



## Public Facilities and Safety Committee Beaufort County, SC

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

Monday, February 27, 2023  
3:00 PM

### MINUTES

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Cunningham called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

##### PRESENT

Chairman Logan Cunningham  
Vice-Chairman David P. Bartholomew (arrived at 3:05 PM)  
Council Member Thomas Reitz  
Council Member Paula Brown  
Council Member Anna Maria Tabernik  
Ex-Officio Joseph F. Passiment  
Council Member York Glover  
Council Member Gerald Dawson

##### ABSENT

Council Member Alice Howard  
Council Member Mark Lawson  
Council Member Lawrence McElynn

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee Chair Cunningham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 3. FOIA

Committee Chair Cunningham noted that public notification of this meeting had been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Passiment, seconded by Council Member Dawson, to approve the agenda.

**The Vote - The** motion was approved without objection.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, seconded by Council Member Passiment, to approve the minutes of January 23, 2023.

**The Vote** - The motion was approved without objection.

**6. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

No citizen comments.

**7. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BEAUFORT COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, OR ITS DESIGNEE, THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 114 ELLIOTT STREET**

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County Attorney Ward provided an overview of the purchase of parcels from the Technical College of the Lowcountry, the lack of housing for new Beaufort Memorial Hospital doctors, nurses, and other staff, and the lease of the house at 114 Elliott Street to Beaufort Memorial Hospital at a reduced rental rate.

Council Member Dawson and County Attorney Ward discussed the payment of utilities.

Council Member Glover and County Attorney Ward discussed insurance.

Committee Chair Cunningham asked if there was the potential for Beaufort Memorial Hospital to profit from the discount provided and if there was a provision in the contract to prevent profit-making. County Attorney Ward replied that a stipulation could be added to the lease contract.

County Attorney Ward commented on Beaufort Memorial Hospital's staffing storage and hiring setbacks due to the lack of immediate housing for doctors, nurses, and staff relocating to the area.

The Committee and County Attorney Ward discussed the size of the property and Beaufort Memorial Hospital's ability to decide how many people could stay at the property.

Committee Chair Cunningham and County Attorney Ward discussed funding provided to Beaufort Memorial Hospital and the Beaufort County lease policy.

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Passiment, seconded by Council Member Brown, to recommend approval of a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to enter into a lease agreement with Beaufort County Memorial Hospital, or its designee, the real property located at 114 Elliott Street.

**The Vote** - The motion was approved without objection.

**8. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO COMMISSION TWO SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Passiment, seconded by Council Member Dawson, to recommend approval of a resolution to commission two solid waste and recycling enforcement officers.

**The Vote** - The motion was approved without objection.

Council Member Glover and Assistant County Administrator Fralix discussed the decision to hire code enforcement officers.

**9. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE 2023 PALMETTO PRIDE LITTER ENFORCEMENT GRANT AWARD**

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<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/209092?ts=617>

Agenda items 9, 10, and 11 were voted on as a package.

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, seconded by Council Member Reitz, to recommend approval of a resolution to accept the 2023 Palmetto Pride Litter Enforcement Grant award.

Assistant County Administrator Fralix provided an overview of items 9, 10, and 11, including the application for and purpose of the grants.

Council Member Tabernik thanked the Solid Waste and Recycling Department for applying for the grants.

**The Vote** - The motion was approved without objection.

**10. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE 2023 PALMETTO PRIDE LITTER CREW GRANT AWARD**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, seconded by Council Member Reitz, to recommend approval of a resolution to accept the 2023 Palmetto Pride Litter Crew Grant award.

**The Vote** - The motion was approved without objection.

**11. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE 2023 PALMETTO PRIDE KEEP SC BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE SUPPORT GRANT AWARD**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, seconded by Council Member Reitz, to recommend approval of a resolution to accept the 2023 Palmetto Pride Keep SC Beaufort Affiliate Support Grant award.

**The Vote** - The motion was approved without objection.

**12. RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO REPLACE ASSET-23214, 2008 FREIGHTLINER M2 TRACTOR TRUCK, VIN: 1FUNC5CV68HZ57546 WITH THE DAY-CAB LOW-BOY TRACTOR 2024HX620**

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<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/209092?ts=1352>

Assistant County Administrator Fralix discussed the cost-effectiveness of purchasing a new tractor-trailer instead of repairing the current tractor-trailer's engine and that the purchase can be approved at the committee level.

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Dawson, seconded by Council Member Passiment, to recommend approval to replace Asset-23214, 2008 Freightliner M2 Tractor Truck, VIN: 1FUNC5CV68HZ57546 with the Day-Cab Low-Boy Tractor 2024HX620.

**Discussion:** Council Member Brown and ACA Fralix discussed the bidding process and the use of Sourcwell to make the purchase selection.

Council Member Bartholomew asked about the repair cost versus the replacement cost and the equipment's typical lifespan. ACA Fralix commented that the lifespan is 15 to 20 years.

Committee Chair Cunningham commented that he would update the full Council on the approval of this item at the next Council meeting.

