



**County Council of  
Beaufort County  
Public Facilities  
Committee Meeting**

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## Public Facilities Committee Minutes

**Monday, September 21, 2020 at 3:30 PM**

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**PRESENT**

Committee Chairman Brian Flewelling  
Committee Vice-Chair York Glover  
Council Member Joseph F. Passiment  
Council Member D. Paul Sommerville  
Council Member Michael Covert  
Council Member Gerald Dawson  
Council Member Stu Rodman  
Council Member Chris Hervochon  
Council Member Alice Howard  
Council Member Lawrence McElynn

**ABSENT**

Council Member Mark Lawson

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Flewelling called the meeting to order at 3:40 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Flewelling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**FOIA**

Chairman Flewelling noted 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 Committee Vice-Chair Glover approved agenda. The motion approved without objection.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion: It was moved by Council Member Passiment, Seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Glover approval of August 17, 2020 minutes. The motion approved without objection.**

## **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

### **PUBLIC FACILITIES RESPONSIBILITIES AS DISCUSSED AT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Chairman Flewelling stated #7 Reserve Study of County owned buildings and land. Review all county owned properties for sale. However, this study wont be done until January. This will be on the agenda several times starting in January. Garbage/recycling and tipping fees. Waiting on Impact Fee votes , #2. Need to give staff another month to come up with information but will be on agenda by end of year. Transportation sales tax referendum update, #1. There is a update you will see on the Public Facilities agenda. Route 278 bridge replacement, #9. This will be reviewed on a month to month basis. Route 170 study and plan, #10. We will have to wait on this because of the revenue resources.

Council Member McElynn stated would like to see a slash on the name for the elimination of construction and demolition debris and yard waste disposal can reduce the cost on an annual basis.

Chairman Flewelling stated he agreed and added to Evaluate decal system for the convenience centers, # 11/ access for C& D yard disposal. This will be done on a monthly agenda for updates. Oversee the implementation of the enterprise fund for recycling and waste, #12. This is already in the budget and should be in the Finance committee until ready to be done. Future referendum for transportation projects, #13. Need to start considering in December or January and put on agenda. The old Federal Courthouse building and the leasing of it and discontinue leasing of the parking lot, #14. This is on today's agenda. Infrastructure shovel ready projects if a Federal stimulus bill is enacted, #14. How do we identify shovel ready?

Ashley Jacobs stated staff has identified projects, a big project is the terminal airport project. If there are others we can discuss.

Chairman Flewelling lets put on agenda next month and see which is shovel ready. Technology infrastructure, #17. Should be put on November agenda to answer what areas for under performance and how to address.

Council Member Passiment stated that the finance approved 2.7 million and believes this should be put on October.

Chairman Flewelling agreed put on October for ideas of where money should be spent. Daufuskie Ferry-current and future location of terminals, #18. This item needs to go into an October agenda. HHI airport expansion we have the plans just need the money we will touch on this as time permits. Review solid waste and recycling program, #19. This is included in Number 2 and 11 remove until we have further details.

Council Member Passiment agreed.

Chairman Flewelling will double check with Council Member Sommerville. Status of capital projects as part of the current budget, #20. Not sure how to handle. Will ask around for each project but leave as item to discussion. Facilities study updates, #21. This is handled under several items but will leave on come on in list and will discuss further in January. Is there any else that needs to be added to the list?

Council Member Glover stated Boat landing is a concern and should be added.

Chairman Flewelling asked if there a general boat landing you are referring to ? Any concerns can be put into and email and given to Administration.

Council Member Glover asked about Station Creek, the maintenance and improvement schedule.

Ashley Jacobs stated this item is up for a action and will respond about Station Creek.

Chairman Flewelling stated to add maintenance and improvement for all boat landing/schedule/ plan.

Council Member Rodman stated we discussed fixing the Bluffton Parkway Circle 46 and the other should be the intersection at Buckwalter in Bluffton Parkway.

Chairman Flewelling stated to add the Evaluation of Bluffton Parkway Circle/ Intersection of Bluffton Parkway and Buckwalter to the list, to be discussed in October.

Council Member Passiment stated a updated from the CTC regarding the dirt roads to be paved.

Chairman Flewelling stated to put down CTC dirt road paving updates for what is coming and what needs to be done.

Council Member Glover stated would like to see an update on resurfacing roads.

Chairman Flewelling stated to put down on the list as well.

**Status:** Informational Purposes Only

### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE PRESENTATION**

Jared Fralix \* read presentation projections pages 11 - 14

All Capital Improvement projects are updated every 1st Friday of the Month on the Beaufort County Website under Engineering.

**Status:** For Information Purposes only

### **SALES TAX UPDATE PRESENTATION**

Jared Fralix \* read presentation page 15 - 32

**Status:** Informational Purposes Only

### **BLUFFTON PARKWAY 5B UPDATE**

Jared Fralix stated this was requested by the Town of Bluffton to look at this project which started in 2006. The preliminary design was developed up to 70% then it was postponed. It reopened in 2010 and again in 2013/2014 with revisions and was once again halted. Town of Bluffton would like to get this road looked at on the approach on the western side.

