



## COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

County Council Chambers, Old Jail Building  
109 Benson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Walterboro, SC 29488  
Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.

### **AMENDED AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
4. **Approval of Agenda**
5. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a) Regular Meeting, June 3, 2025
  - b) Budget Work Session, May 29, 2025
  - c) Public Health and Safety Committee, June 24, 2025
  - d) Special Meeting, June 25, 2025
6. **Awards and Recognitions**
  - a) Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Colleton County.
7. **Appearances & Public Presentation**
  - a) Pathway Community Foundation-Ayinde Simon-Virtually
  - b) Community Innovations; Shiela Keaise; Colleton Voice-Winners
8. **Public Comments (3 minutes per person/max time 20 min.)**
9. **Administrator's Briefing**
10. **Public Hearing**
  - a) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 25-O-06, To Amend Title 10 - Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 10.04 Truck and Bus Restrictions, of the Colleton County Code of Laws to Prohibit No Through Traffic on Approved Colleton County Roads.
11. **Old Business**
  - a) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 25-O-07, Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax and Special Source Credit Agreement by and Between Colleton County, South Carolina and Banks Construction Company (Which was Previously Known to the

County as Project Star) with respect to certain Economic Development Property in the County, Whereby Such Property will be Subject to Certain Payments in Lieu of Taxes, Including the Provision of Certain Special Source Credits; and Others Matters Related Thereto.

- b) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 25-O-06, To Amend Title 10 - Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 10.04 Truck and Bus Restrictions, of the Colleton County Code of Laws to Prohibit No Through Traffic on Approved Colleton County Roads.

11. **New Business**

- a) Resolution 25-R-35, To Award the Contract for Planning Services for the County's Comprehensive Plan Update
- b) Resolution 25-R-41, Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Not Exceeding \$2,500,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes in Anticipation of the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds of Colleton County, South Carolina; and Others Matters Related Thereto.
- c) Resolution 25-R-42, To Award the Contract for Engineering Services for the Water and Wastewater Utility Feasibility Evaluation for Colleton County to Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co.
- d) Resolution 25-R-43, To Declare Surplus Equipment and to Authorize the Sale in Accordance with County Policy
- e) Resolution 25-R-44, To Authorize the Waiver of Various Fees for the Summer 2025 Jerusalem Project Home Repair Program
- ~~f) Resolution 25-R-45, To Approve a Change Order for the Colleton County Animal Shelter Project~~
- f) Resolution 25-R-46, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies

12. Items for Information and Public Record

13. Council Time

14. **Executive Session**

- a) Matters Concerning Economic Development
  - 1. Project Fanatic
  - 2. Project Craft
  - 3. Project Badger

4. Project Montreal
    5. Project Ricochet
    6. Project Triple Play
  - b) Personnel and Contractual Matter related to the Office of County Administrator
15. Items discussed in Executive Session
  16. Adjournment
  17. Informal Meeting of the Whole

Colleton County Council will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, 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](http://www.colletoncounty.org/live).

*\*The following statement is provided in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act: Subsequent to Executive Session, County Council may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session upon return to open session\**



**COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL  
BUDGET WORK SESSION MINUTES  
May 29 2025, at 9:00am**

Chairman Scott Biering called the meeting to order with Council Members Steve Murdaugh, Phillip Taylor, Bubba Trippe, and Johnny Frank in attendance.

Others Included: Meagan Utsey, Jon Carpenter, Thomas Higgs, Barry McRoy, David Greene, Marty Stallings, Sharon Witken

Councilman Phillip Taylor gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Trippe made a motion to amend the agenda to add an Executive Session item that is Personnel. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frank. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Budget Discussion**

County Administrator Thomas Higgs opened the discussion on what the proposal would be for the upcoming FY2026.

The County Administrator Thomas Higgs explained the following to Council along with the County Deputy Administrator Meagan Utsey and Finance Director Jon Carpenter regarding the upcoming budget year. There has been an immense amount of work completed over the several months to get the budget where it needs to be, and to find a solution moving forward into the new fiscal year. Over time the County has been plugging and playing with the budget, taking money out of the unrestricted fund balance to balance the general fund, which is fine. However, it has led to not necessarily a deficit, but a move in direction, which needs to pivot and start moving in another direction. The County needs to refund the reserve balance, as we are living in an inflationary market, so to help with this a 15% cut across the board in operational costs is being implemented for the upcoming fiscal year. Most departments met this requirement at the end of the year, so this will not be a huge undertaking for those departments. However, some departments will find this a little more challenging. All the department directors and elected officials were counseled on the changes that need to be implemented for the upcoming year to keep the County in the black. Also relayed to Council was for fiscal year 25-26 the County will implement the freezing of all unfilled head count positions that currently budgeted for one fiscal year, as well as trimming any new hire positions that were proposed in the current years budget proposal. This would not include the public safety services (Fire-Recue, Sheriff's Office, Detention Center and Coroner). Thomas advised that current debts and currently occupied buildings that the County owns will be evaluated and brought forward to the Council once evaluation is completed on those areas to see what changes need to take place to help benefit the County. Thomas explained that historically looking back at the budget, millage over the past several years has not increased to

keep up with the pace in inflation, so a 3mil increase is being proposed for the County. For the School District a suggestion was put on the table for a 2mil increase and giving them operating expenditure to fully fund their Law Enforcement Pilot Program, which would be a direct benefit back to the community.

Discussion was held by Council, and no action was taken.

### **Adjournment**

Councilman Frank moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Trippe seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

This 29th day of May 2025.

