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APPEAL FROM JASPER COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
The Honorable H. Steven DeBerry, IV, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2022-001266
Common Pleas Case No. 2021-CP-27-00028

City of Hardeeville.....Appellant,

v.

Jasper County, South Carolina, Jasper County Treasurer,
and Jasper County AuditorRespondents,

AND

Jasper County, South Carolina.....Cross Co-Plaintiff,

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as Jasper County TreasurerCross Co-Plaintiff,

and

Monica Wilson, in her official capacity
as Jasper County Auditor.....Cross Co-Plaintiff,

v.

City of Hardeeville, Nickel Plate Road, LLC, and Beaufort County,
South Carolina.....Cross Defendants.

**INITIAL BRIEF OF RESPONDENTS JASPER COUNTY AUDITOR AND
JASPER COUNTY TREASURER**

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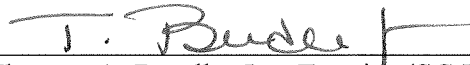
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**RESPONDENTS JASPER COUNTY AUDITOR AND JASPER COUNTY
TREASURER'S POSITIONS ON APPEAL**

Come now, Respondents Jasper County Auditor and Jasper County Treasurer, by and through the undersigned counsel, and join in the initial brief of Respondent Jasper County in full pursuant to Rule 208(b)(6), SCACR.

Respectfully submitted,



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**RESPONDENTS JASPER COUNTY TREASURER AND JASPER COUNTY
AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned counsel hereby certifies that he has served the Respondents' Jasper County Auditor and Jasper County Treasurer's Initial Brief by upon all counsel of record by affixing same with proper postage and placing same with the United States Postal Service on this 30th day of January, 2023 addressed to the following:

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Re: City of Hardeeville v Jasper County
Civil Action No.: 2022-001266
Our File No.: 12610.1 TAB

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed for filing are the Respondents Jasper County Auditor and Jasper County Treasurer's Initial Brief, with Certificate of Service and Respondent Jasper County Auditor and Jasper County Treasurer's Designation of Matter with Certificate of Service;

By copy of this correspondence, I am serving all counsel of record with a copy of the attached, via email and U.S. Mail.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours truly,

HOWELL, GIBSON AND HUGHES, P.A.



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