



## Special Called Meeting of the Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee Beaufort County, SC

This meeting was held both in person at the County Council Chambers, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, and virtually through Zoom.

Monday, January 22, 2024  
2:00 PM

### MINUTES

*A recording of this meeting is available on the County's website to hear the Council's discussion on a specific topic or the complete meeting. <https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/295366>*

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Vice-Chair Tabernik called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

##### **PRESENT**

Vice-Chair Anna Maria Tabernik  
Council Member David Bartholomew  
Council Member York Glover (arrived late)  
Council Member Gerald Dawson  
Council Member Logan Cunningham  
Council Member Paula Brown  
Council Member Alice Howard  
Council Member Thomas Reitz (arrived late)  
Chairman Joseph Passiment  
Vice-Chair Lawrence McElynn

##### **ABSENT**

Committee Chairman Mark Lawson

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee Vice-Chair Tabernik led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 3. FOIA

Committee Vice-Chair Tabernik noted that public notification of this meeting had been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Passiment, seconded by Council Member Brown, to approve the agenda.

**The Vote** – The motion was approved without objection.

**5. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD**

No citizen comments.

**6. UPDATE FROM ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

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Assistant County Administrator Dale Butts invited Ebony Sanders, Assessor, to provide a department update.

December 11, 2023, was the last day for taxpayers to appeal their valuations. Of the 133,000 assessment notices that were sent out, 3,063 were appealed as of December 11, 2023, which was historical for Beaufort County. In 2018, 11,763 appeals were received. There are 1,500 appeals left to review, and those appeals were received in December 2023, right before the deadline. Out of all the reassessments sent, 75% of the properties received a cap, so that percentage helps with the number of appeals received. There were 15 community engagement events in different areas of the county and 38 presentations on reassessment. The deadline for applying for legal residency was January 16, 2023. 15,000 were received in the last three months. 12,000 transfers have been received in the transfer department, which is 16% less than last year, which can give you an idea of growth in the County. The decrease is most likely due to lending and mortgages in the area. The next step is to determine valuations and whether they are ATIs, and those projected numbers will come in the next few months. Out of 133,000 assessments sent, only 3,063 were challenged.

Committee Vice-Chair Tabernik stated that 75% of properties benefited from the 15% cap.

**7. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF 2% SALES A TAX**

Please watch the video stream available on the County’s website to view the full presentation by Denise Christmas, Interim Deputy County Administrator and CFO, and Christine Webb, Director of Compliance, Standards, and Internal controls.

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The South Carolina Department of Revenue provides a 2% allocation to counties. S.C. Code section 12-35-720 gives specific instructions on how the counties must allocate these funds, which is: first \$25,000 to the general fund, 5% of the balance to the general fund, 30% to DMOs (Greater Beaufort-Port Royal CVB and HH-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce) and the 65% remaining balance must be used for tourism-related expenses. An advisory committee is appointed with no less than five members. Beaufort County needs seven members. The current balance in the state's 2% ATAX fund is \$1,087,755. The ATAX committee has brought forward a motion for approval of awards in the amount of \$1,000,000 for Council’s approval. If approved, there would be a balance of \$87,755. The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of revenue has been received this fiscal year in the amount of \$477,771, which is included in the balance of \$1,087,755. The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of revenue is due to be received next week. The amount is not known as it is based on spending and collections. The

2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of revenue will be added to the current balance minus awards, and then \$150,000 could be used for housing if Council desires.

Beaufort County is allowed to charge 3% in Accommodations Tax. The proceeds must be used for tourism-related programs as defined in S.C. Code Section 6-1-530, which is tourism-related buildings, facilities, beach access, other lands and water access, highways, roads, streets, bridges, advertisements and promotions, water and sewer infrastructure, workforce housing and operation and maintenance, including fire, EMS, and emergency operations directly attending those facilities. Per Beaufort County's Code of Ordinances Section 66-44 for local ATAX, funds operating expenditures up to 8%, allocates \$350,000 to three designated marketing organizations on a quarterly basis (Greater Beaufort-Port Royal CVB, Hilton Head-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce, and Beaufort County Black Chamber of Commerce). 20% is reserved for emergencies, 20% is reserved for river/beach access and renourishment, and 60% for any tourism-related items as defined in S.C. Code Section 6-1-530.