ATTEST:

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Scott Biering, Chairman

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Danielle Murdaugh, Clerk to Council

## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

### **Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.**

Chairman Scott Biering called the meeting to order with Council Members Steve Murdaugh, Phillip Taylor, and Bubba Trippe in attendance. Councilman Frank was in attendance.

Others Included: Meagan Utsey, Thomas Higgs, Sean Thornton, Jon Carpenter, Barry McRoy, Buddy Hill, Becky Hill, Carla Harvey, Sandy Steel, Donna Lamb, Brantley Strickland, Kenneth Campbell, Roger Johnson, Joey Campbell, Tom Finigan, Meredith Wright, Jimmy Hiott, Julie Hiott, Lee McKinnon Sr., Lee McKinnon Jr., Dr. Lawrence E. Ford, Joey Bagwell, Octavia Lewis, Michael Lewis, Dolphus Pinckney, Hunter Pinckney, Theodore Reed, Donna Crosby, Doris Reynolds, Joyce Ramirez, Leonora Mariano, Nikeya Hammonds, Jermale Paige, Andy Kubik, Sharon Witkin, Jessica Williams, Lynn Stroble, Jeffrey Jones

Councilman Phillip Taylor gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Biering made a motion to amend the agenda to remove Item 11(e). Councilman Trippe approved the motion, and the motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Regular Meeting, May 6, 2025

Councilman Murdaugh moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 6, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Awards and Recognitions**

Proclaiming June 3, 2025 as Sandy Steele Day

Chairman Biering read the Proclamation into the record; Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the proclamation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe and the motion carried unanimously.

Sandy extended a heartfelt thank you to Council. Letting them know that it was a privilege and honor to help Colleton County, the strength of this County and the people in it, along with the incredible team in Colleton made her job easy. She expressed her excitement to have Brantley step in his role, and along with Donna they are two pieces of excellence. Sandy advised that the future of Colleton is bright, and she was honored to have a part in it, and she just cannot wait to see how good the future will look in Colleton.

Brian Haines, National Weather Service Charleston, SC-Letter of Appreciation to Colleton County Emergency Management

Brian Haines presented to Colleton County Fire-Rescue Emergency Management Division and Council a letter of appreciation. The National Weather Service's primary responsibility is the protection of life and property anytime there is a weather phenomenon. Brian Haines expressed that he was here to thank Director David Greene and the entire Colleton County Fire-Rescue Emergency Management Division for having gone above and beyond countless times. Over the past year Colleton County has experienced multiple floods along the Edisto River, with minor flooding in May 2025, Orangeburg floods in November 2024, which produced flooding along the Edisto, and tropical storm Debby that produced major flooding in the top five crests along the Edisto River at Givhans. Mr. Haines explained what Director Greene and his team have done for the National Weather Service, currently the NWS has flood stage gauges at Givhans Ferry but not at Canadys or Branchville gauges. The NWS doesn't have these stages north of Givhans, and Director Green and his crew have taken over 350 photos and videos during last year's flooding incidents. Mr. Haines explained that counted, that includes a 40-mile stretch along the Edisto River. Mr. Haines went on to say that he has never seen this level of partnership, and in the National Weather Service, the Federal State, and local governments, it's all about partnership. This type of partnership enables the NWS to provide a better service to every citizen of Colleton County. Thanks to Director Greene and his entire team, we can continue to make more informed warning decisions, which will allow us to keep the citizens of Colleton County safer. Dr. David Greene accepted the letter on behalf of the Colleton County Fire Rescue Emergency Management Division. Dr. David Greene addressed Council by reemphasizing that this is a partnership. The National Hurricane Center is in Miami, and the Storm predictions Center is in Norman, Oklahoma. When it comes to impacts that affected Colleton and citizens, these are the people that are on the tip of the sword and they're the ones protecting our citizens and we greatly appreciate what they do. Dr. David Greene said that Colleton County Fire-Rescue has a tremendous partnership with our local office here and we appreciate them tremendously, he also recognized a few members of his team that were able to join him; Captain Roger Johnson, Captain KC Campbell, Chief Mcroy, and Battalion Chief Joey Campbell, certainly there are others that couldn't make it. Lastly Dr. David Greene thanked the National Weather Service for their partnership and support.

#### Proclaiming June 2025 as Gun Violence Awareness Month

Chairman Trippe read the Proclamation into the record; Councilman Murdaugh made a motion to approve the proclamation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor and the motion carried unanimously.

#### Proclaiming June 2025 as Elevate Fatherhood Month

Chairman Biering read the Proclamation into the record; Councilman Murdaugh made a motion to approve the proclamation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Taylor wanted to recognize the members from the organization and thanked them for the tremendous work that they with helping families reconnect, only fathers but also mothers. For more information visit [www.father365.com](http://www.father365.com).

#### Birthday Proclamation for Mr. Lee O. McKinnon, Sr.

Chairman Murdaugh read the Proclamation into the record; Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the proclamation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe and the motion carried unanimously.

A standing ovation was given by the whole room. Council thanked Mr. McKinnon for his many years of service. Mr. Lee McKinnon's son thanked Council for recognizing his father.

#### Proclaiming Recognition and Appreciation for Jimmy Hiott

Chairman Biering read the Proclamation into the record; Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the proclamation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Biering recognized Mr. Hiott as being a tremendous partner and thanked him for his many years of service at Colleton Medical Center. Councilman Murdaugh piggybacked off what Councilman Biering said by saying that Mr. Hiott came in around the same time he got onto Council, and a lot of rural communities' struggle with health care, but here in Colleton County we are very fortunate not to have that struggle, and Mr. Hiott has played a large part in that, Councilman Murdaugh thanked Mr. Hiott for leaving Colleton in a much better place than what he found it in.

