

AGENDA
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024
6:00 P.M.
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD JAIL BUILDING

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a) Regular Meeting, February 6, 2024
5. Awards and Recognitions
 - a) 30 Year Service Recognitions
 - b) SCAC Risk Management Awards - Robert Benfield
 - c) Proclamation- Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2024
 - d) Band of Blue-Mardi Gras Parade
6. Appearances & Public Presentations
7. Administrator's Briefing
8. Public Hearing
9. Old Business
 - a) 2nd Reading Ordinance 24-O-01, Authorizing Colleton County to Join with the Walterboro – Colleton County Airport Commission and the City of Walterboro in Conveying 10.07 Acres of a Portion of Real Property, Located at the Colleton County Recreation Center, Identified by T.M.S. No. 132-00-00-028.00 to Colleton County
 - b) 2nd Reading Ordinance 24-O-02, Granting an Easement to CDP Walterboro 2, LLC on a Portion of Property Owned by Colleton County Located at 113 Mable T. Willis Boulevard, County Colleton, SC, and Identified by TMS No. 178-00-00-205.00; Such Easement is to be Used for the Construction of a Dollar General Store; to Authorize Execution and Recording of the Easement Documents; and Other Matters Related Thereto
 - c) 2nd Reading Ordinance 24-O-05, To Establish, Pursuant to Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as Amended, a Multi-County Business Park in Conjunction with Charleston County, South Carolina; To Provide for a Written Agreement with Charleston County as to the Sharing of the Revenues and Expenses of the Park; To Provide for the Distribution of Revenues from the Park Among Taxing Entities Having Jurisdiction Over the Park; To Provide for a Fee in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxation; And Other Matters Related Thereto

10. New Business
 - a) 1st Reading, Ordinance 24-O-06, By Title Only, To Provide for the Levy of Taxes in Colleton County, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 to Provide for All Other Appropriations Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto
 - b) Resolution 24-R-25, To Declare April as Fair Housing Month
 - c) Resolution 24-R-26, To Approve a Policy of Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Disability Status and to Designate an ADA Coordinator
 - d) Resolution 24-R-27, to Award the Contract in Accordance with Bid FM-60 for the Colleton County Memorial Library Roof Replacement
 - e) Resolution 24-R-28, To Authorize the Council Clerk to Advertise for Board Vacancies
 - f) Resolution 24-R-29, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies
11. Items for Information and Public Record
12. Public Comments (3 minutes per person/max time 20 min.)
13. Council Time
14. Executive Session
 - a) Economic Development
 1. Project Ironsides
 2. Project Canadys
 3. Project Sandridge
 - b) Real Estate- Colleton Center
15. Adjournment
16. Informal Meeting of the Whole

Colleton County Council will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 6:00 pm. The public will be able to stream the meeting from a link on the County's home page or by going to www.colletoncounty.org/live.

MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024
REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.

Colleton County Council
Council Chambers, Old Jail Building
109 Benson Street
Walterboro, SC 29488

Present: Chairman Phillip M. Taylor, Sr. called the meeting to order with Council Members Dr. Joseph Flowers, Bubba Trippe, and Scott Biering in attendance. Chairman Steven D. Murdaugh was not in attendance.

Others Included: Kevin Griffin, Meagan Utsey, Sean Thornton, Kaela Brinson, Jon Carpenter, Barry McRoy, Sue Keith, Wesley McDonald, Johnny Holmes, Felicia Johnson, Anderson Grant, Cindy Riley, Lynn Stroble, Christine Stroble, Craig Stivender, Mayor Crawford Moore, Jay Watts, Mayor Dulin, Tara Glover, Jordan Brown, Ellen Fitch, Edward Fitch, Eric Hamilton, and Clarence Wiggins.

Councilman Bubba Trippe gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

- A. Regular Meeting February 6, 2024— Dr. Flowers moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 6, 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe and the motion carried unanimously.

Appearances and Public Presentations

- A. Lowcountry Community Action Agency Annual Report— Tara Glover

***See attached presentation given by Tara Glover.

Councilman Trippe: Stated, thank you for all that you do, you do a great job. Is Safe Haven a shelter for only women and children?

Mrs. Glover: Stated, the shelter is for women, children, and families. We do have men that come through and we provide them with a meal and clothing. If they need to go into a hotel, we will provide that for them.

Councilman Trippe: Asked, how long can they stay?

Mrs. Glover: Stated, the max they can stay is 60 days. However, we know that it is hard to find affordable housing. We find that it is hard to place them in housing, because a lot of them have

evictions on their credit. So, we try to work with them and see if some of the landlords will work with us to try to get them into affordable housing. Otherwise, we allow them to stay until we are able to find suitable and affordable housing. We do not want to send them back out there and they become homeless again.

