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Council Action Summary March 2002

March 11, 2002

Adopted a resolution supporting the action of the Beaufort High School Scholarship Committee as a unanimous body in furthering the education of students in Beaufort County and requesting from the South Carolina Legislature the full and continued funding of both the Life and Palmetto Fellows Scholarships.

Adopted a resolution agreeing to apply to the South Carolina Department of Transportation for assistance with the existing ferry service provided to and from Daufuskie Island.

Authorized the County Administrator to proceed with contract negotiations with Aerostor, Inc., to construct, at their own expense, two "T" hangars that will hold a total of 20 small single-engine and twin-engine aircraft and 8 "executive" hangars that will each hold at least one aircraft up to the size of a twin-engine turboprop or small jet.

Approved on second reading an ordinance amending and supplementing that certain ordinance adopted on March 12, 2001, to increase the amount of general obligation bonds of Beaufort County, South Carolina authorized thereunder from \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000 plus and other matters relating thereto.

Approved on first reading a rezoning of the 17.5-acre tract, also known as R600-21-8, east of Graves Road from Rural-Transitional Overlay to Commercial Regional.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an ordinance establishing a local accommodations fee in the amount of three percent to apply to all accommodations located in the unincorporated areas of Beaufort County.

Authorized the hiring of six dispatch personnel on a staggered basis with two the first of March, two in April, two in June, and the last two in the first part of July of FY 2002-2003. The amount shall not exceed \$33,005.28.

Voted to hold a referendum in accordance with Sales and Use Taxes or Tolls for Transportation Facilities, Sections 4-37-10 – 4-37-50, of the *Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976*, as amended.



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Approved the collection of the one-cent transportation sales tax for a four-period.

Appointed Mr. Edgar Williams, representing northern Beaufort County (north of Whale Branch River), to serve as a member of the Zoning Appeals Board.

Appointed Mr. York Glover, representing rural landowner, to serve as a member of the Rural and Critical Lands Board.

Awarded a contract to Wilbur Smith Associates in the amount of \$57,600 for engineering and landscaping design services for the Broad River Boat Landing and Fishing Village proposal.

Approved the paving of the one-half mile section of Old Salem Road at an approximate cost of \$150,000. The funding source is the \$10 motorized vehicle fee.

Accepted Calico Court and a portion of Possum Hill Road (Burton) into the County road inventory for maintenance and repair.

Adopted Wilbur Smith Associates Alternate A Proposal to the US Highway 278 Long-Range Needs Study.

Accepted new roads in the Town of Bluffton into the County road inventory for maintenance and repair and, further, approve the County Engineering Department's administration of the roads and drainage dedication process for a one-year period. The process is as follows: (i) verification by the County Engineering Department that the roads have been built to County standards, (ii) conveyance by the developer of the roads and drainage system to the County, (iii) posting of a maintenance bond by the developer ensuring that the roads and associated drainage system are maintained for a two-year period, and (iv) certification by the Engineering Department at the end of the two-year period that the roads and drainage system have been maintained and are in good condition and the bond released.

Appointed Mr. Donald Smith, representing Stormwater District 5-unincorporated Sheldon, to serve as a member of the Stormwater Management Utility Board.

Appointed Mr. Brad Samuel, representing Stormwater District 7-unincorporated Lady's Island, to serve as a member of the Stormwater Management Utility Board.

Appointed Mr. Ronald McKenney, representing Stormwater District 8-unincorporated St. Helena Island, to serve as a member of the Stormwater Management Utility Board.



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Presented a retirement certification to Mrs. Geraldine F. Wheelihan for 20 years of loyalty, dedication and efforts as the Mosquito Control Technician on Daufuskie Island.

Announced that the American Association of Airport Executives has awarded Mr. John Lawson, Airports Director, the distinction of Accredited Airport Executive (A.A.E.). This designation is similar to a PhD degree. To qualify for this distinction, Mr. Lawson was required to complete a rigorous study course and to successfully complete three phases of the accreditation process: (i) pass a 180-item written examination, (ii) write a comprehensive management research paper, and (iii) demonstrate, in the final interview by a panel of A.A.E.s, his knowledge of airport management, business administration, and general transportation economics. A.A.E. is made up of 4,600 members and fewer than 10% have earned the distinction of Accredited Airport Executive.

Awarded a contract to Novalis Technologies of Charlotte, North Carolina, for a new Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) and Land Development Office (LDO) systems. The current contact price for CAMA is \$245,000 and for LDO \$158,000. Oracle licenses of \$22,000 and server hardware and operating system licenses of \$60,000 will bring the total cost to \$480,500.

Adopted a "white paper" concerning the issue of potential fiscal autonomy for the Beaufort County School District.

Approved on first reading text amendments to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance (ZDSO); Article V, Table 106-1426, Accessory and Miscellaneous Use Standards (permits guest houses as an accessory use on residential lots).

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Reappointed Mrs. Millie Boyce, representing hospitality, to serve as a member of the Accommodations Tax Board.

Reappointed Mrs. Sheila Chesney, representing Sheldon Township, to serve as a member of the Tax Equalization Board.

Appointed Mr. John Trask, III, representing at-large, to serve as a member of the Tax Equalization Board.

Appointed Mr. Mike Margotta, representing at-large, to serve as a member of the Planning Board.

Appointed Ms. Sara' Reynolds, representing resident of respective area served, to serve as a member of the Northern Corridor Review Board.

Appointed Mr. John Thomas, representing design professional, to serve as a member of the Southern Corridor Review Board.

Appointed Mr. John Holloway, representing Stormwater District 6-unincorporated Port Royal Island, to serve as a member of the Stormwater Management Utility Board.