

MINUTES OF BAMBERG COUNTY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING - July 20, 2015

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Bamberg County Council met 6:00 p.m., July 20, 2015, in the courtroom of the Bamberg County Courthouse. **Present:** Chairman Joe Guess, Jr., Councilwoman Alzena Robinson, Councilmen Trent Kinard, Evert Comer, Jr., Larry Haynes, Clint Carter and Rev. Isaiah Odom. **Others Present:** Administrator Joey R. Preston, T.M. Thomas, Alice Johnson, , Jerry Halmon, and Kell Anderson.

Bamberg County Council meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Odom at 6:00 p.m., in the Bamberg County Courtroom. Invocation was rendered by Councilman Trent Kinard, followed with the pledge of allegiance by Councilman Evert Comer, Jr.

On motion by Councilman Comer, seconded by Councilwoman Robinson, council approved the agenda as submitted.

On motion by Councilman Comer, seconded by Councilman Kinard, council approved second reading of an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee agreement by and between Bamberg County, South Carolina and Project Green providing for a payment of a fee in lieu of taxes and other matters related thereto. The incentive agreement includes special source revenue credits for the unmade company, which is expected to create 28 jobs and make a \$19 million capital investment. The company is a wood processing company and they are interested in locating at a site in Bamberg County. Administrator Preston said it is good news for the county to have a potential industry come into the area. As a result of this company, there is also going to be several spin-off-jobs. There will be subcontractors that will work with this company that will create more jobs.

At this time Chairman Guess called for public, council and media comments.

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| Robinson | - | Thanked everybody for their concern and prayers while she was out and recovering. Inquired about the survey being done on the Tourism/Recreation plan for Bamberg County and how are we reaching the citizens. |
| Carter | - | Thanked the Bamberg County Employees and Kell Anderson of SCA. |
| Kinard | - | Thanked Kell Anderson for his hard work and the staff. |
| Comer | - | Thanked everyone for all they do. |
| Odom | - | Thanked everyone. |

There being no further business for discussion, on motion by Councilwoman Robinson, seconded by Councilman Kinard, Chairman Guess adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 10, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose R. Shepherd, CCC