Beaufort County is allowed to charge 2% in local hospitality tax. These proceeds must be used for tourism-related projects as defined in S.C. Code Section 6-1-730. The same is the case in section 6-1-530, with the addition of specific control and repair of flooding and drainage with tourism-related lands or areas and site preparation for any of these items. Per Beaufort County's Code of Ordinances Section 66-534 for local HTAX, funds operational expenditures up to 8%, allocates the remaining balance through the County's annual budget process, and the County Council may make emergency appropriations.

The status of the local ATAX fund 2001 as of January 16, 2024, is \$1,063,645.05 in revenue and \$627,115.87 in expenditures to date. 8% of revenue for quarters 1 and 2 is \$82,336.42 to the general fund per local ordinance. Hilton Head-Bluffton Chamber \$75,000, Greater Beaufort-Port Royal CVB \$75,000, and Beaufort County Black Chamber \$75,000. Analysis of current stance: Beginning fund balance \$6,58,641.68, add revenues to date \$4,063,645.05, less expenses \$627,115.87, less remaining known allocations to DMOs \$175,000.00, less remaining awards to date- all three cycles \$1,995,675.13 (amount from award summary file), ending fund balance \$4,852,495.73 as of January 16, 2024 (without reserving the 40% and transferring 8% to general fund).

Status of local HTAX fund 2002 as of January 16, 2024, \$1,181,881.55 in revenue and \$177,525.08 in expenses to date. Transferred 8% of revenue for quarters 1 and 2, \$91,371.22, to the general fund per local ordinance. Analysis of current stance: Beginning fund balance \$3,770,346.95, add revenues to date \$1,818,881.55, less expenses to date \$177,525.08, less remaining awards to date – all three cycles \$2,364,987.13 (amount award of summary file), ending balance \$2,409,716.29 as of January 16, 2024 (without transferring remaining 8% to general fund)

Options for future use of local ATAX / HTAX funds: 1) Discontinue the award process and utilize funds internally for Beaufort County projects. Funds would be programmed into the County budget. The procurement process would ensure that funds are used in compliance with applicable laws to benefit County residents. 2) Discontinue the new grant award cycle for this fiscal year 2024 to allow Finance to develop a more comprehensive policy and application for awardees. 3) other options or preferences from Council.

Council Member Howard asked if both the local ATAX and HTAX can be held for a year, longer than a year, or expended in a certain amount of time. – The funds do not have to be spent within a year or two-year period.

Council Member Dawson wanted to know why the discontinuation of the award process is being discussed. – The grant awards have been crossed over fiscal years, and they have been allowed to go beyond the award date, which is one or two years for construction projects, and that was only given at the last cycle in the fiscal year 2023. Before, these awards were only for one year, but if they go beyond that year, it messes with the fiscal year budget and the budget process. It wouldn't be so convoluted if these awards had been in line with our fiscal year. We would like to see this money go toward County

projects and projects that need funding to complete, so it would be nice to use the local ATAX on County projects, not anything in perpetuity but just for a year or two. Some municipalities and other counties use their local HTAX in-house and a funding mechanism to fund certain purposes specific to this money. It has also been very difficult to get awardees to submit progress and final reports as required and to submit the proper documentation like invoices or proof of payment. It is a lot of back and forth, and sometimes the awardees don't complete a project or need an extension, and then it must be brought back, and it is a lot of back and forth and decisions that need to be made.

Council Member Dawson mentioned that some of these businesses rely on and depend upon some of these funds to continue their business operation. – The funds are awarded for a specific project that is related to tourism and shouldn't be using local ATAX funds to supplement their operations. They should be using that funding for projects specific to tourism and attracting people to our county.

Council Member Howard wanted the public to understand that the DMOs would still get their funding from local ATAX. – That is correct. The DMOs will still get their funding.

