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Council Action Summary April 2003

April 14, 2003

Recognized the Class of 1953 of Penn Normal, Industrial and Agricultural School upon the occasion of the celebration of their 50th graduation anniversary. Mrs. Ethel Brown Ladson accepted the proclamation.

Awarded a contract to the Sirsi Corporation in the amount of \$88,720 for upgrading of a new server, software and some professional training for the Beaufort County Library.

Awarded multiple contracts for traffic management equipment for US Highway 278 to: (i) Advanced Video, Inc. of Columbia, South Carolina, in the amount of \$200,616.35 for camera site equipment, peripherals, labor, (ii) Southeastern Safety Supplies of Columbia, South Carolina, in the amount of \$27,848.50 for Model 332 aluminum cabinets w/racks, locks, (iii) Southern Lighting and Traffic Systems of Roswell, Georgia, in the amount of \$107,889.60 for 35' & 60' poles and lowering systems, (iv) Highway Information Systems of Durham, North Carolina, in the amount of \$108,372.60 for Highway Max Poles, flashing beacons and utility poles, and (v) Kooltronic, Inc. of Pennington, New Jersey in the amount of \$37,210.50, for Nema 4 enclosures, air-cooled panel-mounted air conditioners.

Approved on second reading text amendments to the Building Codes Ordinance, Section 301.2.2 through 301.2.2.9 and 302.2.1.2 and corresponding Sections of SSTD-99 (adopts seismic and impact resistance glazing for one- and two-family dwelling units) and Section 3.1 (adopts 2002 Edition, National Electrical Code).

Adopted a resolution requesting proposed legislation H.3803 apply to all real estate property transfers in the unincorporated areas of counties.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading a proposed FY-2003 budget amendment appropriating accumulated year-end fund balances in an amount up to \$50,000 as financial support for the efforts of the Greater Beaufort Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance (ZDSO), Article V, Section 106-1098 – Use Table and 106-1290 - Services (adds additional standards for the location and impact of services and uses to include transit and ground passenger transportation).



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Appointed Ms. Patricia Fennell, representing at-large, to serve as a member on the Bluffton Fire District.

Approved a late filing for agricultural use valuation on property R100 017 000 0001 0000 (5.89 acres), R100 017 000 0019 000 (5.00 acres), R100 017 000 0020 0000 (5.00 acres), R100 017 000 0021 000 (5.00 acres) for a total number of 21.77 acres for tax year 2002.

Appointed Mr. Edward Wiler to fill the unexpired term left vacant by Mr. Alex Heslin, which expires February 2006, as a member on the Library Board.

Authorized the Chairman to write a letter to the Judiciary Committee opposing legislation requiring a municipality/county may not enact an ordinance that supersedes state law as this is an assault upon Home Rule.

Authorized the Chairman to write a letter to the Legislative Delegation opposing H.3496 which creates a new state spending limit reserve fund based on the lesser of the state appropriations in the prior year plus 6%, or state appropriations in the prior year adjusted for inflation and population growth, citing the inequity of measuring the County's population with the same criteria as the rest of the State, and implore the Delegation to reconsider this action.

Authorized the Chairman to write a letter to the Legislative Delegation opposing H.3555, the Hog Farm Bill, the possible violation of Home Rule, and implore the Delegation to reconsider this action.

Authorized the Chairman to write a letter to the Legislative Delegation opposing legislation, which would give a probate judge absolute control over the operation of his court and personnel and provide that the annual budget of a probate judge may not be reduced unless agreed upon by the judge.

Authorized the Chairman to write a letter to the Legislative Delegation opposing S.278, School Local Option Bond Penny, allowing implementation of a 1¢ sales tax to defray the cost of existing school bonds or new school bonds and implore the Delegation to reconsider this action.

Authorized the Chairman to write a letter to the Judiciary Committee, opposing S.280, known as the Billboard Bill, explaining the seriousness of this potential bill, and implore the Delegation to reconsider this action.