**The Vote** - The motion was approved without objection.

**13. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BEAUFORT COUNTY TO WORK WITH THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND TO DEVELOP SUSTAINABLE AND VIABLE LONG-TERM RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, RECYCLING, AND ORGANIC WASTE SOLUTIONS**

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<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/209092?ts=746>

Assistant County Administrator Fralix commented on the staff's coordination with the Greater Island Council and the Town of Hilton Head on solid waste and recycling sustainability. Once this resolution is passed, the staff hopes to create similar resolutions with the other municipalities for waste processing.

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Passiment, seconded by Council Member Brown, to recommend approval of a resolution authorizing Beaufort County to work with the Town of Hilton Head Island to develop sustainable and viable long-term residential solid waste management, recycling, and organic waste solutions.

**Discussion:** Council Member Reitz asked about the Greater Island Council's input in the initiative and whether the Greater Island Council has the authority to mandate a solid waste management program. ACA Fralix replied that the Greater Island Council is an interested party that wants to see better solid waste management and has no authority to dictate policy. Council Member Reitz commented that he hopes that no one mandates anything to the people the Council Members represent and that he had heard concerns about a potential plan by the Greater Island Council to mandate trash pickup services. ACA Fralix discussed feedback provided by special interest groups to Town and County Councils and the ability of the Councils to determine if and how to incorporate the input.

Council Member Brown and Council Member Passiment discussed the Greater Island Council's membership.

Council Member Reitz asked to join Council Member Passiment at the next Greater Island Council meeting.

Council Member Glover and Dave Wilhelm discussed plans for the material recovery facility and landfill contract timelines and capacity.

**The Vote** - The motion was approved without objection.

**14. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A STORMWATER PROCUREMENT REQUEST FOR JOHN DEERE, 6110M BUSH HOG WITH BOOM ATTACHMENT (FISCAL IMPACT: \$205,026.81)**

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<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/209092?ts=1561>

Assistant County Administrator Fralix commented on the equipment replacement and cost.

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Glover, seconded by Council Member Passiment, to recommend approval of a stormwater procurement request for John Deere, 6110M Bush Hog with Boom Attachment.

**The Vote** - The motion was approved without objection.

**15. RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO AWARD SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT YEAR 6 REJUVENATOR TO PAVEMENT TECHNOLOGY, INC. (FISCAL IMPACT: \$319,480.28)**

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<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/209092?ts=1627>

Agenda items 15 and 16 were voted on as a package.

Assistant County Administrator Fralix commented on the five-year road resurfacing plan, preventative maintenance, and Country Transportation Committee funding and approval.

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, seconded by Council Member Passiment, to recommend approval to award Sole Source Contract Year 6 Rejuvenator to Pavement Technology, Inc.

**Discussion:** ACA Fralix discussed gas tax funds for South Carolina’s 46 County Transportation Committees, the funding amount allocated to Beaufort County per year, and how the Beaufort County Transportation Committee distributes the funds.

Council Member Tabernik commented on non-competitive purchasing.

Council Member Glover asked about the use of the rejuvenator and preservation slurry pavers on county roads. ACA Fralix replied that the preservation slurry pavers would be used on all roads, and the rejuvenator would be used on County roads.

Council Member Bartholomew and ACA Fralix discussed the add-ons, including prevention measures for grass growth on curbs, full-depth patching, and general contingencies.

**The Vote** - The motion was approved without objection.

**16. RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO AWARD IFB #021423 YEAR 6 PRESERVATION TO SLURRY PAVERS, INC. (FISCAL IMPACT: \$2,840,328.66)**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, seconded by Council Member Passiment, to recommend approval to award IFB #021423 Year 6 Preservation to Slurry Pavers, Inc.

**The Vote** - The motion was approved without objection.

**17. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATED WITH NEAR TERM IMPROVEMENTS ON SC HIGHWAY 170**

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**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Passiment, seconded by Council Member Brown, to recommend approval of a resolution authorizing the acquisition of real property for right of way associated with near-term improvements on SC Highway 170.

**Discussion:** Assistant County Administrator Fralix discussed property procurement to establish a right of way and collaboration with SCDOT on project plans, permit approval, and the intergovernmental agreement.

Council Member Tabernik asked about the timeline for the project. ACA Fralix replied that there is a three- to four-month timeline for bidding and a six- to eight-month timeline for construction. ACA Fralix also commented that the resurfacing on US 278 is a nighttime paving operation.

Council Member Passiment and ACA Fralix discussed the distance between the bulb-out and Del Webb Boulevard and the use of the bulb-out to direct traffic going north on SC 170.

Council Member Tabernik asked about bulb-out versus RCUT intersection designs. ACA Fralix clarified that extra asphalt is needed for turns at that location because it is a four-lane road.

**The Vote** - The motion was approved without objection.

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

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Committee Chair Cunningham commented on the County's budget workshop and the super penny tax proposal.

Assistant County Administrator Fralix outlined the next steps for the proposal, including coordination with municipality partners to gain input and buy-in, involvement of staff and approval from the Council, and the recommendation to establish a tax oversight committee.

County Administrator Greenway commented that this issue was not listed on the public agenda, and Committee Chair Cunningham asked for a discussion of the proposal to be added to the next meeting's agenda.

Council Member Glover suggested adding a Chairman's Briefing to the agenda to discuss issues like the super penny tax proposal.

Adjourned: 3:46 PM

Ratified: April 24, 2023