Mr. Hiott appeared before Council to express his appreciation for the recognition.

#### Proclaiming the Week of July 26-August 3, 2025 as Gullah/Geechee Nation Appreciation Week

Chairman Taylor read the Proclamation into the record; Councilman Murdaugh made a motion to approve the proclamation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Taylor encouraged citizens to take part in the Gullah/Geechee Nation Appreciation Week, to lift up and keep the culture rich that we have in South Carolina. Councilman Biering advised that Ms. Queen Quet couldn't make it tonight, but that the rich culture that she brings is always a pleasure.

Councilman Biering thanked his colleagues for helping with the proclamations.

#### **Appearances & Public Presentation**

Mr. Michael Lewis and Mrs. Octavia Lewis with Aspire2Inspire appeared before Council to address the Ruffin project. The phrase "heartbeat of a community" is a metaphor as it describes the vitality and energy that bring life and personality to any community. The video below was presented to Council and members of the public, after the video Mr. Lewis discussed the plans for the Ruffin High School Property including the renovations to building and ball fields. Mr. Lewis also advised that the Ruffin High School site was registered through the National Historic Site. The Lewis's answered questions from Council.

The link below is the video presented to Council.



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**Public Comments (3 minutes per person/max time 20 min.)**

Andy Kubik from TCTC addressed Council to present his graduating seniors, he also presented the value the TCTC program is to the community. One of the TCTC students spoke on their experience with the program.

Jacqueline Jenkins spoke on drainage and flooding issues at her home in the Del Ray Community.

Jermale Paige recognized the 2025 Colleton County High School graduating class.

**Administrator's Briefing**

County Administrator Thomas Higgs did not have anything to share at his administrator's briefing. Council welcomed Thomas to his first County Council meeting.

**Public Hearing**

Councilman Taylor made a motion to open Public Hearing. Councilman Trippe second the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 25-O-03, To Amend and Extend the Term of the Agreement for Development for Joint County Industrial Park (The "Park") Between Colleton County and Hampton County, South Carolina; to Further Amend the Agreement for Development Property in Colleton County as part of The Park; and other Matters Related Thereto.

Councilman Biering opening the floor for the public to speak on; Ordinance 25-O-03, To Amend and Extend the Term of the Agreement for Development for Joint County Industrial Park (The "Park") Between Colleton County and Hampton County, South Carolina; to Further Amend the Agreement for Development Property in Colleton County as part of The Park; and other Matters Related Thereto. No comments were made.

Ordinance 25-O-04, Approving an Application for Preliminary Certification for Historic Rehabilitation; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

Councilman Biering opening the floor for the public to speak on; Ordinance 25-O-04, Approving an Application for Preliminary Certification for Historic Rehabilitation; and Other Matters Related Thereto. No comments were made.

Councilman Murdaugh made a motion to close Public Hearing. Councilman Trippe second the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Old Business**

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Ordinance 25-O-03, To Amend and Extend the Term of the Agreement for Development for Joint County Industrial Park (The “Park”) Between Colleton County and Hampton County, South Carolina; to Further Amend the Agreement for Development Property in Colleton County as part of The Park; and other Matters Related Thereto.

Councilman Trippe moved to approve 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Ordinance 25-O-03, To Amend and Extend the Term of the Agreement for Development for Joint County Industrial Park (The “Park”) Between Colleton County and Hampton County, South Carolina; to Further Amend the Agreement for Development Property in Colleton County as part of The Park; and other Matters Related Thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Ordinance 25-O-04, Approving an Application for Preliminary Certification for Historic Rehabilitation; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

Councilman Murdaugh moved to approve 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Ordinance 25-O-04, Approving an Application for Preliminary Certification for Historic Rehabilitation; and Other Matters Related Thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ordinance 25-O-07, Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax and Special Source Credit Agreement by and Between Colleton County, South Carolina and a Company Known to the County at this time as Project Star with respect to certain Economic Development Property in the County, Whereby Such Property will be Subject to Certain Payments in Lieu of Taxes, Including the Provision of Certain Special Source Credits; and Others Matters Related Thereto.

Councilman Taylor moved to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ordinance 25-O-07, Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax and Special Source Credit Agreement by and Between Colleton County, South Carolina and a Company Known to the County at this time as Project Star with respect to certain Economic Development Property in the County, Whereby Such Property will be Subject to Certain Payments in Lieu of Taxes, Including the Provision of Certain Special Source Credits; and Others Matters Related Thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Murdaugh. The motion carried unanimously.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ordinance 25-O-06, To Amend Title 10 - Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 10.04 Truck and Bus Restrictions, of the Colleton County Code of Laws to Prohibit No Through Traffic on Approved Colleton County Roads

Councilman Trippe moved to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ordinance 25-O-06, To Amend Title 10 - Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 10.04 Truck and Bus Restrictions, of the Colleton County Code of Laws to

Prohibit No Through Traffic on Approved Colleton County Roads. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 25-R-33, Authorizing, Under Certain Conditions, the Execution and Delivery by Colleton County, South Carolina of a Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement with One or More Related or Affiliated Legal Entities as Sponsors and as Sponsor Affiliated Identified by the County as Project Star with Respect to a Project in the County Whereby the Project Would be Subject to Payment of Certain Fees in Lieu of Taxes; and Whereby Project Star will be Provided Certain Credits Against the Fee Payments in Reimbursement of Investment in Related Qualified Infrastructure; and Providing for Related Matters.

