



## Public Facilities and Safety Committee Beaufort County, SC

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Robert Smalls Complex 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort

Monday, January 22, 2024  
3:00 PM

### MINUTES

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#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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DAVID P. BARTHOLOMEW, VICE-CHAIRMAN  
PAULA BROWN  
JOSEPH F. PASSIMENT, EX-OFFICIO

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Cunningham called the meeting to order at 3:10PM

#### PRESENT

Committee Chairman Logan Cunningham  
Committee Vice-Chairman David P. Bartholomew  
Council Member Thomas Reitz  
Council Member Paula Brown  
Council Member Anna Maria Tabernik  
Council Member Alice Howard  
Council Member York Glover  
Council Member Gerald Dawson  
Ex-Officio Joseph Passiment

#### ABSENT

Council Member Mark Lawson  
Council Member Lawrence McElynn

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee Chair Cunningham led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. **PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PUBLISHED, POSTED, AND DISTRIBUTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

Committee Chair Cunningham stated public notice of this meeting had been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with SC FOIA.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion to Amend:** It was moved by Vice-Chairman Bartholomew, Seconded by Ex-Officio Passiment to postpone item number 8 "2018 One Cent Transportation Sales Tax Update" to the next Public Facilities and Safety Committee Meeting on February 26, 2024.

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

**Main Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, seconded by Ex-Officio Passiment, to approve the agenda as amended.

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

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 27, 2023 & December 11, 2023**

**Motion:** It was moved by Ex-Officio Passiment, seconded by Council Member Howard to approve the minutes of November 27, 2023 & December 11, 2023.

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

6. **CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no citizen comments.

7. **ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT- Jared Fralix**

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Assistant County Administrator, Infrastructure, Jared Fralix, updated the committee with a reflection on what was done over the past year. Hannah Nichols, Public Information Officer for Beaufort County created a year in review report that included a lot of items that came through the Public Facilities and Safety Committee. Impact fees were updated and finalized. A \$30 million contract was funded and awarded for the terminal improvements at the Hilton Head Airport. 115 acres of property has been purchased for the future law enforcement center. Mr. Fralix fast forwarded to 30 years to state the population has doubled, probably tripled in the last 30 years. 115 acres were secured and close to \$6 million was invested in it. The framework was established to provide support to our military installations through intergovernmental support agreements and supporting the military through IGSA's we too can share that we are supporting a National Defense. The boat landing masterplan was completed. Via court order, this year a new embarkation location had to be made. The location was moved across the creek to CC Haigh. A future RFP, related to the upcoming Sales Tax Referendum, a solicitation for a consultant to help with program management for that future Sales Tax program.

Council Member Tabernik asked if there was no mention of the 170 Triangle. Mr. Fralix replied that's right, that's in there too."

8. **2018 ONE CENT TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX UPDATE**  
POSTPONED UNTIL THE NEXT PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SAFETY MEETING
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**AGENDA ITEMS**

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9. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD TO APAC ATLANTIC, INC. OF SAVANNAH, GA, FOR IFB # 042523HXD TAXIWAY F REHABILITATION AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECT (\$3,488,760) **(FISCAL IMPACT: This project will be funded by an FAA grant (90%) and an SC Aeronautics grant (10%). Initial funds will be drawn from GL account 5402-90-0000-57130)** - Jon Rembold, Airport Director

Airport Director Jon Rembold stated that this project was designed a couple years ago, and it went out to bid last Spring but because of some FAA items needing to be addressed the award of the contract was put off. APAC has held the bid number, but it is at the end of their hold. Here to get authorization so we can start working with procurement to formalize the contract.

**Motion:** It was moved by Ex-Officio Passiment, seconded by Council Member Tabernik, to recommend approval of a contract to award to Apac Atlantic, Inc of Savannah, GA, for IFB #042523HXD Taxiway F Rehabilitation and Construction Project.

**Discussion:** Committee Chairman Cunningham asks what the fiscal impact would be. Mr. Rembold stated it will be funded by the FAA and there will be a state grant, so it will be completely funded.

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

10. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF WORK AUTHORIZATION 2119-2302 TO TALBERT, BRIGHT, AND ELLINGTON (TBE) FOR CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND FAA-MANDATED RESIDENT PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE SERVICES **(FISCAL IMPACT: Total value of work authorization shall not exceed \$154,883.00. This project will be funded by an FAA grant (90%) and a SCAC grant (10%. Funds will be drawn from 5402-90-0000-57130)** - Jon Rembold, Airport Director

Airport Director Jon Rembold explains the FAA says that when you get a grant from the FAA they expect you to have construction administration in place with your consultant team. Also, there is a resident project representative or project inspector, and that person needs to be on site wherever there is construction going on. These services are paid for the same way with the same grant as the construction would pay for.

