



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

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## Community Services Committee

Monday, June 01, 2020 at 2:00 PM

[This meeting is being held virtually in accordance with Beaufort County Resolution 2020-05]

### PRESENT

Chairman Lawrence McElynn  
Council Member D. Paul Sommerville  
Council Member Gerald Dawson  
Council Member York Glover  
Council Member Alice Howard  
Council Member Stu Rodman

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### FOIA COMPLIANCE

Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council, confirmed that public notification of the meeting was 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 Dawson, to approve the agenda. The vote: YEAS- Council Member Passiment, Council Member Sommerville, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Glover, Council Member Howard and Chairman McElynn. 7:0

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Dawson, seconded by Council Member Passiment to approve the minutes from May 4, 2020. The vote: YEAS- Council Member Passiment, Council Member Sommerville, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Glover, Council Member Howard and Chairman McElynn. 7:0

### ACTION ITEMS

#### **Recommendation for FY 2021 Contract Renewals**

Dave Thomas, Beaufort County Purchasing Director, presented renewal contracts and provided a spreadsheet listing the specifics for each contract. 1) EMS- equipment maintenance \$50,560.81 2) GIS Department- imaging software/arial photos \$86,161.75 3) IT Department- Offsite disaster recovery

and backup of critical county services and data \$95,076.00 4) IT Department- Phone System and Partial Network Gear \$158,429.00. 5) IT Department- Microsoft Renewal \$ 487,568.83. An additional increase of \$200,000.00 is for Microsoft 365 licensing and cloud storage. 6) EMS- Billing Services- \$213,375.00 7) Mosquito Control- Public Health Insecticide for Mosquito Control- \$222,196.66 8) Detention Center- Food Service Program \$320,000.00 9) Detention Center- Health Care Services for Inmates \$1,458,000.00

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Dawson, seconded by Council Member Howard to approve recommended contract renewal items numbered 1-3. The vote: YEAS- Council Member Passiment, Council Member Sommerville, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Glover, Council Member Howard and Chairman McElynn. 7:0

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Dawson, seconded by Council Member Passiment to recommend the forwarding of contract renewal items numbered 4-9 to full council. The vote: YEAS- Council Member Passiment, Council Member Sommerville, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Glover, Council Member Howard and Chairman McElynn. 7:0

### **Approval of Contract Renewal for FY 20/21 with Hilton Head Humane Association for Veterinary Services for a Total Cost with Change Order of \$505,000.00**

Phil Foot, Assistant County Administrator, presented the requested contract renewal with Hilton Head Humane Association for Veterinary Services for Beaufort County's Animal Services. Hilton Head Humane Association (non-profit) was the only organization willing to contract with the County. The requested amount is \$505,000.00

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Howard, seconded by Council Member Glover to approve the Contract renewal for FY 20/21 with Hilton Head Humane Association for Veterinary Services for a total cost with change order of \$505,000.00. The vote: YEAS- Council Member Passiment, Council Member Sommerville, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Glover, Council Member Howard and Chairman McElynn. 7:0

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Beaufort-Jasper-Hampton Comprehensive Health Discussion regarding COVID-19 Testing Efforts**

Mr. Gardner- CEO of Beaufort, Jasper Hampton Comprehensive Health along with Dr. Faith Polkey discussed the efforts of the BJHCH's COVID testing, efforts to treat the community, operating out of three consolidated sites, implementing telehealth, and drive-up testing. Dr. Polkey stated even though the sites were consolidated, the pharmacy at the closed sites remained open and will be bringing medication outside to the customer. Dentists at the facility are only seeing emergency patients.

Chairman McElynn asked Dr. Polkey how many patients were being seen monthly and she responded that approximately 2,000 patients and normally 1,400 patients a month are seen.

Council Member Howard asked Dr. Polkey if PPE availability was getting better and her response was that standard PPE has gotten better but N95 mask are still hard to get.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Update on County Detention Center Operations**

Assistant County Administrator Phil Foot provided an update on the County Detention Centers Operations stating that the detention center holds around 210 inmates a day and due to the recent COVID pandemic the court administration decided to release as many non-violent offenders which brought the daily census down to 135. Reducing the numbers

gave the staff the ability to move inmates around giving them more space which keeps the inmates and staff safe. Mr. Foot explained that to ensure safety, the detention center is requiring new inmates and officers to wear a mask and staff is under the direction to keep new inmates separate for fourteen days before being released into general population. Mr. Foot confirmed that the staff is wearing PPE during their shift approximately 12 hours a day as well as inmates while outside of their cell. Mr. Foot developed a plan with the telephone contractor to allow inmates 3, 10-minute phone calls because during this time visitors are unable to come into the detention center, also in progress is implementing a video chat for inmates like facetime. Mr. Foot relayed that the detention center has not had any COVID outbreaks and is in the process of implementing testing with DHEC.

## **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Glover, seconded by Council Member Sommerville to reappoint Chairwoman Ellis and Treasurer Harvey-Palmer to the Lady's Island Fire District. The vote: YEAS- Council Member Passiment, Council Member Sommerville, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Glover, Council Member Howard and Chairman McElynn. 7:0

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Glover, seconded by Council Member Howard to reappoint Gardenia Simmons-White to the DSN Board. The vote: YEAS- Council Member Passiment, Council Member Sommerville, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Glover, Council Member Howard and Chairman McElynn. 7:0

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Clerk stated that no emails were received for Citizen comments.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 3:03 pm

Ratified on: August 31, 2020