



**County Council of
Beaufort County
Executive Committee
Meeting**

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Executive Committee Minutes

Monday, December 14, 2020 at 3:30 PM

[This meeting is being held virtually in accordance with Beaufort County Resolution 2020-05]

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chairman Sommerville called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

PRESENT

Committee Chairman Sommerville
Council Member Passiment
Council Member Hervochon
Council Member Dawson
Council Member Rodman
Council Member Glover
Council Member Howard
Council Member McElynn
Council Member Lawson
Council Member Flewelling

ABSENT

Council Member Covert

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee Chairman Sommerville led the Pledge of Allegiance

FOIA

Committee Chairman Sommerville 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

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Passiment, seconded by Council Member Flewelling to approve the agenda. The vote: Unanimous without objection. The motion passed. 10:0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 26, 2020

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Passiment, seconded by Council Member Flewelling to approve the minutes from October 26, 2020. The vote: Unanimous without objection. The motion passed. 10:0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion on the 2021 County Council Meeting Schedule/ Virtual Meeting Ordinance

Discussion: Council Member Howard and Council Member McElynn discussed adding a Natural Resources and Community Services Meeting in January.

Council Member Dawson discussed moving the July 12th meeting to July 26th.

Council Member McElynn discussed eliminating the August 9th meetings.

Council Chairman Passiment stated that the August 9th meeting will be canceled.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Hervocho, seconded by Council Member McElynn to approve the County Council Meeting Schedule as currently written. The Vote: Unanimous without objection. The motion passed. 10:0

Discussion of Public Service Values

Discussion: Committee Chairman Sommerville discussed the following values.

1. Honesty. This is the most basic level of ethics. Everyone has the responsibility to be truthful, straightforward, and sincere in their dealings with others.
2. Integrity. Integrity requires the courage to act on one's values, beliefs, and convictions, and to do what is right rather than what is expected.
3. Keeping Promises. The ethical person must live up to the spirit as well as the letter of agreements and commitments that have been made.
4. Fidelity. The trustworthy person is loyal to the organization and the principles of public service.
5. Fairness. Because the person can exercise discretion, it is imperative that the decision-making process be fair. There must be a commitment to justice, equal treatment, and tolerance. The person must be open-minded and willing to consider diverse opinions.
6. Caring. The ethical person manifests an attitude of concern for the well-being of others and conducts the affairs of the organization with compassion and kindness.
7. Respect. It is imperative that the person demonstrate respect for human dignity and privacy.
8. Citizenship. People have the responsibility to serve as role models for others to encourage participation in and respect for the democratic process of decision making.
9. Excellence. People must be well informed and prepared to carry out their responsibilities. They must be diligent, reliable, and committed. They must insist that the organization strive for excellence in carrying out its activities.
10. Accountability. The person has a special obligation to be accountable for his or her actions and the actions of the organization.
11. Avoidance of the Appearance of Impropriety. Because the person is responsible to safeguard the public trust. What the person does must not only be right, it must look right.
12. What do you represent? As a member of council, you represent the following:
 1. You represent the District that elected you.
 2. You represent Beaufort County Council.
 3. You represent all residents of Beaufort County.
 4. You represent yourself.

Council Chairman Passiment would like for all of the Board and Commission Members to receive a copy.

Council Member Glover stated that on number 12 item number 1 should be removed regarding the chair.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Ratified by Committee: January 11, 2021