



## **Community Services and Public Safety Committee Beaufort County, SC**

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

**Monday, April 04, 2022  
2:00 PM**

### **MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PRESENT**

Committee Chairman Lawrence McElynn  
Vice-Chairman Logan Cunningham  
Council Member Joseph F. Passiment  
Council Member D. Paul Sommerville  
Council Member Stu Rodman  
Council Member York Glover  
Council Member Alice Howard

**ABSENT**

Council Member Gerald Dawson  
Council Member Brian Flewelling  
Council Member Chris Hervochon  
Council Member Mark Lawson

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Committee Chairman McElynn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PUBLISHED, POSTED, AND DISTRIBUTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

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

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion to Amend:** It was moved by Council Member Passiment, seconded by Council Member Howard, to amend the agenda by moving #17 to item #7 and move all the others in sequence after that.

**Discussion:** No discussion

**The Vote:** approved without objection.

**Main Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Passiment, seconded by Council Member Howard to approve the agenda as amended.

**Discussion:** No discussion

**The Vote:** approved without objection.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES- March 7, 2022**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Sommerville, seconded Passiment, to approve the minutes from March 7, 2022.

**Discussion:** No discussion

**The Vote:** approved without objection

6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS- (ANYONE who wishes to speak during the Citizen Comment portion of the meeting will limit their comments to no longer than three (3) minutes (a total of 15 minutes) and will address Council in a respectful manner appropriate to the decorum of the meeting, refraining from the use of profane, abusive or obscene language)**

No Citizen Comments

7. **Originally Item number 17**

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF DR. WILLIAM JESSEE, OR JERRY ESTENSON, PHD. TO THE BEAUFORT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Sommerville, seconded by Council Member Howard, to recommend approval of Dr. William Jessee to the Beaufort Memorial Hospital Board.

**Discussion:** No discussion

**The Vote:** approved without objection

8. **HUMAN SERVICES OUTREACH SPECIALIST INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION**

Assistant County Administrator Audra Antonacci-Ogden introduced Ana Ramirez, Outreach Specialist with the Human Services Department.

Ben Boswell, Human Services, provided the Committee with a presentation on the details of the Outreach Specialist Position.

The Human Services Department's immediate short-term plan will be to leverage the Human Services Alliance network to establish a workgroup of local and regional stakeholders and partners who work with populations experiencing homelessness.

To view the full presentation, click the link below:

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/157970>

**Discussion:**

Council Member Glover asked about building capacity. Mr. Boswell stated that option is not on the table for housing because it would be hard to achieve in such a short time because of resources. Council Member Glover hopes that part of the goal is to establish a local shelter working mainly for the mentally challenged.

The data collection process will help share the information with the federal/state entities for funding.

9. **INTRODUCTION OF ANGIE SALLEY- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COASTAL EMPIRE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER (CECMHC)**

Coastal Empire Community Mental Health Center supports the recovery of people with mental illnesses through a Statewide network of community mental health centers, clinics, hospitals, and nursing homes. The Department's clinical staff provides a complete array of medical support services for children, adults, and families throughout South Carolina.

To view the full presentation, click the link below:

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/157970>

**Discussion:**

Council Member McElynn asked if service is provided to adults and adolescents and if there is an estimate of assisted individuals. Ms. Salley stated that yes, they provide services to adults and adolescents, and an estimate of 2,200 patients are currently being served, and 1,100 are adults and children.

The Department is currently short-staffed, which causes the Department to struggle to provide service in all areas.

Council Member McElynn inquired about how many counties are being served and if there is a local center in Beaufort County. Ms. Salley stated that five counties are being served, and the local center is at 1050 Ribaut Rd.

Council Member Glover asked if the budget provides enough to have adequate staff. Ms. Salley said that the budget is there.

Council Member Glover asked if there was a collaboration with other health organizations. Ms. Salley responded yes and that they build partnerships with all agencies operating in similar fields because a lot of those agencies are also touching the lives of those patients.

Council Member Glover asked if they were the primary contact for assistance from an emergency standpoint. Ms. Salley said yes, they are the direct contact for the Emergency Department.

10. **UPDATE FROM ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PATRICK HILL, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATIONS**

Update from Assistant County Administrator Patrick Hill, Information Technology & Communications.

