



**County Council of  
Beaufort County  
Community Services  
Committee Meeting**

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## Community Services Committee Minutes

**Monday, August 31, 2020 at 2:00 PM**

[ This meeting is being held virtually in accordance with Beaufort County Resolution 2020-05] THIS MEETING WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN WRITING VIA EMAIL TO THE CLERK TO COUNCIL AT [SBROCK@BCGOV.NET](mailto:SBROCK@BCGOV.NET) OR PO DRAWER 1228, BEAUFORT SC 29901. CITIZENS MAY ALSO COMMENT DURING THE MEETING DURING FACEBOOK LIVE

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chairman McElynn called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

### **PRESENT**

Committee Chairman McElynn  
Committee Vice-Chairman Covert  
Council Member Passiment  
Council Member Sommerville  
Council Member Covert  
Council Member Dawson  
Council Member Rodman  
Council Member Glover  
Council Member Howard  
Council Member McElynn

### **ABSENT**

Council Member Lawson

### **FOIA**

Committee Chairman McElynn noted that the Public Notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Committee Chairman McElynn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Committee Chairman McElynn stated that the agenda needed to be amended to add an item; Update on Daufuskie Ferry Contract.

**Motion: It was moved by Committee Chairman McElynn, seconded by Committee Council Member Flewelling to amend the agenda to add the item, Update on Daufuskie Ferry Contract. The vote: Unanimous without objection. The motion passed. 10:0**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Flewelling, seconded by Council Member Howard to approve the agenda as amended. The Vote: Unanimous without objection. The motion passed. 10:0

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Per Clerk to Council Sarah Brock, no emails regarding citizen comments have been received.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Lowcountry Council of Governments Workforce Plan- Michael Butler**

**Discussion:** Michael Butler presented the LCOG 4-year local plan/region plan.

For Informational purposes only.

The 2020-2024 plan was prepared to comply with the requirements of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA which specifies that each local is to describe its operational policies and procedures. It anticipates offering services to hundreds of residents across our local area that brings with them skills and abilities and dreams of a better life. It also recognizes that many of our residents face challenges that must be addressed so that the promise of their future can be realized. These challenges include the lack of adult education, limited work experience, a criminal background, homeless, disabilities, veterans, long-termed unemployed, youth with barriers, and COVID-19 to name a few.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Discussion of Community Service Grants- Chuck Atkinson, Assistant County Administrator**

**Discussion:** Charles Atkinson, Assistant County Administrator, Community Services presented the process for the grant request and application process as follows:

Grant requests are reviewed first by the Human Service Department to ensure that all minimum requirements have been met. (Application is complete, properly documented non-profit, verified membership in the Human Services Alliances).

County Administration then reviews the resulting list of applicants to identify groups that are already receiving public funds. This eliminates duplicate efforts.

An independent panel of reviewers individually read and score applicants using a matrix that considers organizational stability, the strength of community impact, community collaboration, population served, and overall outcomes.

Panelist gathers one time, to discuss the merits of each application and decide how much funding to recommend to each.

The panelists recommendations are presented to the Community Services Committee- County Council approves final awards.

Committee Chairman McElynn questioned Mr. Atkinson if there were applications to help with distance learning. Mr. Atkinson stated that he wasn't aware of the applicants at this time.

Committee Chairman McElynn asked if it was possible to make those applicants a top priority for funding to help those students that don't have equipment or internet to complete distance learning. Mr. Atkinson stated that it will ultimately be up to the Council's discretion to appropriate funds.

County Administrator, Ashley Jacobs, stated that Hargray has applied for the broadband infrastructure program grant to provide broadband access and that she closely working with Dr. Rodriguez with the Beaufort County School District to expand these efforts.

Council Member Flewelling requested information on those applicants that have been affected by COVID-19 for example, child care services, etc. and supports Committee Chairman's efforts by allocating specific funds to help students who don't have the means to complete distance learning.

#### **Daufuskie Island Ferry Contract Update- Robert Bechtold, Deputy County Administrator**

Mr. Bechtold updated the committee by stating that a 1-month extension of this contract is allowed until July 31, 2021, and has been extended until September 30, 2020 and will continue to extend it on a monthly basis until there is an enduring contract and final solution for the contract.

Committee Chairman McElynn questioned why the contract wasn't being extended beyond a month to month contract in which County Administrator, Ashley Jacobs, responded that the terms of the contract were being re-negotiated.

#### **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

##### **Appointment of George Rafferty to the Daufuskie Island Fire District to fill vacancy from Commissioner Crabtree's resignation**

**Motion: It was moved by Council Member Glover, seconded by Council Member Flewelling to appoint George Rafferty to the Daufuskie Island Fire District. The vote: Unanimous without objection. 10:0**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Ratified by Committee: October 5, 2020