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## Council Action Summary

March 2006

### March 13, 2006

Awarded a contract to VBrick in the amount of \$382,865 to upgrade the equipment supporting the cross-county fiber backbone. The funding sources are the 2001 and 2002 Communication Capital Improvement Program.

Awarded a contract to Clarion Associates, LLC of Denver, Colorado in the amount of \$287,100 for consulting services leading to the development of a Northern Regional Plan. The timeline is a 12-month process. The partners in this project are the City of Beaufort, contributing \$50,000 and the Town of Port Royal, contributing \$40,000 towards this effort. The Town of Bluffton will pay on an installment basis simply because their general fund budget is not large enough to accommodate a one-time \$40,000 request.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an ordinance creating the Pleasant Farm Special Tax District.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final 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).

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final 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).

Held a public hearing on a \$45,168 Justice Assistance Grant is award.

Approved the funding of \$30,000 to Gibson Builders and Associates, LLC, a for-profit corporation registered in the State of South Carolina and in good standing as of March 1, 2006, to assist with the construction of three duplexes comprised of two units each (Units 5A and 5B, 7A and 7B, and 10A and 10B) in Stevic Court II, located on Reeves Road, Lady's Island. The funding source is the Affordable Housing Funding Program. Funding approval is contingent upon Gibson Builders and Associates, LLC. properly executing and recording the Builder/Developer and Beaufort County Housing (Owner-Occupancy) Compliance Agreement.

Approved the funding of \$35,989 to the Lowcountry Community Development Corporation, a non-profit corporation registered in the State of South Carolina, and in good standing on March 1, 2006, to assist in performing housing rehabilitation/repair work on 19 homes, located in Beaufort County, over a one-year period. The funding source is the Affordable Housing Funding Program. Funding approval is contingent upon the Lowcountry Community Development Corporation properly executing and recording the Beaufort County Retention Agreement.

Appointed Mr. Richard Farmer, representing at-large, to serve as a member of the Accommodations Tax Board.

Authorized the County Administrator to expend sufficient funds to implement effective enforcement procedures for the current Business License Fee Program including examining those practices and procedures used by the Town of Hilton Head Island as policy guidelines for enforcement. Further, Beaufort County Council resolves to revisit the Business License Fee Program as part of the annual budgeting process.

Authorized the Daufuskie Island Fire District to expend \$69,341 (plus tax) from current reserve funds for the purchase of a 4-wheel drive brush truck to replace a Squad 52 (1995 Chevrolet).

Reappointed Mrs. Theresa Dunn, representing Council District 1, to serve as a member of the Library Board.

Reappointed Mrs. Patsy Hand, representing Council District 5, to serve as a member of the Library Board.

Reappointed Ms. Janet Kuchler, representing Council District 6, to serve as a member of the Library Board.

Reappointed Mrs. Katherine Doctor, representing Council District 11, to serve as a member of the Library Board.

Reappointed Mr. Herbert Brown, representing design/professional/contractor/building industry, to serve as a member of the Construction Adjustments and Appeals Board.

Reappointed Mr. John Catoe, representing design/professional/contractor/building industry, to serve as a member of the Construction Adjustments and Appeals Board.

Reappointed Ms. Laura Barrett, representing resident of respective area served, to serve as a member of the Southern Corridor Review Board.

Reappointed Mr. James Tiller, representing landscape architect, to serve as a member of the Southern Corridor Review Board.

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Reappointed Mr. Stephen Wilson, resident of respective area served, to serve as a member of the Southern Corridor Review Board.

Reappointed Mr. Chester Williams, representing at-large, to serve as a member of the Zoning Appeals Board.

Reappointed Mr. Edger Williams, representing north of Whale Branch River, to serve as a member of the Southern Corridor Review Board.

**March 27, 2006**

Approved the acquisition of development rights from the Trust for Public Land on the 450-acre Alan Ulmer, Jr. tract in a partnership with the Town of Hilton Head Island, with each party contributing \$1,550,000 toward the total acquisition cost of \$3,100,000. Further, a conservation easement restricting use of the property to agricultural and related uses plus the development of up to four single-family homesteads be directed to an appropriate Land Trust at closing. The County Administration is directed and authorized to complete negotiations necessary to complete the transaction.

Awarded a contract to REA Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$706,531 for the construction and paving of Dianah's Drive, First Street, Nazarene Road, Hilton Head Island; Scotia Road, Bluffton; Village Circle, Okatie; and Benton Lane, Pritchardville.

Awarded a construction contract to Powell Electric in the amount of \$96,163 for the emergency generator installation at Burton Wells Park Recreation Center.

Award a contract to Boykin Contracting, Inc., West Columbia, SC, in the amount of \$112,000 for the construction of sports lighting improvements at the Dale ball field.

Authorized the payment of \$1,000 to R. W. Beck Disaster Recovery, Inc., Orlando, Florida, as a retainer towards a need for service in the event of a debris-generating event in the County.

Awarded a contract in the amount of \$34,380 to R. W. Beck Disaster Recovery, Inc., Orlando, Florida to provide temporary debris storage and reduction site selection/planning, facilitation of a multi-jurisdictional coordination meeting, and the development of a public information relations plan for recovery operations in the event of a hurricane or other debris-generating event.

Voted to send correspondence to the 15 applicants advising them that Council will not be considering the three percent applications previously heard by this Council in work session on March 16, 2006, and that the monies will be used instead to fund County-owned tourism-related projects.

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Approved on first reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance/ZDSO (to delete the 50-year-old minimum structure age requirement for bed and breakfast establishments): Article V, Table 106-1098—Use Table; Article V, Section 106-1282(A)(1)—Use Standards and Section 106-1282(A)(4)—Building Type; Appendix D, Section 5(A)(1)-Use Standards and Section 5(A)(4)—Building Type; and Appendix D, Table 4—Community Preservation Use Table.

Approved the County's 2006 needs assessment as follows: (1) Affordable Housing, (2) Housing Rehabilitation, (3) Community Facilities, (4) Economic Development, and (5) Infrastructure.

Accepted Almond Drive, St. Helena Island, into the County's road inventory contingent upon the conveyance of the rights-of-way from the four remaining property owners.

Approved the renaming of Seaside Community Center to recognize Mrs. Gloria Potts, contingent upon review and approval by the Beaufort County Historic Preservation Review Board.

Adopted a resolution approving the Interim Disaster Recovery Policies and Procedures.

