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MINUTES OF BAMBERG COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING June 28, 2018

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Bamberg County Council met 12:00 p.m., June 29, 2018, in the chamber of the Bamberg County Courthouse Annex. **Present:** Chairman Clint Carter, Councilwoman Sharon Hammond, Rev. Isaiah Odom, Councilmen Trent Kinard, Joe Guess Larry Haynes and Evert Comer, Jr. **Absent:** Chairman Clint Carter. **Others Present:** Joey R. Preston, T.M. Thomas, Adam Ness, Gina Smith, Dionne Gleaton, Jerry Bell and Sidney Evering, II.

Bamberg County Council special called meeting was called to order by Chairman Clint Carter at 12:08 p.m., in the Chamber of the Bamberg County Courthouse Annex. Invocation was rendered by Councilman Evert Comer, Jr., followed with the pledge of allegiance by Rev. Isaiah Odom.

On motion by Councilman Guess, seconded by Councilman Comer, Rev. Odom, the agenda was amended and approved to add a brief executive session.

On motion by Council Man Comer, seconded by Councilman Guess, council approved a resolution requesting the South Carolina Legislative Delegation to review the Public Employee Benefit Authority's and the State Budget and Control Board's Assessment of Health Insurance Experience rated load factors, and to provide relief to smaller and Promise Zone Counties forced to pay increased premiums due to unequal grouping and measuring systems. The resolution passed unanimously 7 – 0 vote.

A public hearing was given to an ordinance to adopt the operating and capital budgets of Bamberg County for the fiscal year 2018-2019 totaling \$15,899,275. No comments were made during the public hearing.

On motion by Councilman Guess, seconded by Councilman Kinard, council approved on a 5 – 2 vote, an ordinance to adopt the operating and capital budgets of Bamberg County for the fiscal year 2018-2019 totaling \$15,899,275. Voting in favor: Haynes, Kinard, Odom, Guess and Comer. Not voting in favor: Hammond and Carter.

There being no additional items for discussion in public, the council motioned to enter in a brief executive session.

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After the brief executive session, on motion by Reverend Odom, seconded by Councilman Guess, council re-entered in open session to announce no action was taken. At this time, Chairman Carter called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Guess motioned and Councilman Haynes seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose R. Shepherd, CCC