

# County Council of Beaufort County Public Facilities Committee Meeting

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# **Public Facilities Committee Minutes**

Monday, April 20, 2020 at 3:30 PM

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

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Flewelling called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM

#### **FOIA**

Chairman Flewelling noted that Public notification of this meeting had been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: It was moved by Vice Chairman Glover, Seconded by Council Member Passiment to approve the agenda. Voting Yea: Council Member Passiment, Council Member Sommerville, Council Member Covert, Council Member Dawson, Chairman Flewelling, Council Member Rodman, Vice Chairman Glover, Council Member Hervochon, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson. The motion passed.

# **APPROVAL OF MINTUES**

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Passiment, Seconded by Vice Chairman Glover to approve the minutes from January 21, 2020. Voting Yea: Council Member Passiment, Council Member Sommerville, Council Member Covert, Council Member Dawson, Chairman Flewelling, Council Member Rodman, Vice Chairman Glover, Council Member Hervochon, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson. The motion passed.

## PRESENTATION ITEMS

Right of Way Status Report- Patty Wilson, Beaufort County Right of Way Manager

**Discussion:** Quarterly update on 2018 Penny Referendum Projects and Miscellaneous Right of Way status on various roads within Beaufort County.

Council Member Howard: I see it the Pathway's project listed on the map. I don't see the project at Broad River Drive, from Ribaut Road to Parris Island Gateway and Depot Road.

Patty Wilson: I only put that information in there because it was part of the referendum project. I cannot tell you the specifics of those. I do know that once we get a new traffic director, there will be more information to move forward regarding that.

David Wilhelm: I can look in to that information and get back with you.

Council Member Howard: I see the Depot Road but not the Broad River Road, which is a longer pathway than Depot Road.

Council Member Passiment: On Harrison Island Road, we were talking to the one homeowner who was willing to sign off as long as we had the roadway at the beginning, exactly where it was.

Patty Wilson: We did meet with that homeowner and have been in communication with the church, who are the remaining properties in this project. We've encountered a drainage issue so we are having to restructure that because of possible drainage on the road. The two parties are willing to work with us on that. The COVID19 social distancing is effecting us being able to meet with these homeowners. We are working with a design engineer to evaluate the road drainage coming off Pinckney Colony Road. It is actually draining onto that property and we are trying to avoid future actions as a result of the drainage.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

Seeking approval of a Resolution authorizing the County Administrator to pursue condemnation of a portion of land to complete Right of Way ownership associated with the dirt road paving of Twickenham Road located in Sheldon Township- Patty Wilson, Beaufort County Right of Way Manager

**Discussion:** Twickenham Road, located in district 1 is a dirt road the County has maintained for over 30 years and is scheduled for year 2 of the 2019/2020 road paving/improvement program approved by Resolution 2019/24. After multiple attempts of correspondence for ROW, the County acquired 20 out of 23 requests. Due to negative responses for ROW necessary improvement, condemnation is needed on parcels R700 013 000 0021 0000, R700 013 000 0030 0000, and R700 013 000 0039 0000. Staff has followed the current process to acquire deeds for right of way. Efforts over a 24-month time period include a citizen petition process, field survey, researching ownership, preparing letters and deeds, verbal communication, and providing time for owner consideration, discussion and response. The County must have a deeded 50 foot right of way before the road can be included in a dirt road paving contract and has the 3 aforementioned properties remaining. Condemnation expenses range from \$6,000 0 \$15,000 and fall under TAG funds 2342001T.

Patty Wilson: Members of this road have been trying for years to get it paved. We have had multiple communication with owners of this road. One owner has 2 of the parcels and this owner is willing to grant ROW if we rocked the road but the community is adamant that they want this road paved. The other property owner originally signed the petition in favor of paving but rescinded when the document came out and wanted to be compensated.

Chairman Flewelling: The one owner that wants to be compensated is the amount at value of the appraised property?