**Motion:** It was moved by Ex-Officio Passiment, seconded by Council Member Reitz, to recommend approval of work authorization 2119-2302 to Talbert, Bright, and Ellington (TBE) for Construction Administration and FAA-Mandated Resident Project Representative Services.

**Discussion:** No discussion.

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

11. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF WORK AUTHORIZATION 2119-2304 TO TALBERT, BRIGHT, AND ELLINGTON (TBE) TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE ST. JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH PROJECT (\$366,816) **(FISCAL IMPACT: The total value of this work authorization shall not exceed \$366,816.00. This project will be funded by a future grant (90%). The final 10% will be paid with airport funds and/or SCAC grant funds. Funds will be drawn from 5402-90-0000-57130)** - Jon Rembold, Airport Director

Airport Director Jon Rembold stated that anytime you have federal funds involved you have to satisfy the environmental requirements. This is a step that will be taken to satisfy the environmental requirements for an eventual FAA participation in the purchase and relocation of St. James Baptist Church.

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Howard, seconded by Council Member Reitz, to recommend approval of a work authorization 2119-2304 to Talbert, Bright, and Ellington (TBE) to prepare and environmental assessment in support of the St. James Baptist Church Project.

**Discussion:** No discussion.

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

12. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT AWARD TO BEAUFORT CONSTRUCTION OF SC, LLC. FOR IFB #101823 M.C. RILEY POOL ENCLOSURE & CLIMATE CONTROL (\$2,002,000) **(FISCAL IMPACT: Contract award in the amount of \$2,002,000.00 with a \$200,200.00 contingency fund for a total of \$2,202,200.00. Funding comes from Parks and Recreation Capital Fund, 1040-80-1600-54420. Current account balance is \$3,956,064.35)** - Eric Larson, Capital Projects Director

Capital Projects Director, Eric Larson explained, this is the M.C. Riley Pool, second phase. The first phase is completed. Last summer, the roof was replaced on that facility. Phase two is interior renovation, HVAC, and building envelope. Doors will be replaced to seal it so that it can permanently become a climate control facility. A bid was put out using the Governmental Co-Op Contract Mechanism and the project award was unsuccessful at that time. A bid was put out for a second time and one bid was received from Beaufort Construction for \$2,002,000. Asking for a 10% contingency to add on. Recommending award of contract to Beaufort Construction in the amount of \$2,202,200.

**Motion:** It was moved by Ex-Officio Passiment, seconded by Council Member Brown, to recommend approval of a contract award to Beaufort Construction of SC, LLC for IFB #101823 M.C. Riley Pool Enclosure & Climate Control.

**Discussion:** Council Member Tabernik mentioned that she was a little surprised there was only one bid. Mr. Larson explained it is a big project. The Governmental Co-Op Contract routes and couldn't find a contractor that could give a price within the budget. Council Member Tabernik asked if Beaufort Construction is also doing the Port Royal Library. Mr. Larson responded yes.

Committee Chairman Cunningham asked what the timeframe is on starting and completion of the project. Mr. Larson replied they have 190 days, so six months. They will have to talk with Parks and Recreation about how to schedule the closure. Will the facility be closed at this time, yes it will be.

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

13. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (SCDOT) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED UNDER THE CROSS ISLAND PARKWAY ADJACENT TO THE BROAD CREEK BOAT LANDING PARCEL 552 010 000 0650 0000 **(FISCAL IMPACT: N/A)** - Jared Fralix, P.E., Assistant County Administrator, Infrastructure

Mr. Fralix explained this project started before the ferry as properties to swap with the town. The Town does not own the property, DOT owns the property. Staff worked steadily to get an encroachment permit in the interim while working through the development site plan with the intent to come back with a lease agreement. Both legal teams coordinated to develop a lease agreement. This is a DOT lease; it is

underneath the bridge at Cross Island, so they are not going to donate that property. They've offered a 35-year lease at no cost to continue use under parking underneath the bridge.

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Passiment, seconded by Council Member Tabernik, to recommend approval of recommend approval of an ordinance authorizing the interim county administrator to enter into a lease agreement with the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) for property located under the Cross Island parkway adjacent to the broad creek boat landing parcel 552 010 000 0650 0000.

**Discussion:** No Discussion

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

14. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A REQUEST TO PURCHASE (1) NEW CAT MODEL: 926 SMALL WHEEL LOADER (**FISCAL IMPACT: \$224,402.59**) - Jared Fralix, P.E., Assistant County Administrator, Infrastructure

Mr. Fralix explained this equipment is inside Stormwater. There is an existing John Deere, a 2007 that is an old asset. The old asset will be disposed of and purchase a new one for \$224,000. The funding source is Stormwater, and the account balance is \$531,000 before the purchase.