Vice Chairman Taylor: Stated, thank you Mrs. Glover.

Administrator's Briefing

Mr. Griffin: Stated, I wanted to take a moment to remember Mr. Homer. When I first moved here, he was one of the first people to welcome me to the community. He was a wonderful man with a heart of gold, and we will all really miss him. They had a great memorial for him yesterday.

On the agenda we have several items to discuss. Recreation, Item "A", we have a grant that has come through from the Delegation office for a miracle field (Thank you Mrs. Sue). This was primarily led by Senator Margie Bright Matthews. However, as we were working on this, we determined that we did not own the property. Somehow in 2009 when all the recreation property was transferred, this piece did not. So, we are correcting that.

We have a "by title only" on the general obligation bond. That would be to cover the Voter Registration Office, Coroner's Office, and cleaning up a few other projects that we are working on now, as well as purchasing those properties.

Item "N", wastewater improvements, that is part of the mega site wastewater project. We have a roughly 10 million dollar grant to run wastewater in conjunction with the city to run wastewater out to exit 57, gravity sewer, then on to the mega site property on Bells Hwy. They are putting a quick trip facility in, and it will cost us about a third of the price to go ahead and put the pipe in, rather than tearing out their infrastructure to put it in later. We worked with Coastal Electric on some RDA funds that they gave to the county. We ended up getting a pretty good price. It is an emergency procurement, right at \$200,000, to put both the sewer and water pipe in prior to them laying down any pavement. We are going to go ahead with doing that now. They can cap each end and connect to it once we get out there.

There are a couple of items with Capital Projects:

Green Pond Fire Station: This has an architect in place, and had the project kick off meeting on February 28th.

Freedom Field (Miracle League): I spoke about it previously being in design. We had to just get the land issue taken care of.

ADA Entrance (Harrelson Building): This is about 90% complete. Along with completing the 3rd floor office and moving ROD to the second floor to expand IT and GIS. If you drive by the Harrelson Building you will see the new generators and such going up. This is to keep our IT systems up and running.

Green Pond Community Center: This is about 80% completed.

RMP Building (Summer Feeding): This is almost complete. We are waiting on a punch list from the contractor.

Voter Registration: The electrical rough in is about 90% done, and the building is expected to be completed by July 2024 and be moved in by the General Election working directly.

Courthouse Window Replacement: There is a contractor contract in place. We are working on scheduling a kick-off meeting with a notice to proceed here shortly.

Venture Park (Working on the Spec Buildings): Wayne Brothers Construction is very interested in working in a Public/Private partnership with the county out there on additional properties. We are in discussion to do that.

Mega Site (Wastewater/Wastewater Infrastructure): We are working with both Michelle Knight and the EDA. We found out about another grant process on Friday that may allow us to go ahead and install the primary road from Bells Hwy to Ruffin. This grant is only available to rural counties with populations less than \$100,000 with minimum project size of 25 million.

Animal Control (CPST Project): A contractor has been selected and a contract should be in place by March 15th.

Emergency Operations Center (CPST Project): We have already had the kickoff meeting, and they should be in full design in the next month or so.

Johnsville Community Center (CPST Project): We are in a holding pattern here deciding if we want to move forward with the current funding or wait to hear back from our Legislative Delegation to know if there will be additional funding, which they requested to enlarge the facility.

Recreational Pool and Gym Project (CPST Project): We have located a site here in downtown Waltherboro. This will include a pool and small gym.

Veterans Park (CPST Project): We have Mr. Wallace Milling finishing up the Council Park, and we plan to put together a meeting by the 15th of this month to go ahead and get that moving forward. My understanding, the Veterans Park has been moved over to the airport property possibly.

Cottageville Library: We are waiting for the earmarked request from Representative Robby Robbins. He feels good about the request, and I believe we have the rest of the Delegation behind us on this.

Coroner's Facility (CPST Project): We have the architects in place.

We also have put in a PAR Grant for the pickleball courts out at the recreation center. This has become a very popular sport. Mrs. Ann Carmichael is behind that 100%. We have an idea of three, possibly four pickleball courts out at the recreation center.

Vice Chairman Taylor: Stated, Dr. Flowers asked if there were any items that were canceled for executive session.

Mr. Griffin: Stated, I have a written Economic Development update for you. Our director is meeting with a consultant and possible client tonight.

Vice Chairman Taylor: Stated, Thank you, Mr. Griffin.

