



**County Council of
Beaufort County
Community Services
Committee Meeting**

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Finance Committee Minutes

Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 2:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

Committee Chairman Lawson
Committee Vice-Chairman Hervochoch
Council Member Glover
Council Member Flewelling
Council Member Dawson
Council Member Howard
Council Member Passiment
Council Member Rodman
Council Member McElynn

ABSENT

Council Member Cunningham
Council Member Sommerville

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee Chairman Lawson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

FOIA

Committee Chairman Lawson 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

It was moved by Council Member Dawson, seconded by Council Member Howard to “**approve the agenda**”. 8:0 Motion carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion of 2020 Awards of Local Accommodations Tax and Hospitality Tax- Raymond Williams, Finance Director and Shannon Milroy, Grants Accountant

[Link to Video and Report on Local Accommodations and Hospitality Awards from 2019-2020](#)

Last year Beaufort County Awarded \$1,165,600.00 from Local Accommodations Tax and Local Hospitality Tax to various agencies located in Beaufort County.

Discussion:

- Reviewing/defining criteria for awarding local accommodations and hospitality awards
- Review of where money went in 2019-2020 and accomplishments
- Black Chamber of Commerce, was awarded funds for the Kentucky Derby 2020 was canceled and money was not spent, discussed why additional funding was requested.
- \$143,404.00 spent
- \$985,296.00 not yet spent
- Majority of money not spend is tied up on buildings, repairs, etc., that are still waiting on construction/permits.

ACTION ITEMS

Recommendations to Finance Committee for the 2021 Awards of Local Accommodations and Hospitality Tax-Raymond Williams, Finance Director

Beaufort County started the Local Accommodation Tax and Local Hospitality Tax application process in September 2020, with the closing of applications on December 31, 2020. The applications were reviewed by the Local Accommodation Tax and Local Hospitality Tax Committee for compliance with the Local Statutes and their individual need and merit. The Local Accommodation Tax fund has approximately \$1,651,428.00 to award, and the Hospitality Tax Fund has approximately \$1,981,105.00 to award for a combined total of \$3,632,533.00 available to award for 2021.

[Link to Video and Report on 2021 Local Accommodations and Hospitality Tax](#)

Discussion:

- A lot of construction projects being awarded in 2021
- Spanish Moss Trail Bridge insured for repairs? Instead of awarding funds for upgrade/reconstruction.
- Boundary Street Tennis Court funding? There was design money but no money for repairs allocated within Community Services.
- Reconstruction Era discussion and awards. 4 Requested projects, 3 awarded. The Stokes Cottage was not awarded due to it being privately owned.

It was moved by Council Member Dawson, seconded by Council Member Hervochon to approve **“the recommendations to Finance Committee for the 2021 Awards for Local Accommodations and Hospitality Tax”**. Forward to Council. 9:0 Motion carried

Council Member Rodman gave an update on Heritage Tourism.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No Citizen Comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:53 pm.

Ratified by Committee: April 19, 2021