Councilman Murdaugh moved to approve, Resolution 25-R-33, Authorizing, Under Certain Conditions, the Execution and Delivery by Colleton County, South Carolina of a Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement with One or More Related or Affiliated Legal Entities as Sponsors and as Sponsor Affiliated Identified by the County as Project Star with Respect to a Project in the County Whereby the Project Would be Subject to Payment of Certain Fees in Lieu of Taxes; and Whereby Project Star will be Provided Certain Credits Against the Fee Payments in Reimbursement of Investment in Related Qualified Infrastructure; and Providing for Related Matters. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 25-R-34, To Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Funds for a Grant for FY25

Councilman Trippe moved to approve, Resolution 25-R-34, To Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Funds for a Grant for FY25. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 25-R-36, To Award an Indefinite Delivery Contract for Colleton County Solid Waste Engineering Services

Councilman Taylor moved to approve, Resolution 25-R-36, To Award an Indefinite Delivery Contract for Colleton County Solid Waste Engineering Services. The motion was seconded by Councilman Murdaugh. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 25-R-37, To Reschedule the July and August County Council Meeting

Councilman Trippe moved to approve, Resolution 25-R-37, To Reschedule the July and August County Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 25-R-38, To Declare Surplus Equipment and to Authorize the Sale in Accordance with County Policy

Councilman Murdaugh moved to approve, Resolution 25-R-38, To Declare Surplus Equipment and to Authorize the Sale in Accordance with County Policy. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 25-R-39, To Approve Appointment to the Lowcountry Workforce Board

Councilman Murdaugh moved to approve, Resolution 25-R-39, To Approve Appointment to the Lowcountry Workforce Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 25-R-40, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies

Councilman Murdaugh made a motion to approve the following by acclamation, the motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor; Colleton County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs; Sheila McGruder. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Items for Information and Public Record**

Councilman Biering advised there were no items for information and public record on the agenda.

### **Council Time**

Councilman Murdaugh inquired on the upcoming budget meeting; the process should a Councilman have something that needs to be submitted for the budget. Councilman Biering read a letter thanking Councilman Taylor for assisting a family member who was struggling to make it into the bank. The resident thanked Councilman Taylor for going above and beyond to assist them in their time of need.

### **Executive Session**

Councilman Murdaugh made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss the following: Matters Concerning Economic Development is relation to Project Fanatic, Project Quail, Project Craft, Project Badger, Project Bruin, Project Montreal and Project Star. Councilman Taylor seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Murdaugh made a motion to Executive Session. Councilman Taylor seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Items discussed in Executive Session**

Economic Development Director Brantley Strickland appeared before Council to discuss matters concerning Economic Development.

Councilman Biering advised that no action was taken during Executive Session.

### **Adjournment**

Councilman Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Murdaugh seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

The full County Council meeting is available at the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/ZUXFqU8JVD0?si=kQJB5EX0aBB14ve7>

This 3th day of June 2025.

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Scott Biering, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Danielle Murdaugh, Clerk to Council



**COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL  
Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 2:00 P.M.**

**Minutes**

Chairman Bubba Trippe called the meeting to order with Council Members Scott Biering and Phillip Taylor in attendance. Included in the panel was Sheriff Buddy Hill, Animal Service Director Laura Clark, and Chet Varnadoe and Heather Spade with Code Enforcement.

Chairman Trippe also thanked everyone for being in attendance.

Others Included: Thomas Higgs, Meagan Utsey, Barry McRoy, KC Campbell, Kay Herndon, Scott Grooms, Kim Walling, Marc Filion, Cathy Hiers, Jeannette Mazur, Pamela Baer, Debbie Dangerfield, Colette Bailey, Royce Herndon, Marsha Johnson, Christina Avery

Councilman Taylor gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering and the motion carries unanimously.

**Citizen Comment Period**

Kay Herndon addressed the panel describing a devastating attack her daughters' goats, detailing how two dogs entered a secure pen and killed multiple animals. She also expressed distress over the lack of citations issued to the dog owners despite the severity of the incident and questioned why animal control did not witness the killing. Ms. Herndon shared concerns about the dogs potentially attacking children and sought clarification on the process for seizing and euthanizing dangerous animals.

Marc Filion addressed the panel and recounted a past incident where stray pit bulls attacked their farm, resulting in the loss of 155 turkeys and significant financial damage. Mr. Filion emphasized the economic impact of such animal attacks on farmers and the county, suggesting financial solutions like animal registration, microchipping, leash laws, and breeder licenses. Mr. Filion also advocated stricter penalties for not adhering to animal control regulations.

Jeannette Mazur a volunteer with Colleton County Animal Services, expressed concerns about the conditions at the animal shelter, including overcrowding, understaffing, and lack of air conditioning. Ms. Mazur stated that animals need to be registered, similar to practices in other areas, and questioned the status of a new animal shelter, urging council members to visit the current facility.

Kim Walling addressed the panel explaining that the goats that were killed belonged to her and her family. Ms. Walling expressed an ongoing fear that the same dogs might return and cause further harm, especially if no one is home. Ms. Walling hopes for changes in policies.

Cathy Hiers addressed the panel on two separate incidents involving neighbors allowing their dogs to run loose off their property, causing fear and requiring intervention from animal control and law enforcement. Ms. Hiers described instances of being cussed by irresponsible dog owners and expressed frustration with repeated warnings without significant consequences. Ms. Hiers suggested that the six-month time limit for reporting should be removed from the code for irresponsible dog owners.