Committee Vice-Chair Tabernik wanted to clarify that what is coming forward to Council tonight would be for the State ATAX. She would also like to reconsider the way the state and local ATAX are used and to use accommodation tax to support our priorities to benefit all the unincorporated parts of the county and not the areas within the municipalities because they receive their own tax funds. The county has spent a lot of time and money preserving its natural beauty and would like to continue supporting those efforts with ATAX money focusing on recreational tourism, one of the area's biggest attractions. A consultant was hired to report to the Council on Parks and Recreation, and that would be 10 years of \$1,000,000 to fix. So, we should look at how to fund them. DMOs are paid large sums of money to advertise and believe that the remaining funds should not be used for more marketing. The County supports the DMOs and believes that the municipalities should be responsible for funding the marketing for those specific areas outside unincorporated Beaufort County. In the code, it states that the DMOs should get 25%, and that won't change, but 65% is left for tourism-related expenses, and those funds should be kept in the unincorporated parts of the County to fund priorities that need funding and would like the rest of Council to take that in consideration and to think outside the box. The list that is coming forward for funding is the same entities for the past few years. The Island Packet was referenced in an article reporting the funding for the City of Beaufort, and many of those funded entities are also on the list for the County to fund. Bluffton and Hilton Head's State ATAX or heavily funding specific entities and projects within their municipality, not in the unincorporated part of the County. *\*shown in the video is a list of entities that are being funded by other municipalities; highlighted in yellow is what the County is also funding\** Another thing to consider is that the ATAX committee is supposed to have 7 members, and currently, there are only 5 members, and 4 were present during the meeting. Only 3 members voted for the proposed awardees. A scoring sheet should also be provided to Council on how these entities were chosen.

Council Member Brown asked about the funding for the Lowcountry Golf Association. Hilton Head is funding \$100,000 from ATAX to the association, and the county is supposed to be funding another \$7,500. So, what is being proposed is that the county should not give the \$7,500 to the Lowcountry Golf Association and keep it in the funds for the unincorporated area. – Nothing can be proposed regarding that change but would like Council to discuss keeping funds within the unincorporated areas.

Council Member Howard discussed the issue of funds that were never expended and would like the Council to consider that there are incomplete projects, so the funds should be re-appropriated to fund the incomplete projects.

Attorneys are currently working on re-drafting the ordinance but need to have input from Council conveyed to them on what they would like changed. There are a lot of grey areas in the local ATAX part of the ordinance, and it currently doesn't have any deadlines and no specific reporting requirements on who these reports are being sent to in the County.

Council Member Howard mentioned that she agrees to use the funds in the unincorporated areas of the county, but there are some projects that cross boundaries that the municipality can't fully fund, for example, the bridge for Spanish Moss trails.

There are 14 applications now, and guidance is needed to move forward with the awards or hold them off. For FY25, it needs to be held because a more robust policy and procedures will be created along with the ordinance. Deadlines need to be set in place on when and to whom to submit reports because there would be no guidance if something is awarded right now for local tax.

The State ATAX has a committee, but the local ATAX does not; it is at the discretion of the Administrator; these 2 ATAXs are different. Council could not recommend any awards.

Chairman Passiment stated that these changes will be a topic of discussion for the next month as the county prepares the budget that will be needed to move forward this year, and if changes are going to be made, they need to be made now.

The main question staff has for Council is what needs to be done with the current applications. Chairman Passiment commented that everything should be put on hold and not award anything until the Council decides how they feel it should proceed in the future.

Council Member Bartholomew asked for a list of the applicants before a decision was made. He is inclined to start with a hybrid approach to reduce the amount awarded while shifting gears and allocating towards projects, and then in FY 25, and have a good scope of how things should be done.

The amount is not known for the 14 applicants, but the deadline has been extended for applications, and not all applicants have submitted their applications.

Council Member Cunningham is all for getting the projects done, but the amount of money that is awarded to applicants when there is no information on where it goes and what happens when they receive it is uncomfortable. A hybrid approach is a good starting point, or putting a cap on what is awarded and having more stringent requirements to apply. Would like to see funds used appropriately and for a workforce housing program that applies, but not using the funds for the County to build it. Would like the public to know that not everything is seen by committee members or the Council because some projects are under a certain threshold, but having these types of discussions and communication will help fix some of the grey areas in the ordinance/code.

No vote was taken, but the committee agreed to hold the applications and not award anything at the moment.

