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## COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

June 2014

### **June 9, 2014**

Reappointed Mrs. Linda Cecil to serve as a member of the Foster Care Review.

Appointed Mrs. Joyce Hall to serve as a member of the Foster Care Review Board.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an ordinance finding that Fripp Island Public Service District may issue not exceeding \$1,000,000 General Obligation Bonds and to provide for the publication of notice of the said finding and authorization.

Held a public hearing and approved on second reading the FY 2014-2015 County budget as follows: County Operations 46.48 mills, Purchase of Real Property Program 4.90 mills, County Debt Service 5.48 mills, Bluffton Fire District 24.02 mills operations and 0.00 mills debt service, Burton Fire District 60.18 mills operations and 5.74 mills debt service, Daufuskie Island Fire District 54.72 mills operations and 2.00 mills debt service, Lady's Island/St. Helena Island Fire District 35.94 mills operations and 2.36 mills debt service, and Sheldon Fire District 35.82 mills operations and 2.20 mills debt service. Further, reduce the Sheriff's budget by \$112,000, retain those funds in the County Administrator's budget, and withhold allocating the \$87,600 until Council has a full understanding of the ramifications. Further, retain the library fines and fees within the general fund as is.

Held a public hearing and approved on second reading the FY 2014/2015 School District budget as follows: 97.45 for school operations, 31.71 mills school bond debt service (principal and interest) and \$114,868,815 derived from tax collections.

Approved on second reading an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds or General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2014, or such other appropriate series designation, of Beaufort County, South Carolina, in the principal amount of not exceeding \$17,100,000; 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.

Approved on second reading an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds or General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2014B, or such other appropriate series designation, of Beaufort County, South Carolina, in the principal amount of not exceeding \$2,350,000; 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.

Approved on first reading an ordinance to appropriate funds not to exceed \$50,000 from the local (3%) accommodations tax funds to the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

Appropriated \$35,000 from fund balance to engage the services of a professionally qualified team of private sector experts experienced in land development planning to test the applicability of the Community Development Code.

Deleted the words, “or reasonable and responsible economic development” from the Rural and Critical Lands bond referendum question.

### **June 23, 2014**

Approved on first reading, by title only, an ordinance to appropriate funds not to exceed \$75,000 from the local (3%) accommodations tax funds to the Santa Elena Foundation.

Appointed Mr. Todd Theodore, representing the Town of Hilton Head Island, to serve as a member of the Southern Beaufort County Corridor Beautification Board.

Approved the purchase of a conservation easement for property in the Burton area on Pine Gove Road in conjunction with the Marine Corps Air Station. The property is 154+/- acres and legally identified as PIN: R100 024 000 0067 0000. The easement will be purchased for a total price of \$795,000 and Marine Corps Air Station will pay fifty (50%) percent of the purchase. The source of funding is from the Beaufort County Rural and Critical Lands Preservation Program.

Approved the purchase of a conservation easement for property in Garden’s Corner at the intersection of U.S. Highway 21 and U.S. Highway 17. The property is 323 +/- acres and legally identified as PIN: R700 020 000 0001 0000 for a total price of \$895,000. The source of funding is from the Beaufort County Rural and Critical Lands Preservation Program.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an ordinance to increase the minimum salary paid to Beaufort County Magistrates by eliminating progressive step pay increases. Further, that effective the first full pay period, occurring after July 1, 2014, all

