County Council Meeting
Beaufort County, SC

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

Monday, August 10, 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 Caucus and County Council July 13, 2026.
6. PROCLAMATION
    a. Proclamation recognizing the 500th Anniversary of Santa Elena
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 Community Services and Public Safety Committee Meeting

1. Authorize the County Administrator to enter into a contract with EMS Management & Consultants, Inc to provide billing services for Beaufort County EMS.

2. Authorize the County Administrator to enter into a contract with Cedars Business Services, LLC to provide billing collection services for Beaufort County Emergency Medical Services.

3. Authorize the County Administrator to approve an open purchase order not to exceed $300,000 to facilitate the purchase of medical supplies for Beaufort County Emergency Medical Services.

4. Approve the purchase of Ten (10) LifePak 35, cardiac monitors and associated accessories.

5. Authorize the County Administrator to enter a contact for service with Trinity Services Group for Beaufort County Detention Center Food Services Program.

b. Items Originating from the Natural Resources Committee

1. Authorization for the county administrator to enter into an agreement for a public-private partnership with Brickyard Commons, LLC for a Royal Pines drainage project.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

11. AGENDA ITEMS:

a. Authorization for the County Administrator to negotiate a Lease agreement with Coosaw Community Association Regarding the Coosaw Community Center.

b. Approval of updated 2026 County Council Meeting Calendar

c. Appointment of Mark Hagood to the Seabrook Point Property Owners Association for a partial term with an expiration date of February 2027.

d. Reappointment of Dean Nadler to to the Seabrook Point Owners Association for a 2nd term of four years with an expiration date of July 2030.

e. Reappointment of Arthur Handman to the Beaufort County Transportation Committee for a 2nd term of four-years with an expiration date of July 2030.

f. Reappointment of Alvin Green to the Beaufort-Jasper Economic Opportunity Commission for a 2nd term of four years with an expiration date of July 2030.

g. Appointment of Ross Vezin to the Lowcountry Workforce Development Board, as a Labor Representative for a partial term with an expiration date of June 2028.

h. Appointment of Christina Jackson to the Lowcountry Workforce Development Board, as a representative of the Business Sector for a first term of three-years with an expiration date of June 2029.

i. Reappointment of Melanie Gallion to the Lowcountry Workforce Development Board, as a representative of the Higher Education Sector for a sixth term of three-years with an expiration date of June 2029.

j. Reappointment of Ed Saxon to the Military Enhancement Committee (MEC) for a three-year term with an expiration date of July 2029.

k. Appointment of Eric Berman to the Military Enhancement Committee (MEC) for a three-year term with an expiration date of July 2029.

l. Recommend approval to the Governor's Office for the reappointment of Wendy Bukowski to the Disabilities and Special Needs Board for a 3rd term of four years, with an expiration date of July 2030.

m. Reappointment of William Ricketts to the Bluffton Township Fire District Board for a 2nd term of four-years with an expiration date of July 2030 (pending approval by the Town of Bluffton)

12. ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING:

a. 2026/37: An Ordinance authorizing the abandonment of County Maintenance of a portion of Gibson Drive following petition by adjacent property owners and reclassifying said portion as a Private Road. **PUBLIC HEARING**
The vote at Public Facilities Committee on June 15, 2026 - 8:0
The vote at First Reading on June 22, 2026 - 11:0
The vote at Second Reading on July 13, 2026 - 10:0

b. 2026/38: An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2017/12 to appropriate funds from the 2017 Series General Obligation Bond to the Station 34 joint Fire/EMS Station. **PUBLIC HEARING**
The vote at Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee on June 15, 2026 - 7:0
The vote at First Reading on June 22, 2026 - 11:0
The vote at Second Reading on July 13, 2026 - 10:0

c. 2026/39: An Ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Ordinance to carry forward purchase orders and funds from Fiscal Year 2026 and prior for projects that have not yet been completed. **PUBLIC HEARING**
The vote at Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee on June 15, 2026 - 7:0
The vote at First Reading on June 22, 2026 - 11:0
The vote at Second Reading on July 13, 2026 - 10:0

d. 2026/40: An Ordinance to reallocate remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the amount of $1,496,825.73 towards existing projects as obligated to the Department of Treasury. **PUBLIC HEARING**
The vote at Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee on June 15, 2026 - 7:0
The vote at First Reading on June 22, 2026 - 11:0
The vote at Second Reading on July 13, 2026 - 10:0

13. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

a. 2026/41: An Ordinance amending the Community Development Code (CDC): section 5.3.20 (applicability), 4.2.20 (standards for free-standing accessory buildings/structures), 5.8.100 (screening), and 10.1.190 (definitions).

The vote at Natural Resources Committee on August 3, 2026 - 7:0

b. 2026/42: An Ordinance amending the zoning map for 1.4 acres (R300 012 000 0129 0000, R300 012 000 047A 0000) from T2R to T2RC.

The vote at Natural Resources Committee on August 3, 2026 - 7:0

14. RESOLUTIONS:

a. 2026/27: A Resolution for Military Infrastructure Resilience and All Hazards Decision Support Program Proposal

b. 2026/32: A Resolution to create an Ad Hoc committee for Animal Services.

c. 2026/33: A Resolution to adopt an updated parks and recreation fee schedule for programming and facility use.

d. 2026/34: A Resolution To Allocate Funds From The South Carolina Opioid Settlement.

e. 2026/35: A Resolution authorizing the County Administrator to execute a Memorandum of Agreement to engage in discussions about improvements and usage of the Battle of Port Royal Island site, subject to appropriate approval and securing of funding.

15. ADJOURNMENT

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