Patty Wilson: To be more specific, the owner didn't want to work with the County. Didn't even want the compensation.

Council Member Dawson: This road is problematic and costs the County a lot of money and resources and man hours especially during inclement weather. The road becomes washed out. I held a community meeting about a year ago. The homeowners in attendance were in favor of the easement except the three. We were hoping not to go the condemnation route.

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Dawson, Seconded by Vice Chairman Glover to approve the Resolution authorizing the County Administrator to pursue the condemnation of a portion of land to complete Right of Way ownership associated with the dirt road paving of Twickenham Road located in Sheldon Township. The Votes - Voting Yea: Council Member Passiment, Council Member Sommerville, Council Member Covert, Council Member Dawson,

<u>Chairman Flewelling, Council Member Rodman, Vice Chairman Glover, Council Member Hervochon, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson The motion passed.</u>

Seeking approval of a Resolution authorizing the County Administrator to perfect Right of Way on Stroup Road located in Sheldon Township associated with parcel R700 038 000 051a 000.- Patty Wilson, Beaufort County Right of Way Manager

**Discussion:** Stroup Road was paved during contract 34 around 2008-2009-time frame. During this time County considered historically maintained roads as prescriptive. County Council approved the paving contract on January 26, 2009. A recent development request established a need to perfect ROW on Stroup Road. Of the two needed parcels (04C & 051A) parcel 051A still has not voluntarily deeded the ROW. Negations to avoid condemnation have resulted in an agreed compensation of \$3,000. By settling this matter prior to any filing, the County saves the legal expenses of approximately \$2,500.00 associated with the preparation of the pleadings, approximately \$1,800.00 costs associated with the appraisal of the property and around \$700.00 costs associated with the title search and filing fees. These fees would be in the addition to any compensation due the landowner for the value of 5,211 sf. Compensation request funded via TAG funds- 2342001T.

Council Member Dawson: Recused due to involvement with some property owners.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Passiment, Seconded by Vice Chairman Glover to approve the Resolution authorizing the County Administrator to perfect Right of Way on Stroup Road located in Sheldon Township associated with parcel R700 0038 000 051a 000. The Vote - Voting Yea: Council Member Passiment, Council Member Sommerville, Council Member Covert, Chairman Flewelling, Council Member Rodman, Vice Chairman Glover, Council Member Hervochon, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson. Recused: Council Member Dawson. The motion passed.

Seeking approval of a Resolution authorizing the County Administrator to pursue condemnation of a portion of land to complete Right of Way ownership associated with the dirt road paving of David Green Road located on St. Helena Island. Patty Wilson, Beaufort County Right of Way Manager

**Discussion:** David Green Road located in district 3 is a dirt road the County has maintained for over 30 years and is scheduled for year 2 of the 2019/2020 paving improvement program approved by Resolution 2019/24. After multiple attempts of correspondence for ROW, the County acquired 17 out of 19 requests. One of the two remaining parcels, parcel R300 021 000 0013 000 s interest only and does not require ROW acquisition or condemnation. Requested ROW for 2<sup>nd</sup> parcel, R300 021 000 0068 000 was not acquired and condemnation is needed to complete the acquisition process. Staff followed the current process to acquire deeds for right of way. Initial ROW efforts began with the previous ROW manager in August 2014 and resumed with the current ROW Manager in November 2018. Efforts include field survey, researching ownership, preparing letters and deeds, verbal communication, and providing time for owner consideration, discussion and response. The County must have a deeded 50-foot right of way before the road can be included in a dirt road paving contract and has the aforementioned property remaining. Condemnation expenses range from \$6,000-\$15,000 and fall under TAG funds- 2342001T

Motion: It was moved by Vice Chairman Glover, Seconded by Council Member Howard to approve the Resolution authorizing the County Administrator to pursue condemnation of a portion of land to complete Right of Way ownership associated with the dirt road paving of David Green Road located on St. Helena Island. The Votes - Voting Yea: Council Member Passiment, Council Member Sommerville, Council Member Covert, Council Member Dawson, Chairman Flewelling, Council Member Rodman, Vice Chairman Glover, Council Member Hervochon, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson. The motion passed.

