinance and authorizing the County Administrator to create the contracts and obtain the services on behalf of Jasper County, and matters related thereto.

11. **Kimberly Burgess** – Consideration and **Public Hearing** regarding Resolution [#R-2025-28](#) pursuant to Section 2-415 (a) of the Jasper County Code of Ordinances, exempting the proposed purchase of goods and/or services required to provide safety equipment for Detention Center employees, including body cameras and tasers, from the bidding and other requirements of the Jasper County Purchasing and Contracting Ordinance and authorizing the County Administrator to create the contracts and obtain the services on behalf of Jasper County, and matters related thereto.

12. **Andrew Fulghum** – Consideration of Resolution [#R-2025-30](#) Supplementing and Amending Resolution R-2024-26 and R-2025-04 by Authorizing the Jasper County Administrator to Provide Access to the Jasper County Treasurer for Banks Accounts under the Control of the Administration and County Council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES AND ACTION ITEMS

13. **David Tedder** – **Public Hearing** and consideration of the **2nd Reading** of Ordinance **#O-2025-09** to amend and Re-number the Jasper County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2 *Administration*, Article II *County Council*, Division 1, *Generally*, being codified as Sections 2-31 through Section 2-33C, Repealing as of July 1, 2025 Ordinance 08-20 Adopting the Jasper County Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual, as Amended, and Adding a New Section 2-72 in Article III, *Officers and Employees*, Regarding the Adoption of Personnel System Policies and Procedures. *(1st reading 03.17.2025)*

14. **David Tedder** – **Public Hearing** and consideration of the **1st Reading** of Ordinance **#O-2025-10** authorizing the sale to 719 Holdings, LLC of 1.139 acre parcel, more or less, being subdivided out of the original 19.09 acre Parcel identified as Parcel B as shown on a Plat recorded at Plat Book 27 at Page 80, being a portion of tax parcel 048-00-01-005, and to authorize the Jasper County Administrator to execute such contracts, amendments, deeds and other documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effect the sale to 719 Holdings, LLC, or its assigns, and matters related thereto. *(1st reading for the 03.17.2025 meeting was removed from the agenda)*

15. **David Tedder** – Consideration of the **1st 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.

16. **Kimberly Burgess** – Consideration of approval of the M. B. Kahn Construction Co., Inc. capital planning services extension agreement and to authorize the County Administrator or his designee to execute all necessary documents related to the execution of the extension agreement.

17. **Kimberly Burgess** – Consideration of approval of M. B. Kahn Construction Co, Inc. contract change order for the Temporary Library Upfit and to authorize the County Administrator or his designee to execute all necessary documents related to the execution of the change order.

18. **Kimberly Burgess** – Consideration of approval of Johnson-Laux Construction (SC) contract for repairs and upfit of 258 Russell Street not to exceed \$320,000 and to authorize the County Administrator or his designee to execute all necessary documents related to the execution of the change order.

19. **Heather Rath** – Presentation of the proposals and recommendation for selection of the Consultant to provide the Jasper County Opioid Education Campaign.

20. Administrator's Report:

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

21. Approval of the Minutes 02.03.2025 and 02.18.2025

22. Councilmember Comments and Discussion:

23. 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 – [County Attorney, Judge Lee](#)
- (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 # 063-24-01-003](#)

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.**

Return to Open Session

- 23.1 Action coming out of Executive Session

**Council may act on any item appearing on the agenda including items discussed in executive session.*

24. Adjournment:

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