Adopted a resolution that following consideration by the Intergovernmental Relations and Economic Development Committee: (i) if six members of the Committee voted in the affirmative to take a position on a piece of legislation, it would be appropriate for the Council Chairman to send timely correspondence to the Legislative Delegation and (ii) if less than six members (regardless of how many members are present) voted in the affirmative to take a

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position on a piece of legislation, it would be appropriate for the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee to send timely correspondence to the Legislative Delegation.

April 28, 2003

Proclaimed May 2003, as Foster Care Month in Beaufort County. Ms. Deloris Mack, Human Services Supervisor I, Department of Social Services, accepted the proclamation.

Awarded a contract to Shelco, Inc, of Bluffton, South Carolina, in the amount of \$1,399,000 for the construction of a new control tower at Hilton Head Island Airport. The funding sources are FAA Airport Improvement funds in the amount of \$985,000, County Airports Enterprise funds \$439,490, and State Aviation funds \$183,000.

Awarded a one-time purchase contract to Bobcat of Savannah, Savannah, Georgia, in the amount of \$53,125.97 for a Bobcat T200 compact track loader with attachments and trailer. The equipment has been budgeted for FY 2003 Stormwater Infrastructure/Specialized Capital Equipment.

Awarded an amended contract, adjusting the total value of the Strecansky & Company CM At-Risk contract in the amount of \$58,400, with the contract amount being revised to read, "not-to-exceed \$717,319." The project will be funded by CIP funds. Total budget for this project is \$786,000.

Approved a change order to the contract with Malphrus Construction in the amount of \$185,645.55 for USC-B New River preliminary site preparation.

Authorized the Interim County Administrator to enter into a contract between Beaufort County Council, Division of Parks and Leisure Services, and the Beaufort Officials Association to provide certified, registered and insured sports officials for the following sports: soccer, football, volleyball, softball, baseball and basketball.

Adopted a resolution adopting the comments of the five-year review of the Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

Approved on third and final reading text amendments to the Building Codes Ordinance, Section 301.2.2 through 301.2.2.9 and 302.2.1.2 and corresponding Sections of SSTD-99 (adopts seismic and impact resistance glazing for one- and two-family dwelling units) and Section 3.1 (adopts 2002 Edition, National Electrical Code).

Approved an expenditure of \$250,000 (\$150,000 already set aside in FY 02-03 budget plus \$100,000 where expenditures are less than what was budgeted) in order to bring the approximate 550 employees' salaries, identified in the Maximus Employee Compensation and Classification

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Study, halfway to minimum range effective May 1, 2003 and, further, instruct the Interim County Administrator to include an additional \$500,000 in FY 03-04 budget proposal to bring those same 550 employees the remaining halfway to the minimum level in January 2004.

Adopted a resolution instructing the Beaufort County staff to investigate the options available to the County in order to support the defense of the United States of America in a case pending in the United States Court of Federal Claims styled *Vivian's Island, Inc.; Stancel E. Kirkland; Roberta G. Kirkland; Wolfson, Hunt Partnership, A South Carolina General Partnership d/b/a Egret Island Partnership; Richard S. Dyer, Jr.; Lloyd Edward Kirkland, Jr.; Iris B. Kirkland; T.M. Rhodes; William E. Stillwell, Jr.; Earl M. Williams, Jr.; Mario S. Ninfo; Sandra N. Ninfo; Dennis R. Ratchup; Vivian's Island, A Partnership, Daniel Mahan; Selinda Mahan; Joseph Mark Raiteri, Carol Lynn Raiteri, Hugh J. Socks, Plaintiffs, versus United States of America, Defendant*, Civil No. 02-756L and, further, instruct staff to contact the representatives of the United States of America to express the Beaufort County Council's support of the United States of America in its defense of the claim, the operations at MCAS Beaufort, and offer the County's assistance to the United States of America concerning the facts in controversy.

Authorized the Broad River Fishing Pier to remain permanently closed and Balfour Beatty to give an estimate for demolition and removal of the pier to coincide with demolition and removal of the old Broad River Bridge.