**8. RECOMMEND APPROVAL FOR THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BRYX TO PROVIDE A UNIFIED STATION ALERTING SYSTEM**

The Station Alerting System was one of the first items placed on the list of priorities for the use of ARPA funds. Chief Kline with Lady's Island/St. Helena Fire Department has been involved with the initiative for

years. The system provides a unified alerting system initiated through the County and HHI dispatch centers that alert fire and EMS stations in a targeted, slowly ramping manner to only call specific units as needed and to do so in a way that protects the health and well-being of the first responders. The system will provide an enhanced level of service to all citizens of Beaufort County while providing our emergency response personnel with accurate incident alerts through a variety of devices. This system uses lights, sounds, and data screens to better alert and inform responders of a situation. Additionally, it unifies the systems by which the Fire Department and EMS stations are dispatched.

The procurement process for the Unified Fire Department Alert System project initially began in September 2022 with a project meeting with representatives from Lady's Island, Hilton Head Island Fire and Rescue, Bluffton Fire District, the Sheriff's Office, and the County staff to discuss the overall project responsibilities and procurement requirements. Procurement services and the project committee created RFQ 101922 and received five responses for review on October 23, 2022. The RFQ evaluation committee consists of representatives from the Fire Departments (Lady's Island, Hilton Head Island, Bluffton Fire District), the Sheriff's Office, and the County's IT department staff reviewed the five responses and selected the top three firms (Bryx, Purvis, Motorola) to participate in the RFP process. Procurement services received the RFP responses on April 25, 2023, and shared the responses with the evaluation committee. The evaluation committee decided to interview the top two firms, Bryx and Purvis. The evaluation committee decided to request a "Best and Final Offer" from Purvis, the top-rated firm. Purvis provided their offer on June 9, 2023. The evaluation committee was not completely satisfied with Purvis' best and final offer. Although Purvis received the highest ranking from the initial response, the evaluation committee requested a "Best and Final Offer" from Bryx to compare the two solutions before moving forward. Some key factors and concerns about the Purvis proposal were their ability to meet the time frame based on previous projects, the cost of third-party software requirements for AutoCAD, and the redundancy provided with their product, which was not what Hilton Head Fire and Rescue was requesting. Additionally, the Purvis system required major network expansion and hardware installation. The Bryx proposal offers new technology that is cloud-based, which the committee believes to be the way technology is heading. The committee met on August 8, 2023, to discuss both final offers and decided to send both firms questions that would only apply to each firm's solutions that needed to be answered. The evaluation committee completed their final scoring and recommended the contract award to Bryx.

Chief Kline with Lady's Island/St. Helena Fire District presented the proposal to the committee, explaining that this project has been discussed for four years. A new alert system is needed because right now, there is a fragmented system. Some use pagers, have old systems that need replacing, or use cell phone technology. Because it is a fragmented system, it is slowing the overall call processing time and response time to emergencies. The current system is not integrated with the computer-aided system; it is a standalone system that requires additional steps and that leaves room for human error. The current system does not allow station-specific standard alert station alerting, which means if there is a call and there are 20 personnel on duty, it will alert all 20 instead of the 4 that are needed to respond. The system does not meet current standards, is not heart-friendly, and is immediate full-strength audio-waking emergency personnel in full strength, which results in going from a resting heart to extreme chaos in the middle of the night. What is being proposed is a fully integrated system for fire and EMS. This system will be for the unincorporated fire districts, the Town of Hilton Head, the City of Beaufort, Beaufort County EMS, and the Hilton Head Airport fire. In total, there are 38 fire stations and 2 dispatch centers. The new system will provide an enhanced level of service, providing the emergency response personnel with accurate, timely, alerting information through a variety of devices, station pagers, cell phones, etc. This system is also fully integrated with the current computer-aided dispatch system. This will work by allowing the dispatchers to enter the data into the computer-aided system. The new system will take over and alert the appropriate stations instead of 5, and only those people who need to be aware are awakened. The new system zone specific meets current standards, includes slowly ramping up the audio instead of

one loud tone, and provides night vision inside the stations. The new NFPA standards focus on the firefighter's health, safety, and wellness, and this new system meets those standards and will improve response times through streamlined dispatch communication and alerting your emergency response personnel in seconds. Very few things can be done for emergency services that will serve all citizens and visitors of Beaufort County from one end to the other, but this station alerting system is one of those systems. The initial request is for \$2.5 million. The cost came through at \$2.38 million, and the difference will be used as a contingency fund to cover anything that may come up during the process.

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Howard, seconded by Council Member Cunningham, to approve the recommendation for the Interim County Administrator to enter into a contract with Bryx to provide a unified station alerting system.