**Motion:** It was moved by Ex-Officio Passiment, Seconded by Council Member Tabernik to approve the purchase of (1) new cat model: 926 small wheel loader.

**Discussion:** No Discussion

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

**(Items 15 through 18 were taken together)**

15. RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD TO EUROVIA ATLANTIC DBA BLYTHE FOR IFB #011224E YEAR 7 RESURFACING PROJECT (**FISCAL IMPACT: \$5,036,574.54**) - Jared Fralix, P.E., Assistant County Administrator, Infrastructure

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Mr. Fralix explained the next four items have to do with the year seven resurfacing projects. There are two paving programs; one for dirt road paving which is primarily funded through tag funds and a resurfacing program which is funded through CTC funds. Five years' worth of roads were completed in the first five years. The overall health of the pavement system is completely good. In the second, five-year program it's starting to get in more preventative maintenance. There are lesser treatments but getting more road miles. This year's resurfacing program is broken into three parts. CTC has a requirement to spend 33% of the funds that are received back on the DOT Network. The remaining funds can be spent on other public roads. There is \$2.3 million being spent on county roads and \$1.7 million on DOT roads. There will be some patching from Buck Island to Red Cedar. The microsurfacing that will take place are all on County owned roads. The rejuvenator is done in year two, year five, and year ten. In total with all road improvements that are planned, year seven worth of contracts it about \$5 Million.

**Motion:** It was moved by Ex-Officio Passiment, Seconded by Vice-Chairman Bartholomew to approve items 16 - recommendation of award to Eurovia Atlantic DBA Blythe for ifb #011224E year 7 resurfacing project; 17- recommend approval to award Transystems with year 7 resurfacing construction management and CEI; and 18 - recommend approval to award a sole source contract to Pavement Technologies, Inc. For year 7 rejuvenator, together as 1 item.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

16. RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO AWARD TRANSYSTEMS WITH YEAR 7 RESURFACING CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND CEI (\$196,672.20) (**FISCAL IMPACT: Transystems bid total of \$163,893.50, with a 20% contingency of \$32,778.70, for a project cost of \$196,672.20. The funding for this project is CTC Infrastructure account number 2343-30-0000-54500, with a balance of \$15,808,966.86**) - Jared Fralix, P.E., Assistant County Administrator, Infrastructure
17. RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT TO PAVEMENT TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR YEAR 7 REJUVENATOR (**FISCAL IMPACT: The contract fee is for materials and construction in the amount of \$172,259.94. Staff recommends a 10% contingency of \$17,225.99, bringing the project's total cost to \$198,485.93. The funding for this project will be from CTC Infrastructure account number 2343-30-0000-54500 with a balance of \$15,808,966.86**) - Jared Fralix, P.E., Assistant County Administrator, Infrastructure
18. RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT TO SLURRY PAVERS, INC. FOR 7-YEAR PAVEMENT PRESERVATION (\$632,551.87) (**FISCAL IMPACT: The contract fee is for materials and construction in the amount of \$527,126.56. Staff recommends a 20% contingency of \$105,425.31, bringing the project's total cost to \$632,551.87. The funding for this project will be CTC Infrastructure account number 2343-30-0000-54500 with a balance of \$15,808,966.86**) - Jared Fralix, P.E., Assistant County Administrator, Infrastructure
19. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT AWARD TO i2 RECYCLE FOR RFP #102423 - RECYCLABLES, PROCESSING, AND MARKETING FOR BEAUFORT COUNTY (\$1,129,618) (**FISCAL IMPACT: This is a unit rate contract. The estimated cost for the contract is \$1,129,618. A certain amount from FY24 and a certain amount from FY25 will be budgeted for FY25 under disposal services. The current funding account is 5010-90-1340-5116**) – Victoria Hoffman, Solid Waste and Recycling Program Manager

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RFP 102423 was advertised on Vendor Registry September 19, 2023 and in the SC Business Opportunity Magazine and the Island Packet. The selected vendor will provide the transportation of recyclable materials for processing, processing of recyclable materials, and marketing and sale of recyclable materials. The initial contract term would be for 5 years from August 1, 2024, to July 31, 2029, with the option for three additional annual renewals.

**Discussion:** Council Member Howard mentioned she's glad to see there were several bidders. She asked where is i2 headquarters and how this will affect the MRF. Ms. Hoffman replied Hardeeville. All recycling will be processed by i2 and if not, a partner in close proximity and not enough recycling stream is being created to be able to profitably manage a MRF.

