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Council Action Summary December 2013

December 9, 2013

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

Approved on second reading a Southern Beaufort County Zoning Map Amendment / Rezoning Request R601 031 000 0048 0000 (1 acre at the northwest corner of Goethe Road and Bluffton Road (S.C. Highway 46) from Suburban (S) to Commercial Suburban (CS).

Approved on second reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance/ZDSO, Article V. Use Regulations, Table 106-1098. Light Industry Uses, and Section 106-1359 and Section 106-1366, Limited and Special Use Standards (adds light industrial and warehousing / distribution as allowed use in commercial regional districts and establishes limited standards for these uses.)

Awarded a contract to SVI-SPL, Greensboro, North Carolina in the amount of \$272,799 for the Beaufort County Courthouse and the Hilton Head Island Branch Library Audio Visual Renovation Project. Funding will come from the following accounts: 10001030-54200, General Fund, Clerk of Court, Specialized Capital Equipment; 26000011-54200, Hilton Head Library Impact Fees, Specialized Capital Equipment; and 10001620-54200, General Fund, Library Administration, Specialized Capital Equipment.

Awarded a contract to Andrews Technology, Wilmington, North Carolina in the amount of \$449,180 (total 5-year cost) for time and attendance software and equipment for Beaufort County. Funding will come from the following accounts: 40040011-54114, 2005 GO Bonds, Munis Upgrades; and 10001160-54110, General Fund, Employee Services, Data Processing Equipment.

Renewed a contract with South Carolina Judicial Department in the amount of \$60,000 for Statewide Court Case Management System Software support and hosting services. Funding will come from the following accounts: 10001030-51110, Clerk of Court, Maintenance Contracts; 10001081-51110, Magistrate – Beaufort, Maintenance Contracts; 10001082-51110, Magistrate –

Bluffton, Maintenance Contracts; and 10001085-51110, Magistrate – Bond Court, Maintenance Contracts.

Voted to underwrite up to a maximum of \$140,000 to the Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce and \$140,000 to the Hilton Head Island/Bluffton Chamber of Commerce to cover a loss of accommodations (2% state) tax revenue due to South Carolina Department Revenue erroneously crediting Beaufort Regional Chamber for commercial properties that were, in fact, located on Hilton Head Island. This is a one-year appropriation to allow the Chambers to continue their marketing programs. Further, they would only draw on that amount, to the extent that they needed it for cash flow purposes, and that they did not get more from the state. If they were getting more along the way, it would reduce the amount Council would have to pay. The County's maximum exposure is \$224,000 given that each Chamber has received \$28,000 thus far.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of an assignment of an easement owned by Beaufort County for the construction and maintenance of a roadway identified as Bowling Lane and any rights to unpaved roadways extending therefrom.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of an easement encumbering property owned by Beaufort County, South Carolina to Palmetto Electric Cooperative Utility.

Purchased an 18-acre buffer along the Okatie River for \$4,000,000 from Rural and Critical Lands Preservation Program with \$500,000 from the general fund for an option to purchase the remaining 84 acres for \$12,000,000 with an 18-month option period on those 84 acres.

Approved the purchase of conservation easements for property located in Dale in partnership with MCAS Beaufort. The 300 acres more or less is located under the current Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ). The property is identified as PIN: R700 046 000 0001 0000, R700 046 001A 0000, R700 046 000 0002 0000 for a total price of \$500,000 of which the County will pay 50% and the MCAS Beaufort will pay 50%. Acquisition will be made utilizing funds from the Rural and Critical Lands Preservation Program.