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JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

Jasper County Clementa C. Pinckney Government Building
Third Ave, Ridgeland, SC 29936
Tuesday, September 8, 2026

AMENDED AGENDA

➤ Please silence your phones

4:00 PM:

1. Call the Meeting to Order by Chairman Rowell

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.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation:

3. Approval of the Agenda:

4. 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 – (1) **Personnel Matters**

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5. Approval of the Consent Agenda:

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

A) **Hunter Smiley** – Consideration of the **3rd Reading** of Ordinance **#O-2026-26** to amend Article 9.6 Accessory Structures of the Jasper County Zoning Ordinance to increase the amount of Dwelling Units allowed for real property over One Hundred (100) Acres that is protected under Conservation Easement. *(1st*

B) **Hunter Smiley** – Consideration of the **3rd Reading** of Ordinance **#O-2026-27** authorizing amendment to the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County by rezoning that certain parcel of real property located along Mendez Farm Road, bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 040-00-02-106 and containing 1.0 Acre, from Rural Preservation District to Residential District. *(1st Reading 08.03.2026 ; Public Hearing and 2nd Reading 08.17.2026)*

C) **Hunter Smiley** – Consideration of the **3rd Reading** of Ordinance **#O-2026-28** authorizing amendment to the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County by rezoning that certain parcel of real property located along South Okatie Highway, bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 039-00-08-190 and containing 37.8 Acres from Rural Preservation District to Resource Conservation District. *(1st Reading 08.03.2026 ; Public Hearing and 2nd Reading 08.17.2026)*

D) **Eric Larson** – Consideration of **3rd Reading** of an Ordinance **#O-2026-29** authorizing Jasper County to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with Boundless Enterprises, LLC for the purchase of improved real property with an address of 21563 Whyte Hardee Boulevard, Hardeeville, South Carolina, (TMS 029-38-03-002) and to approve the purchase of such property for use as a county office building and other matters related thereto. *(1st reading 08.03.2026; ; Public Hearing and 2nd Reading 08.17.2026)*

This is the end of the Consent Agenda Items.

6:00 PM: Regular Session

6. PRESENTATION:

A) **Caroline Deevey, SCAC Program Underwriter, Insurance Trust Program** – Presentation and Workers' Compensation Insurance Update

7. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

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 6:00 PM start time on the Sign-In Sheet on the Podium), to address the 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.

8. RESOLUTIONS:

A) **Eric Larson** - Consideration of Resolution **#R-2026-53**, a Resolution to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Wyche, P.A. to provide Greenbelt Program Manager services for the Jasper County Greenbelt Program and authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreement and related documents and other matters related thereto. *(This item was removed from the 08.17.2026 Agenda)*

B) **Jim Iwanicki** - Consideration of Resolution **#R-2026-57**, a Resolution to fund the SOLOCO Child Care Pilot Project in the amount of \$18,000.00.

C) **Jim Iwanicki** – Consideration of Resolution **#R-2026-58**, a Resolution of support for a Town of Ridgeland Parks and Recreation Development Fund Project for pathway lighting funding on the Town’s E. Wilson Street Pathway Project for \$90,000.00.

D) **Eric Larson** - Consideration of Resolution **#R-2026-59**, a Resolution to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Infrastructure Consulting and Engineering, Thomas and Hutton, and Weston and Sampson to provide As-Needed Engineering Services for the Jasper County and authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreement and related documents and other matters related thereto.

E) **Eric Larson** - Consideration of Resolution **#R-2026-60**, a Resolution to Approve a contract change order #1 for the Design Build Services for Various Boat Landing Improvements with Nix Construction Company, Inc. executed May 14, 2026, to provide Services for the Jasper County Sergeant Jasper Park lake bulkhead and kayak launch and authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreement and related documents and other matters related thereto.

F) **Kimberly Burgess** - Consideration of Resolution **#R-2026-61**, a Resolution Approving and Ratifying County Employee Positions.