To view the full presentation, click the link below:

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/157970>

---

**AGENDA ITEMS**

---

11. **APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

April is nationally recognized as Fair Housing Month. All Community Block Grant/Economic Grantees must certify that the local government unit will undertake action to affirmatively further fair housing.

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member to recommend approval of a resolution recognizing April as fair housing month.

**Discussion:** No discussion

**The Vote:** approved without objection

**Status:** Forward to Council for approval

12. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO REVISE THE BEAUFORT COUNTY EMERGENCY DISASTER POLICY & PROCEDURES A.9**

The Emergency Disaster Policy and Procedures A.9 of the Beaufort County Personnel Handbook were last reviewed and revised on August 1, 2019. The revision to the Emergency Disaster Policy and Procedures includes a definition of the Operational Conditions (OPCONs), responsibilities for Administration, Management, and Employees, Emergency Operations Teams (EOT), and the increase of standby pay for designated personnel on the EOT. The fiscal impact will only occur if Beaufort County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management Division has activated the Emergency Operations Center and activation of the Emergency Operation Team occurs. This cost will be reimbursable to Beaufort County.

Neil Desai, Director of Stormwater, spoke regarding the revision of the Beaufort County Emergency Disaster Policy & Procedures A.9.

Council Member Glover, Council Member Howard, and Council Member McElynn asked about the increase from \$2.00 to \$3.00 and wanted clarification. Mr. Desai clarified that this increase is for employees on standby or on call at the operation center. This increase is in addition to the normal hourly rate for that on-call or stand-by employee(s).

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, seconded by Council Member Howard, to recommend approval of a resolution to revise the Beaufort County Emergency Disaster Policy and Procedures A.9.

**Discussion:** No discussion

**The Vote:** approved without objection

**Status:** Forward to Council for approval

13. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF JOE WALSH TO THE BEAUFORT COUNTY, BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT BOARD FOR A FIRST TERM WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE OF APRIL 2026 (TOWN OF BLUFFTON APPOINTEE)**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Glover, seconded by Council Member Cunningham to recommend approval of the appointment of Joe Walsh to the Beaufort County, Bluffton Township Fire District Board for a first term with an expiration date of April 2026 (Town of Bluffton Appointee).

**Discussion:** No discussion

**The Vote:** approved without objection

**Status:** Forward to Council for approval

14. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF GALEN STURUP COMEAU AND DANIELLE QUAT TO THE BEAUFORT COUNTY DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD EACH FOR A FIRST TERM WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE OF APRIL 2026**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Glover, seconded by Council Member Cunningham to recommend approval of the appointment of Galen Sturup-Comeau and Danielle Quat to the Beaufort County Disabilities and Special Needs Board each for a first term with an expiration date of April 2026.

**Discussion:** No discussion

**The Vote:** approved without objection

**Status:** Forward to Council for approval

15. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF ANDREW MASON AND NANCY LUDTKE TO THE DAUFUSKIE ISLAND FIRE DISTRICT BOARD EACH FOR THEIR SECOND TERM WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE OF APRIL 2026.**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Glover, seconded by Council Member Cunningham, to recommend approval of the reappointments of Andrew Mason and Nancy Ludtke to the Daufuskie Island Fire District Board each for their second term with an expiration date of April 2026.

**Discussion:** No discussion

**The Vote:** approved without objection

**Status:** Forward to Council for approval

16. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CHET HOUSTON TO THE LADY’S ISLAND/ST. HELENA FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION FOR A SECOND TERM WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE OF 2026**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Glover, seconded by Council Member Cunningham to recommend approval of the reappointment of Chet Houston to the Lady's Island/St. Helena Fire District Commission for a second term with an expiration date of April 2026.

**Discussion:** No discussion

**The Vote:** approved without objection

**Status:** Forward to Council for approval

17. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF BRUCE YEAGER, JR., (FOR A FOURTH TERM) AND BILL BROWN (FOR A SECOND TERM) TO THE BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATIONS BOARD EACH WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE OF APRIL 2026**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Glover, seconded by Council Member Cunningham to recommend approval of the reappointments of Bruce Yeager, Jr., (for a fourth term) and Bill Brown (for a second term) to the Beaufort County Parks and Recreations Board each with an expiration date of April 2026.

**Discussion:** No discussion

**The Vote:** approved without objection

**Status:** Forward to Council for approval

18. ADJOURNMENT 2:45 pm

Ratified by Committee: May 2, 2022