



## **Executive Committee Beaufort County, SC**

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

**Monday, January 3, 2022  
2:00 PM**

### **MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PRESENT**

Committee Chairman D. Paul Sommerville  
Council Member Joseph F. Passiment  
Council Member Mark Lawson  
Council Member Lawrence McElynn  
Council Member Stu Rodman  
Council Member Chris Hervocho  
Council Member Alice Howard  
Council Member York Glover  
Council Member Gerald Dawson  
Council Member Logan Cunningham

**ABSENT**

Council Member Brian Flewelling

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Committee Chairman Sommerville led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. **FOIA**

Committee Chairman Sommerville stated public notice of this meeting has been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the SC FOIA Act.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** It Was Moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Glover to Approve The Agenda. The Motion Was Approved Without Objection.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** It Was Moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Glover, To Approve December 6, 2021, Minutes with The Correction of a Typo in Item Number 14. The Motion Was Approved Without Objection.

6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

No Citizen Comments

7. **UPDATE FROM ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PATRICK HILL, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

To view the full update, click the link below.

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/152333>

- Council Member Dawson would like IT to extend broadband to the Big Estate and Sheldon areas.
- Patrick Hill stated that the extension is focused on District 1 and District 3 but can provide a list of addresses to the Council Members.
- Council Member Glover asked if anything was coordinated with the School District to help students in locations without broadband.
- Jared Fralix stated that they have worked with the School District and the State and have been provided with addresses of those students without access.

**Status:** Informational purposes only.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Items 8 and 9 were handled together.**

8. **ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR THE BEAUFORT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,005- Pinky Harriott, Budget Director**

- Beaufort County Sheriff's Office applied for a grant through the Department of Justice CEBR Program. The funds will be used to purchase equipment to increase the DNA lab's extraction capacity; the project is from October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2023.

9. **ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR THE BEAUFORT COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$113,227- Pinky Harriott, Budget Director**

- Beaufort County Coroner's Office applied for and was awarded a grant by the Department of Justice. The goal of the funds is to develop and implement accreditation standards for the Coroner's Office; the project period is October 1, 2021- September 30, 2023.

**Discussion:** To view the full discussion click the link below.

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**Motion:** It Was Moved by Council Member Dawson, Seconded by Council Member Howard To Combined Items 8 And 9 And Approve the Acceptance of a Grant Award from The Department of Justice for The Beaufort County Sheriff's Office in The Amount Of \$70,005 And Approve the Acceptance of a Grant Award from The Department of Justice for The Beaufort County Coroner's Office in The Amount Of \$113,227. Motion Approved Without Objection.

**Status:** Forward to Council for approval.

10. **APPROVAL FOR THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE RCORP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT- Steve Donaldson, Beaufort County Alcohol and Drug**

- Beaufort County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Department is writing the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program Implementation grant. It is a Federal Grant administered by the Health Resources Services Administration. Its total is 1 Million dollars. This grant is to partner with other community organizations to expand the reach of BCADAD. Implementing personnel and programming in BMH and the BC Detention Center are the primary objectives to engaging substance misusers into treatment and recovery. The BCADAD could help reduce patient recycling through the emergency department and jail, thus saving taxpayer dollars while improving the lives of citizens.

**Discussion:** To view the full discussion click the link below.

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**Motion:** It Was Moved by Council Member McElynn, Seconded by Council Member Dawson To Approve for The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Department to Apply for The RCORP Implementation Grant. The Motion Was Approved Without Objection.

**Status:** Forward to Council for approval.

11. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ELEMENTS OF THE RULES AND PROCEDURES HANDBOOK**

**Discussion:** To view the full discussion click the link below.

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12. **APPOINTMENT OF DEAN NADLER TO THE SEABROOK POINT, SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT FOR AN EXPIRATION DATE OF 2026**

**Discussion:** To view the full discussion click the link below.

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**Motion:** It Was Moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Dawson To Approve the Appointment of Dean Nadler To the Seabrook Point, Special Tax District for An Expiration Date Of 2026. The Motion Was Approved Without Objection.

**Status:** Forward to Council for approval.

Eric Greenway, the County Administrator, spoke regarding several issues:

- Re-opening of the Bluffton Library on Tuesday at 9 am.
- Grants are being applied for by Steve Donaldson, BCADAD.

- Encouraging Council Members to reach out to state legislators regarding mental health care to help with local resources for individuals in the community.
- Council Member Cunningham offered to set up a meeting with state officials regarding the above issue and invited Council Member McElynn.
- Council Member Dawson suggested addressing the full delegation and seeing if they can get some movement and direction for the crisis the county is dealing with
- Council Member Rodman suggested brainstorming ideas on how to address the problem. Mr. Greenway stated there are ideas and solutions to address the problem; however additional resources are needed on a state level.
- Council Member McElynn suggested reaching out to local community organizations for ideas and possible federal funding.
- Council Member Glover suggested a Resolution to give to delegation or something in writing to present.

**Discussion:** To view the full discussion click the link below.

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13. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:33 PM.

**Ratified by Committee: February 7, 2022**