Seeking approval of an Amended and Restated Stormwater Management Agreement and Utility Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Beaufort County and the City of Beaufort. – Neil Desai, Public Works Director

**Discussion:** This amended IGA was requested by the City, as they are proposing to do a bond issue and part of the process for a bond requires an agreement with funding sources (billing and collections for the life of the bond). The Stormwater Management Utility (SWMU) Board approved the recommendation to extend it out 25 years without any significant changes to the intent the agreement during the 10/10/2018 meeting. The IGA draft was provided to the SWMU Board in the 2/21/20 packet and during the meeting were informed that there were no significant changes from the previous IGA and that the term is for a period of twenty years. No concerns were expressed about the draft of the Amended and Restated IGA with the City of Beaufort.

Neil Desai: This was a proposal to change the language and to allow the City a little more flexibility to use Stormwater utility funds in regards to any municipality bond that they may seek for a drainage project. This mainly due to the Mossy Oaks draining project and can apply to any future project that may be funded through a municipal bond.

Chairman Flewelling: So we are authorizing them to use future revenue sources to bond or hold money for projects?

Neil Desai: It allows the bonding of projects for Stormwater Utility for any type of Stormwater projects. Currently right now they are limited to utility funds. IGA gives them a little bit more flexibility to used different funding sources in particular municipal bonds.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Passiment to approve the Amended and Restated Stormwater Management and Utility Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Beaufort County and the City of Beaufort. The Votes - Voting Yea: Council Member Passiment, Council Member Sommerville, Council Member Covert, Council Member Dawson, Chairman Flewelling, Council Member Rodman, Vice Chairman Glover, Council Member Hervochon, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson. The motion passed.

Seeking approval to award J.H. Hiers' Construction, LLC the Design/Build Construction for Dirt Road Paving Contract #51A RFP #112219E totaling \$2,305,778.00 with funding for the project coming from TAG Funds. — David Thomas, Purchasing Director

Discussion: Resolution 2019/24 adopted in June 2019 established a prioritized 5-year Dirt Road paving program. Beaufort County advertised for design build services for Dirt Road Paving Contract #51A, year one of the program: Rice Road (District 1 Sheldon) Broad River Blvd to Inwood Plantation, Salicornia Drive (District 2 Burton) Marsh Hawk to Terminus, Wards Landing Road (District 3 Lady's Island) Sea Island Parkway to Worthington Road, George William Lane (District 3 St Helena) William Campbell Lane to Kelly Road. The two highest rated companies were invited to interview; preferred Materials Inc. Earning 379 points and J.H. Hiers' Construction earing 376 points. Staff requested Preferred Materials Inc. as the highest evaluated bidder to review their original fee of \$2,495,400.00 as it exceeded the engineer's estimate of \$2,196,928.00 Preferred Materials Inc. proposed a revised fee of \$2,284,100.00 which still exceeded the estimate. Due to this staff reviewed the fee proposal from J.H. Hiers' Construction, LLC. There fee is within the budget at \$2,096,162.00. J.H. Hiers' fee proposal has a 10% contingency of \$209,616, the total project cost is \$2,305,778. The funding for the project is TAG Funds with an available balance of \$5,107,619.62.

Councilman Flewelling: The original estimate on 51A was \$1.9M was it because the original estimate was done 4-5 years ago?

David Thomas: I would have to consult with someone in Engineering.

