



Public Facilities and Safety Committee Beaufort County, SC

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

**Monday, September 16, 2024
3:00 PM**

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

LOGAN CUNNINGHAM, CHAIRMAN

THOMAS REITZ

ANNA MARIA TABERNIK

DAVID P. BARTHOLOMEW, VICE-CHAIRMAN

PAULA BROWN

JOSEPH F. PASSIMENT, EX-OFFICIO

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

Committee Chairman Logan Cunningham

Council Member Paula Brown

Council Member Anna Maria Tabernik

Council Member Gerald Dawson

Council Member York Glover

Council Member Alice Howard

Council Member Thomas Reitz

Chairman Joseph Passiment

ABSENT

Committee Vice-Chair David Bartholomew

Council Member Mark Lawson

Vice-Chairman Lawrence McElynn

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Chairman Passiment, Seconded by Council Member Brown, to approve the agenda.

The Vote: The motion passed without objection.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 19, 2024

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, seconded by Chairman Passiment, to approve the minutes from August 19, 2024.

The Vote: The motion was approved without objection.

6. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD- 15 MINUTES TOTAL

Anyone who wishes to speak during the Citizen Comment portion of the meeting will limit their comments and speak no longer than three (3) minutes. Speakers will address Council in a respectful manner appropriate to the decorum of the meeting, refraining from the use of profane, abusive, or obscene language. In accordance with Beaufort County's Rules and Procedures, giving of a speaker's time to another is not allowed.

1. Ms. Blount
2. Roy Brown
3. Craig Reeves
4. Inez Miller
5. Susan
6. Ms. White

Please see the video stream available on the County's website for the full comment period.

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/315314?ts=106>

7. ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Tallulah McGee, Director of Animal Services, spoke about coyote tracking and management in Beaufort County and the partnership with the DNR for control.

Please see the video stream available on the County's website for the full discussion.

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/315314?ts=1122>

AGENDA ITEMS

8. RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO COUNCIL OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR THE COUNTY OWNED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 316 CASTLE ROCK ROAD - Jared Fralix, P.E., ACA Engineering

Lowcountry Area Transportation Authority, also known as Palmetto Breeze, needs space in Northern Beaufort County for parking buses. Currently, there are approximately 15 of the 40 buses within their fleet parked in the driveway of the driver's residence because they do not have a storage lot for their fleet. A centralized storage lot would reduce operational cost and increase security of their buses. Beaufort

County owns a 1.0-acre lot at the intersection of Grober Hill Rd. and Castle Rock Rd. that was formerly used as a convenience center. The property is currently vacant and is identified as surplus property. Rather than sell the property, staff proposes to enter into a lease agreement with Beaufort County's transit partner, Palmetto Breeze, for use of the parcel as a bus storage facility. Lease rate for Palmetto Breeze is \$1.00.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Glover, Seconded by Council Member Howard to Recommend Approval to Council of an Ordinance Authorizing the County Administrator to Enter into a Lease Agreement with Lowcountry Regional Transportation Authority for the County Owned Property Located at 316 Castle Rock Road.

The Vote: The motion was approved without objection.

For more information, please see the video stream on the County's website.

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/315314?ts=1765>

9. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A REQUEST TO PURCHASE (1) CAT 308 MINI HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR (\$154,771). (FISCAL IMPACT: \$154,771 the funding for this item has been approved in the fy 2025 budget under the stormwater account #5025-90-9020-54000) - Jared Fralix, P.E., ACA Engineering

Stormwater is seeking approval to purchase a 2024 CAT Mini 308 Excavator as a replacement for Asset 38347, a 2014 CAT Excavator that has accumulated 4,010 hours over its 10-year lifespan. Blanchard CAT has provided a quote based on the 2024 Source Well Contract 020223-CAT Cooperative Contract at \$154,771.00.

Beaufort County Fleet Manager recommends approving the procurement of a CAT Mini 308 Excavator to replace the previously identified asset. This recommendation is founded on numerous factors, including the potential to enhance operational efficiency, bolster safety measures, reduce maintenance costs, and increase overall reliability to mitigate any potential downtime due to age and hours. With the Source Well discount, the cost of the new excavator will decrease from \$201,557.00 to \$154,271.00. The funding has been approved in the FY2025 budget.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, seconded by Council Member Dawson, to approve the request to purchase (1) CAT 308 Mini Hydraulic Excavator.

The Vote: The motion was approved without objection

The item is approved at the committee level, under the procurement threshold of the Council.