**The Vote:** The motion was approved without objection.

**Discussion:**

Council Member Howard asked how the system would integrate with the military system that the fire department works with. – It will not integrate with their system. The military has its own system. The current systems dispatch will notify the Marine Corps Air Station and Parris Island anytime there is a mutual aid situation, but the military has its own radio system, which is separate.

Council Member Cunningham wanted clarification on the fire departments involved and if Bluffton was one of the departments on the list. – Yes. When unincorporated is mentioned, Bluffton is truly an unincorporated fire district, though they are a part of the town too.

Council Member Cunningham would like to know the set-up time to get the system active. – Contract stipulates 1 year after signing but believes it will be less than a year.

Council Member Cunningham asked about the contract stating four years of service. If there is a problem, it is four years of problems, and what the cost after four years is to make sure the funding is there. – The plan is to work very hard to put as many years as possible of service and maintenance on the front end, and the plan from that point forward is for every fire district, EMS, and all the different entities involved to have four years to plan in their budget to pick up the costs. The cost is about 140, and it may escalate to 153. The cost in five years is probably in the 150 or 160 range. After 5 years, it will be individual contracts, not a county contract, and the 5 years will give the departments time to put that expense into their budget.

Council Member Cunningham questioned the two new stations being developed and whether that has been figured into the contract. – This contract will set the stage for any new station. The new system is the most technologically advanced. It's not fully hardwired, it isn't running fiber connections to all stations, it is cloud-based, so it is easier to outfit stations whether they are existing or new.

**9. DISCUSSION OF RESPONSE TO RFQ SEEKING EXECUTIVE SEARCH FIRMS**

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Tom Keaveny, County Attorney, presented the committee with updates on the RFQ seeking executive search firms. Council authorized staff to issue an RFQ (request for qualifications) for an executive search firm to help in the recruitment of a County Administrator. When the RFQ closed, there were 12 responses. Council will now need to give staff guidance about how the applications will be reviewed and the selection of the firm. Previously, a small ADHOC committee was established to go through all the applications and

then bring those applicants forward to the Council for consideration a list of 3 or 4 firms, and then the council will decide which firm would be interviewed.

Chairman Passiment stated that as Chairman, he is allowed to set up a sub-committee, and he will be doing that. There will be 5 committee members: 2 members from the north of the Broad, 2 members from the south of the Broad, and himself as Chairman. The 2 members from the north of the Broad are Council Member Alice Howard and Council Member David Bartholomew. The 2 members from the south of the Broad will be Vice-Chairman Lawrence McElynn and Council Member Anna Maria Tabernik. These members are comprised of 3 members who have been through the selection process before and 2 new members who can bring a new perspective. All 12 applications will be reviewed, and the best will be brought to Council so Council can do the final interviews. A County Administrator should be hired by July 1, 2024.

**10. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF STATUS OF INVESTIGATIONS BEING CONDUCTED BY HAYNSWORTH SINKLER BOYD**

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Tom Keaveny, County Attorney, provided the committee with a status update on the investigations being conducted by Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd. Council selected this firm, and Nick Nicholson of the Greenville office of Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd is spearheading it. The investigations are moving forward, and the firm has been given access to the County's systems and software, so there shouldn't be anything impeding the investigation. A draft procurement code from Mr. Nicholson was given to staff internally to review, and then staff met with Mr. Nicholson to discuss the proposed code at great length. Dave Thomas, Procurement Director, is forwarding Mr. Nicholson's staff's comments. Mr. Nicholson will then bring forward a proposed code. The proposed code will be brought forward for consideration. After that is done, the ordinance process will start. The proposed code will not be brought forward in an ordinance format until the terms are fully discussed. Mr. Nicholson was tasked with redesigning our existing code. It was originally adopted in 1992 and has been changed here and there, so the proposal was to bring forward a whole new code, and that is what is in process. Mr. Nicholson can appear before the Council at any time, but he isn't needed now for an executive session discussion.

Committee Vice-Chair Tabernick stated that the procurement code is one thing, but what about all the other things being investigated? Is there a timeline for this?

Chairman Passiment asked for an update on the investigations to be put on the agenda to have this discussion and proposed that the final presentation to the County Council will be done at the Council meeting on February 26. Time has been spent researching specific things since October, and it is time for them to bring forward their findings, recommendations, proposals, and anything else the firm feels is important to the Council.

