County Council Meeting
Beaufort County, SC

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

Monday, April 13, 2026
6:00 PM

AGENDA

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Alice Howard, Chair
David P. Bartholomew
Logan Cunningham
York Glover
Lawrence McElynn
Thomas Reitz
Anna Maria Tabernik, Vice-Chair
Paula Brown
Gerald Dawson
Mark Lawson
Joseph Passiment

1. CALL TO ORDER: Alice Howard, Chair
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION: David Bartholomew
3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FOIA: Alice Howard, Chair
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
    a. Minutes from County Council Workshop March 10, 2026, Caucus and County Council March 23, 2026.
6. PROCLAMATIONS
    a. Proclamation recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
    b. Proclamation recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.
7. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
8. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - 30 MINUTES TOTAL
9. LIAISON AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
    - Community Services Committee
    - Natural Resources Committee
    - Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee

- Public Facilities Committee

10. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Items Originating from the Public Facilities Committee

1. Approval of a contract for APAC Atlantic for Beaufort County Year 9 resurfacing project ($3,836,594.16.)

2. Approval of a contract for APAC Atlantic to resurface Haig Point rd in front of the Daufuskie Island Fire Department. ($425,150.00)

3. Approval of a Task Order with Kimley Horn for design services for a right turn lane on Ladys Island Drive to Ribaut Road. ($151,205.00)

4. Approval of a contract to Stantec Consulting Services, Inc for Beaufort County 2018 Sales Tax US 21 Design & Engineering Services Projects ($422,329.33)

5. Approval of a contract to Davis & Floyd for Beaufort County 2018 Lady's Island Access Road Design & Engineering Services Project ($1,288,607.91)

6. Approval of a contract for four Elevator Modernizations via OMNIA Purchasing Cooperative ($842,487)

7. Approval of Contract to Nix Construction for the design services portion of the Design/Build project of the Daufuskie Island Frances Jones Park Community Center ($440,704.00)

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

11. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:

a. 2026/08: An ordinance to amend Ordinance 2023/26 to reallocate funds previously appropriated for Daufuskie Island Ferry embarkation points to Sun City Joint Fire/EMS Station (Station #39). **PUBLIC HEARING**

The vote at Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee on March 16, 2026 - 8:0
The vote at First Reading on March 23, 2026 - 11:0
N/A

b. 2026/09: An Ordinance to reallocate the funds from the 2025 Series GO Bond for Passive Parks projects. **PUBLIC HEARING**

The vote at Finance, Administration and Economic Development Committee on March 16, 2026 - 8:0
The vote at First Reading on March 23, 2026 - 11:0
N/A

c. 2026/06: An Ordinance adding a new Section 54-8 to the Beaufort County Code of Ordinances so as to prohibit and make unlawful the discharge of firearms in certain unincorporated areas of the county, to provide the penalty pertaining to such violations, and to provide certain exceptions and limitations thereto.

The vote at Community Services and Public Safety Committee on February 3, 2026 - 6:2
The vote at First Reading on February 23, 2026 - 7:4
Public Hearing was held on March 9, 2026

The vote to postpone Second Reading until the March 23, 2026 County Council Meeting - 10:0
The vote to send back to Community Service and Public Safety Committee for revisions at the County Council Meeting on March 23, 2026 - 11:0

12. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

a. 2026/10: An Ordinance to reallocate remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the amount of $739,108.13 towards existing projects as obligated to the Department of Treasury.

The vote at Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee on March 16, 2026 - 8:0

b. 2026/11: An Ordinance Authorizing the County Administrator to Execute the necessary documents and provide funding for the purchase of real property located at 641 Sea Island Parkway.

The vote at Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee on March 16, 2026 - 8:0

c. 2026/12: An Ordinance authorizing the County Administrator to execute the necessary documents to convey five parcels of real property TMS Nos. R120 005 000 0105 0000, R120 005 000 0127 0000, R120 005 000 0132 0000, R120 005 000 132A 0000, R120 005 000 0133 0000, to the Beaufort Jasper Housing Trust for development of attainable housing in partnership with Beaufort Memorial Hospital and other matters related thereto.

The vote at Public Facilities Committee on March 16, 2026 - 7:0

d. 2026/13: An Ordinance to amend Beaufort County's Ordinance Chapter 38 Environment, Article VII Green Space Program, Section 38-196 Method of Program and Procedures of the Beaufort County Code of Ordinances.

The vote at Natural Resources Committee on April 06, 2026 - 7:0

e. 2026/14: An Ordinance adding a new Section 54-8 to the Beaufort County Code of Ordinances so as to prohibit and make unlawful the discharge of firearms in certain unincorporated areas of the county, to provide the civil penalty pertaining to such violations, and to provide certain exceptions and limitations thereto.

The vote at Community Services and Public Safety Committee on April 6, 2026 - 9:0

f. 2026/15: An Ordinance to add a new Ordinance Section 54-9 Hate Intimidation Crime establishing the offense of hate intimidation and establishing a penalty for violations in the Beaufort County Code of Ordinances.

The vote at Community Services and Public Safety Committee on April 6, 2026 - 9:0

g. 2026/16: An Ordinance authorizing the County Administrator to execute the necessary documents to convey a parcel of real property TMS No. R100 033 00A 021B 000 to the Habitat for Humanity of the Lowcountry for development of workforce/affordable housing and other matters related thereto.

The vote at Community Services and Public Safety Committee on March 2, 2026 - 7:0

13. RESOLUTIONS:

a. 2026/11: A Resolution of Beaufort County, South Carolina, encouraging the South Carolina General Assembly to adopt a Comprehensive Hate Crime Bill.

The vote at Community Services and Public Safety Committee on April 6, 2026 - 9:0

b. 2026/12: A Resolution authorizing the County Administrator to execute the documents necessary and to provide funds to contribute to the procurement by the applicant, the Open Land Trust, for a conservation easement on property located in unincorporated Jasper County known as the Chelsea Tracts (TMS# 081-00-02-001, 081-00-02-008 and 081-00-02-009), for the requested amount ($2,000,000)

   The vote at Natural Resources Committee on April 6, 2026 - 7:0

c. 2026/13: A Resolution authorizing the County Administrator to execute the documents necessary and to provide funds to contribute to the procurement by the applicant, the Open Land Trust, for a conservation easement on property located in unincorporated Beaufort County known as the Victoria Bluff Tracts (PIN# R600 032 000 0002 0000, R600 032 000 0003 0000), for the requested amount ($7,470,000)

   The vote at Natural Resources Committee on April 6, 2026 - 7:0

d. 2026/14: A Resolution approving the Beaufort County Fleet Services policy - Public Access Vehicle Charging Station.

   The vote at Community Services and Public Safety Committee on April 6, 2026 - 9:0

14. ADJOURNMENT

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