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Passiment, Seconded by Vice Chairman Glover to approve to award J.H. Hiers' Construction, LLC the Design/Build Construction for Dirt Road Paving Contract #51A RFP#1122195E totaling

\$2,305,778.00 with funding for the project coming from TAG Funds. The Votes - Voting Yea: Council Member Passiment, Council Member Sommerville, Council Member Covert, Council Member Dawson, Chairman Flewelling, Council Member Rodman, Vice Chairman Glover, Council Member Hervochon, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson. The motion passed.

Seeking approval of the Implementation of Decal System and Convenience Center Operational Changes. Dave Wilhelm, Assistant County Administrator for Public Works and Sustainability.

**Discussion:** Implement a County decal system for Convenience Center access; close two Convenience Centers- Gate and Pritchardville; reduce operating day to two (one weekday and one weekend day) for Big Estates, Sheldon, Cuffy, Coffin Point, and Lobeco; reduce operating hours at all centers to 7:30 AM to 6:00 OM (current hours are 7:30 AM – 7:00 PM) Implementation of a decal system and changing the operating hours were approved by Solid Waste and Recycling Board on April 2, 2020. The Abby Goldsmith report (November 2019) was presented, as information, to Public Facilities on January 21, 2020. Staff reviewed all of the recommendations from the Goldsmith report and determined changes most critical to immediately benefit Beaufort County Convenience Center operations. Hauling, disposal and operations are funded through the General Fund (10001340 for SW&R). Implementation of the decal system will reduce operational costs by eliminating misuse of the centers by business, contractors, and out of County users.

Chairman Flewelling: How often are residents going to be able to use the convenience centers?

Dave Wilhelm: Twice a week. The reason for that is because there are contractors from Beaufort County and they will be receiving decals and if we don't limit the number of times of uses to the center per week there wouldn't be a way to control the contractors coming over and over again.

Council Member Dawson: When you talk about limiting access to the center is that all centers or just the ones mentioned in our packet?

Dave Wilhelm: All centers in the County. You can go to any center in the County so it will be limited to twice a week no matter what center you go to.

Council Member Dawson: How will citizens receive their decals?

Dave Wilhelm: We are still working on those details and we will bring those recommendations to Council. These decals will be available to any Beaufort County resident that requests one.

Council Member Howard: Can someone work the system by going to one center this week and one center the next week, and so on?

Dave Wilhelm: We have thought about that and those details we need to work on. It will probably be a swipe card system. As they come in they will be greeted by an attendant who will swipe their card. They will get a red light or a green light and it will be county wide.

Council Member Howard: What about drop offs at Shanklin, does that count as a visit?

Dave Wilhelm: Yes, for the decal system it will.

Council Member Covert: Have you given any consideration to a traditional decal that is fixed instead of a card reader?

Dave Wilhelm: We did consider that. We just don't know of a system to read that on a vehicle and limit the number of visits. We may be able to get some sort of scanning system that will scan a car sticker. If we could do it that would be fine.

Council Member Covert: The reason to limit is to obviously ward off contractors. There will be mass hysteria that we are limiting visits and only allowing two visits per week. Do you think maybe we could see what the numbers are with the decal system and not limit them right off the bat?

Dave Wilhelm: That is something we can continue to talk about. I feel if we implement the decals, give them out free we probably won't see a significant decrease. We can certainly try this as a first phase and see what the results are and start placing restrictions.

Council Member Covert: It would take your attendants to actually monitor who is coming in?

Dave Wilhelm: We can look at this first phase and back off what we are requiring for the first phase.

Chairman Flewelling: I think it would be valuable to track individual users so that we can find out about the people abusing the system and find out if they are contractors and then approach them and tell them how to do it.

Dave Wilhelm: As part of the Goldsmith report, she looked at six other counties with the software we are looking at and with the software we will have the ability to track everybody individually and do a search on the number of visits and the see the number of people coming in more frequently and what is normal for household trash.

Chairman Flewelling: When you approach that time, when you want to start limiting the number of trips per week, we could find a happy medium and then survey the ones above that and see what their pattern is and help accommodate them.