Council Member Covert stated we need to concentrate on the intersection is a key piece to the expansion to Beaufort Memorial Hospital.

Chairman Flewelling asked if there is no funding available?

Ashley Jacobs stated there is 2.5 million of funding available in impact fees.

Scott Marshall stated the design has been on hold and would defer to Jared Fralix about design. The portion we need to look at is the portion that will increase job care and revenue to Beaufort county.

Jared Fralix stated we need to go back and review the environmental study.

Chairman Flewelling asked what is needed from council ?

Jared Fralix stated a motion to approve the funds.

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Rodman, seconded by Council Member Covert forwarded to county council meeting for approval. The motion approved without objection.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

## **POTENTIAL CONVERSION OF THE EXISTING US 278 BRIDGES OVER MACKAY CREEK AND SKULL CREEK TO A LINEAR PARK**

Jeff Bradley stated the idea of a creating a linear park out of the old US 278 bridges upon the construction of the new US 278 bridges was first suggested by Representative Bradley several weeks ago.

\*reviewed presentation pages 34- 38\*

Chairman Flewelling stated is there an overly of solutions to the problem that DOT has right now to show where they are in relation to this. Would like to explore this idea.

Council Member Covert asked would this jeopardize state funding? Would the environmental impact analysis take into consideration the amount of concrete? Where would the parking be for this area?

Jeff Bradley stated that we can go back and look into funding however there are work arounds and build enough of the coalition to make this happen. The environmental impact will be the biggest risk however we have 7 years to look into this. We have to get with the federal government to get look into this. The county has to take ownership of this to . There is vacant parking on both sides that can be purchased. This is a concept for walking.

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Rodman, seconded by Council Member McElynn to encourage SC DOT to evaluate the environmental impact of, and directing staff to investigate the potential of, a park utilizing the existing span over Mackay Creek and Skull Creek. The motion approved without objection.

## **SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING CENTER UPDATE**

Cindy Carter provided updated to center . \* read presentation pages 40-41.

Council Member McElynn asked if this is for business owners?

Cindy Carter stated this is for residential property only.

Council Member Dawson stated he opposes eliminating C&D.

Council Member McElynn stated his suggestion is to eliminate "Commercial Dumping" .

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Hervochon, seconded by Council Member McElynn to Leave the center open for MSW and recycling, but limit visits via an effective decal system (2 visits per week) and remove the collection of "Commercial" C&D waste (across the County). To move forward to CC on September 28th. The motion approved without objection.

## **FEDERAL COURTHOUSE PARKING LOT LEASE**

Ashley Jacobs stated this is for Sheriff Tanner to move administrative offices to the federal courthouse which will eliminate the cost of using the other buildings that is being occupied.

Chairman Flewelling stated we need to find out what is the long term effect on the budget will be. We will gather information to be viewed in a month.

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member McElynn, seconded by Council Member Covert to discuss the cost and reoccurring budget in a month, Information to be shared with finance. The motion approved without objection.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **BID AWARD OF NEW PACKER TRUCK FOR SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING**

Jared Fralix stated The use of a packer truck in Solid Waste and Recycling operations reduces the number of pulls (cost reduction) from County convenience centers and enables the consolidation of white goods from the centers. The current 2010 Freightliner packer truck (Asset #23415) has over 374,763 miles. Bid selection requested is \$130,516 (State contract) to Carolina International Trucks, Inc.

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Covert, Seconded by Council Member McElynn to move forward to County Council for approval. Motion passed without objection.

#### **CONTRACT AWARD FOR RFQ 063020, STORMWATER ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING SERVICES FOR PUBLIC WORK'S STORMWATER DEPARTMENT**

Jared Fralix stated the service contract is for one (1) year of consulting services, which is estimated to end on October 1, 2021. After reviewing the evaluating the written submittals, the committee elected to interview the top two (2) firms for an initial interview. After the interviews and final scoring, the evaluation committee unanimously ranked Woolpert, Inc., as the number one ranked firm and recommends them for the contract award. Use Stormwater Utility Funds from Account # 50250013-51160 (Professional Services). \$243,000 budgeted for FY21. Individual tasks/projects will be assigned to the consultant as the need arises for the management of the Stormwater Division.

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Covert, seconded by Council Member McElynn to award contract for RFQ#063020 Engineering and Consulting Services for Public Work's Stormwater Division. Motion passed without objection.

#### **BEAUFORT COUNTY AIRPORT – HANGAR GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT**

Jared Fralix stated As a result of the growth of general aviation at the airport, there is a need and an interest for increased hangar space in our area. Therefore, Beaufort County Airport will like to offer long term ground leases on vacant land for the construction of aircraft hangars.

**Motion:** It was moved by Committee Vice-Chair Glover, seconded by Council Member McElynn move forward to county council on September 28, 2020 for approval. Motion approved without objection.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

(Every member of the public who is recognized to speak shall limit comments to three minutes- Citizens may email sbrock@bcgov.net, or comment on our Facebook Live stream to participate in Citizen Comment)

No comments

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM

Ratified by: