

Herbert N. Glaze, Councilman
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Ribbon Cutting, Shanklin Road Convenience Center

Good morning and thank you for being here today. I am very pleased to represent Beaufort County Council and take part in this event. I send you congratulations and good wishes from Chairman Weston Newton who was unable to join us this morning.

The new design – through the use of waste compactors - makes the task of disposal more effective and economical. This will substantially cut the number of trips to the landfill which will result in reduced transportation costs. In addition, the use of compactors greatly increases capacity which allows the County to meet the challenge of continued population growth. Paved access for the entire site provides safer traffic flow, simplified maintenance and convenient recycling areas. Through these means, it is our hope that our citizens will experience an improved level of service and an increased opportunity to recycle, which is important for our environment and helps us save money.

This new center was constructed on County-owned property. This site was once used by Beaufort County Mosquito Control and by transferring that operation to the County Airport on Lady's Island, the county was free to construct this badly-needed facility here on this property.

The construction contract was for approximately \$750,000. It was awarded as a design/build project to Andrews & Burgess Engineering for the design and REA Construction for the construction. The two companies worked as a team. Six solid waste compactors and nine receivers were purchased and installed at an additional cost of approximately \$165,000. The white goods area behind the center was built in-house by the General Support section of the County Public Works Department and was not part of the Convenience Center project.

Again, it is my pleasure to represent county council today and I wish to congratulate County Administrator Gary Kubic, as well as County staff including Jim Minor, Eddie Bellamy, and Rob McFee on the development and opening of this state-of-the-art facility. Thank you.