New Business

- A. 1st Reading Ordinance 24-O-01, By Title Only, Authorizing Colleton County to Join with the Walterboro – Colleton County Airport Commission and the City of Walterboro in Conveying 10.07 Acres of a Portion of Real Property, Located at the Colleton County Recreation Center, Identified by T.M.S. No. 132-00-00-028.00 to Colleton County.**

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- B. 1st Reading Ordinance 24-R-02, By Title Only, Granting an Easement to CDP Walterboro 2, LLC on a Portion of Property Owned by Colleton County Located at 113 Mable T. Willis Boulevard, County Colleton, SC, and Identified by TMS No. 178-00-00-205.00; Such Easement is to be Used for the Construction of a Dollar General Store; to Authorize Execution and Recording of the Easement Documents; and Other Matters Related Thereto**

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- C. 1st Reading Ordinance 24-R-03, By Title Only, To Provide for the Issuance and Sale of Not Exceeding \$9,000,000 General Obligation Bonds of Colleton County, South Carolina; To Prescribe the Purposes for which the Proceeds shall be Expended; To Provide for the Payment Thereof; And Other Matters Relating Thereto**

Dr. Flowers moved to approve 1st Reading Ordinance 24-O-03, By Title Only, To Provide for the Issuance and Sale of Not Exceeding \$9,000,000 General Obligation Bonds of Colleton County, South Carolina; To Prescribe the Purposes for which the Proceeds shall be Expended; To Provide for the Payment Thereof; And Other Matters Relating Thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering. The motion carried unanimously.

- D. 1st Reading Ordinance 24-R-04, By Title Only, Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Equipment and Heavy Vehicles by Colleton County, South Carolina by Lease-Purchase Financing in the Amount of Not Exceeding \$3,000,000; The Execution and Delivery of Certain Instruments, Including a Lease-Purchase Agreement by Colleton County; And Other Matters Relating Thereto**

Dr. Flowers moved to approve 1st Reading Ordinance 24-R-04, By Title Only, Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Equipment and Heavy Vehicles by Colleton County, South Carolina by

Lease-Purchase Financing in the Amount of Not Exceeding \$3,000,000; The Execution and Delivery of Certain Instruments, including a Lease-Purchase Agreement by Colleton County; And Other Matters Relating Thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe. The motion carried unanimously.

E. 1st Reading Ordinance 24-R-05, To Establish, Pursuant to Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as Amended, a Multi-County Business Park in Conjunction with Charleston County, South Carolina; To Provide for a Written Agreement with Charleston County as to the Sharing of the Revenues and Expenses of the Park; To Provide for the Distribution of Revenues from the Park Among Taxing Entities Having Jurisdiction Over the Park; To Provide for a Fee in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxation; And Other Matters Related Thereto

Dr. Flowers moved to approve 1st Reading Ordinance 24-R-05, To Establish, Pursuant to Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as Amended, a Multi-County Business Park in Conjunction with Charleston County, South Carolina; To Provide for a Written Agreement with Charleston County as to the Sharing of the Revenues and Expenses of the Park; To Provide for the Distribution of Revenues from the Park Among Taxing Entities Having Jurisdiction Over the Park; To Provide for a Fee in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxation; And Other Matters Related Thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Resolution 24-R-14, To Authorize an Additional Five-Year Sole Source Purchase Arrangement Between Colleton County Fire-Rescue Commission and Stryker Sales Corp. for Cardiac Monitors/Defibrillators, AEDs, Chest Compression Devices and Related Equipment for a Period Not to Exceed Five Years

Dr. Flowers moved to approve Resolution 24-R-14, To Authorize an Additional Five-Year Sole Source Purchase Arrangement Between Colleton County Fire-Rescue Commission and Stryker Sales Corp. for Cardiac Monitors/Defibrillators, AEDs, Chest Compression Devices and Related Equipment for a Period Not to Exceed Five Years. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Resolution 24-R-15, To Declare Surplus Various Vehicles and Equipment and to Authorize Their Sale in Accordance with County Policy

Dr. Flowers moved to approve Resolution 24-R-15, To Declare Surplus Various Vehicles and Equipment and to Authorize Their Sale in Accordance with County Policy. The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering. The motion carried unanimously.

H. Resolution 24-R-16, To Amend the Agreement for the Establishment of the Jasper Ocean Terminal Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (The "Park") so as to Include Additional Property Located in Jasper County as Part of the Park and Other Matters Relating Thereto.

Councilman Trippe moved to approve Resolution 24-R-16, To Amend the Agreement for the Establishment of the Jasper Ocean Terminal Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (The “Park”) so as to Include Additional Property Located in Jasper County as Part of the Park and Other Matters Relating Thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering. The motion carried unanimously.

I. Resolution 24-R-17, To Establish Priorities for the 2024 Annual CDBG County Needs Assessment

Councilman Biering moved to approve Resolution 24-R-17, To Establish Priorities for the 2024 Annual CDBG County Needs Assessment. The motion was seconded by Dr. Flowers. The motion carried unanimously.