Colette Bailey a goat farmer, addressed the panel on an ongoing issue with neighbors' dogs, including Great Pyrenees and Huskies, running loose and posing a threat to livestock. Ms. Bailey mentioned a conversation with an animal control officer who indicated limited resources and laws for confiscating dogs. Ms. Bailey also discussed problems with trespassing hunting dogs and emphasized the vulnerability of farmers and their livelihoods.

Royce Herndon addressed the panel, as being part of the community for 20 years he has noticed the dog nuisance growing more and more of a problem. Mr. Herndon expressed his concern on if someone gets hurt is it the County's responsible.

Marsha Johnson addressed the panel and asserted that current laws may not adequately protect farmers, whose animals represent their business inventory and significant investment. Ms. Johnson suggested farmers' associations lobby for stronger laws that differentiate between harming animals and other forms of property damage. Ms. Johnson also proposed involving insurance companies in holding dog owners accountable for dangerous animals.

Christina Avery addressed the panel and expressed fear for her autistic son's safety due to the same dogs that attacked the goats also coming into her yard and attempting to attack her chickens. Ms. Avery stated that her son, who once enjoyed being outside, is now afraid because of these incidents and echoed concerns about the potential for the dogs to harm a child. Ms. Avery supports the need for stricter measures to prevent further attacks.

Chairman Trippe thanked everyone that took time out of their day to come out to the meeting.

Councilman Biering acknowledged the concerns raised and stated they have experienced similar issues. Councilman Biering assured attendees that they would consult with experts to determine what resources and changes are needed.

Councilman Taylor recognized the hardship faced by families and expressed hope that working with experts and considering input from associations could lead to solutions. Councilman Taylor noted that this is also a state-level issue and that they would work together with staff. Councilman Taylor also asked the County Administrator Thomas Higgs for an update on the capital project sales tax in relation to the animal shelter. Mr. Higgs explained that the County is currently in the design phase, working to create a long-serving plan that addresses the County's growth and increasing animal-related issues. Mr. Higgs assured that while visible progress isn't immediate, significant work is underway, and the ground will be broken in the future.

## **Departmental 2024-2025 Update Discussion**

### **Animal Control**

Laura Clark, Director of Colleton County Animal Services, expressed appreciation for the opportunity to speak and provide insight into the department's operations. Laura Clark explained the three branches of government and the role of magistrate's court in their cases, encouraging citizens to communicate their concerns. Laura Clark acknowledged the painful nature of the stories shared and stated that outdated ordinances and the need to consider state laws make changes a complex process. Laura Clark detailed the responsibilities of animal control, the animal shelter,

and mosquito abatement. Laura Clark highlighted the limited staffing of animal control compared to law enforcement and the 24/7 coverage they provide. Laura Clark presented data showing the volume of unique cases they handle, indicating the scope of the problem. Laura Clark emphasized the importance of using the proper channels for reporting animal control issues, stating that personal Facebook messages or texts to staff are not acceptable for law enforcement purposes. She provided the phone number (843-893-2651) for non-emergency calls during business hours and advised contacting the sheriff's dispatch after hours for urgent matters, cautioning against calling 911 for non-emergencies. Laura Clark stressed the value of photographic and video evidence but noted that the person who captured the evidence must be willing to appear in court for it to be admissible. Laura Clark shared statistics about the animal shelter, which has five full-time and five part-time staff and took in 1,871 animals since January 1st, maintaining an average daily population of 300 pets and a live release rate of 86%. She highlighted the free trap-neuter-release program for cats, which has spayed and neutered over a thousand cats annually, and the recent addition of Sunday operating hours. The process of updating animal control ordinances is underway, with several working versions being reviewed by a community committee before going to Administrative Staff, the County Attorney, and finally the County Council for a vote.

### **Sheriff's Office**

Sheriff Hill provided an update on the Sheriff's Office, reporting 18,626 calls for service from the beginning of the year, encompassing a wide range of incidents. They noted 30 weapons seized and 79 illegal weapons confiscated, along with five homicides, three of which have been closed by arrest. Sheriff Hill also reported 146 drug cases and the seizure of significant quantities of marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin, and fentanyl. Sheriff Hill highlighted partnerships with various law enforcement agencies and the installation of license plate reader cameras to help curb crime, and emphasized the importance of the "see something, say something" approach and urges the public to cooperate with law enforcement to address issues like drive-by shooting. Sheriff Hill reiterated the Sheriff's Office's open-door policy and highlighted their close work with school systems, including having an SRO in every school. He also mentioned programs for active attacker training and Community Crime Watch, with James Brown as the lead contact. Lastly, Sheriff Hill mentioned that the Sheriff's Office is currently understaffed in law enforcement, detention, and dispatch, and encouraged anyone interested in applying.

### **Planning and Development (Code Enforcement)**

Heather Spade and Chet Varnadoe provided an update, reporting receiving 148 formal complaints since the beginning of 2025 related to property nuisance. They stated that their department prioritizes meeting with property owners to educate them and work towards compliance, noting that over half of the complaints were resolved after initial contact. Heather Spade mentioned that out of the 148 only 25 were still showing pending, and emphasized the importance of interdepartmental coordination, particularly between zoning and animal control, to ensure that updated ordinances are consistent.

Chairman Trippe acknowledged the information shared and assured attendees that the County has been actively working on many of the issues raised. They expressed gratitude to Sheriff Buddy Hill, Animal Service Director Laura Clark, and Chet Varnadoe and Heather Spade with Code Enforcement, and others for their work. Chairman Trippe announced plans for more public safety meeting between now and the end of the year to discuss various issues beyond animal control.

