

RESOLUTION 2026/32

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE JOINT ANIMAL SERVICES OPERATIONS BETWEEN BEAUFORT COUNTY AND JASPER COUNTY.

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2025, Beaufort County and Jasper County entered into a twelve-month Intergovernmental Agreement, establishing a temporary partnership, to assist with the immediate needs of animal intake and sheltering of animals from Jasper County; and

WHEREAS, this collaborative effort produced positive outcomes for hundreds of animals, strengthened regional partnerships, and demonstrated the operational efficiencies and public benefits that can be achieved through intergovernmental cooperation; and

WHEREAS, Beaufort County Council and Jasper County Council recognized the value of exploring long-term opportunities to enhance animal service through continued collaboration; and

WHEREAS, an Animal Services AD HOC committee shall be created having seven (7) members, four (4) members selected by Beaufort County Council, and three (3) members selected by Jasper County Council; and

WHEREAS, the Beaufort County Administrator shall provide a Beaufort County liaison and staff support as needed and the Jasper County Administrator may provide a staff liaison; and

WHEREAS, Beaufort County Council and Jasper County Council may appoint a council liaison; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Services AD HOC committee will be charged with the following responsibilities:

1. Recommend changes to align Jasper County and Beaufort County Animal Control Ordinances
2. Consider shared or joint animal shelter services and prepare recommendations for each opportunity considered.
3. Make recommendations of capital and infrastructure needs to support this effort, aligned with desired outcome.
4. Present recommendations on other tasks/outcomes inspired by the work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Beaufort County Council hereby establishes an AD HOC committee to evaluate joint animal services operations between Beaufort County and Jasper County.

This Resolution shall be effective upon approval by County Council.

Dated this 10th day of August 2026.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

BY: Alice G. Howard
Alice G. Howard, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sarah W. Brock
Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council