J. Resolution 24-R-18, Confirming the Intention of Colleton County, South Carolina to be Reimbursed for Certain Expenditures related to Capital Purchases/Projects to be Financed by the Issuance of Bonds

Councilman Biering moved to approve Resolution 24-R-18, Confirming the Intention of Colleton County, South Carolina to be Reimbursed for Certain Expenditures related to Capital Purchases/Projects to be Financed by the Issuance of Bonds. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe. The motion carried unanimously.

K. Resolution 24-R-19, To Request that the Colleton County State Legislative Delegation Recommend to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources that South Carolina Water Resource Recreation Funds Dedicated to Colleton County be Used to Improve Safety and Security at Colleton County Boat Landings.

Councilman Trippe moved to approve Resolution 24-R-19, To Request that the Colleton County State Legislative Delegation Recommend to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources that South Carolina Water Resource Recreation Funds Dedicated to Colleton County be Used to Improve Safety and Security at Colleton County Boat Landings. The motion was seconded by Dr. Flowers. The motion carried unanimously.

L. Resolution 24-R-20, To Approve Amendment of the Agreement for Development for Joint County Industrial Park, By and Between Charleston County, South Carolina and Colleton County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Jointly Owned and Operated Industrial/Business Park, so as to Include Additional Property in Charleston County as part of the Joint County Industrial Park and to Update the Status of Certain Property in Charleston County with Respect to the Joint County Industrial Park.

Councilman Biering moved to approve Resolution 24-R-20, To Approve Amendment of the Agreement for Development for Joint County Industrial Park, By and Between Charleston County, South Carolina and Colleton County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Jointly Owned and Operated Industrial/Business Park, so as to Include Additional Property in Charleston County as part of the Joint County Industrial Park and to

Update the Status of Certain Property in Charleston County with Respect to the Joint County Industrial Park. The motion was seconded by Dr. Flowers. The motion carried unanimously.

M. Resolution 24-R-21, To Approve Amendment of the Agreement for the Establishment of a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park for Properties Located in a Redevelopment Project Area, By and Between Charleston County, South Carolina and Colleton County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park, so as to Include Additional Property in Charleston County as part of the Multi-County Industrial/Business Park

Dr. Flowers moved to approve Resolution 24-R-21, To Approve Amendment of the Agreement for the Establishment of a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park for Properties Located in a Redevelopment Project Area, By and Between Charleston County, South Carolina and Colleton County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park, so as to Include Additional Property in Charleston County as part of the Multi-County Industrial/Business Park. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe. The motion carried unanimously.

N. Resolution 24-R-22, To Authorize Emergency Procurement Procedures Related to Mega Site Wastewater Improvements

Dr. Flowers moved to approve Resolution 24-R-22, To Authorize Emergency Procurement Procedures Related to Mega Site Wastewater Improvements. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe. The motion carried unanimously.

O. Resolution 24-R-23, To Authorize the Council Clerk to Advertise for Board Vacancies

Councilman Trippe moved to approve Resolution 24-R-23, To Authorize the Council Clerk to Advertise for Board Vacancies. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beiring. The motion carried unanimously.

P. Resolution 24-R-24, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies

Dr. Flowers moved to approve Resolution 24-R-24, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

Mrs. Felicia Johnson: Stated, I understand the lights will take a while over there but thank goodness we got a camera put over there and the club closed. I thought they were going to open, but you all shut it down. However, these ditches, everything stops at my residence on the corner

of Rivers and Madison Street. The trash is ridiculous, and I cannot get out in that ditch because it is still full. It is calling for a 90% chance of rain tomorrow, and I am praying my home, and my neighbors' homes don't get flooded out. My home insurance does not provide flood insurance. I fear for my grandson because he almost went into that ditch with his bicycle. Like I said, my ex-husband did go into that ditch three times around Christmas and I told him I cannot help you. Last December, I was lying in my bed when I heard a noise, and a young lady went down into that ditch. Thank goodness there was no water in the ditch and my son, and her friend helped her get out. We truly don't need to dig this ditch any deeper. The ditch is almost as tall as I am. They need to cut open Rivers Street. The man that did the work on the ditch years ago told me they did not cross the water over Rivers. All they did was dig the ditches deeper and into the woods. We have got to tear up the street for water to flow and it is not flowing anywhere. Some peoples' ditch drains you can't even see because they are covered in dirt, but they keep digging ours deeper. You can ride Robertson Blvd and see what I am talking about. Like I said, we need help and I have grandchildren. I know that it is going to take some time on the lights, but I am going to keep pressing Dominion to go up Rivers Street. It is getting warmer, and I will be riding bicycles, and that is a drug zone. We need help with these ditches and lights, thank you very much.