Dave Wilhelm: What we are trying to do is mirror what has worked for other counties. Typically, if you have curbside collection it is picked up once a week so we figured twice a week was enough. We can certainly move forward with a decal system and not put limitations on it and track it and make some changes once we get enough data.

Council Member Passiment: It really isn't a decal system because there isn't a decal but a card. You are going to have a card and a card reader?

Dave Wilhelm: It could be a decal or it could just be a card that you physically hold or a hanger. We are working out the details but the terminology is decal.

Council Member Passiment: In order for us to implement this, some decisions have to be made. Before we roll this out we have to educate the population. Do you have a time line for this?

Dave Wilhelm: We have a projected time line of 3-4 months to get most of this done. This is an optimistic time frame. Assuming we get a positive response and move forward with this after today's meeting we can start working on this tomorrow morning and work through these details.

Council Member Passiment: I think this is a great idea but it is going to have an impact where I live because of one of the centers you want to close. The more information I can give to residents here that use that center the better off we are going to be.

Dave Wilhelm: There are other recommended changes along with this and I don't want to get hung up on just the decal. Closing centers was one of the recommendations on the Goldsmith report. Gate and Pritchardville. We are not

going to close them immediately. Our time line for this is around the same time of implementing the decal system. These two sites have safety issues. We cannot expand on these sites. Report also recommends closing 4 other smaller sites. Two in district 1 and two in district 3. We had a public meeting in district one and we came to a compromise, these smaller centers are open four days a week and we proposed opening two days a week, 1-week day and 1 weekend day.

Council Member Covert: Regarding Gate and Pritchardville. If we implement the decal system and see that the cost to operate has dropped is it possible to leave those sites open?

Dave Wilhelm: We did consider it. Pritchardville is getting a lot of use from increased population in that area and out of county dumping. I don't see it having a decrease in traffic just because of the growth in population. But we can change the recommendation and see the data by implementing the decal.

Council Member Covert: Is Simmonsville going to be able to handle the current traffic plus the additional traffic from closing Pritchardville?

Dave Wilhelm: We will work as quickly as possible to develop the best decal system and come back with a final recommendation. Implement system and collect data to review next phase.

Chairman Flewelling: Do you want to motion approval of implementation of decal system without the closures of the convenience centers at Pritchardville and Gate, Council Member Covert?

Council Member Cover: Yes.

Chairman Flewelling: if we are able to limit traffic it may be a safer place, especially Gate.

Council Member Howard: I would like to speak about Gate. I think keeping it open is an extreme expense. There are stormwater issues and I don't see it being viable even with the decal system and limited traffic.

Council Member Sommerville: How much of an issue was safety at Gate and Pritchardville.

Dave Wilhelm: It was an issue because of the traffic. The average is 500 a day and that is more at peak hours. It can't handle that volume of traffic. Maybe the decal system will decrease the volume but capital improvements is still an issue. We have 11 centers and 10 of them don't meet the stormwater requirements. We can hold off making those capital improvements and stormwater improvements until we implement the decal system and get some data and see where to go from there.

Council Member Passiment: I think putting a decal system at Pritchardville is more of a safety hazard that leaving it as is. That is a difficult place to get in and out of. We would have to close that one.

Dave Wilhelm: The footprint for Gate and Pritchardville are the same. That footprint also matches Coffin Point, Big Estate, Sheldon. It is going to be extremely problematic, a lot of operational challenges. We are hoping to implement a system that will be easy to use.

Council Member Dawson: One of the centers in my district is open six days a week and I that maybe we should reduce it to three days a week instead of two and let us see how that works.

Dave Wilhelm: Two weekend days and one-week day or 2 week days and 1 weekend day?

Council Member Dawson: I like the two days a week and one weekend day.

Dave Wilhelm: The landfill is closed on Sundays. Having the smaller convenience centers open maybe Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Council Member Dawson: I don't have a problem with that and the hours being 7:00 am to 6:30 PM.