### **Adjournment**

Councilman Biering moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Taylor seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.



This 24th day of June, 2025.

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Bubba Trippe, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Danielle Murdaugh, Clerk to Council



**COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
June 25, 2025, at 5:30pm**

**Minutes**

Chairman Scott Biering called the meeting to order with Council Members Steve Murdaugh, Phillip Taylor, Bubba Trippe, and Johnny Frank in attendance.

Others Included: Thomas Higgs, Meagan Utsey, Jon Carpenter, Barry McRoy, David Greene, Ceth Utsey, Ed Williams, Lynn Stroble, Sharon Witkin, Spencer Witkin, Charles Murdaugh, Glenn Nixon, Jessica Williams, Linda Hyman, Heather Spade

Councilman Taylor gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Frank made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Murdaugh and the motion carries unanimously.

**Public Hearing**

Councilman Trippe made a motion to open Public Hearing. Councilman Murdaugh seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

- a) Ordinance 25-O-05, To Provide for the Levy of Taxes in Colleton County, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 to Provide for All Other Appropriations Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto.

Councilman Biering asked if anyone present would like to address Ordinance 25-O-05, To Provide for the Levy of Taxes in Colleton County, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 to Provide for All Other Appropriations Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto.

Mr. Ed Williams addressed Council during public hearing to advocate for increased support for the school board, emphasizing the critical financial situation and the need for local funding to supplement state funds for classified staff and overall needs. Requesting that Council ensure adequate funding for the school district in the upcoming tax levy.

No other comments were heard.

Councilman Taylor made a motion to close Public Hearing. Councilman Trippe seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

After public comment, the Council then moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Ordinance 25-O-05, To Provide for the Levy of Taxes in Colleton County, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 to Provide for All Other Appropriations Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Trippe made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frank; motion opened for discussion.

Councilman Murdaugh brought up several points regarding the ordinance before discussing funding, including a potential unnecessary property transfer in Section 21, the outdated travel reimbursement rate in Section 9F, the election commissioner stipends in Section 9 and a typo in Section 11B regarding cremation fees. The County Administrator noted that the travel reimbursement rate could be addressed in the personnel handbook review. Councilman Murdaugh informed Council of his proposed amendments to the budget ordinance, including increasing the school district millage from two to three and redirecting the police academy funding to the solicitor's office. Councilman Murdaugh explained the rationale for redirecting funding for the solicitor's office, highlighting the high caseload per attorney and the importance of effective prosecution for public safety based on concerns raised at a recent community meeting on gun violence and crime. Councilman Murdaugh clarified that the requested funds would support attorneys prosecuting cases in Colleton County. Councilman Murdaugh provided context regarding the school district's millage, stating that it has been underfunded for years, similar to the county's current financial situation. Councilman Murdaugh compared Colleton County's school operating mill rate to eight bordering counties, noting that Colleton County has the lowest mill rate in the region. However, Councilman Murdaugh explained that millage rate alone is not a sufficient indicator due to varying property values per mill. Councilman Murdaugh also calculated the local investment per student, showing that Colleton County's taxpayers invest less per student compared to most neighboring counties, ranking second to last in a seven-county comparison excluding Charleston and Dorchester which were considered outliers. Councilman Murdaugh stressed the importance of adequate school funding for attracting industries and ensuring workforce readiness, noting that industries consider a County's investment in its school system. Councilman Murdaugh concluded that Colleton County School District is significantly underfunded and emphasized that the requested 3mil increase for the school be the same as the County's operating millage.

Councilman Taylor made a proposal of 3mil increase for the School District and a suggested 4mil increase for the County. Concerns were raised about the impact on taxpayers, although the Finance Director clarified that a 1mil increase would have a minimal impact on residential property taxes. Councilman Taylor also advised looking into adding fiscal autonomy to the ballots.

Councilman Biering gave an alternative proposal, advising that he wants to show that the County and School District are working together. Investing in the law enforcement program could be used to provide more than 3mil of funding to the School District, with the aim of demonstrating collaboration and investing in public safety and workforce training. Councilman Biering also raised a concern that increasing funding for the solicitor's office would necessitate a proportional increase for the public defender's office. Councilman Murdaugh argued against this, stating that the solicitor's office has the responsibility to prosecute every case, unlike the public defender's office which handles only cases for indigent defendants.

Councilman Taylor initiated a discussion about the School District's funding request, specifically regarding the 3mil and the potential law enforcement project. Councilman Taylor questioned the logic of prioritizing the law enforcement project when the districts lead official requested the full 3mil instead.

Council asked the Colleton County Superintendent Ms. Jessica Williams to approach for clarification. Ms. Williams said while the board consensus favored a law enforcement class, they would prefer the millage increase to have recurring funds. Ms. Williams also highlighted the district's significant budget cuts and on-going deficit, emphasizing the need for the full 3mil.

Councilman Trippe withdrew his original motion and made a motion to amend his motion for 3mil for the School District and 2mil for the County with no funding going to the law enforcement program or the solicitor's office. No second on the table, motion opened for discussion.

County Administrator advised that if the County goes to 2mil then the County is still back at square one. Transferring more money out of the reserve fund to then balance the budget from where the County was last year.

Councilman Taylor advised that based on discussion his impression was the panel was at 3/3. 3mil for the County and 3mil for the School District.

Councilman Trippe withdrew his third motion and made a motion to amend his motion for 3mil for the School District and 3mil for the County with no funding going to the Law enforcement or solicitors' office. Councilman Frank seconded the motion; motion opened for discussion.

