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Council Action Summary

June 2012

June 11, 2012

Adopted a resolution calling for action at the federal, state and local levels to avoid sequestration and the automatic Department of Defense spending cuts that would severely and irreparably harm national defense and could result in devastating economic consideration for Beaufort County and its citizens.

Awarded a contract to Northwestern Emergency Vehicles in the amount of \$141,550 for the purchase of one 2012 Dodge 4500 Type 1 ambulance for the EMS Department. The funding source is account #23160-54000 Vehicle Purchases. The County will use FY 2012 funds to purchase the vehicle.

Awarded a contract to Thomas and Hutton Engineering Company for the added Boundary Street engineering design services in the amount of \$759,630.00. Funding for these additional engineering services is from the Beaufort County Sales Tax Project Funds and Tiger III Grant for the Boundary Street Improvements with respective balances of \$9,170,000 and \$12,600,000.

Awarded a contract to Mitchell Brothers Construction and AAG Architects, the top rank team, for a not-to-exceed contract award of \$498,275 for design build and construction renovation services for the Bluffton Township Fire District's Fire Station #33.

Approved the second Palmetto Electric Cooperative Supplement Agreement for SC Highway 170 relocation in the amount of \$563,046.

Approved on second reading an ordinance authorizing the County Administrator, with the advice and consent of County Council, to issue tax anticipation notes as may be deemed necessary.

Entered into a Stormwater Management and Utility Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Port Royal.

Approved the Clemson University County Extension Program Support Agreement in the amount of \$67,665.

Approved the Rail Trail Agreement and Plans project amenities, signage, and final design standards and eliminate the trail branding at this time.

Approved on third and final reading the proposed FY 2012 / 2013 budget at 40.21 mills County Operations, 3.87 mills Purchase of Real Property Program, 4.44 mills County Debt Service, Bluffton Fire District at 20.49 mills operating and 0.00 mills debt service, Burton Fire District at 58.21 mills operating and 5.53 mills debt service, Daufuskie Island Fire District at 33.07 mills operating and 0.00 mills debt service, Lady's Island/St. Helena Island Fire District 33.34 mills operating and 1.50 mills debt service, and Sheldon Fire District 33.11 mills operating and 2.18 mills debt service.

Held a public hearing and approved on second reading the FY 2012 – 2013 School District budget at 92.26 mills for school operations and 28.00 mills school bond debt service (principal and interest).

June 25, 2012

Adopted a resolution authorizing the distribution of \$1,495.00 of income generated under the Community Development Block Grant Program to assist with providing water and sewer services for low-to moderate-income residents of Beaufort County.

Approved on first reading an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2012C, or such other appropriate series designation, of Beaufort County, South Carolina, in the principal amount of not exceeding \$30,000,000; 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; adopting written procedures related to tax-exempt debt; and other matters relating thereto.

Awarded a contract to Herald Office Solutions, a state contract vendor, in the amount of \$280,026.06 for the purchase of furniture for the St. Helena Island Branch Library. The funding source is St. Helena Library Furniture, Account #11436-54420, a grant funding account.

Awarded a contract to Patterson Pope, a state contract vendor, in the amount of \$129,907.15 for the purchase of shelving for the St. Helena Island Branch Library. The funding source is St. Helena Library Furniture, Account #11436-54420, a grant funding account.

Awarded a contract to Stagefront Presentation Systems in the amount of \$117,000 for audio/visual equipment and services to support the St. Helena Island Library Project. The funding source is St. Helena Library Furniture, Account #11436-54420, a grant funding account.

Approved a supplemental agreement to ITG/Bibliotheca in the amount of \$146,113.30 for the Radio Frequency Identification Systems (RFID) system for the St. Helena Branch Library. The funding source is St. Helena Island Branch Library CIP project approved budget August 8, 2011.

Approved on third and final reading the FY 2012 – 2013 School District budget at 92.26 mills for school operations and 28.00 mills school bond debt service (principal and interest).

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an ordinance authorizing the County Administrator, with the advice and consent of County Council to issue tax anticipation notes as may be deemed necessary. The ordinance by its own terms shall sunset and expire without further action of Council on July 1, 2014.

Adopted a resolution of partnership for the purpose of economic development between the Town of Bluffton and Beaufort County. A company, to be known for the time being as Project Pants, anticipates that, should its plans proceed as expected, will result in investment of at least \$11,000,000, the retention of approximately 130 jobs in Beaufort County, the relocation of approximately 40 jobs from an out-of-state facility to Beaufort County, and the creation of approximately 100 new jobs over the first five-years of Company expansion. The County has expressed interest in being co-located with other technology intensive companies where synergies abound. The Town has determined that the most appropriate site for said Project to take place is within the May River Tech Park, which is part of the Buckwalter Place portion of the Multi-County Industrial/Business Park. The County agrees participate in negotiations for the Project, as applicable; determine and make available any economic development incentives for consideration; and cooperate in the fulfillment of negotiated terms, as applicable. The Town agrees to Full management and facilitation of the Project amongst all partners such as State Agencies, Local Agencies and Utility providers; and determine and make available any economic development incentives for consideration.