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<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/315314?ts=2049>

10. RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO COUNCIL OF A CHANGE ORDER TO DAVIS & FLOYD FOR RFP#092420TE LADY'S ISLAND ACCESS ROADS DESIGN AND ENGINEERING (FISCAL IMPACT: \$556,644) - Jared Fralix, P.E., ACA Engineering

Beaufort County entered into a contract with Davis & Floyd for the design and engineering of the 2018 One Cent Transportation Sales Tax projects known as the Lady's Island Access Roads for the amount of \$2,518,136.52: \$2,289,214.52 contract value with a contingency of \$228,922. The projects include Hazel Farm Rd. and S-7-497 Gay Drive, Lady's Island Middle School Access Road, S-7-186 Sunset Blvd. and S-7-187 Miller Dr. W., Meadowbrook Dr. Ext. Mayfair Ct. Ext. and US 21 Airport Frontage Rd. Phase 2. As prior change orders have been executed throughout the development of the projects, the contingency amount has been depleted.

Throughout the development of the projects, modifications have been needed to cover additional work such as surveys, stormwater investigation and design, public meeting participation, subsurface utility engineering, utility coordination, and right-of-way acquisition, which have changed from the original scope of work. Additional funds are needed to complete the contract for public involvement, right-of-way appraisals and design, and final roadway design.

The change order request of \$226,644 plus a contingency request of \$330,000 brings the total increase to \$556,644 and the overall budget to \$3,074,780.52.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Reitz, seconded by Council Member Glover, to Recommend Approval to Council of a Change Order to Davis & Floyd for RFP# 092420TE Lady's Island Access Roads Design and Engineering.

The Vote: The motion was approved without objection.

For more information, please see the video stream available on the County's website.

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/315314?ts=2048>

11. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO COUNCIL OF A TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN AIRPORT ACCOUNTS AND A CONTRACT AWARD TO GULF STREAM CONSTRUCTION FOR IFB#081424 BEAUFORT COUNTY EXECUTIVE AIRPORT SITEWORK CONSTRUCTION SERVICES. (FISCAL IMPACT: Funding will consist of the remaining \$1,313,900 of the allocated ARPA funds (Acct# 2330-10-0000-59100) and the difference of \$788,593.69 will be covered by the Airports' Pooled Cash Account (Acct# 5400-90-0000-10400) once the transfer is approved and executed. Current Balance in the Pooled cash account from which the transfer is funded is \$2,102,493.69) - Hank Amundson, Special Assistant to the Administrator & Jared Fralix, ACA Infrastructure**

In the original ordinance in 2022, accepting and planning the use of ARPA funds, Council allocated \$1,500,000 for use by the airports. The airport staff and board planned to use these funds to construct additional hangars at Beaufort Executive Airport. Planning and designing for the site has proven to be more intense and has taken longer than anticipated. This effort will require additional airport funds to complete the site work. The site work makes the vertical construction possible.

The Beaufort County Executive Airport plans to expand its hangar capacity by three new buildings and one existing building expansion, allowing it to house approximately 23 additional airplanes. Gulf Stream Construction was the lowest responsive bidder. Staff recommends awarding this contract to perform the prescribed and designed site to Gulf Stream Construction for \$2,081,619.74.

Recommend approval of a transfer of funds from the Hilton Head Airport Pooled Cash Account to the Beaufort Airport Capital Account for \$800,000.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Glover, seconded by Council Member Reitz to Recommend Approval to Council of a Transfer of Funds Between Airport Accounts and a Contract Award to Gulf Stream Construction for IFB #081424 Beaufort County Executive Airport Sitework Construction Services.

The Vote: The motion was approved without objection.

For more information, please see the video stream available on the county's website.

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/315314?ts=2126>

12. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO COUNCIL OF CONTRACT AWARD TO GULF STREAM CONSTRUCTION FOR IFB#072224 BEAUFORT COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER (NEW ARTHUR HORNE) PARKING LOT PROJECT (Fiscal Impact: \$880,546.77) - Robert Gecy, Project Manager Capital Projects**

This project was put out for bid with a budget of \$900,000 and received two bids for \$929,015 and \$1,128,426. Due to infrastructure delays, the demolition of the old Arthur Horne Building and parking lot project were put on hold. Additional funding of \$228,426 was requested for FY25 to allow for possible increases in materials and labor. The project was put back out for bid and received two bids for \$688,000 and \$880,546.77. The low bidder was disqualified due to improper licensing, and Gulf Stream Construction was chosen at \$880,546.77.

This project is the final construction phase of the new Arthur Horne Building Complex. The second half of the old Arthur Horne building was demolished in May 2024, and the new parking lot will be constructed on the now vacant site. It will add 45 new parking spaces and sidewalks to the overcrowded parking lot shared by the Sheriff's Department, Detention Center, and Arthur Horne Building.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Reitz, seconded by Council Member Tabernik, to Recommend Approval to Council of Contract Award to Gulf Stream Construction for IFB # 072224 Beaufort County Government Center (New Arthur Horne) Parking Lot Project.

The Vote: The motion was approved without objection.

For more information, please see the video stream available on the county's website.

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/315314?ts=2843>

13. ADJOURNMENT – 3:49 pm.

Ratified: October 21, 2024

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