



**County Council of  
Beaufort County  
County Council Meeting**

**Chairman**

Joseph F. Passiment, JR.

**Vice Chairman**

D. Paul Sommerville

**Council Members**

Michael E. Covert  
Gerald Dawson  
Brian E. Flewelling  
York Glover, SR.  
Chris Hervochon  
Alice G. Howard  
Mark Lawson  
Lawrence P. McElynn  
Stu Rodman

**County Administrator**

Ashley M. Jacobs

**Clerk to Council**

Sarah W. Brock

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# County Council Minutes

**Monday, March 16, 2020 at 12:45 PM**

Council Chambers, Administration Building Beaufort County  
Government Robert Smalls Complex 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort

**PRESENT**

Chairman Joseph F. Passiment  
Vice Chairman D. Paul Sommerville  
Council Member Michael Covert  
Council Member York Glover  
Council Member Chris Hervochon  
Council Member Stu Rodman  
Council Member Alice Howard  
Council Member Gerald Dawson  
Council Member Brian Flewelling  
Council Member Mark Lawson

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Passiment Called the meeting to Order at 12:45PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION**

Chairman Passiment led the pledge of allegiance and gave the invocation.

**FOIA COMPLIANCE**

Chairman Passiment stated this special called meeting of council is not in compliance with FOIA requirements and asked for a motion to approve holding this special meeting of council.

**Motion to Hold Special Meeting of County Council:** It was moved by Councilman Covert, seconded by Councilman Dawson to waive Council's usual rules and procedures to hold this special called meeting of council. The Vote - YEAS: Council Member Hervochon, Council Member Glover, Council Member Howard, Council Member Passiment, Council Member Sommerville, Council Member Flewelling, Council Member Covert, Council Member Lawson and Council Member Dawson. The motion passed 9-0.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** It was moved by Councilwoman Howard, seconded by Councilman Flewelling to approve the agenda. The Vote - YEAS: Council Member Hervochon, Council Member Glover, Council Member Howard, Council Member Passiment, Council Member Sommerville, Council Member Flewelling, Council Member Covert, Council Member Lawson and Council Member Dawson. The motion passed 9-0.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**Beaufort County Council declaration of public health emergency in response to the public safety threat of the novel coronavirus (“covid-19”), effective March 15, 2020**

**Motion:** It was moved by Councilman Flewelling, seconded by Councilman Covert to approve Emergency Ordinance 2020-01.

**Discussion:** Councilman Flewelling stated he understands there is some information the County Administrator wants to share regarding this item.

Administrator Jacobs stated what is ordinance is doing is establishing the county is in a state of emergency so that she has authorization to utilize all resources necessary to keep the public safe and access to funding. She also stated that in pandemic situation, which is different from a hurricane in that the lead agency is SCDHEC, so she is following their guidelines.

**The Vote - YEAS:** Council Member Hervochon, Council Member Glover, Council Member Howard, Council Member Passiment, Council Member Sommerville, Council Member Flewelling, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Covert, Council Member Lawson and Council Member Dawson. The motion passed 10-0.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Meeting Adjourned at 1:00PM

Ratified on: April 27, 2020