Vice Chairman Taylor: Stated, thank you Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. Sharon Witkin: Stated, good evening, Councilmen, staff, and Colleton County Residents. I am Sharon Witkin, Colleton County School District Board Member, and current chairman. I represent District 3 of Walterboro residence and have served as a school board trustee since 2018. I am grateful to stand before you in appreciation of the partnership we have with Colleton County to educate the youth in our community. I am also grateful that within this past week, Councilmen, I have shared conversation individually with all of you and spent time with you celebrating our community. I appreciate your representation of our county and its residents. I also want to acknowledge and publicly praise your work and support of the Colleton County School District. Recently, our school district posted several community meetings, focus groups, and informational sessions regarding the state of our school district. We have felt your support at these events and appreciate your time and dedication. Knowing what we face and what steps we are taking to improve, and our strong desire to hear from our community while providing to our community what our families need and deserve. As you know, we are led by interim Superintendent Jessica Williams, a lifelong Colletonian and educator. She is well trusted in our community. Behind her she has some new and longtime serving principles and educators who live, work, and are part of our community. Working in their jobs and in their lives for our children. We are proud to be the largest employer in this county. I would like to present to you tonight the educational dashboard created by the South Carolina Department of Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. This link will be provided in a written copy of my comments this evening.

Link:

https://public.tableau.com/views/RFA_Education/Funding?%3Adisplay_count=no&%3AshowVizHome=no#1

The dashboard highlights the numbers and data we, as elected officials, strive to know and understand as we work towards the betterment of our community.

Colleton County School District's general fund of 55 million is 73% generated from revenue we rely on from the per pupil allocation from the State of South Carolina. We have not come before you, Council, for a requested increase in local revenue since 2019.

Thank you for reviewing this information. We hope soon you will consider the Colleton County School District's call for the County's full support moving forward as we improve, empower, and create the best we can for ALL of Colleton.

Finally, I look forward to our meeting to better understand the County's considerations for space intended for a charter school.

As our school district represents the largest group of school-age children in our county, we want to make sure Council knows the impact decisions will have on our district's state funding. We have the greatest influence in creating Colleton County's future and upcoming workforce! We welcome the opportunity to discuss the impact proposed partnerships will have on the equity balance of education here in Colleton County. I, thank you!

Vice Chairman Taylor: Stated, thank you, Mrs. Witkin.

No further comments were made.

Council Time

Councilman Beiring: Stated, we are praying for Steve Murdaugh and his family. I did attend the service and it was an honor. I am very humbled to have been a part of that. Losing a father is not easy. They are going through a hard time. Mr. Homer was such a good person. I also wanted to thank the school board and all the other elected officials for being here tonight.

Councilman Trippe: Stated, I have known Mr. Homer Murdaugh all my life. He was a fine man and will be greatly missed. He was well thought of in this community. He worked at SCE&G for 43 years. I also would like to thank the school board and elected officials for coming.

Dr. Flowers: Stated, I would also like to say a few words about Mr. Homer. I knew Mr. Homer just about all his life. I was raised right down the road from him. He was a real gentleman and very humble. He was a man who cared about his family. He made a huge impact, and his grandchildren will miss him greatly as he had a great relationship with them. I have never met a man who wanted to give back to the community any more than Mr. Homer. He was always available if you needed him, and he would always ask if there was anything he could do. He did so much that went unrecognized, for the people of this community. If we had more people like that in our community, how great would it be? People like that are few and far between. I know they will miss him, and I will miss him. I treated him for over 50 years, so I know him quite well. I want Steve and his family to know how much we appreciated his daddy and that we will all miss him. I know Steve and his family are missing him today. They have a lot to look back on that is very good. I wanted

you all to know that there are not many people like Mr. Homer. He will be greatly missed by all of us, thank you.

Vice Chairman Taylor: Stated, thank you Dr. Flowers. As a child, the late Mr. Floyd Buckner used to take me down to Vacation Bible School in Islandton. He introduced me to the people of the neighborhood and would take me around, and come to find out, Mr. Homer was one of those people. When I was a little boy, around eight years old and throughout the years, it has been delightful. He used to cook those big pots of rice, and I think he and Mr. Gene Whetsell used to compete. I saw a man who would give back to the community, because he didn't have to do these things as he was retired. I went to the wake and saw the great outpouring and was told that at the celebration of life there was equally a great presence of Colletonians. All races and age groups were there to recognize and say how much they appreciated him. I didn't know him really well, but the interactions that I did have were great. We will keep Steve and the entire family in our prayers.