Councilman Murdaugh advised if Council is not approving the law enforcement program for the School District than to use those funds to give to the solicitors' office. County Administrator advised that those funds were not formulated in the budget, that a request would have to be made by Council and then a resolution would have to be completed and approved.

Councilman Trippe made a forth motion to amend his motion for 3mil for the School District and 3mil for the County with no funding going to the Law enforcement or solicitors' office. Councilman Trippe also made a motion to adopt all recommended changes to Ordinance 25-O-05, To Provide for the Levy of Taxes in Colleton County, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 to Provide for All Other Appropriations Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frank, motion was voted four to five.

### **Adjournment**

Councilman Frank moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Murdaugh seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

[Signature Page to Follow]

This 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025

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Scott Biering, Council Chairman

ATTEST:

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Danielle Murdaugh, Clerk to Council

Sponsor(s) : County Council  
First Reading : June 3, 2025  
Committee Referral : N/A  
Committee Consideration Date : N/A  
Committee Recommendation : N/A  
Second Reading : July 8, 2025  
Public Hearing : July 8, 2025  
Third Reading : August 12, 2025  
Effective Date : Immediately

I, Danielle Murdaugh,  
Council Clerk, certify that this  
Ordinance was advertised for  
Public Hearing on June 12, 2025.

## **ORDINANCE NO. 25-O-06**

### **COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY**

**[To Amend Title 10 - Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 10.04 Truck and Bus Restrictions, of the Colleton County Code of Laws to Prohibit No Through Traffic on Approved Colleton County Roads.]**

**WHEREAS**, South Carolina Code 56-5-4210 allows restrictions on loads and weights and speed limits for certain roads and highways under the jurisdiction of local authorities when necessary to provide for the public safety and convenience on certain roads and highways; and

**WHEREAS**, Colleton County Council seeks to regulate through truck traffic on certain roads within Colleton County, upon approval of the South Carolina Department of Transportation, allowing for public safety and convenient travel along such roadways; and

### **THROUGH TRUCK ROUTES**

**WHEREAS**, the following, words, terms and phrases, shall have the meanings ascribed to them, except where the context clearly indicated a different meaning; and

- a) *Person* means any individual, or agent, servant, employee, or owner of a corporation or other business entity, driving or operating a truck as defined in this section, within the County of Colleton.
- b) *Truck* means any commercially regulated vehicle as defined herein which is designed, used, or maintained for the transportation of material or property. It does not include non-commercially regulated vehicles.
  - i. The term "non-commercially regulated vehicles" (light trucks) means personal pickup trucks and passenger vans, as well as church, school, and public buses.
  - ii. The term "commercially regulated vehicles" (medium and heavy trucks) means any vehicle having more than two axles or six wheels.

**WHEREAS**, *No Through Truck Route* means certain streets as designated by appropriate signage by the Director of Public Works with approval of the South Carolina Department of Transportation for No Through Truck traffic; and

## **OBSERVANCE OF TRUCK ROUTES REQUIRED, EXCEPTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, No person shall operate a truck in the commercially regulated vehicle classification over and along a No Through Truck Route established pursuant to this article unless otherwise provided herein; and

The following route shall be designated as a no through truck route:

1. S-15-216 (Dandridge Road)

**WHEREAS**, Future additions or modifications to the no through truck routes may be established by Resolution approved by County Council; and

**WHEREAS**, This article does not prohibit: (1) Operation of regulated vehicles that are making pickups, deliveries, or which have other specific business such as being enroute to repairs provided that the driver can show proof of said business through documentation; (2) Authorized emergency vehicles or other vehicles operated by units of federal, state, or local government; or (3) Detoured trucks, on an officially established detour, if such trucks could lawfully be operated upon the street for which the detour is established; (4) Residents that live on Dandridge Road and adjacent side road attached, that operate a commercially regulated vehicle as a job source that park said vehicle at residence; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF COLLETON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA,**

1. **Title 10 – Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 10.04 Truck and Bus Restrictions, of the Colleton County Code of Laws, is hereby amended to add the following section:**

### **Section 10.04.050**

- a) All though truck traffic is prohibited on the following road in Colleton County:

1. Dandridge Road, Walterboro, SC

- b) For the purpose of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

1. Truck means any commercially regulated vehicle as defined herein which is designed, used, or maintained for the transportation of material or property. It does not include non-commercially regulated vehicles.
  - a. The term "non-commercially regulated vehicles" (light trucks) means personal pickup trucks and passenger vans, as well as church, school, and public buses.
  - b. The term "commercially regulated vehicles" (medium and heavy trucks) means any vehicle having more than two axles or six wheels.
2. *Through truck traffic* means truck traffic moving from the beginning point of the road to the ending point of the road without stopping.

c) This article does not prohibit:

1. Operation of regulated vehicles that are making pickups, deliveries, or which have other specific business such as being enroute to repairs provided that the driver can show proof of said business through documentation.
2. Authorized emergency vehicles or other vehicles operated by units of federal, state, or local government; or
3. Detoured trucks, on an officially established detour, if such trucks could lawfully be operated upon the street for which the detour is established
4. Residents that live on Dandridge Road and adjacent side road attached, that operate commercially regulated vehicles as a job source that park said vehicle at residence

**2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the No Through Truck routes shall be clearly posted with appropriate signs along designated streets to control Through Truck operations in accordance with the provisions of this article. Signs shall be approved by the South Carolina Department of Transportation. The signs may use the term "thru" in lieu of "through."

