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Facility Improvements Underway at Two Beaufort County Library Branches

Starting Thursday, May 7, 2015, Beaufort County will begin prepping the Hilton Head Island (HHI) Library Branch for HVAC improvements. Beaufort County Council approved more than \$615K for the work, which includes installation of a new energy-efficient HVAC system, replacement of a rooftop backup unit, and retrofit of equipment ductwork and control systems. The County recently completed an audio and acoustical upgrade project of approximately \$90K at the HHI Library Branch.

Also, Beaufort County has plans underway to renovate and improve the covered porch at the Bluffton Branch Library for the purpose of a new computer lab. The renovation will cost approximately \$100K and include minor demolition, exterior wall and window improvements, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, painting, carpentry, flooring and finish work, as well as installation of a new acoustical tile ceiling system and new lighting. An additional \$255K has been approved for the replacement of the roof system. Staff will make a contract award recommendation at County Council's Public Facilities Committee meeting on May 18, 2015.

These projects are part of the County's Capital Improvements Program. The County would like to thank the public for their patience and understanding during the process to improve these facilities for their use and enjoyment.