Executive Session

Dr. Flowers moved to go into executive session to discuss the following: Contractual and Economic Development Update. Councilman Biering seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Dr. Flowers moved to exit executive session. Councilman Trippe seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Councilman Trippe moved to adjourn the meeting, Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

This 2nd day of April 2024.

Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kaela Brinson, Clerk to Council



Proclamation
Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2024

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has dire public health implications for every community member in Colleton County; and

WHEREAS, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impacts our community as seen by statistics indicating that 1 in 5 women, and 1 in 71 men will experience sexual violence in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Hopeful Horizons, our local children's advocacy, domestic violence, and rape crisis organization, served 1,242 primary victims of sexual violence; and provided 217 survivors of domestic and sexual violence free legal services in the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, Hopeful Horizons urges every person to speak out against harmful attitudes and actions that lead to violence; and

WHEREAS, all people are encouraged to report all types of violence in the community to make it safer; and

WHEREAS, prevention of sexual violence is possible. Therefore, we must work together to increase awareness by using the hashtag #PreventSexualViolence and involve all members of the community in these efforts; as well as help survivors connect with services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by Colleton County Council, duly assembled, that we hereby declare the Month of April, to be **SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH** and urge all citizens to observe this month by becoming aware of the tragedy of sexual assault, supporting those who are working towards its end, and participating in community efforts aimed at changing the culture of violence.

ATTEST: _____
Kaela Brinson, Clerk to Council

BY: _____
Steve D. Murdaugh, Chairman

Sponsor(s) : County Council
First Reading : March 5, 2024
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A
Second Reading : April 2, 2024
Public Hearing : May 7, 2024
Third Reading : May 7, 2024
Effective Date : Immediately

I, _____ Council Clerk,
certify that this Ordinance was
advertised for Public Hearing on
_____.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-O-02

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[An Ordinance Granting an Easement to CDP Walterboro 2, LLC on a Portion of Property Owned by Colleton County Located at 113 Mable T. Willis Boulevard, County Colleton, SC, and Identified by TMS No. 178-00-00-205.00; Such Easement is to be Used for the Construction of a Dollar General Store; to Authorize Execution and Recording of the Easement Documents; and Other Matters Related Thereto.]

WHEREAS:

1. Colleton County Council deems it to be in the best interest of the County to grant an access Easement to the CDP Walterboro 2, LLC for a portion of property owned by Colleton County located at 113 Mable T. Willis Boulevard (TMS. No. 178-00-00-205.000) within the City of Walterboro, SC; and
2. Such easement is to be used for the construction of a Dollar General Store.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. The documents attached and included herein by reference, grant an access easement to CDP Walterboro 2, LLC for a portion of property owned by Colleton County located at 113 Mable T. Willis Boulevard (TMS. No. 178-00-00-205.000) within the City of Walterboro, SC to be used for the construction of a Dollar General Store.
2. The County Administrator is hereby authorized to sign said easement on behalf of the County pending final approval of the document by the County Attorney.
3. Said easement shall be recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Colleton County.
4. Severability:

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

5. Conflict:

Provisions in other County Ordinances, Resolutions, policies, or by-laws in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Kaela Brinson, Council Clerk

Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

Approved as to Form
Sean Thornton, County Attorney

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:

Sponsor(s) : County Council
First Reading : March 5, 2024
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A
Second Reading : April 2, 2024
Public Hearing : May 7, 2024
Third Reading : May 7, 2024
Effective Date : Immediately

I, _____, Council Clerk,
certify that this Ordinance was
advertised for Public Hearing on
_____.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-O-05

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH, PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-1-170 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, A MULTI-COUNTY BUSINESS PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH CHARLESTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; TO PROVIDE FOR A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH CHARLESTON COUNTY AS TO THE SHARING OF THE REVENUES AND EXPENSES OF THE PARK; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUES FROM THE PARK AMONG TAXING ENTITIES HAVING JURISDICTION OVER THE PARK; TO PROVIDE FOR A FEE IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXATION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.]

WHEREAS, Colleton County, South Carolina (“Colleton County”) and Charleston County, South Carolina (“Charleston County”) (collectively, the “Counties” and together with any additional counties that become parties to the MCP Agreement described below, the “Member Counties”), as authorized under Article VIII, Section 13(D) of the South Carolina Constitution and Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (the “Act”), propose to establish jointly a multi-county industrial/business park within the geographical boundaries of one or more of the Member Counties (the “Park”); and

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 13(B) of the South Carolina Constitution provides that nothing in the State Constitution may be construed to prohibit any of the counties in South Carolina from agreeing to share the lawful cost, responsibility, and administration of functions with one or more governments; and

WHEREAS, certain real property sites which the Counties, from time to time, desire to include within the Park will be used or developed as affordable housing facilities, in whole or in part (as determined from time to time by the applicable County); and

