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Council Action Summary
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October 8, 2001

Proclaimed October 8 through 13, 2001, as 4-H Week in Beaufort County. Mr. York Glover, County Extension Agent, received the proclamation.

Approved the addition of three deputies to the Sheriff's Office rolls, to be funded from airport revenues and, when available, Federal funding.

Authorized the County Administrator to prepare a Request for Proposal to the public to offer the County the best proposal for the utilization of the old Jail and property.

Awarded a contract to Malphrus Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$1,631,895.68 for Bluffton Parkway Phase 2A.

Awarded a contract to Malphrus Construction Co. in the amount of \$1,978,113.29 for Shults Tract Park – Phase 2, Part A (Park construction work). The funding source is impact fees, tax increment financing, and some general funds from the capital improvement program.

Awarded a contract to Cleland Construction Co, in the amount of \$223,087 for Shults Tract Park – Phase 2, Part B (Park roadway entrance and utilities).

Awarded a contract to Simplex Grinnell in the amount of \$46,048 for the Bluffton Library, Fire Protection (BP-10). The funding source is southern Beaufort County library impact fees.

Awarded a contract to Mock Plumbing & Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$425,000 for the Bluffton Library, Mechanical (BP-11). The funding source is southern Beaufort County library impact fees.

Approved on third and final reading a proposed text amendment to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance (ZDSO), Table 106-1098 (General Use Table) and Section 106-1158 (Limited and Special Use standards for clearcutting) which incorporates the language, "If an owner clear cuts all or any portion of his or her property under the claim of good



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faith forestry practice, and then seeks a Development Permit for any portion of the property within one year of the clear cut, a rebuttable presumption shall arise that the clear cut was done in anticipation of future development and the permit denied. Any person seeking to rebut the presumptions shall have the burden of proving their claim by clear and convincing evidence”.

Approved on first reading text amendments to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance, Article V: Table 106-1098, General Use Table; and Section 106-1218, Cottage Industry (changes home business and cottage industry requirements).

Approved on first reading text amendment to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance, Article V: Table 106-1098, General Use Table, Adult Uses (not gambling) regarding limited uses in the Light Industrial District and additional standards as set forth in Article V, Section 106-1281, Item 4, Lot Size: shall be amended to read a minimum of five acres.

Appropriated \$35,000 from 2001-2002 accommodations tax monies to continue Emergency Medical Services operating the First Responder unit on Fripp, Harbor and Hunting Islands.

Appropriated \$47,000 from 2001-2002 accommodations tax monies to Bluffton Historical Preservation Society (Heyward House Historic Center \$40,000 and Lowcountry Craft Exhibit \$7,000).

Adopted a resolution that US Highway 17 and Gardens Corner intersection improvements are included in any long-term funding solution that Beaufort County Council should endorse.

Authorized the County Administrator to prepare a Request for Qualifications for a proposed ferryboat service project.

October 22, 2001

Proclaimed November 5 through 11, 2001, as Penn Center Heritage Days Celebration Week in Beaufort County. Mr. Emory Campbell, Penn Center Director, received the proclamation.

Announced that in observance of Veterans Day, November 11, 2001, Beaufort County proudly joins the rest of the nation in saluting and giving special honor to those men and women who served in the armed forces. Mr. Edward Ray, Veterans Affairs Assistant Director, received the proclamation.

Approved on first reading a text amendment to the Trash and Litter Control Ordinance, Section III, Control or Loose Materials.

Adopted a resolution opposing the adoption of Private Property Protection Legislation at the State level which shifts the balance power away from local control and places too much power at

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the State level over matters which are inherently local in nature, and puts Beaufort County in a position of having to defend every land use regulation that it adopts and enforces.

Authorized the County Administrator to begin the 45-day notification period for the purpose of giving notice to all taxing districts of which taxable property is included in the redevelopment project areas and to request each taxing district to submit comments to the County concerning the subject matter of the hearing prior to the date of the public hearing.

Awarded a contract to Jones Fencing and Construction of Cheraw, SC, in the amount of \$80,302 for the installation of fencing and gates at Hilton Head Island Airport.

Awarded a contract to Agilent Technologies, Inc., Wilmington, DE, in the amount of \$89,893.85 for the Beaufort County Sheriff's Department for a GC Mass Spectrometer equipment purchase.

Approved on third and final reading an Ordinance Redistricting the County Council of Beaufort County and, further, amend Paragraph (A), District One, Hilton Head Island, that would keep intact a split precinct on Squire Pope Road. This amendment involves 11 individuals who are now in District 1 and would put them in District 2.

Approved on second reading text amendments to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance, Article V: Table 106-1098, General Use Table; and Section 106-1218, Cottage Industry (changes home business and cottage industry requirements).

Authorized the Lowcountry Council of Governments to use a Rehabilitation Grant Agreement for clients to secure home repair grants instead of a formalized mortgage, which will expedite the process, save legal fees, and ease the fear of many potential qualifying homeowners.

Approved the continuing funding for four agencies conducting adolescent pregnancy prevention initiatives in Beaufort County and, further, allocating the \$78,000 grant in the following manner: Child Abuse Prevention Association \$12,674, Boys and Girls Club \$30,000, Lowcountry Human Development Center \$23,000, Beaufort County Pregnancy Prevention Center \$8,000, and Beaufort County Council for grants administration \$4,326.

Instructed the County Administrator to develop a Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the Chief Public Defender for a financial arrangement in relationship to annual funding and salaries that will be set by the Board of the Public Defender Corporation.

Approved the salary of the Clerk of Court at the mid-point of Pay Grade 39 (\$57,305). This salary will become effective the first pay period in November 2001.