Committee Vice-Chair Tabernik stated that the firm should not be surprised by this deadline. The information was asked for by the end of the year, and it couldn't be done, so a 2-month extension was given.

**11. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF TOMMY HARMON, JR. TO THE BEAUFORT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A FIRST TERM OF FOUR YEARS WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE OF 2028 AND THE REAPPOINTMENT OF EUGENE RICHARDSON LABRUCE, TO THE BEAUFORT**



**MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A SECOND TERM OF FOUR YEARS WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE OF 2028**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Howard, seconded by Chairman Passiment to recommend the approval of the appointment of Tommy Harmon, Jr. to the Beaufort Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees for a first term of four years with an expiration date of 2028 and the reappointment of Eugene Richardson Labruce, to the Beaufort Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees for a second term of four years with an expiration date of 2028.

**The Vote:** The motion was approved without objection.

*The appointment of the Beaufort Memorial Hospital Board Trustees will be moving forward at today's Council meeting as a time-sensitive item.*

**12. AGENCIES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, seconded by Council Member Dawson to approve the appointments and reappointments to agencies, boards and commissions.

**The Vote:** motion approved without objection.

*Reappointment of Mike Alsko to the SouthernCarolina Alliance Board of Directors for a three-year term with the expiration date of 2027.*

*Reappointment of Peter Cook to the Beaufort County Planning Commission for a three-year term with the expiration of February 2027. (District 6, second term, votes needed 8/11)*

*Reappointment of Robert Smalls to the Beaufort County Sheldon Fire District Board for a four-year term with the expiration date of February 2028. (District 1, third term, votes needed 10/11)*

*Reappointment of Gregory Gilbert to the Beaufort County Sheldon Fire District Board for a four-year term with the expiration date of February 2028. (District 1, seventh term, votes needed 10/11)*

*Reappointment of Rudolph Glover to the Beaufort County Sheldon Fire District Board for a four-year term with the expiration of February 2028. (District 1, fifth term, votes needed 10/11)*

*Reappointment of George Williams to the Beaufort County Sheldon Fire District Board for a four-year term with the expiration of February 2028. (District 1, sixth term, votes needed 10/11)*

*Recommend approval to the Governor's office for the reappointment of Frankie Middleton to the Beaufort County Disabilities and Special Needs Board for a four-year term with the expiration date of February 2028. (District 4, third term, votes needed 10/11)*

*Reappointment of Ken Guerra to the Beaufort County Accommodation Tax (2% State) Board for a four-year term with the expiration date of February 2028. (District 3, first term, votes needed 6/11)*

*Reappointment of Natalie Majorkiewicz to the Beaufort County Bluffton Fire Township Fire District Board for a four-year term with the expiration date of February 2028. (District 9, first term, votes needed 6/11)*

*Reappointment of Elaine Lust to the Beaufort County Bluffton Township Fire District Board for a four-year term with the expiration of February 2028. (District 8, fourth term, votes needed 10/11)*

*Reappointment of Jane Frederick to the Beaufort County Zoning Board of Appeals Board for the three-year term with the expiration date of February 2027. (District 3, second term, votes needed 10/11)*

*Reappointment of Mark Bailey to the Beaufort County Airports Board for a two-year term with the expiration date of February 2026. (fourth term, votes needed 10/11)*

*Reappointment of Philip Kiser to the Beaufort County Parks and Recreation Board for a four-year term with the expiration date of February 2028. (District 9, third term, votes needed 10/11)*

*Reappointment of Kris Feldmann to the Beaufort County Design Review Board for a four-year term with the expiration date of February 2028. (District 8, second term, votes needed 8/11)*

*Reappointment of James Clark to the Beaufort County Stormwater Management Utility Board for a four-year term with the expiration date of February 2028. (District 4, third term, votes needed 10/11)*

*Recommend approval to the Governor's office for the reappointment of Scott Deniss to the Beaufort County Lady's Island/St. Helena Island Fired District Commission for a four-year term with the expiration date of February 2028. (District 3, second term, votes needed 8/11)*

*Reappointment of Virginia Kozak to the Beaufort County Transportation Board for a four-year term with the expiration date of February 2028. (District ?, second term, votes needed 8/11)*

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned: at or around 3:00 p.m.

Ratified: February 26, 2024