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Four Members Sworn In at Oath of Office Ceremony for Beaufort County Council

Reelected and newly-elected members of [Beaufort County Council](#) were sworn in today by the Honorable Marvin H. Dukes, III, Beaufort County Master-in-Equity.

County Council members-elect Michael E. Covert (District 7) and York Glover, Sr. (District 3) took their oaths of office for the first time. Gerald Dawson (District 1) and Brian E. Flewelling (District 5) reaffirmed their oaths.

Covert, a 20-year resident of Bluffton, is the owner of local heating and air condition service company Covert Aire. He is the president of the Bluffton Rotary Club and served on the County's 2014 Capital Project Sales Tax Commission. His priority is to unify and establish positive relationships between the northern and southern parts of Beaufort County.

Glover served the public for 35 years during his tenure with the Clemson University Extension Service. He previously served as a member of the Beaufort County Board of Education for 16 years. Glover's priority is for the County to invest in the creation of good paying jobs for its residents.



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Paul Sommerville (District 2), a Lady's Island resident was reelected as County Council chairman for a two-year term. Sommerville was nominated by Brian Flewelling.

"Sommerville is a steadfast advocate for the people of his district and for the entire county," said Flewelling during his nomination for Sommerville. "We've grown as a county under his leadership and he's done an admirable job."

Sun City resident Jerry Stewart (District 6) was reelected as vice chairman.

"On behalf of all Beaufort County employees and administration, we look forward to another successful year," said Beaufort County Administrator Gary Kubic.

The County Channel aired the meeting live and have provided a [recording](#) of the meeting online.

