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Council Action Summary November 2011

November 14, 2011

Accepted a SC Aeronautics Commission grant award in the amount of \$6,859 to develop a master plan for Hilton Head Island Airport per State Statutory Law 55-5-87.

Reaffirmed the Finance Committee recommendation of September 12, 2011 and Council approval of September 12, 2011 of an ordinance to amend the FY 2011/2012 Beaufort County Budget Ordinance so as to provide a supplemental appropriation from the County's General Reserve Fund in the amount of \$72,159.83 for the purpose of funding Census-Based Beaufort County Magistrate salary increase for the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

Approved on first reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of an easement encumbering property owned jointly by Beaufort County and the Town of Hilton Head Island.

Approved a one-year extension of the Water Quality Monitoring Contract to GEL Engineering, Charleston, South Carolina in the amount of \$95,506 (north of Broad River \$58,506; south of Broad River \$36,588). The two scopes are necessary because Beaufort City and Port Royal Town will be contributing approximately 25% of the cost for monitoring north of Broad River.

Awarded a contract to Offender Management Services of Cummings, Georgia, the top-ranked firm, with no cost to the County for an initial one-year contract with four, one-year annual renewals subject to approval by Council.

Approved on second reading an ordinance authorizing the placement of a question on the official ballot for the general election to be conducted November 6, 2012, concerning a proposition authorizing Beaufort County to issue \$25,000,000, representing a borrowing that at no time shall exceed one mill in debt service repayment, general obligation bonds to acquire lands for preservation and to pay certain costs and debt service related thereto.

Approved the FY 2012 Updates and Five-Year Airport Capital Improvement Plans for both the Hilton Head Island and Beaufort County Airports for submission to the FAA.

Approved on first reading an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds, in one or more series, with appropriate series designations, of Beaufort County, South Carolina, in the principal amount of not exceeding \$10,000,000; fixing the form and details of the bonds; authorizing the county administrator or his lawfully-authorized designee to determine certain matters relating to the bonds; providing for the payment of the bonds and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto.

Appointed Mr. Brown, representing District 8, to serve as a member of the Library Board.

Acquired a conservation easement on 231 acres of Land's End Plantation, St. Helena Island, in the amount of \$471,500.

Approved two projects through the Rural and Critical Lands Program: (i) acquired a conservation easement on the 128 acre Grimble Hill tract, SC Highway 170, Bluffton Township, in the amount of \$640,000, and (ii) acquired a conservation easement on the 40 acre Crosby tract, SC Highway 170, Bluffton Township, in the amount of \$200,000.

Approved the fee simple purchase, through the Rural and Critical Lands Preservation Program, of 1.79 acre parcel, 217 Beach City Road, Hilton Head Island, in the amount of \$257,600. Fifty percent of the funding will be provided by the Town of Hilton Head Island and the other 50% by the County.

November 28, 2011

Adopted a resolution expressing its desire to be designated as the Qualified Local Public Agency and agreeing to comply with all applicable federal law, including the rules and regulations of the Federal Highway Administration, all applicable state law and rules and regulations associated therewith, and authorizing the Beaufort County Administrator to execute all documents as may be necessary to appoint Beaufort County as a qualified local public agency.

Adopted a resolution approving amendment of the bylaws of the Lowcountry Economic Alliance so that the bylaws, as amended, shall read in their entirety in the form as set forth in Exhibit A.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an ordinance authorizing the placement of a question on the official ballot for the general election to be conducted November 6, 2012, concerning a proposition authorizing Beaufort County to issue general obligation bonds to acquire lands for preservation and to pay certain costs and debt service related thereto.

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Appointed Mrs. Barbara Childs to serve as a member of the Lowcountry Regional Transportation Authority.

Appointed Mr. Charles Brown, Comprehensive Plan planning area / Sheldon Township, to serve as a member of the Planning Commission.

Extended the County Administrator's contract from its current expiration date of December 31, 2013 to the maximum allowed under the contract which is December 31, 2014.

Approved the Factory Creek Vista Joint Ownership Agreement between Beaufort County and the Beaufort County Open Land Trust regarding the operation and maintenance and ownership of the Factory Creek Landing.