Finance, Administration and Economic Development Committee Meeting

Beaufort County, SC

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

Monday, April 20, 2026
2:00 PM

AGENDA

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mark Lawson, Chairman
Paula Brown
Joseph Passiment
Logan Cunningham, Vice-Chair
Gerald Dawson
Alice Howard, Ex-Officio

1. CALL TO ORDER:
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FOIA:
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   - Minutes from March 16, 2026
6. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – 15 MINUTES TOTAL
7. REPORTS
   a. FY2026 Year to date Budget update **(FISCAL IMPACT: N/A)** - Pinky Harriott, CGFO Chief Financial Officer
   b. Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation Update **(FISCAL IMPACT:)** - John O'Toole Executive Director, BCEDC
8. AGENDA ITEMS
   a. Consideration of funding to support Project Bamboo- Speculative Building Development- Beaufort Commerce Park **(FISCAL IMPACT: Please see the attached BCEDC pro forma for the full incentive breakdown.**
   From Beaufort County Job & Site Fund:

      - **$250,000 – Cash Grant at the beginning of the project.**
      - **Up to $15,000 in Wetlands Credits**

- **After the certificate of occupancy is issued, there is a potential $1.3 million dollar exposure on carrying cost.**
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FILOT/SSRC Agreement – To be determined.) - John O'Toole, Executive Director, Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation (BCEDC)

b. Mid-Year Funding Request from LRTA dba Palmetto Breeze in the amount of $81,016. **(FISCAL IMPACT: Fiscal Impact is $81,016. If Finance Committee chooses to fund this, Staff recommends utilizing vacancy savings in the General Fund.)** - Pinky Harriott, CGFO Chief Financial Officer

c. Approval of a Contract to Revize for RFP #100225 - Website Updates and Redesign **(FISCAL IMPACT: The total first year cost is $96,600. The contract outlines options to renew for up to four additional years at $20,000 per year, subject to budget approved by Council. The accounts that will be funding this project would be $48,300.00 from 1000-10-1150-51110 and $48,300.00 from 1000-10-1152-51110.)** - Hannah Nichols, Public Information Officer (5 minutes)

d. Consideration of Helicopter Acquisition for Beaufort County Sheriff's Office **(FISCAL IMPACT: $4,000,000 from an appropriation of general fund balance.)** - Col Neil Baxley; Chief Hatfield Beaufort County Sheriff's Office

e. An ordinance to amend Beaufort County's Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2026 (ordinance no. 2025/29) to amend section iii, County Operations revenues, and section iv, County Operations Appropriation **(FISCAL IMPACT: $4,000,000)** - Pinky Harriott, Chief Financial Officer

f. A resolution of the County Council of Beaufort County adopting a merit pay policy and associated appendix to the Beaufort County Personnel Handbook **(FISCAL IMPACT: Fiscal impact is built into FY27 budget)** - Katherine Mead, HR Director - 5-10 minutes

g. An Ordinance to appropriate fund balance from Funds 1401 & 1600 to fund the USCB Convocation Center Project. **(FISCAL IMPACT: Fiscal Impact is $1,600,000 from Funds 1401 ($650,000) & 1600($950,000) Fund Balances.)** - Pinky Harriott, CGFO Chief Financial Officer

h. An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 2025/20 to re-allocate funds from the 2025 Series GO Bonds to fund the University of South Carolina-Beaufort's Convocation Center Project. **(FISCAL IMPACT: $9.5M from the Law Enforcement Center project will be re-allocated to USCB's Convocation Center project.)** - Pinky Harriott, CGFO Chief Financial Officer

9. ADJOURNMENT

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