Council Member Dawson asked how this will play into the collections when there is limited space at the convenience centers. Ms. Hoffman replied the large four centers will continue to have the receptacles and the i2 bins will be switched from what's currently in place.

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Howard, seconded by Ex-Officio Passiment to recommend approval of a contract award to i2 Recycle for recyclables, processing, and marketing for Beaufort County.

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

20. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE MILITARY ENHANCEMENT PLAN FUND GRANT FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$3,392,328 FOR THE LAUREL BAY ROAD PATHWAY PROJECT (**FISCAL IMPACT: The grant is an 80/20 match: 80% from SCDVA and 20% Local Match. The grant award is for a total of \$3,392,328 that will be deposited in the 2018 One Cent Transportation Sales Tax account 4705-80-0000-43765 and used for the Laurel Bay Road Pathway project. With a total project cost, plus contingency equaling \$4,950,940.79, the County's match is \$1,558,612.79 from account number 4705-80-0000-54500**) - Jared Fralix, P.E., Assistant County Administrator, Infrastructure

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Dawson, seconded by Ex-Officio Passiment to approve a resolution to accept the Military Enhancement Plan Fund Grant from the South Carolina Department of Veterans' Affairs for the Laurel Bay Road Pathway Project.

**Discussion:** No Discussion

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

21. RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD TO IPW CONSTRUCTION GROUP FOR IFB #120123E LAUREL BAY RD PATHWAY PROJECT (**FISCAL IMPACT: \$4,125,783.99 funding for this project will be South Carolina Veterans' Affairs Military Enhancement Grant for \$3,392,328 and the remainder from the 2018 One Cent Sales Tax – Sidewalks and Multi-Use Pathways account number 4705-80-0000-54500 with a balance of \$17,735,384.**) - Jared Fralix, P.E., Assistant County Administrator, Infrastructure

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Howard, seconded by Ex-Officio Passiment to recommend approval to award IWP Construction Group for the Laurel Bay Rd. Pathway Project.

**Discussion:** No Discussion

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

22. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD TO NIX CONSTRUCTION CO. INC. FOR IFB #101023 OKATIE RIVER PARK (**FISCAL IMPACT: \$2,922,403.00**) - Eric Larson, PE, Director, Capital Projects

**Motion:** It was moved by made by Ex-Officio Passiment, seconded by Council Member Tabernik to recommend approval to award Nix Construction Co. Inc. Okatie River Park.

**Discussion:** Council Member Tabernik mentions she looked at the fiscal impact and the tax grant money for this, part of it is A-Tax money.

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

23. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A 2024 TRANSPORTATION SALES AND USE TAX REFERENDUM (**FISCAL IMPACT: If approved by Council and the electorate, the county will levy and impose a one percent (1%) sales and use tax throughout the entire county for fifteen (15) years or until the county raises \$1.625 billion in revenue, whichever occurs first**) - Jared Fralix, P.E., Assistant County Administrator, Infrastructure

On December 11, 2023, County Council adopted Resolution 2023/66. In adopting the Resolution, Council accepted and adopted the recommendations of the Sales Tax Advisory Committee ("STAC") which Council established on June 12, 2023 and whose purpose it was to study possible sales taxes for three different purposes: transportation, capital projects, and education capital projects. STAC recommended proceeding with a transportation sales tax only in 2024. It recommended a referendum question to be placed on the ballot in November 2024 which asks voters to approve a one percent (1%) sales and use tax in Beaufort County beginning the following year and extending for fifteen (15) years or until the County raises \$1.625

billion, whichever occurs first, to fund the series of critical transportation and mobility projects set forth in Exhibit A to the Resolution. Based on Resolution 2023/66, administration brings forward the attached ordinance to levy and impose a one percent (1%) sales and use tax, subject to a referendum, pursuant to S.C. Code §4-37-30; to define the specific purposes and to designate projects for which the proceeds of the sales and use tax may be used; to provide for the maximum time for which the tax may be imposed; to provide the estimated cost of the projects to be funded; to provide for a county-wide referendum on the issuance of general obligations bonds; to prescribe the contents of the ballot questions in the referendum

**Motion to Amend:** It was moved by Council Member Howard, seconded by Council Member Tabernik to remove the word reimagine on page 123 on the ordinance draft.

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

**Motion to Amend:** It was moved by Council Member Bartholomew, seconded by Council Member Glover to amend section 2.3 on page 123 and question 2 on page 128 to reflect the bonding in the amount of up to \$650 million.

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

**Main Motion:** It was moved by, Ex-Officio Passiment, seconded by Council Member Glover to approve the agenda as amended.

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

24. ADJOURNMENT: 4:05 pm

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