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Council Action Summary November 2013

November 18, 2013

Approved the purchase of 7.7 acres of property being a portion of a larger 53-acre tract of property identified as parcel R601 031 0033 000 in the amount of \$1,150,000 for the creation of the Lowcountry Center for Industry and Business. The funding for this purchase shall come in the form of Rural Development grant funding from Palmetto Electric in the amount of \$400,000, Hargray Communications in the amount of \$350,000, and from the proceeds of surplus County property sales.

Approved on second 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.

Approved on second reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of an easement encumbering property owned by Beaufort County, South Carolina to Palmetto Electric Cooperative Utility.

Awarded a contract to Carolina Traffic Controls in the amount of \$155,469.03 plus \$25,000 for a total project cost of \$180,469.03 for County provided equipment and the installation of the mast arm traffic signal at the New Hampton Parkway and US 278. Funding will come from the Sales Tax Project 2D for the US 278 Frontage Road, account 33402-54504. Harris Teeter will be contributing \$100,000 for the signalization of the intersection with New Hampton Parkway and US 278. County Council approved an eligible one-cent sales tax project with a funding allocation of \$800,000 on April 9, 2012.

Approved on first 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 first 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 Spillman Technologies, Inc., Salt Lake City, Utah, in the amount of \$2,506,926 for an initial contract term of seven years with one additional five-year contract renewal period. Funding will come from the Sheriff's Office General Fund, Emergency Management General Fund, Detention Center and E911 Special Revenue Fund.

Awarded a contract to AEV/Northwestern Emergency Vehicles, Jefferson, North Carolina, in the amount of \$529,140 for the purchase of two new AEV Dodge ambulances and remounting of two existing ambulances. Funding will come from account 10001230-54000, EMS, Vehicle Purchases.

Awarded a contract to Southern Health Partners, Chattanooga, Tennessee, in the amount of \$314,665 to provide medical services for Beaufort County's Detention Center. Funding will come from account 10001250-51190, Detention Center Medical Services.

Awarded a contract to Physio-Control, Inc., Redmond, Washington, a sole source vendor, in the amount of \$132,316 for ten Lucas 2 Compression Systems for Emergency Medical Services. Funding will come from account 10001230-54200 EMS, Specialized Capital Equipment.

Awarded a contract to Alford Leasing Company, Inc., Raleigh, North Carolina, \$132,378.49 and Automated Business Resources, Savannah, Georgia, \$69,309.45 for a total amount \$201,688. Funding will come from various department accounts 51140-Equipment Rental, 52360 Copies/Supplies.

Approved the Human Services Alliance 2014 agencies' grant funding recommendations in the amount of \$598,000 as follows: Access Health Lowcountry \$10,000; Adequacy of Prenatal Care Coalition \$8,000; Alliance Grant Writers/match \$17,000; Beaufort County Early Childhood Coalition \$5,000; Beaufort Soil and Water Conservation \$21,000; B/J Economic Opportunity Commission \$5,000; B/J Volunteers in Medicine \$18,000; Coastal Empire Mental Health Center \$73,000; Child Abuse Prevention Association \$14,000; Citizens Opposed to Domestic Abuse \$15,000; Clemson Extension \$3,000; Community Services Organization \$10,000; Crossroads \$5,000; DHEC \$18,000; Family Promise \$5,000; Good Neighbor Medicine Clinic \$18,000; Hope Haven \$17,000; Literary Volunteers of the Lowcountry \$5,000; Love House Ministries \$5,000; Lowcountry Legal Volunteers \$13,000; Memory Matters \$8,000; Mental Health Access \$9,000; Neighborhood Outreach \$7,000; Our Lady's Food Pantry \$3,000; Palmetto Breeze/LRTA \$220,000; Partnership for Adult Literacy \$10,000; Senior Services of Beaufort County \$45,000; The Lending Room \$1,000; Under One Roof \$5,000; and Hilton Head Island Volunteers in Medicine \$5,000.

Approved a janitorial contract extension of services for the months of November and December 2013 and January 2014 with Carolina Cleaning of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina with a

total cost of \$126,806. Funding will come from General Fund – Facilities Management \$108,798 and Enterprise Funds – Hilton Head Island and Lady’s Island Airports \$18,008.

Adopted a resolution directing it is no longer the intention of County Council to build a trash transfer facility on property identified as 43.57 acres in the Chechessee area, known as R600 010 000 001A 0000.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance/ZDSO: Article XII. Subdivision Design, Division 3—Types of Subdivisions; Article XIII. Subdivision and Land Development Standards, Division 2—Street Standards; and Article XV. Signs, Division 2—Standards (adds additional requirements for subdivisions, street designs and signs).

Held a public hearing and approved on third reading an agricultural text amendment to the Business License Fee Ordinance, Article III. Business and Professional Licenses, Section 18-54(b). Deductions and exemptions. “The provisions of this article shall not extend to those businesses which are contained within NAICS Major Business Group 01: agriculture production; crops, or Group 02: agriculture production; livestock and animal specialties, or Group 08: forestry, or Group 09: fishing, nor shall it apply to the manufacture or sale of sea island grass products, but shall extend and apply to vendors of every other class and kind of goods.”

Held a public hearing on a National Institute of Justice FY 2013 DNA backlog reduction program grant in the amount of \$100,000 for the Sheriff’s Office. This is a 100% federally funded grant in the amount of \$100,000.

Held a public hearing on the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) FY13 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program: Local). This is a 100% federally funded grant in the amount of \$49,121.

Approved the purchase of conservation easements for a property on St. Helena Island with the United States Department of Agriculture as part of its Farm and Ranchland Protection Program administered by the Natural Resource Conservation Service. The property is 77 acres, more or less (legally identified as PIN: R300 023 000 0010 and R300 022 000 0233 0000), for a total price of \$305,575 of which the Council will pay 50% and the USDA will pay 50%. Acquisitions will be made utilizing funds from the Beaufort County Rural and Critical Lands Preservation Program.

Approved the purchase of conservation easements for a property on St. Helena Island with the United States Department of Agriculture as part of its Farm and Ranchland Protection Program administered by the Natural Resource Conservation Service. The property is 13.91 acres, more or less (legally identified as PIN: R300 016 000 0179 and R300 016 000 0178), for a total price of \$123,332 of which the Council will pay 50% and the USDA will pay 50%. Acquisitions will be made utilizing funds from the Beaufort County Rural and Critical Lands Preservation Program.