Vice Chairman Glover: Me either.

Chairman Flewelling: Are we approving the implementation of the decal system, holding off on closing Gate and Pritchardville, changing hours from 7:00 am to 6:30 pm at the District 1 and District 3 sites and then change the openings to 3 days a week instead of 2 days a week. Motion by Council Member Covert. Seconded by Vice Chairman Glover? Do we go to County Council from here or do we wait until we implement the decal?

Dave Wilhelm: I think all we are doing is moving forward with the creation of the decal system. The implementation won't start until we come back to you. So I don't think we need to go to Council right now.

Council Member Covert: We have a question from a Hilton Head resident wanting to know if their trash center is included?

Dave Wilhelm: We are still working on some details there. That is the center that is going to realize the most savings or the most positive changes with the decal system. We are going to wait and get some data before making any recommendations.

Council Member Rodman: I think we need to handle the decals and the operation as two separate things. I think this will be of such interest to the public that we would need approval and council or public hearing.

Chairman Flewelling: It seems before we implement the decal it will be going to Council. This motion is simply to give administration authority to processed with the development of the decal system process.

Council Member Passiment: We also need to know a price to implement the decal.

Chairman Flewelling: So Council Member Passiment is suggesting to bifurcate the question and make them two separate.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Passiment, Seconded by Council Member Rodman to bifurcate the recommendation to two separate questions: 1- Implementation of the decal system and 2 changing the convenience center hours and waiting on closing Gate and Pritchardville centers. The Votes: Yea: Council Member Lawson, Council Member Sommerville, Council Member Howard, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Passiment, Chairman Flewelling. Nay: Council Member Dawson and Vice Chairman Glover. The motion passed

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Covert, Seconded by Vice Chairman Glover to approve the implementation of the decal system. The Votes: Yea: Council Member Passiment, Council Member Sommerville, Council Member Covert, Council Member Dawson, Chairman Flewelling, Council Member Rodman, Vice Chairman Glover, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson. The motion passed.

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Covert, Seconded by Vice Chairman Glover to change the convenience center hours and wait on closing Gate and Pritchardville centers. The Vote: Yea: Vice Chairman Glover, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Covert, Council Member Howard, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Lawson, Chairman Flewelling. Nay: Council Member Passiment. The motion passed.

Council Member Dawson: You didn't include changing the five small convenience centers from 2 days to 3 days.

Chairman Flewelling: That is included.

Seeking approval of an Ordinance to establish a Solid Waste and Recycling Enterprise Fund- Dave Wilhelm, Assistant County Administrator for Public Works and Sustainability.

**Discussion:** Restructure SW&R from the current General fund (ad valorem taxes) to an Enterprise Fund, fee based system. This will require Committee approval and Council approval for a new Ordinance. The Solid Waste and Recycling budget would be the same whether it is part of the General Fund or as a separate fee. The fee would be assessed to all Beaufort County property owners. Creating the Enterprise Fund was approved by Solid Waste and Recycling Board on April 2, 2020. Establishing the enterprise fund and associated fee would remove the obligation of the solid waste and recycling budget (FY21 \$9,327,073.00) from the General Fund. Establishing the solid waste and recycling enterprise fund would result in no net change in cost to Beaufort County taxpayers.

Chris Inglese: There are two main changes. One the language is clarified to be applicable county wide and two we aren't clear what the fee would be so we shrunk that information and focus on residential and have a consultant develop a fee schedule.

Chairman Flewelling: By the third and final reading we will have a final reading and we will see how it will affect budget and residents.

Council Member Howard: Regarding the mention of a uniformed solid waste fee shall not be imposed on such a municipality. How does that affect municipalities?

Chris Inglese: It provides an opt out for municipalities and will be more clear in a separate fee schedule. But an opt out for municipalities who have contracted from services including landfill cost, house hold recycling waste and doesn't cause a burden on the county system.

