County Council Meeting
Beaufort County, SC

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

Monday, October 26, 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: Thomas Reitz, Council Member
3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FOIA: Alice Howard, Chair
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
    a. Minutes from Caucus and County Council September 28, 2026 and Special Called Meeting October 5, 2026.
6. PROCLAMATION
    a. Proclamation recognizing the week of October 23-31 as Red Ribbon Week.
    b. Proclamation recognizing the 164th Anniversary of the Penn Center.
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. PRESENTATION

    a. First Responders Food Drive

11. AGENDA ITEMS

    a. Appointment of Daniel Caffrey to the Board of Assessment Appeals for a four-year term with an expiration date of October 2030.

    b. Appointment of Kristine Graham to the Keep Beaufort County Beautiful Board, District 10, for a four-year term with an expiration date of October 2030.

    c. Appointment of Delmer Hollingsworth to the Lady's Island/St. Helena Island Fire District, Lady's Island Seat, for a four-year term with an expiration date of October 2030, pending approval from the Governor's Office.

    d. Appointment of Maria Militello to the Animal Services Ad hoc Committee.

    e. Appointment of Michelle Daniel to the Animal Services Ad hoc Committee

    f. Appointment of Deborah Smith to the Animal Services Ad hoc Committee.

    g. Appointment of Michelle Knapp to the Animal Services Ad hoc Committee.

    h. Appointment of Laura Levine to the Beaufort Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees for a four-year term with an expiration date of October 2030.

    i. Appointment of Stephen Meyer to the Beaufort Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees for a four-year term with an expiration date of October 2030.

    j. Appointment of Paul Tait to the Beaufort Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees for a four-year term with an expiration date of October 2030.

12. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

    a. Items Originating from the Community Services and Public Safety Committee

        1. Approval to purchase three FY 2027 EMS replacement ambulances.

    b. Items originating from the Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee

        1. ABR Digital Solutions Award & Approval

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

13. ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING:

    a. 2026/47: An Ordinance authorizing the County Administrator to execute an Electric Line Easement with Dominion Energy on the property known as Pocotaligo Preserve (TMS R710 012 000 0001 0000 and R710 012 000 0072 0000). **(PUBLIC HEARING)**

        The vote at Natural Resources Committee on September 8, 2026 - 7:0
        The vote at First Reading on September 28, 2026 - 10:0
        The vote at Second Reading on October 12, 2026 - 11:0

b. 2026/48: An Ordinance amending the Beaufort County Code of Ordinances, Chapter74 - Building and Building Regulations, Section 74-64, Adoption of Building Codes (Amends Code of Ordinances to adopt the 2024 State Mandated Code Editions). **(PUBLIC HEARING)**

The vote at Natural Resources Committee on September 8, 2026 - 7:0
The vote at First Reading on September 28, 2026 - 10:0
The vote at Second Reading on October 12, 2026 - 11:0

14. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:

a. 2026/50: An Ordinance to amend Beaufort County's Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2027 (Ordinance No. 2026/29) to amend Section III, County Operations Revenues, and Section IV, County Operations Appropriations to appropriate Fund Balance for Beaufort County Regions Tournament Complex. **(PUBLIC HEARING)**

The vote at Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee on September 21, 2026 - Failed 5:5
The vote at First Reading on October 12, 2026 - 7:4

15. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

a. 2026/51: An Ordinance amending the Community Development Code (CDC): Table A.13.40 (May River Community Preservation District Land Use) to permit cemeteries as an allowed use.

The vote at Natural Resources Committee on October 5, 2026 - 4:0.

b. 2026/52: An Ordinance to reallocate remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the amount of $1,646,081.17 towards existing projects as obligated to the Department of Treasury.

The vote at Finance, Administration, Economic Development Committee on October 19, 2026 - 7:2

c. 2026/53: An Ordinance to require County Attorney to report directly to County Council.

d. 2026/54: An Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of an agreement governing a new multi-county park by and between Beaufort County, South Carolina and Jasper County, South Carolina; authorizing the inclusion of certain property located in Beaufort County in the multi-county park; providing for the distribution of multi-county park revenues; authorizing the execution of an intergovernmental agreement with the town of Port Royal; amending a prior master park agreement to remove certain property located within the corporate limits of the town of Port Royal; and other related matters.

The vote at Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee, on October 19, 2026 - 6:3

16. RESOLUTIONS:

a. 2026/44: A Resolution to accept substance use block grant funding for prevention and treatment by contract with the SC Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Office of Substance Use Services.

The vote at Community Services and Public Safety Committee on October 5, 2026 - 6:0

b. 2026/45: A Resolution supporting opportunities to expand services on the Beaufort County Animal Services Campus.

The vote at Community Services and Public Safety Committee on October 5, 2026 - 6:0.

c. 2026/46: A Resolution to amend Chapter 5, Section A, of the Rules of County Council to establish a thirty-minute maximum duration for public hearings and clarify speaker time limits and zoning presentation provisions.

The vote at Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee on October 19, 2026 - 7:1

17. ADJOURNMENT

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