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Council Action Summary February 2006

February 13, 2006

Adopted a resolution authorizing Programs for Exceptional People to provide transportation to persons with disabilities.

Approved the abandonment of the existing 30-foot drainage easement in Shell Point located between Ashwood Circle and Hickory Street in the Town of Port Royal. Further, authorized the County Administrator to take such steps as are necessary, provided that all legal requirements have been complied with and confirmation that the County did not pay for this easement.

Awarded a contract to EarthData International in the amount of \$75,000 to provide aerial photography of Beaufort County for year 2006. This is a single-year contract. There are no recurring costs involved with this project. The funding source is GIS Department FY 05-06 budget. Microsoft will pay 40% or \$40,000 of the cost and the County's commitment is \$75,000.

Approved the Management Information Systems (\$107,750) and Emergency Management Departments (\$97,850) to convert eight locations from T-1 (or no connectivity) to fiber connectivity.

Adopted a resolution regarding Beaufort County's concerns of the impacts of the proposed annexation of Clarendon Farms and McLeod Farm by the City of Beaufort.

Approved on first reading, by title only, an ordinance creating the Pleasant Farm Special Tax District.

Reappointed Mr. John Coaxum to serve as a member of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Board.

Reappointed Mr. Gerald Schulze to serve as a member of the Beaufort Memorial Hospital Board.

Appointed Dr. Patricia Thompson to serve as a member of the Beaufort Memorial Hospital Board.

Reappointed Ms. Rainie Steedley to serve as a member of the Bluffton Fire District Board.

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Reappointed Mr. Jon Michael to serve as a member of the Daufuskie Island Fire District Board.

Reappointed Mr. George Jenkins to serve as a member of the Daufuskie Island Fire District Board.

Reappointed Ms. Margaret Gatch to serve as a member of the Disabilities and Special Needs Board.

Reappointed Ms. Grace Dennis to serve as a member of the Disabilities and Special Needs Board.

Reappointed Ms. Beverly Dore to serve as a member of the Disabilities and Special Needs Board.

Voted to include in the Capital Improvement Program: (i) constructing one new Community Training Home that is ADA compliant at a cost of approximately \$375,000; (ii) selling the existing four Community Training Homes and constructing four new replacement four-bedroom homes that are ADA compliant at a cost of approximately \$375,000 each over the next two years; and (iii) building a new Administration/Day Program Building at a cost of approximately \$3,767,000 brick and mortar and \$500,000 for five acres of land.

Reappointed Mr. Don Smith, representing unincorporated Sheldon Township, to serve as a member on the Stormwater Management Utility Board.

Reappointed Mr. Ron McKenney, representing unincorporated St. Helena Island/Islands East, to serve as a member of the Stormwater Management Utility Board.

February 27, 2006

Awarded a contract to Santee Marine Construction, Inc. and Zande-Jon Guery Taylor P.E. Inc., in the amount of \$344,784.69 for the design/build construction of the improvements to Kirks Bluff Road.

Awarded a contract to Mock Plumbing & Mechanical, Inc., in the amount of \$599,500 for the climate control systems in the swimming areas of the three County swimming pools (Battery Creek High, Beaufort High and M. C. Riley Elementary Schools).

Awarded a contract to ASC Construction Equipment, Savannah, GA, in the amount of \$202,923, inclusive of tax and trade-in, for the purchase of a 2006 Volvo EC330 BLC hydraulic excavator for Public Works operations.

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Approved on second reading an ordinance creating the Pleasant Farm Special Tax District.

Approved on second reading a Port Royal Island rezoning request/map amendment to the Beaufort County Zoning Map for R100-28-77; from Rural with Transitional Overlay/R-TO to Planned Unit Development/PUD (46.88 acres to be added to the Habersham PUD).

Approved on second reading a Port Royal Island rezoning request/map amendment to the Beaufort County Zoning Map for R100-27-13 and 13A (also known as Cherokee Farms, 105 acres); from Rural with Transitional Overlay (R-TO) to Suburban (S).

Approved on second reading text amendment to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance/ZDSO, Appendix D, Community Preservation Interim Standards, Table I and Table 2, Residential Lot Size and Development Standards for Community Preservation Areas for Pritchardville, Bluffton, and Buckingham Landing and Daufuskie Island CP Areas).

Approved on first reading a northern Beaufort County Map Amendment/rezoning request for R700-37-39E (59.97 acres), currently zoned as Rural (R) and Dale Community Preservation (DCP), to be entirely zoned as DCP, and to allow reconsideration of this property when and if the applicant has DHEC determine the land perks to show that it is an appropriate design.

Adopted the Builder/Developer and Beaufort County Housing (Owner-Occupant) Compliance Agreement.

Adopted a resolution to participate in a short-term process to form a Lowcountry Economic Development Alliance by appointing three representatives to serve on an organizing committee, the purpose of which is to develop specific mission, structure and funding requirements for an Alliance.

Approved the proposed redistribution of 100 acres of park land and its associated \$2.6 million in Southern Beaufort County Park Impact Fees to Buckwalter County Park and, further, approve \$200,000 in Southern Beaufort County Park Impact Fees to begin the development of the Bluffton Oyster Factory Park, providing that those improvements come back to this Committee prior to expenditure.

Approved increasing the membership of the Aviation Board from its present 9 members to 11 members and include new language that defines the financial responsibilities of the Aviation Board.

Authorized the acquisition of the 25 acres on Baxter Associate's property located near Route 170 in the Okatie area near Riverbend from the Trust for Public Land for \$1,250,000.