G) **Eric Larson** – Consideration of Resolution **#R-2026-62**, a Resolution for County Council to commit a 10 % cost share match for a Community Development Block Grant application in the amount of \$750,000 to construct the Coosawhatchie Community Center, and authorize the County Administrator to submit the application and related documents and other matters related thereto.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES AND ACTION ITEMS

A) **Kimberly Burgess** – Consideration of the **3rd Reading of Ordinance #O-2026-30** an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026 Jasper County Budget Originally Adopted June 30, 2025 by Ordinance No. O-2025-14 in Accordance with the Local Government Code of the State of South Carolina and the Ordinances and Rules of the County Of Jasper, South Carolina; Where the Total Amount Appropriated is Increased by \$0 to a Grand Total of \$67,255,240, with Revenue and Other Financing Sources Amended to show an Increase of \$0 to a Grand Total of \$67,255,240, Appropriating the Various Amounts thereof, and Repealing all Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict Therewith, and Providing an Effective Date. *(This item was tabled at the 07.20.2026 meeting; Public Hearing and 2nd Reading 08.17.2026)*

B) **Jim Iwanicki** – Consideration of Jasper County (the “County”) ceasing to perform Legal Counsel Representation for Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) services for the Jasper County Sheriff’s Office and Detention Center.

C) **Jim Iwanicki** – Consideration of Jasper County providing a Silver Sponsorship of \$2500 for the Care Close to Home Sponsorship event on October 22, 2026.

D) **Jim Iwanicki and Councilman VanGeison** – Consideration of appointing 3 members (Ridgeland- Councilwoman Libby Malphrus; Hardeeville- Raskels Rescue, Kirstyn Northrop Cobb; At large - Dr. Laurel Berry) per Resolution #R-2026-55 to the AD HOC committee to evaluate joint animal services operations between Beaufort County and Jasper County.

E) **Jim Iwanicki** – Consideration of Approval of Terreni Law Firm to Represent the Jasper County Aeronautics Commission.

F) **Lisa Wagner** - Consideration of **1st Reading** of an Ordinance Declaring a Temporary Moratorium on the Acceptance of, Review of, and/or Action Upon Applications for Rezoning, Special Exceptions, Special Use Permits, Building Permits, Site Plans, Plan of Development for Siting, Economic Incentives, Fee In Lieu of Taxes or Any Other Form of Incentive, That Would Authorize or Permit the Development or Construction of Data Centers, Data Processing Facilities, Cryptocurrency Mining Operations or any Other Uses Associated With Data Processing Facilities Within Jasper County; And Addressing Other Matters Related Hitherto.

G) **Hunter Smiley** – Consideration of **1st Reading** of an Ordinance Authorizing Amendment to the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County by Rezoning that Certain Parcel of Real Property Located Along Grahamville Road, Bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 063-32-05-026 and Containing 4.7 Acres, to General Commercial from Residential.

H) **Eric Larson** - Consideration of **1st Reading** of an Ordinance Authorizing Jasper County to enter into a sales agreement with Elite Granite for the purchase of 2.65 acres of improved real property within the Cypress Ridge Business and Industrial Park, Ridgeland, South Carolina, (a portion of TMS 048-00-01-010) and other matters related thereto.

I) **Kimberly Burgess** – Consideration of a **3rd Reading** of Ordinance **#O-2026-25** Authorizing Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget to Impose New Fees and Other Matters Related Thereto. (*1st Reading 07.20.2026; Public Hearing and 2nd Reading 08.03.2026*)

10. Administrator’s Report:

11. Councilmember Comments and Discussion

12. Late additions from the Chairman or Administrator after the posting of the agenda:

**A. Executive Session SECTION 30-4-70 and Joint Session with City of Hardeeville
(Approximate time 5:30 PM)**

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(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 – (1) Project Bench Incentive Proposal (FILOT and SSRC for a company to locate in the Sherwood Advanced Manufacturing Park in the City of Hardeeville.)

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13. Adjournment

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