MINUTES OF BAMBERG COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING - March 2, 2009

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Bamberg County Council met 6:30 p.m., March 2, 2009, in the Bamberg County Council Building. Present: Chairman Clair P. Guess, III, Councilmen Isaiah Odom, Chris Wilson (arrived 7:26p.m.), William Nimmons, and Councilwoman Alzena Robinson. Absent: Councilwoman Dorothy C. Tatum and Councilman Clint Carter. Others Present: Administrator Rose N. Dobson-Elliott, Thomas M. Thomas, Richard Ness, Roy Vinson, Kell Anderson, Larry Watt, Jerry Holman, Jennifer Tinsley, Carolyn Kinard, Carlisle Kinard, Alice Johnson, Nancy Green, Ann Jackson, Margery Meyer, Dionne Gleaton, Mary Jo Dawson, Sarah, Lillian Bamberg, Emily Guess, Joey Guess, Ruthie Rish and Brad Samuel.

Bamberg County Council meeting was called to order by Chairman Guess at 6:30 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 Isaiah Odom.

On motion by Councilman Odom, seconded by Councilwoman Robinson, council approved the minutes from the February 2, 2009 meeting.

On motion by Councilman Nimmons, seconded by Councilwoman Robinson, at the request of Administrator Dobson-Elliott, council agreed to delete from the agenda the executive session items and presentation of the report from the airport commission.

REPORTS FROM BAMBERG COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Office on Aging:

Carolyn Kinard, Office on Aging director, reported that The agency has been greatly impacted by state funding cuts, including supplemental funds for in-home services. Even with the budget shortfall, Ms. Kinard said she is still only requesting $16,000 from Bamberg County in the FY '09-'10 budget.

Library Board:

Mary Jo Dawson, director of the Aiken-Bamberg-Barnwell- Edgefield Regional Library System reported that individuals can come to the library and use the internet for free for online job and government service searches. The bookmobile, through a courier route, provides services four times per year in Olar and Ehrhardt. Through a partnership with the Bamberg African-American Genealogical Society, historical materials are housed within the Bamberg County Library System. She also mentioned that the Regional Library System had decided on a space next to the fire station as the site for a new Denmark Branch Library. Design plans and cost estimates will be available in approximately six