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Council Action Summary October 2011

October 10, 2011

Approved on second reading an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 2011-25 so as to allow for the renumbering of the eleven separate Beaufort County Council Districts and Beaufort County Board of Education Districts.

Awarded a contract to Cape Romain Contractors, Inc. for emergency repair of C.C. Haigh Boat Landing Fishing Pier in the amount of \$144,000 with funding from Del Webb Boat Landing Fund, Account 33208-54450 in the amount of \$66,508; C.C. Haigh Boat Ramp CIP, Account 11437-54430 in the amount of \$18,866; and Local 3% Accommodations Tax (Boat Ramp Section), Account 12216-55120 in the amount of \$66,504.

Approved a change order to Contract 44 to REA Contracting, LLC to build the Dirt Road Paving Contract #44, Forman Hill Road in the amount of \$491,562.65. Project will be funded by \$10 motorized vehicle (TAG) funds, Account #3322T-54670.

Adopted a resolution to amend the agreement for the establishment of a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (Cypress Ridge), by and between Jasper County, South Carolina and Beaufort County, South Carolina, providing for the development of a jointly owned and operated industrial/business park, so as to include additional property in Jasper County as part of the joint county industrial park.

Awarded a contract in the amount of \$582,041.53 to Talbert, Bright, and Ellington, Inc. to prepare an Environmental Assessment and Benefit Cost Analysis associated with the Master Plan's Five-Year Capital Improvement Projects for the Hilton Head Island Airport. Funding for this project will come from an existing FAA Grant #32 (95%), Account #13480-54321, Extend Runway 3/21 (Environmental Assessment), which has a current balance of \$552,939; a State Grant (2.5% pending); and the local 2.5% match of \$14,551.53 which will come from the Airports Operating Budget.

Voted to allow the process of considering a realignment for Bluffton 5B to be opened upon receipt of funds from the Town of Bluffton in the amount of \$90,000. Furthermore, for any

alternative plan to be considered by the County, the alternative plan must contain all components of the existing plan for Bluffton 5B, as currently adopted by Council, including, but not limited, to engineering drawings, cost analysis, noise studies, environmental impact studies, public hearings, permits, etc., reimburse for costs, and the Town of Bluffton commitment to be responsible for 100% of the costs associated with this effort. This is opening the process of the consideration, but is not the commitment for a new alignment.

Held a public hearing on an ordinance authorizing the issuance of not exceeding \$50,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Hospital Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bonds (Beaufort Memorial Hospital) Series 2011; authorizing the execution and delivery of a bond purchase and loan agreement, a refunding escrow deposit agreement in connection therewith; authorizing proper officers to do all things necessary or advisable; and other matters incidental thereto.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an ordinance to amend the FY2011-2012 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 increases for the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading a Beaufort County Zoning Map amendment for R300 015 000 0101 0000 [known as St. Helena Station Planned Unit Development (PUD), 13.24 acres off Sea Island Parkway/Highway 21]; from PUD to Rural (R) Zoning District.

Held a public hearing on text amendments to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance (ZDSO), Article VII, Sec. 106-1845(6) Buffer Disturbance (adds river buffer disturbance standards).

Held a public hearing and approved on second reading an ordinance to call for a referendum to allow the qualified electors of Beaufort County, South Carolina to vote to retain the Council/Administrator form of government or change to the Council/Manager form of government. Further, that a "yes" vote is a vote in favor of changing the current form of government to a County-Manager form of government and provide for the appointment of the County Treasurer and County Auditor.

Adopted a resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$260,880 from the tourism infrastructure section of Beaufort County's three percent accommodation tax funds for the purpose of providing matching grant funds for the Beaufort County Rails to Trails Program.

Held a public hearing on a 100% federally funded grant in the amount of \$60,694. The grant funds will procure a Records Management System for the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office. This System will allow the sharing of information between law enforcement agencies in the Low Country of South Carolina and the Coastal Empire of Georgia. More specifically, this system

will provide a Regional Information Sharing System between law enforcement in Beaufort and Jasper County in South Carolina and the Savannah Chatham Metropolitan Police Department in Georgia. This system would implement a modern web-based Records Management System for single entry of data, information sharing, and for the electronic sharing of data.

Authorized the County Attorneys to join in the effort with Spartanburg, Greenville and Chester Counties in opposition of the requirement of the State Election Commission that the counties of the state shall conduct the 2012 Presidential Preference Primary and incur the cost thereof. Further, this legal action is taken from the existing budget of the legal department.

October 24, 2011

Approved on third and final reading an ordinance authorizing the issuance of not exceeding \$50,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Hospital Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bonds (Beaufort Memorial Hospital) Series 2011; authorizing the execution and delivery of a bond purchase and loan agreement, a refunding escrow deposit agreement in connection therewith; authorizing proper officers to do all things necessary or advisable; and other matters incidental thereto.

Approved on third and final reading a text amendment to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance (ZDSO), Article VII, Sec. 106-1845(6) Buffer Disturbance (adds river buffer disturbance standards), including the following language, “. . . devices, view corridors and other allowable disturbances authorized under Article 7, Division 4, outlined in this ordinance.”

Approved on third and final reading a ballot referendum to change the form of Beaufort County government from Council / Administrator to Council / Manager.

Approved the 2012 County Employee Insurance Benefit Program with no rate increase from vendors. The employee contribution rate for the basic plan will decrease by 6% and the contribution rate for the premium plan will increase by 5%.

Approved the Together for Beaufort County 2012 agency funding recommendations as follows: LRTA \$240,000; Coastal Empire Community Mental Health Center \$110,000, DHEC \$60,000; Senior Services of Beaufort County \$50,000; Child Abuse Prevention Association \$28,000; Beaufort Soil and Water Conservation District \$18,000; Citizens Opposed to Domestic Abuse \$14,000; HOPE Haven \$14,000; Literacy Volunteers of the Lowcountry \$9,000; Beaufort-Jasper Economic Opportunity Commission \$5,000; and Clemson University Extension \$5,000, and Alliance activities \$52,000. These recommendations total \$605,000.

Approved on first 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.

Approved on third and final reading an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 2011-25 so as to allow for the renumbering of the eleven separate Beaufort County Council Districts and Beaufort County Board of Education Districts.