



**County Council of
Beaufort County
Executive Committee
Meeting**

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Executive Committee Minutes

Monday, February 8, 2021 at 4:00 PM

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

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CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chairman Sommerville called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

PRESENT

Committee Chairman Sommerville
Council Member Passiment
Council Member McElynn
Council Member Howard
Council Member Cunningham
Council Member Lawson
Council Member Rodman
Council Member Flewelling

ABSENT

Council Member Glover
Council Member Dawson
Council Member Hervochon

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee Chairman Sommerville led the Pledge of Allegiance

FOIA

Committee Chairman Sommerville 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 Rodman, seconded by Council Member McElynn to approve the agenda. The vote: Unanimous without objection. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 11, 2021

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, seconded by Council Member McElynn to approve the minutes from January 11, 2021. The vote: Unanimous without objection. The motion passed.

PRESENTATION ITEMS

SouthernCarolina Alliance Quarterly Update- John Flemming

Mr. Flemming presented the quarterly report from SouthernCarolina Alliance.

Region wide numbers: 13 Announcements, \$369 Million in Capital Investments and 1,938 new jobs. 8 new companies invested \$353 Million creating 1,844 new jobs. Stoneworks Expansion \$3.2 Million and 21 new jobs. 5 other expansions at \$15 Million in Capital Investments and 94 new jobs.

ACTION ITEM

Discussion Regarding the Beaufort County Transportation Advisory Group

Discussion: This committee was created because there was a lot of activity south of the broad on 278 for municipalities to have input on the expansion and design and has since, stopped. This discussion is to see if there needs to be another committee/forum for the mayor's to have input.

Council Member Rodman stated that this committee would incorporate the Mayor's and Sheriff to get/give advice on the transportation projects/referendums that affect Beaufort County.

Council Member McElynn agrees with reducing the size of the group.

Council Member Howard stated that as long as this Committee is working with the CTC it would be a great idea.

Council Member Passiment asked if this goal could be accomplished at a Public Facilities Meeting. Council Member Rodman replied that the Mayor's needed to be involved and they all couldn't be invited.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Rodman, seconded by Council Member Flewelling to revise the membership of the transportation advisory committee and regroup with the proposed redline version. The Vote: Yea: Council Member Howard, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Lawson, Council Member Flewelling, Council Member Cunningham, Council Member Passiment. Nay: Council Member McElynn, Committee Chairman Sommerville. The motion passed. 6/2

Forward to Council with appropriate language for a Resolution.

A Resolution To Set Forth A Uniform Policy For Processing, Responding To, And Tracking Requests For Public Records In Compliance With The Freedom Of Information Act SC Code Of Laws 30-4-10 Et Seq.

Discussion: This policy is intended to balance Beaufort County's ("County") commitment to transparency and openness, while ensuring the protection of the County's confidentiality concerns and security interests.

Motion: It Was Moved By Council Member Passiment, Seconded By Council Member McElynn To Approve The Resolution To Set Forth A Uniform Policy For Processing, Responding To, And Tracking Requests For Public Records In Compliance With The Freedom Of Information Act SC Code Of Laws 30-4-10 Et Seq. Approved unanimously without objection. The motion passed.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Consideration of Reinstatement for Kathy Cooper (3rd Term) Of 4 Years to Beaufort Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees

Motion: It Was Moved By Council Member Howard, Seconded By Council Member Rodman To Approve The Reinstatement Of Kathy Copper To The Beaufort Memorial Hospital Board Of Trustees. The Vote: unanimous without objection. The motion passed.

Forward to Council

Consideration of Appointment for Vernita Dore, Replacing Andrea Allen to the Beaufort Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Flewelling to approve the appointment of Vernita Dore to the Beaufort Memorial Hospital Board of Trustee. The Vote: Unanimous without objection. The motion passed.

Forward to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Section 30-4-70. (A) (2) Discussion of Negotiations Incident to Proposed Contractual Agreements Regarding Economic Development

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Rodman, seconded by Council Member Flewelling to go into Executive Session. The Vote: Unanimous without objection. The motion passed.

MATTERS RISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

No matters rising out of Executive Session.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Ratified by Committee: March 1, 2021