WHEREAS, the Counties desire to establish the Park pursuant to a MCP Agreement (as defined below); and

WHEREAS, in order to promote the economic growth of Colleton County and Charleston County, the Park will be created pursuant to the terms of the “Agreement for the Establishment of Multi-County Business Park for Affordable Housing,” the form of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A (the “MCP Agreement”);

WHEREAS, the Counties have agreed to the specific terms and conditions of the arrangement set forth in the MCP Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Counties now desire to establish the Park, although the Park will include no real property sites until the provisions to include real property as provided in the MCP Agreement have complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Establishment of Multi-County Park; Approval of MCP Agreement; Location of Park; Change of Park Boundaries.

(a) There is hereby authorized to be established, initially in conjunction with Charleston County, a multi-county business park. The form, provisions, terms, and conditions of the MCP Agreement before the meeting at which this Ordinance receives third reading and filed with the Clerk to County Council be and they are hereby approved, and all of the provisions, terms, and conditions thereof are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if the MCP Agreement were set out in this Ordinance in its entirety.

(b) The MCP Agreement is to be in substantially the form as presented at the meeting at which this Ordinance received third reading and is hereby approved, or with such changes therein as shall not materially adversely affect the rights of Colleton County thereunder and as shall be approved by the officials of Colleton County executing the same, their execution thereof to constitute conclusive evidence of their approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form of the MCP Agreement before the meeting at which this Ordinance received third reading. The Chairman of County Council, for and on behalf of Colleton County, is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to do any and all things necessary or proper to effect the establishment of the Park and the execution and delivery of the MCP Agreement and the performance of all obligations of Colleton County under and pursuant to the MCP Agreement and to carry out the transactions contemplated thereby and by this Ordinance.

(c) It is recognized that the Park will from time to time consist of contiguous and non-contiguous properties within each or any Member County. The boundaries of the Park may be enlarged or diminished from time to time as authorized by (a) an ordinance of the Member County in which the property to be added or removed from the Park is actually located, and (b) a resolution (or comparable action) of the governing bodies of the other Members.

Section 2. Payment of Fee-in-lieu of Taxes.

(a) In accordance with Article VIII, Section 13(D) of the South Carolina Constitution, the area comprising the Park and all property having a situs therein is exempt from all *ad valorem* taxation. All owners and lessees of property situated in the Park will pay a fee in lieu of *ad valorem* taxes as provided for in the MCP Agreement. The fee paid in lieu of *ad valorem* taxes shall be paid to the county treasurer of the county in which such property is located. That portion of the fee from the Park property located in a Member County and allocated pursuant to the MCP Agreement to the other Member County shall be paid to the respective county treasurer (or other designated official) of the other Member County in accordance with the terms of the

MCP Agreement. Payments of fees in lieu of *ad valorem* taxes will be due on the due date for taxes for a particular year. Penalties for late payment will be at the same rate as late tax payments. Any late payment beyond the due date will accrue interest at the rate of statutory judgment interest. The Member Counties, acting by and through the appropriate official, shall maintain all liens and rights to foreclose upon liens provided for counties in the collection of *ad valorem* taxes.

(b) Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit any Member County from negotiating and collecting reduced fees in lieu of taxes pursuant to Title 4, Chapter 29 or Chapter 12, or Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, or any similar provision of South Carolina law.

Section 3. Sharing of Expenses and Revenues. Sharing of expenses and revenues of the Park by the Member Counties shall be as set forth in the MCP Agreement.

Section 4. Distribution of Revenues to Taxing Entities. Revenues from the Park shall be distributed to and within the Member Counties as set forth in the MCP Agreement.

Section 5. Governing Laws and Regulations. In order to avoid any conflict of laws or ordinances among the Member Counties, the ordinances or other local laws of each Member County will be the reference for such regulations or laws in connection with Park premises located within such Member County. Nothing herein shall be taken to supersede any applicable municipal, state, or federal law or regulation. The Member County in which a parcel of Park premises is located is specifically authorized to adopt restrictive covenants and land use requirements in accordance with law for each such parcel at that Member County's sole discretion. The ordinances of a Member County shall in no way apply to Park property not located in such Member County.

Section 6. Savings Clause. If any portion of this Ordinance shall be held void or otherwise invalid, the validity and binding effect of the remaining portions shall not be affected thereby.

Section 7. General Repealer. Any prior ordinance or resolution of Colleton County Council, the terms of which are in conflict herewith, is, only to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

Section 8. Effectiveness. This Ordinance shall be effective upon approval following third and final reading.

