



Finance Committee Beaufort County, SC

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

Monday, November 15, 2021
2:00 PM

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

PRESENT

Committee Chairman Mark Lawson
Committee Vice-Chair Chris Hervochon
Council Member Joseph Passiment
Council Member Alice Howard
Council Member Gerald Dawson
Council Member Stu Rodman
Council Member York Glover
Council Member Brian Flewelling

ABSENT

Council Member Lawrence McElynn
Council Member Paul Sommerville
Council Member Logan Cunningham

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Lawson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **FOIA**

Chairman Lawson 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 Howard, Seconded by Council Member Dawson To Approve the Agenda. The Motion Was Approved Without Objection.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES- AUGUST 16, 2021**

Motion: It Was Moved by Council Member Dawson, Seconded by Council Member Howard To Approve the Minutes from August 16, 2021. The Motion Was Approved Without Objection.

6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

No Citizen Comments

7. **UPDATE FROM INTERIM CFO HAYES WILLIAMS**

Discussion: To see the full discussion click the link below.

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/148141>

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AGENDA ITEMS

8. **DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION OF YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FY 2022- HAYES WILLIAMS, CFO**

Discussion: To see the full discussion click the link below.

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9. **ACCOMMODATIONS TAX (STATE 2%) BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS TO TOURISM-RELATED ORGANIZATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$800,000**

Dick Farmer, Accommodations Tax (State 2%) Board Chairman will present the Board's recommendations for the 2021-2022 State A-TAX Grant Awards.

Hayes Williams stated an allocation of \$800,000 from State A-TAX Funds Collections to be awarded to grant applicants.

Discussion: To see the full discussion click the link below.

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Motion: It Was Moved by Council Member Rodman, Seconded by Council Member Glover to Approve the Accommodations Tax (State 2%) Board Recommendations to Tourism-Related Organizations in The Amount Of \$800,000. Recommended to Full Council Without Objection.

Status: Forward to Council for approval

10. **REQUEST FROM THE 14TH CIRCUIT PUBLIC DEFENDERS' OFFICE FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING OF \$166,397**

Stephanie Smart-Gittings stated the current Beaufort County allocation for the Beaufort County Public Defender's Office stands at \$1,498,131.00. Requesting a mid-year request for an additional \$166,397.00 to maintain staff for the Beaufort County Public Defender's Office.

Discussion: To see the full presentation and discussion click the link below.

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Motion: It Was Moved by Council Member Flewelling, Seconded by Council Member Rodman to Approve the Request from the 14th Circuit Public Defenders' Office for Additional Funding Of \$166,397.00. Recommended to Full Council Without Objection.

Status: Forward to Council for approval

11. **RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE BEAUFORT COUNTY PROCUREMENT CODE, DIVISION 4 CONCERNING CONTRACT APPROVAL THRESHOLDS AND TO REQUEST ADDITIONS TO THE CURRENT EXEMPTION SECTION**

Discussion: To see the full discussion click the link below.

Deputy County Administrator, Whitney Richland, stated that this item came from the Finance Committee and went through the first reading at the Council level, however, there was a discrepancy in the Ordinance so therefore it has been brought back to discuss.

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12. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 pm

Ratified by Committee: January 20, 2022