



Sales Tax Advisory Committee Beaufort County, SC

Council Chambers, Administration Building Beaufort County Government Robert Smalls
Complex 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort

Thursday, November 2, 2023
5:30 PM

MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Dean Moss, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Carol Ruff
Untron Solomon
Dean Moss
Tom Lennox
Morris Campbell
Charlie Wetmore

ABSENT

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dean Moss, Chairman, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. FOIA

Dean Moss, Chairman, noted that public notification of this meeting had been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Untron Solomon, seconded by Carol Ruff, to approve the agenda.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Correction: Formally needs to be corrected to formerly. Correction made.

Motion: It was moved by Charlie Wetmore, seconded by Untron Solomon, to approve the corrected minutes.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

6. OPENING REMARKS

Chairman Moss gave opening remarks.

7. STRATEGIC AND TACTICAL PLANNING

Committee to provide a memo of recommendations to County Council. Last year's recommendation was passed on the first reading. Senator Davis introduced the Greenspace Tax, and that option was moved forward on the ballot. In exchange, we will receive investment funding from the state to start on projects.

Mr. Fralix discussed sales tax exemptions, including unprepared foods, medicine, utilities, rent, gas, and non-profits.

Transportation sales tax has a limit of 25 years, Capital sales tax has a limit of 8 years, and education has a limit of 15 years. The current statute for the Capital sales tax does not include economic development or affordable housing. The committee will wait to see the results of the bond referendum for the school on the day after the election.

Mr. Fralix will follow up on which tax can be on the ballot on an even or odd year or both.

The committee decided to focus on the transportation sales and use tax only and for a full penny. There was discussion on whether the referendum should include giving 16.7% to neighboring counties.

Motion: It was moved by Tom Lennox to have the next meeting located in Bluffton. It was seconded by Morris Campbell.

Discussion: Two meetings in Bluffton. The first meeting in Bluffton on November 16th.

The Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

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9. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at or around 7:05 p.m.