COLLETON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: _____
Steven D. Murdaugh
Chairman of County Council
Colleton County, South Carolina

ATTEST:

Kaela Brinson
Clerk to County Council
Colleton County, South Carolina

EXHIBIT A

Sponsor(s) : County Council
First Reading : April 2, 2024
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A
Second Reading : May 7, 2024
Public Hearing : June 4, 2024
Third Reading : June 4, 2024
Effective Date : July 1, 2024

I, _____, Council Clerk,
certify that this Ordinance was
advertised for Public Hearing on
_____.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-O-06

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[To Provide for the Levy of Taxes in Colleton County, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 to Provide for All Other Appropriations Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto.]

Sponsor(s) : County Council
Adopted : April 2, 2024
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 24-R-25

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[To Declare April as Fair Housing Month]

WHEREAS:

1. Colleton County Council desires that all its citizens be afforded the opportunity to attain a decent, safe, and sound living environment; and
2. Colleton County Council rejects discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability, and/or familial status in the sale, rental, or provision of other housing services; and
3. The State of South Carolina enacted the South Carolina Fair Housing Law in 1989; and
4. April is recognized nationally as Fair Housing Month.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

The month of April is hereby designated Fair Housing Month for 2024.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Kaela Brinson, Council Clerk

Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:

Sponsor(s) : County Council
Adopted : April 2, 2024
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 24-R-26

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Approve a Policy of Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Disability Status and to Designate an ADA Coordinator.]

WHEREAS:

1. Colleton County rejects discrimination on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or the treatment or employment in, all its programs or activities; and
2. For effecting compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) regulations implementing Section 504, a coordinator is designated annually by the Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. Colleton County Council does hereby approve a policy of non-discrimination on the basis of disability status in the admission or access to, or the treatment or employment in, all its programs or activities.
2. A statement of such policy (attached and included herein by reference) with specific mention of federally assisted programs or activities shall be publicly disbursed.
3. Further, the name and contact information of the 2024 County ADA Compliance Coordinator, Ms. Deadgrea Sadler, shall be included in said statement.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Kaela Brinson, Council Clerk

Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:

**POLICY OF NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS
OF
DISABILITY STATUS**

The Colleton County Council does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or the treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities.

Ms. Deadgrea Sadler
PO Box 157
Walterboro, SC 29488
(843) 549-5221
E-Mail: dsadler@colletoncounty.org
TDD: 843-549-7144

has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) regulations implementing Section 504 (24CFR Part 8, dated June 2, 1988).

Sponsor(s) : County Council
Adopted : April 2, 2024
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 24-R-27

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Award the Contract in Accordance with Bid FM-60 for the Colleton County Memorial Library Roof Replacement.]

WHEREAS:

1. The County advertised a Request for Bids, FM-60 for the roof replacement at the Colleton County Memorial Library; and
2. Six bids were received; and
3. Roofco, Inc. of Sumter, SC meets all of the requirements of the bid and is the lowest bidder; and
4. Staff has reviewed the bids, and recommends the contract be awarded to Roofco, Inc. of Sumter, SC in the amount of \$105,000; and
5. Funding for this project is available in the Capital Fund – Fund 115.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. County Council hereby awards the contract in accordance with Bid FM-60 to Roofco, Inc. of Sumter, SC in the amount of \$105,000 for the roof replacement at the Colleton County Memorial Library.
2. The County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the County pending approval of same by the County Attorney
3. Funding is available in the Capital Fund – Fund 115.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Kaela Brinson, Council Clerk

Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:

Sponsor(s) : County Council
Adopted : April 2, 2024
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 24-R-28

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[To Authorize the Council Clerk to Advertise for Board Vacancies]

WHEREAS:

1. Colleton County Planning Commission has one vacancy; and
2. Colleton County Edisto River Canoe and Kayak Trail Committee has one vacancy; and
3. Land Use Zoning Board of Appeals has one vacancy; and
4. Colleton County Keep Colleton Beautiful has five vacancies; and
5. The County Council is the appointing authority for Boards.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

The Council Clerk is hereby directed to advertise for the vacancies.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Kaela Brinson, Council Clerk

Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:

OPPOSED:

Sponsor(s) : County Council
Adopted : April 2, 2024
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 24-R-29

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies.]

WHEREAS:

1. Colleton County Lowcountry Regional Transportation Authority has two vacancies; and
Applicant: Latosia Simmons
2. Colleton County Land Use Zoning Board of Appeals has one vacancy; and
Applicant: Phillip Rizer
3. Colleton County Keep Colleton Beautiful has five vacancies; and
Applicant: Derrie Levine
4. The County Council is the appointing authority for Boards.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

The Council Hereby appoints the following:

Colleton County Lowcountry Regional Transportation Authority: Latosia Simmons

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Kaela Brinson, Council Clerk

Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED: