



JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

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

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Minutes

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 3PM by Chairman Kemp. *The Clerk's Report of Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act was read as follows for the record. 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. 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 matter involving an employee complaint; 2) 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 – (1) Legal Tax Sale / Overage Litigation Case # 2025CP2700011; (2) Case # 2025CP2700071; (3) Airport Litigation Case # 2025CV2710300320

Motion to go into Executive Session: Councilman Rowell

Second: Councilman VanGeison

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Return to Open Session

Motion to return to Regular Session: Councilman Rowell

Second: Councilman VanGeison

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

○ **2.1 Action coming out of Executive Session**

Motion to authorize the administrator and our outside Counsel to proceed with the handling of employee complaints as recommended by Council: Councilman Arzillo

Second: Councilman Rowell

Vote: Unanimous

3. Pledge to the Flag and Invocation

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

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve: Councilman VanGeison

Second: Councilman Rowell

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

5. Kimberly Burgess – Consideration of the 2nd reading of Ordinance #O-2025-14 to provide for the levy of tax for public purposes in Jasper County for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 2025 and ending June 30th 2026 and to make appropriations for said purposes; to adopt and approve the Jasper County capital and operations budget for fiscal year 2025-2026, to adopt and approve the Jasper County School District capital and operations budget for fiscal year 2025–2026; to provide for the levy of taxation for fiscal year 2025–2026; 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, and matters related thereto. (*1st reading 05.19.2025; Public Hearing 06.02.2025*)

Kimberly Burgess was present to review and discuss this matter of the second reading of Ordinance #O-2025-14 to provide for the levy of tax for public purposes in Jasper County for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 2025 and ending June 30th 2026 and to make appropriations for said purposes; to adopt and approve the Jasper County capital and operations budget for fiscal year 2025-2026, to adopt and approve the Jasper County School District capital and operations budget for fiscal year 2025–2026; to provide for the levy of taxation for fiscal year 2025–2026; 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 Number 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. Ms. Burgess reviewed this information and after some discussion, Council decided to defer this item.

Motion to defer to June 16th: Councilman Rowell

Second: Councilman VanGeison

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn: Councilman VanGeison

Second: Councilman Rowell

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

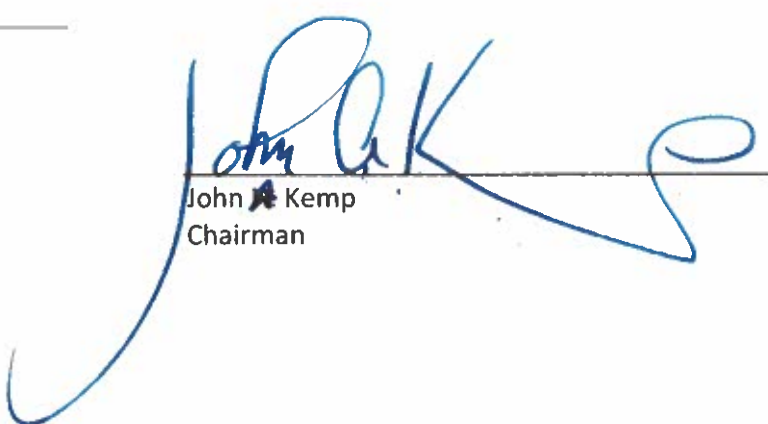
For more information on this meeting please go to our YouTube Channel for the video go to https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBmloqX05cKAsHm_ggXCJIA . There are also Closed Captions available for all of our County Council videos. Just click the "CC" button to follow along.

The motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Wanda H. Giles
Clerk to Council



John A. Kemp
Chairman