MINUTES OF BAMBERG COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING - January 5, 2009

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Bamberg County Council met 6:00 p.m., January 5, 2009, in the Bamberg County Council Building. Present: Chairman Chris Wilson, Councilmen Isaiah Odom, Clint Carter, Clair P. Guess, III, William Nimmons, and Council women Dorothy C. Tatum and Alzena Robinson. Others Present: Administrator Rose N. Dobson-Elliott, Thomas M. Thomas, Richard Ness, Sarah Noel, June Gee, Martha Guess, Ms. Pam, Rufus Jamison, Brenna Hancock, Edward Golden, Carl Menist, Lou Ann Carter, Jerry Holman, Dionne Gleaton, Kell Anderson, Roy Vinson.

Bamberg County Council meeting was called to order by Chairman Wilson at 6:00 p.m., in the Bamberg County Council Building. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Councilwoman Alzena Robinson, followed with invocation by Councilman Clint Carter.

On motion by Councilwoman Tatum, seconded by Councilman Nimmons, council approved the minutes from the December 1, December 8, and December 29, 2008 meetings with the stipulation of corrections should there be any. Councilman Wilson requested that the date be changed on the December 1, 2008 minutes, in paragraph 2 (change May 5, 2008 to December 1, 2008.

On motion by Councilwoman Tatum, seconded by Councilman Odom, the agenda was approved after adding a calendar of events item.

Swearing in of the re-elected County Councilmen was done by Ms. Sarah Noel, a Bamberg County resident and Notary Public. The sworn in councilmen that will be serving another four year term are: Councilman Clint Carter, Councilman Clair P. Guess, III, Councilman Isaiah Odom and Councilman Chris Wilson.

On motion by Councilwoman Tatum, seconded by Councilman Odom, council approved a resolution to elect a chairman for the year beginning January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009. At this time, Councilman Clair P. Guess, III, was elected as the new chairman for 2009.

By secret ballot, the council voted to elect Councilwoman Alzena Robinson as vice-chairman for 2009.

Outgoing Chairman Chris Wilson passed the gavel to the incoming chairman for 2009, Chairman Clair P. Guess, III. Councilman Wilson made comments regarding his tenure while serving as chairman. Council praised Councilman Wilson for his guidance and the way he conducted meetings and the county's business. Councilman Odom requested that the council get back on track with their elections and follow proper procedures for carrying out the process.