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**December 9, 2002**

Adopted and embraced the proposed Eight-Hour Ozone Attainment Standards.

Authorized the County Administrator to enter into a contract with the Beaufort County Open Land Trust for the purchase of 5.024 acres of property known as the Bluffton Oyster Factory in the amount up to \$2,499,146, the \$15,000 difference to come from the management fee to be paid to the Open Land Trust, and that any savings go back to the County. The funding source is the \$40 million bond referendum

Awarded a dirt road reconstruction contract to REA Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$1,642,338.25, for the construction and paving of Paul Heyward Drive, Tucker Avenue, Cole Drive, Dore Drive, Old Distant Island Road, Mallard Court, and Meadowlark Street on Lady's Island, Old Salem Road and Phillips Street in the City of Beaufort. This includes the resurfacing of approximately 12.37 miles of roadway in the City of Beaufort, Town of Hilton Head, Sheldon and Lady's Island.

Awarded a contract in the amount of \$658,919 to the firm of Strecansky & Company to provide Construction Management At-Risk services for the Detention Center intake pod.

Approved a change order to the contract with Malphrus Construction in the amount of \$247,652.75 for the Burton Wells Park site work and to authorize construction of alternates 2, 3, 5, and 6. The funding source is a \$250,000 grant from the South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

Adopted a resolution adopting the review of the Transportation Element of the Beaufort County Comprehensive Plan.

Approved on first reading southern Beaufort County map corrections to the Beaufort County Zoning Map from Rural/R to Rural Residential/RR for 11 parcels along Old Bailey Road, Okatie (R600-9-15D, 15E, 37, 80, 81, 82, 83, 88, 85, 92 and 97

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Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance/ZDSO, Article VII: Table 106-1876, Uses In Open Space, and Section 106-1912, Water Dependent Uses (adds bulkheads and riprap-- in Table 106-1876 as a limited use under general open space, headwater buffers and river buffer; and a special use in all other uses; and, in Section 106-1912 as an allowable use in water dependent uses).

Appointed Mrs. Sandra Stephan to serve as a member of the Library Board to fill the unexpired term left vacant by Mrs. Barbara Banus.

Authorized the Staff Attorney to retain outside counsel and direct the filing of a Declaratory Judgment action to determine the constitutionality of the 15% tax cap statute and request a ruling from the Court about how to value real property for ad valorem tax purposes after the property is transferred in a non-exempt sale to a third party.

Approved on first reading, by title only, an ordinance authorizing a general obligation borrowing of general obligation bonds for FY-2003 capital projects in the amount of \$8,994,715.

Authorized funding of 3% local accommodations tax dollars in the amount of \$270,000 as follows: (i) EMS ambulance Fripp Island - \$70,000, (ii) Fund Balance repayment from FY 2001-2002 shortfall - \$100,000, and (iii) Marketing Campaign (Joint Beaufort/Hilton Head/Bluffton Chambers) - \$100,000.

Appropriated the 2002-2003 2% state accommodations tax funding recommendations in the amount of \$220,000 as follows: Friends of Hunting Island State Park \$2,500, St. Helena's Spring Tours \$3,000, Fripp Island Friends of Music \$1,000 Main Street Beaufort \$6,500, Lowcountry Tourism Commission and Lowcountry Visitors Center & Museum \$25,000, Arts Council of Beaufort County/Promotion \$8,000, Greater Beaufort Chamber of Commerce \$5,000 marketing plan and \$60,000 Visitors Center, Beaufort County Water Festival \$5,000, University of South Carolina-Beaufort/The Reconstruction Era \$15,000, Historic Beaufort Foundation/Museum \$10,000, Bluffton Historical Preservation Society/Heyward House Historic Center \$17,500, Hilton Head-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce/Welcome Center \$5,000, Beaufort County Black Chamber of Commerce \$5,000, Daufuskie Sea Island Foundation \$5,000, Penn Center \$25,000, Arts In The Park/Advertising \$9,000 and Moonlight Cinema at the Old Oyster Factory \$10,500, and the Lowcountry Estuarium \$2,000.

Endorsed and submitted to the Legislative Delegation for their consideration and approval the FY 2002-2003 distribution of Parks and Recreation Development funds in the amount of \$37,535.28 as follows: (i) Beaufort County – South Side Park Tennis Courts resurfacing \$7,200.00, Burton Wells Park basketball court resurfacing \$4,856.83, St. Helena Park Basketball court resurfacing \$4,856.83, Bluffton Center basketball court resurfacing \$4,856.82; (ii) City of Beaufort – Pigeon Point Park playground purchase and installation \$4,128.88; (iii) Town of Hilton Head Island – Jarvis Creek Park recreational trails \$10,509.87; and (iv) Town of Port Royal – Casablanca Park basketball court resurfacing \$1,126.05.