Council Member Howard: If the City of Beaufort or the Town of Port Royal demonstrate that they have a contract for recycling that goes beyond county recycling, that will be taken into account?

Chris Inglese: If they have to put the whole program together and it demonstrates no additional burden our landfill or if they contract with a vendor and the fees for the landfill is built in to the contract then they can opt out.

Council Member Howard: Could it be a graduated fee, such as if they don't want to handle household hazardous waste and electronic waste?

Chris Inglese: Through an IGA we maybe could handle some of those details.

Council Member Passiment: At the top of page 3- To establish necessary procedures, policies and guidelines for the use of the County's recycling facilities. Do we know how long this will take to develop those procedures, policies and guidelines?

Chris Inglese: We have ordinances in place, I'm not familiar with any policy documents but based on our ordinances and practices it wouldn't take long to put something like that together.

Council Member Passiment: On page 4 it talks about the establishment and construction and operation of solid waste collection sites and other facilities for the use and benefits of the residents. Does this include transfer stations?

Chris Inglese: I think if we determine that is what we want to do, that is the way it would be covered. Specifically, this ordinance doesn't paint us in a corner, we specifically wanted to make sure we could make changes.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Passiment and Seconded by Vice Chairman Glover to seek approval of an Ordinance to establish a Solid Waste and Recycling Enterprise Fund. The Votes: Yea: Council Member Passiment, Council Member Sommerville, Council Member Covert, Council Member Dawson, Chairman Flewelling, Council Member Rodman, Vice Chairman Glover, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson. The motion passed.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Discussion of Update on Horse Island Drainage Problems- Dave Wilhelm, Assistant County Director, Public Works and Sustainability

**Discussion:** Our staff has determined that the drainage issue on the roadside ditches is caused by differences in the driveway pipe elevation. We put in a proposed FY21 \$21K to hire an outside surveyor to shoot the whole drainage system and provide that data to us and then our stormwater crew will make the repairs next fiscal year hopefully late summer.

# Continuation of Discussion of Federal Courthouse Lease and Options- David Thomas, Purchasing Director

**Discussion:** RFP was sent out in February or March and due May 14, 2020 for proposals for someone to purchase it, lease it or lease to own it. At this time, we have one proposal and it looks like it's going to be a lease.

Chairman Flewelling: I think the timing of this, we will have to have votes of the County Council. One in May and two in June. Our current lease extends month to month?

David Thomas: It can be extended month to month if both parties agree.

Council Member Rodman: The original contract had a right to purchase in there and it was removed and replaced with an extension.

David Thomas: You may be correct.

Council Member Rodman: Ashley suggested a short term lease agreement may work, are we only looking for a long term lease?

David Thomas: I think it is an open option for the public to offer a short term or long term lease.

Chairman Flewelling: I think we need to do something moderately quick. We need a motion to extend the current lease to the lease until we can get our stuff together.

(No motion was made)

#### **BOARDS AND COMMISSION**

Appointment of Kamal Wigfall to the Keep Beaufort County Beautiful Board.

Motion: The motion was made by Vice Chairman Glover, Seconded by Council Member Passiment to appoint Kamal Wigfall to the Keep Beaufort County Beautiful Board. The Votes: Yea: Council Member Passiment, Council Member Sommerville, Council Member Covert, Council Member Dawson, Chairman Flewelling, Council Member Rodman, Vice Chairman Glover, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson. The motion passed.

# **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Facebook Comments: Mrs. Eady: What about Coffin Point's drainage problem?

Chairman Flewelling: Drainage issues, hopefully you meant the Coffin Point Convenience Center and we will look into that.

Facebook Comments: Mrs. Eady: Are you going to collect acceding to decals?

Chairman Flewelling: The decal system we are trying to develop a system for Beaufort County for the residents.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:45 PM

Ratified by Committee: May 18, 2020