



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

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Community Services Committee Minutes

Monday, December 7, 2020 at 3:15 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 OR PO DRAWER 1228, BEAUFORT SC 29901. CITIZENS MAY ALSO COMMENT DURING THE MEETING DURING FACEBOOK LIVE

PRESENT

Committee Chairman McElynn
Council Member Passiment
Council Member Sommerville
Council Member Dawson
Council Member Glover
Council Member Howard
Council Member Lawson
Council Member Hervochoch
Council Member Rodman

ABSENT

Council Member Covert
Council Member Flewelling

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chairman McElynn called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee Chairman McElynn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Passiment, seconded by Council Member Howard to approve the agenda. The vote: Unanimous without objection. The motion passed. 9:0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes from October 5, 2020

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Passiment, seconded by Council Member Howard to approve the minutes from October 5, 2020. The vote: Unanimous without objection. The motion passed. 10:0

ACTION ITEMS

Contract Renewal for Annual Bibliotheca Service and Maintenance/Extended Warranty Agreement for Beaufort County Libraries- Amanda Dickman, Interim Library Director

Discussion: Ms. Dickman stated that the Beaufort County Library has maintained a Service and Maintenance/Extended Warranty with Bibliotheca since 2013 to cover 64 pieces of hardware/software which is in operation at all five branch libraries. Contract will begin January 15, 2022 with an award amount of \$57,144.00.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Passiment, seconded by Council Member Howard to approve the Contract Renewal for Annual Bibliotheca Service and Maintenance/Extended Warranty Agreement for Beaufort County Libraries in the amount of \$57,144.00. The vote: Unanimous without objection. The motion passed. 9:0

Resolution to Commission an Animal Service Officer to Enforce Beaufort County Animal Control Ordinances- Phil Foot, Assistant County Administrator for Public Safety

Discussion: Mr. Foot explained that this is a resolution to commission an animal service officer to enforce Beaufort County Animal Ordinances for Beaufort County pursuant to Section 4-9-145 in the Code of Laws of South Carolina. Director of Animal Services, Tallulah McGee, recommends the appointment of Trevor Heyward as an Animal Service Officer.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Dawson, seconded by Council Member Glover to approve the resolution to commission an animal service officer to enforce Beaufort County Animal Control Ordinances. The vote: Unanimous without objection. The motion passed. 9:0

Status: Forward to Council

Resolution to Apply for Federal Transit Administration Grant Funding- Beth Cody, Fiscal Operations Manager, Disabilities and Special Needs

Discussion: Ms. Cody stated that this resolution allows the Interim County Administrator to apply \$50,000 in grant funding for Disabilities and Special Needs transportation costs from FTA Section 5310 through South Carolina Department of Transportation.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, seconded by Council Member Passiment to approve the resolution to apply for Federal Transit Administration Grant Funding. The vote: Unanimous without objection. The motion passed. 9:0

Status: Forward to Council

Discussion of Noise Ordinance 2020/36- Sheriff Tanner

Discussion: Committee Chairman McElynn stated that there is already an Ordinance for Beaufort County but there is some language missing from the Ordinance and this is an item to include the language needed to enforce the Ordinance. This Ordinance will repeal the old ordinance.

Sheriff Tanner suggested some changes which are; time of enforcement and decibel levels.

Motion: It was moved my Council Member Glover, seconded by Council Member Passiment to approve the Noise Ordinance as presented with the inclusion of decibels from the Sheriff. The vote: Unanimous without objection. The motion passed. 9:0

Status: Forward to Council

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Status of the Distance Learning Grants- Chuck Atkinson, Assistant County Administrator

Discussion: Mr. Atkinson gave the committee an update on the application and approval process. Also, explaining the criteria for qualification.

Council Member Glover asked if the School District was a part of this plan and explained that most churches are not 501C3 and would like to know more about how they would qualify.

Mr. Atkinson stated that the School District had no part or discussion of this plan and that this is a separate plan. They are informed of what the County is doing but are not involved. Regarding the 501C3, most churches are a non-profit 501C3 organization and if they are not, they will not qualify.

Update Status on the Federal Courthouse Building- Jared Fralix, Assistant County Administrator

Discussion: Mr. Fralix updated the Committee on the status and renovations of the Federal Courthouse Building which is moving forward and will be going through the Public Facilities Committee.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Consideration of the Reappointments of Wayne Blankenship, John B. Seno and Donnie Phillips to the Sheldon Fire District Board

Consideration of the Reappointment of Tracey Robinson to the Library Board

Consideration of the Reappointments of Geoffrey Brunning and George Rafferty to the Daufuskie Island Fire District.

Consideration of the Reappointments of Ronald Campbell, Will McCullough, and Mike Manesiotis to the Parks and Recreation Board

Consideration of the Reappointments of Thomas Peebles, Herbert Burnes, Gary Bright, and Madison Chisum to the Burton Fire District Commission

Consideration of the Appointment of Dr. Sophia Alston for LCOG as the TCL Representative.

Motion: It was moved my Council Member Dawson, seconded by Council Member Howard to approve the following Reappointments/Appointments to the Boards and Commissions: Wayne Blankenship, John B Seno and Donnie Phillips to the Sheldon Fire District Board; Tracey Robinson to the Library Board; Geoffrey Brunning and George Rafferty to the Daufuskie Island Fire District; Ronal Campbell, Will McCullough, and Mike Manesiotis to the Parks and Recreation Board; Thomas Peebles, Herbert Burnes, Gary Bright, and Madison Chisum to the Burton Fire District Commission; Dr. Sophia Alston to LCOG as the TCL Representative. The vote: Unanimous without objection. The motion passed. 9:0

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:24 pm.

Ratified by Committee:

