County Council Meeting
Beaufort County, SC

Bluffton Branch Library
120 Palmetto Way
Bluffton, SC 29910

Monday, April 27, 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: Anna Maria Tabernik, Vice-Chair
3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FOIA: Alice Howard, Chair
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
    a. Minutes from the County Council Budget Workshop on April 9, 2026 and Caucus and County Council April 13, 2026.
6. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
7. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - 30 MINUTES TOTAL
8. PRESENTATIONS
    a. FY2027 Budget Proposal from elected and appointed officials.
9. DISCUSSION ITEMS
    - Discussion of private security firm at specific early voting locations.
10. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Items Originating from the Public Facilities and Safety Committee

1. Approval of a contract for the Public Works Metal Roof Repairs via OMNIA Purchasing

Cooperative ($229,521.33)

2. A change order to Davis & Floyd for the design of Briar's Creek Road ($92,950.00)

3. A Change Order to O'quinn Marine for Melrose Dock Repairs ($57,888.00)

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

11. AGENDA ITEMS

a. A Contract to Nix Construction for the construction of the Buckwalter Recreation Athletic Complex Expansion (BRACE) Project ($8,316,000.00)

The vote at Public Facilities Committee on April 20, 2026 - 10:0

b. A Contract to MUSCO Sports Lighting, LLC for the Buckwalter Recreation Athletic Complex Expansion (BRACE) Field Lighting ($593,890.00)

The vote at Public Facilities Committee on April 20, 2026 - 10:0

c. Reappointment of Daniel Anderson to the Construction Adjustments and Appeals Board for a third term of four years, with an expiration date of April 2030.

d. Reappointment of Janet Porter to the Library Board for a third term of four years, with an expiration date of April 2030.

e. Reappointment of Robert Bible to the Board of Assessment Appeals for a second term of four years, with an expiration date of April 2030.

f. Reappointment of Jessica Reitz to the Keep Beautiful Beaufort Board for a second term of four years, with an expiration date of April 2030.

g. Reappointment of Bruce Kline to the Construction Adjustments and Appeals Board for a fourth term of four years, with an expiration date of April 2030.

h. Appointment of Sara Miller, District 4, to the Keep Beaufort County Beautiful Board for a four-year term with an expiration date of April 2030.

i. Appointment of Hattie Brown, District 1, to the Library Board for a four-year term with an expiration date of April 2030.

j. Reappointment of Thomas Peth to the Daufuskie Island Fire District Board for a second term of four years, with an expiration date of April 2030.

k. Reappointment of Nancy Ludtke to the Daufuskie Island Fire District Board for a third term of four years, with an expiration date of April 2030.

l. Reappointment of Galen Sturup-Comeau to the Disabilities and Special Needs Board for a third term of four years, with an expiration date of April 2030, pending approval by the Governors Office.

m. Reappointment of Barbara Childs to the Lowcounty Regional Transportation Authority (Palmetto Breeze) for a fifth term of three years, with an expiration date of April 2029.

n. Reappointment of Henry Criss to the Lowcountry Regional Transportation Authority (Palmetto Breeze) for a second term of three years, with an expiration date of April 2029.

o. Reappointment of Lynne Hoos to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a third term of three years, with an expiration date of April 2029.

p. Reappointment of Chet Houston to the Lady's Island/St. Helena Island Fire District Commission for a third term of four years, with an expiration date of April 2030, pending approval by the Governor's Office.

q. Appointment of Charles Newton to the Planning Commission for a three-year term with an expiration date of April 2029.

r. Reappointment of Bruce Yeager to the Parks and Recreation Board for a fifth term of four years, with an expiration date of April 2030.

s. Appointment of Rick Krob to the Bluffton Township Fire District Board for a four-year term with an expiration date of April 2030.

t. Appointment of Phillip Mansker to the Parks and Recreation Board for a four-year term with an expiration date of April 2030.

u. Appointment of Celina Morello to the Design Review Board for a four-year term with an expiration date of April 2030.

v. Appointment of Caroline Atkins to the Design Review Board for a four-year term with an expiration date of April 2030.

w. Appointment of Elizabeth Epstein to the Design Review Board for a four-year term with an expiration date of April 2030.

x. Appointment of Adam Saslow, District 8, to the Stormwater Management Utility Board for a four-year term with an expiration date of April 2030.

y. Appointment of Dee Simpson, District 4, to the Stormwater Management Utility Board for a four-year term with an expiration date of April 2030.

z. Reappointment of Paul Manning to the Beaufort County Transportation Committee for a second term of four years, with an expiration date of April 2030.

aa. Appointment of Nick Borreggine to the Accommodations State (2%) Tax Board for a four-year term with an expiration date of April 2030.

12. ORDINANCES FOR THIRD 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).

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
The vote at Second Reading and Public Hearing on April 13, 2026 - 10:0
N/A

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

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
The vote at Second Reading and Public Hearing on April 13, 2026 - 11:0

13. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND 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. **PUBLIC HEARING**

The vote at Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee on March 16, 2026 - 8:0
The vote at First Reading on April 13, 2026 - 11:0

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. **PUBLIC HEARING**

The vote at Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee on March 16, 2026 - 8:0
The vote at First Reading on April 13, 2026 - 11:0

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. **PUBLIC HEARING**

The vote at Public Facilities Committee on March 16, 2026 - 7:0
The vote at First Reading on April 13, 2026 - 11:0

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. **PUBLIC HEARING**

The vote at Natural Resources Committee on April 06, 2026 - 7:0
The vote at First Reading on April 13, 2026 - 11:0

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. **PUBLIC HEARING**

The vote at Community Services and Public Safety Committee on April 6, 2026 - 9:0
The vote at First Reading on April 13, 2026 - 11:0

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. **PUBLIC HEARING**

The vote at Community Services and Public Safety Committee on April 6, 2026 - 9:0
The vote at First Reading on April 13, 2026 - 8:2:1

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. **PUBLIC HEARING**

The vote at Community Services and Public Safety Committee on March 2, 2026 - 7:0
The vote at First Reading on April 13, 2026 - 11:0

14. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

a. 2026/17: 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

The vote at Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee on April 20, 2026 - 9:0

b. 2026/18: An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property from the Town of Hilton Head Island for the St. James Baptist Church Relocation Project.

The vote at Public Facilities Committee on April 20, 2026 - 10:0

c. 2026/19: An Ordinance Authorizing the Conveyance of Real Property to St. James Baptist Church Following Completion of the Relocation Project.

The vote at Public Facilities Committee on April 20, 2026 - 10:0

d. 2026/20: An Ordinance to appropriate fund balance from Funds 1401 & 1600 to fund the USCB Convocation Center Project.

The vote at Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Commmittee on April 20, 2026 - 4:5

e. 2026/21: 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.

The vote at Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee on April 20, 2026 - 4:5

f. 2026/22: An Ordinance to amend the current Disaster Recovery Ordinance.

The vote at Public Facilities Committee on April 20, 2026 - 10:0

g. 2026/23: An Ordinance authorizing the County Administrator to execute all necessary documents to convey the County's Right of Way Interest in a segment of Scheper Lane to SCDOT and to accept the SCDOT Right of Way Interest in a segment of Roosevelt Avenue into the County Road Inventory.

The vote at Public Facilities Committee on April 20, 2026 - 10:0

h. 2026/24: An Ordinance authorizing the County Administrator to execute any and all necessary documents for the acceptance of a portion of Airport Circle (S-776) which is to be abandoned by SCDOT.

The vote at Public Facilities Committee on April 20, 2026 - 10:0

i. 2026/25: An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of an undeveloped portion of real property adjacent to Nanny Cove Road located in a section of Palmetto Beach in Bluffton Township, Beaufort County.

The vote at Public Facilities Committee on April 20, 2026 - 10:0

15. RESOLUTIONS:

a. 2026/15: A Resolution of the County Council of Beaufort County adopting a merit pay policy and associated appendix to the Beaufort County Personnel Handbook.

The vote at Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee on April 20, 2026 - 8:0

b. 2026/16: A Resolution to Commission Solid Waste and Recycling Enforcement Officer.

The vote at Public Facilities Committee on April 20, 2026 - 10:0

c. 2026/17: A Resolution endorsing the updated Beaufort County Disaster Recovery Plan.

The vote at Public Facilities Committee on April 20, 2026 - 10:0

d. 2026/18: A Resolution to accept a South Carolina Aeronautics Commission (SCAC) Commercial Airport Entitlement grant in the amount of $1 Million for the Hilton Head Island Airport Terminal Improvement Project, Phase II - Contingent upon final grant offer.

The vote at Public Facilities Committee On April 20, 2026 - 10:0

e. 2026/19: A Resolution authorizing the County Administrator to enter into an MOU with the Port Royal Sound Foundation.

The vote at Public Facilities Committee on April 20, 2026 - 10:0

16. ADJOURNMENT

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