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Council Action Summary
April 2001

April 9, 2001

Authorized the County Administrator to begin negotiations with the Nature Conservancy and to develop a contract to be brought back to Council for approval.

Adopted a resolution designating April 2001 as Fair Housing Month.

Adopted the Memorandum of Agreement between Beaufort County and Quinnco-D'Amico Schults LLC with the following changes in Exhibit A: (i) Bluffton Parkway, replace "\$3,000,000" with "to be determined" and (ii) North/South Road from Able St. to North Park Road, replace "\$1,300,000" with "to be determined".

Accepted the US Highway Short-Term Needs Study for US Highway 278, based upon the recommendation of the Beaufort Transportation Advisory Group that it be brought to Council for acceptance.

Adopted the Top Priority Goals 2001:

- The completion and adoption of a Countywide Comprehensive Transportation Plan and Policy that will aggressively address the countywide transportation needs of Beaufort County.
- Formulation, adoption and implementation of an action plan to review and revise Beaufort County's Comprehensive Plan, such revisions to be considered in consultation, and hopefully cooperation, with the municipalities.
- Initiate, undertake, and complete an analysis of whether the citizens of the County will be best served by Beaufort County assuming direction and control of the Beaufort/Jasper Water and Sewer Authority.

Adopted the High Priority Items 2001:

- Review and revision of the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance in keeping with the County's continuing need to constantly review and revise its development ordinances.



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- Complete the performance audit/management plan with the intention of providing the citizens of this County with more efficient services.
- Receive the stormwater utility plan proposal from the citizens committee, analyze same and implement an appropriate stormwater utility program to address the serious drainage and runoff problems that exist throughout the County.
- Investigate and pursue appropriate alternative forms of revenue for the County, to include a review of existing fees and consideration of new user fees where appropriate.
- Perform an analysis of potentially consolidating emergency medical services and fire districts to determine whether the citizens of the County would be well served by such consolidation and if the analysis is favorable, draft, adopt, and implement a program to begin such consolidation.
- Adopt a plan of action to encourage the opening of a four-year degree-granting branch of the University of South Carolina at New River.
- In compliance with the United States Constitution and the laws of the great State of South Carolina, reapportion the County Council Districts in a fair and equitable manner according to the decennial census figures, existing case law and court precedent.

Approved on first reading, by title only, the proposed Traffic Analysis Ordinance.

Approved on second reading an amendment to the Business License Ordinance, Section 12, Delinquent License Fees, to change the penalty for delinquent filers to \$500 plus 5% of the unpaid fee per month plus collection fees if applicable.

Approved on second reading a rezoning on Port Royal Island, the Burton area, eight properties along US Highway 21 from Urban/U to Commercial Regional/CR: R100-26-146A, R100-26A-257, R100-26A-258, R100-26A-259, R100-26A-260, R100-26A-261, R100-26A-262 and R100-26A-292.

Approved on second reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance, deleting all reference to the Dale CP District in Appendix D, Community Preservation/CP Areas due to the adoption of Appendix J, Dale CP District.

Held a public hearing and approved on second reading a zoning change on Port Royal Island, Poppy Hill area, from Light Industrial/LI and Industrial Park/IP to Rural/R and Rural Residential/RR.

Appointed Mr. Tom Beavor to serve as a member on the Daufuskie Island Fire District.

Appointed Mr. Tom Mobley, representing District 7, to serve as a member on the Parks and Leisure Services Board.

Adopted a resolution opposing the National Fire Protection Association Standards 1710 and 1720.



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Appointed Mr. Robert Jones to serve as a member on the Historic Preservation Review Board.

Amended the Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co. North/South Road design contract to add two park entrance roads design in the amount of \$61,500.

Approved an amendment to the Wilbur Smith Associates transportation study contract with Beaufort County in the amount of \$157,250 for transportation planning, environmental overview and design overview efforts for the Beaufort Bypass roadway.

Awarded the Dirt Road Construction Contract to REA Construction Co., Inc. for the construction and paving of Brilliant Lane, Donaldson Road/Arnold Lane, Powell Drive, Eastern Road, Hosea Road, H.E. Smalls Court, Hillside Court, Roseida Road Extension, & 16th Street Extension in the amount of \$485,259.00.

Awarded a contract for generator and fire alarm upgrade of the Arthur Horne Building to Powell Electric in the amount of \$84,243.00.

Entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources for oyster shell recycling, subject to the County Attorney's review of the document.

Granted a one-year lease extension until September 2003 with the Okatie Academy and Child Development Center (Camp St. Mary's) with the understanding that there will not be any further extension and that they need to make provisions for alternative school sites at that time.

Directed the County Attorney to proceed with a hearing on April 18, 2001, to determine the validity of the permits and defend the County's revocation of the permits concerning the Ulmer Mining operation. The hearing will be held before Judge Tom Kemmerlin, Master-in-Equity.

April 23, 2001

Endorsed the improvements set forth in the Day Wilburn Report and ask the South Carolina Department of Transportation to finalize plans to address these needed improvements.

Approved on third and final reading a zoning change on Port Royal Island, Poppy Hill area, from Light Industrial/LI and Industrial Park/IP to Rural/R and Rural Residential/RR.

Accepted the report from the Stormwater Utility Advisory Team for study and recommendation back to Council.

Held a public hearing on a proposed text amendment to Section 12, Delinquent License Fee, of the Business License Fee Ordinance.

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Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading a rezoning on Port Royal Island, the Burton area, eight properties along US Highway 21 from Urban/U to Commercial Regional/CR: R100-26-146A, R100-26A-257, R100-26A-258, R100-26A-259, R100-26A-260, R100-26A-261, R100-26A-262 and R100-26A-292.

Entered into a Lease and Operating Agreement between Hilton Head Island Airport, an agency of the County, and Carolina Air Center, Inc.

Appointed Ms. Corine Hagood, representing District 8, garnered the six votes required to serve as a member on the Parks and Leisure Services Board.

Approved on first reading, by title only, an amendment to Section A(5), of the Probate Court Fees Ordinance, as follows: (i) Category I, when either are both applicants are Beaufort County residents \$30, (ii) Category II, when neither reside in Beaufort County but one is a South Carolina resident \$55, and (iii) Category III, when neither applicant is a South Carolina resident \$75.

Awarded a contract to ICON Software Corporation in the amount of \$48,358 for the purchase of a software system for the Probate Court.

Authorized the release of \$30,000 in fire impact fees to the Burton Fire District as a down payment for engineering and specifications for a Habersham fire station.

Approved the late application for agricultural use appeal for Flora Trask.

Adopted the nine-point criteria as it relates to redistricting to include the following: (i) Propose a plan that meets the constitutional requirement of one man, one vote. (ii) Meet Section Five requirements of the Voting Rights Act to not dilute the opportunity for minorities to elect representatives of their choice. (iii) Avoid racial gerrymandering. (iv) Strive for contiguosity within districts. (v) Attempt to keep communities of interest intact. (vi) Strive for constituency consistency. (vii) Attempt to have the very best precinct management possible (not splitting the precincts). (viii) Agree to work from the data provided by Public Law 94-171. and (ix) Strive for compactness of districts.

Adopted a timetable for the Redistricting Committee work as follows: (i) July 31, 2001 – Presentation of proposed redistricting plan(s) to County Council. (ii) September 30, 2001 – Council selection of one proposed redistricting plan. (iii) September 30, 2001 – Submission of redistricting plan to the US Justice Department for preclearance.

