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Council Action Summary September 2013

September 9, 2013

Appointed Mr. James Outlaw, representing at-large, to serve as a member of the Lowcountry Council of Governments.

Authorized the Bluffton Township Fire District to sell a Sutphen Ladder and to replace it with a more dependable and appropriate truck that meets the District requirements and is within the District strategic planning and financial ability.

Authorized the Bluffton Township Fire District to expend impact fees in an amount not to exceed \$900,000 to purchase a replacement vehicle. Funding will come from the District impact fees account, which has a balance of \$584,171.

Adopted a resolution to commission Tallulah Trice, Director of Beaufort County Animal Services, as an Animal Service Officer for Beaufort County to enforce Beaufort County Animal Ordinances for Beaufort County pursuant to the authority granted in Section 4-9-145 of the *Code of Laws of South Carolina*, 1976, as amended.

Approved on first reading an ordinance to amend 2013/26, FY 2013-2014 Beaufort County School District Budget, providing for a reduction in millage from 100.55 to 97.45.

Awarded the 2014 accommodations tax funds in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to the following organizations: Art League of Hilton Head \$3,000, Arts Council of Beaufort County \$12,000, Arts Center of Coastal Carolina \$13,000, Beaufort Art Association \$1,750, Beaufort Film Festival \$13,500, Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce \$81,100, Beaufort County Black Chamber of Commerce \$65,000, Beaufort Soil & Water Conservation District \$1,500, Hilton Head Island-, Bluffton Chamber of Commerce/Visitors & Convention Bureau \$32,000, Bluffton Historical Preservation Society \$20,000, Carolina Cups \$3,000, Coastal Discovery Museum \$20,000, Daufuskie Island Historical Foundation \$1,500, Exchange Club of Beaufort/Child Abuse Prevention Association \$1,500, Experience Green \$6,000, Friends of Hunting Island State Park, Inc. \$25,000, Friends of the Spanish Moss Trail \$15,500, Greater Bluffton Chamber of Commerce \$5,000, Hilton Head Choral Society \$2,650, Hilton Head Island

Concours d'Elegance, Inc. \$15,000, Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra \$6,000, Historic Beaufort Foundation \$5,000, Historic Bluffton Arts & Seafood Festival, Inc. \$5,000, Keep Beaufort County Beautiful \$2,000, Lowcountry Golf Course Owners Association \$15,000, Lowcountry & Resort Islands Tourism Commission \$25,000, Main Street Beaufort, USA \$25,000, Mitchelville Preservation Project, Inc. \$20,000, The Beaufort County Historical Society \$4,000, The Center for Service Leadership \$10,000, The Sandbox: An Interactive Children's Museum \$5,000, Penn Center, Inc. \$20,000 and Port Royal Sound Foundation \$20,000.

Approved the purchase of twenty-one 2014 Dodge Chargers from Butler Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep, Beaufort, South Carolina in the amount of \$481,278 for the Sheriff's Office. The source of funding is Account 10001202-54000, Vehicle Purchases.

Awarded a full service contract to Eastern Aviation, New Bern, North Carolina in the amount of \$388,000 for the Beaufort County Airport/ARW. The source of funding is Account 51000011-58000.

Awarded a Microsoft licensing contract renewal to New Venue Technologies, Inc., Columbia, South Carolina in the amount of \$203,712. The source of funding is Account 10001150-51110, MIS, Maintenance Contracts.

Awarded a contract to Verizon Wireless, Laurel, Maryland in the amount of \$126,000 for wireless communication services for Beaufort County. The source of funding is Departments' Telephone Account 50101.

Awarded a contract to Talbert, Bright & Ellington, Columbia, South Carolina in the amount of \$110,532 for Hilton Head Island Airport/HXD engineering design services for runway approach obstructions – Talbert, Bright & Ellington Work Authorization 12-04, Phase 2. The source of funding is Expenditures Codes #54020011-54293 and #54020011-54301 – FAA Grants #29 and #30 (95%). Additional State Grant Funding of 2.5%. The remaining 2.5% (\$2,763.28) will come from the Hilton Head Island Airport's Operating Budget.

Awarded a contract to Talbert, Bright & Ellington, Columbia, South Carolina in the amount of \$96,923 for Hilton Head Island Airport/HXD preliminary engineering services for runway approach obstructions – Talbert, Bright & Ellington Work Authorization 12-04. The source of funding is Expenditures Codes #54020011-54293 and #54020011-54301 – FAA Grants #29 and #30 (95%). Additional State Grant Funding of 2.5%. The remaining 2.5% (\$2,423.08) will come from the Hilton Head Island Airport's Operating Budget.

Awarded a contract to Municipal Code Corporation (a sole source vendor), Tallahassee, Florida in the amount of \$60,000 to provide codification services for County Council's Office. The source of funding is Account 10001000-51310, County Council, Memberships.

Entered into a Memorandum of Understanding between Beaufort County and the Lowcountry Economic Alliance, a South Carolina not for profit corporation, to provide various services to advance economic development interests in Beaufort County.

Held a public hearing and postponed consideration of third and final reading until its meeting of September 16, 2013.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an ordinance to amend the *Beaufort County Code of Ordinances* by adding Article III, Sections 54-50 to 54-60, to Chapter 54 of Part I, establishing a regulation prohibiting the use of handheld electronic communication devices for the reviewing, drafting, or sending of electronic communications while operating a motor vehicle within the unincorporated areas of Beaufort County; and providing for severability and an effective date.

Approved on third and final reading an ordinance to amend the FY 2013-2014 Beaufort County Budget Ordinance so as to provide a supplemental appropriation from the county's general reserve fund in the amount of \$400,000 to fund the following four line items: Technical College of the Lowcountry \$100,000, University of South Carolina-Beaufort \$125,000, Island Recreation Center \$75,000, and Beaufort Memorial Hospital \$100,000.

September 16, 2013

Approved on second reading an ordinance to amend 2013/26, FY 2013-2014 Beaufort County School District Budget, providing for a reduction in millage from 100.55 to 97.45.

Approved on third and final reading an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation refunding bonds, Series 2013D, or such other appropriate series designation, of Beaufort County, South Carolina, in the principal amount of not exceeding \$25,300,000; 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 Mrs. Anne Esposito, representing active pilot/aircraft owner at Hilton Head Island Airport/HXD, to serve as a member of the Airports Board.

September 23, 2013

Denied a request from Bluffton Park Community Owners Association in Beaufort County to relinquish ownership and maintenance responsibility of Ninth Avenue, Pin Oak Street and Red Cedar Street.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an ordinance to amend 2013/26, FY 2013-2014 Beaufort County School District Budget, providing for a reduction in millage from 100.55 to 97.45.