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Beaufort County Magistrates currently or subsequently appointed to office by the Beaufort County Legislative Delegation shall be paid 100% of the base salary outlined in *South Carolina Code of Laws*, Section 22-8-40(B)(1)(e) regardless of their educational background or professional experience.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading the FY 2014-2015 County budget as follows: County Operations 46.48 mills, Purchase of Real Property Program 4.90 mills, County Debt Service 5.48 mills, Bluffton Fire District 24.02 mills operations and 0.00 mills debt service, Burton Fire District 60.18 mills operations and 5.74 mills debt service, Daufuskie Island Fire District 54.72 mills operations and 2.00 mills debt service, Lady's Island/St. Helena Island Fire District 35.94 mills operations and 2.36 mills debt service, and Sheldon Fire District 35.82 mills operations and 2.20 mills debt service. Further, reduce the Sheriff's budget by \$112,000, retain those funds in the County Administrator's budget, and withhold allocating the \$87,600 until Council has a full understanding of the ramifications. Further, retain the library fines and fees within the general fund as is.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading the FY 2014/2015 School District budget as follows: 101.70 mills school operations, 31.71 mills school bond debt service (principal and interest), \$190,400,000 appropriated to fund school operations, \$1,025,018 to be derived from fund balance, and \$114,868,815 to be derived from tax collections.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds or General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2014A, or such other appropriate series designation, of Beaufort County, South Carolina, in the principal amount of not exceeding \$17,100,000, 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.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds or General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2014B, or such other appropriate series designation, of Beaufort County, South Carolina, in the principal amount of not exceeding \$2,350,000, 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.

Approved on first reading, by title only, an ordinance authorizing the placement of a question on the official ballot for the General Election to be conducted November 4, 2014, concerning a proposition authorizing Beaufort County to issue General Obligation Bonds to acquire lands for limited development or preservation purposes and to pay certain costs and debt service related thereto. Further, voting on this motion is with the clear understanding that language from the ordinance of Rural and Critical Lands Preservation Review Board will be properly inserted at second reading.

Approved on second reading an ordinance to appropriate funds not to exceed \$50,000 from the local (3%) accommodations tax funds to the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

Approved on first reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Code, Article V, Section 46-151 through Section 46-163 of the Hazardous Materials Ordinance.

Awarded a contract to Waste Management of South Carolina, Inc. in the amount of \$1,050,000 for recyclables collection and processing services, effective August 1, 2014 for an initial three-year term ending July 31, 2017, with two additional one-year contract renewal options for a potential five-year contract. Funding is from Account 10001340-61167, Solid Waste and Recycling – Recycling Services.

Approved on first reading an ordinance to regulate unfit dwellings and unsafe buildings within the unincorporated areas of Beaufort County, to provide for enforcement thereof, and matters related thereto.

Approved the payment of SCDOT quality assurance oversight services on the S.C. Highway 170 Widening, Boundary Street Streetscape/TIGER Grant, and Bluffton Parkway Phase 5A Segment 2 – U.S. Highway 278 Flyover Bridges construction projects in the amount of \$34,757.31. The funding source for invoice 416384 is from each project's 1% Sales Tax Road Improvement Program Accounts – 33403-54500 SC Highway 170, 47030011-54503 Boundary Street, and 33401-54500 Bluffton Parkway Phase 5.

Approved the payment of SCDOT quality assurance oversight services on the S.C. Highway 170 Widening, Boundary Street Streetscape/TIGER Grant, and Bluffton Parkway Phase 5A Segment 2 – U.S. Highway 278 Flyover Bridges construction projects in the amount of \$82,458.55. The funding source for invoice 416385 is from each project's 1% Sales Tax Road Improvement Program Accounts – 33403-54500 SC Highway 170, 47030011-54503 Boundary Street, and 33401-54500 Bluffton Parkway Phase 5.

Approved on first reading an ordinance declaring certain county-owned properties as surplus and authorizing County Administration to dispose of the properties in a manner beneficial to the County.

Awarded a contract to Eastern Aviation Fuels, Inc., New Bern, North Carolina, in the amount of \$1,080,000 (annual cost per year of \$360,000), effective July 1, 2014 for an initial three-year term ending June 30, 2017 with two one-year extension options at the sole discretion of the County for a potential five-year contract. Funding will come from Account 51000011-5800, Lady's Island Airport Operations, Purchases-Fuels/Lubes.