### **3. SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held 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.

### **4. CONFLICT**

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

This Ordinance shall take effect upon third reading by County Council, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025.



[Signature Page to Follow]

Attest:

Signed:

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Danielle Murdaugh, Clerk to Council

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Scott Biering, Chairman

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Approved as to Form  
Sean P. Thornton, County Attorney

Council Vote:  
Opposed:

First reading: June 3, 2025  
Second reading: July 8, 2025  
Public hearing: July 8, 2025  
Third reading: August 12, 2025

Sponsor(s) : County Council  
First Reading : June 3, 2025  
Committee Referral : N/A  
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Committee Recommendation : N/A  
Second Reading : July 8, 2025  
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Third Reading : August 12, 2025  
Effective Date : Immediately

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

## ORDINANCE NO. 25-O-07

### COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

**[AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AND SPECIAL SOURCE CREDIT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN COLLETON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND BANKS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY (WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AS PROJECT STAR) WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY, WHEREBY SUCH PROPERTY WILL BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE CREDITS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.]**

**WHEREAS**, COLLETON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (the “*County*”), acting by and through its County Council (the “*County Council*”), is authorized and empowered under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 12, Chapter 44 (the “*FILOT Act*”), Title 4, Chapter 1 (the “*Multi-County Park Act*”), and Title 4, Chapter 29, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, to enter into agreements with industry whereby the industry would pay fees-in-lieu-of taxes with respect to qualified projects; to provide infrastructure credits against payment in lieu of taxes for reimbursement in respect of investment in certain infrastructure enhancing the economic development of the County; through all such powers the industrial development of the State of South Carolina (the “*State*”) will be promoted and trade developed by inducing manufacturing and commercial enterprises to locate or remain in the State and thus utilize and employ the manpower, products and resources of the State and benefit the general public welfare of the County by providing services, employment, recreation or other public benefits not otherwise provided locally; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the FILOT Act, and in order to induce investment in the County, the County did previously adopt a resolution on June 3, 2025 related to anticipated investment by Banks Construction Company, a South Carolina corporation (the “*Company*”) (which was known to the County at the time as “*Project Star*”), with respect to the acquisition, construction, and installation of land, buildings, improvements, fixtures, machinery, equipment, furnishings and other real and/or tangible personal property to constitute a new industrial facility in the County (collectively, the “*Project*”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Company has represented that the Project will involve an investment of approximately \$10,000,000 in the County and the expected creation of approximately 20 new, full-time jobs at the Project, all within the Investment Period (as such term is defined in the hereinafter defined Fee Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has determined on the basis of the information supplied to it by the Company that the Project would be a “project” and “economic development property” as such terms are defined in the FILOT Act, and that the Project would serve the purposes of the FILOT Act; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the authority of Section 4-1-170 of the Multi-County Park Act and Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution, the County intends to cause the Project, to the extent not already therein located, to be placed in the joint county industrial and business park between the County and Hampton County (the “Colleton-Hampton Park”) such that the Project will receive the benefits of the Multi-County Park Act; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Inducement Agreement, the County has agreed to, among other things, (a) enter into a Fee in Lieu of Tax and Special Source Credit Agreement with the Company (the “*Fee Agreement*”), whereby the County would provide therein for a payment of a fee-in-lieu-of taxes by the Company with respect to the Project, and (b) provide for certain special source credits to be claimed by the Company against its payments of fees-in-lieu-of taxes with respect to the Project pursuant to Section 4-1-175 of the Multi-County Park Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Council has caused to be prepared and presented to this meeting the form of the Fee Agreement which the County proposes to execute and deliver; and

**WHEREAS**, it appears that the documents above referred to, which are now before this meeting, are in appropriate form and are an appropriate instrument to be executed and delivered or approved by the County for the purposes intended;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the County Council as follows:

Section 1. Based on information supplied by the Company, it is hereby found, determined and declared by the County Council, as follows:

(a) The Project will constitute a “project” and “economic development property” as said terms are referred to and defined in the FILOT Act, and the County’s actions herein will subserve the purposes and in all respects conform to the provisions and requirements of the FILOT Act;

(b) The Project is anticipated to benefit the general public welfare of the County by providing services, employment, recreation or other public benefits not otherwise provided locally;

(c) The Project will give rise to no pecuniary liability of the County or any incorporated municipality or a charge against the general credit or taxing power of either;

(d) The purposes to be accomplished by the Project, i.e., economic development, creation of jobs and addition to the tax base of the County, are proper governmental and public purposes; and

(e) The benefits of the Project are anticipated to be greater than the costs.

Section 2. The form, terms and provisions of the Fee Agreement presented to this meeting are hereby approved and all of the terms and provisions thereof are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if the Fee Agreement was set out in this Ordinance in its entirety. The Chairman of County Council or the County Administrator are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute, acknowledge and deliver the Fee Agreement in the name of and on behalf of the County, and the Clerk to County Council is hereby authorized and directed to attest the same, and thereupon to cause the Fee Agreement to be delivered to the Company and cause a copy of the same to be delivered to the Colleton County Auditor, Assessor and Treasurer. The Fee Agreement is to be in substantially the form now before this meeting and hereby approved, or with such minor changes therein as shall be approved by the Chairman of County Council or the County Administrator, upon advice of counsel, their execution thereof to constitute conclusive evidence of their approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form of Fee Agreement now before

this meeting. In addition, County Council approves the amendment of the Colleton-Hampton Park to include the site of the Project therein.

Section 3. The Chairman of County Council, the County Administrator and the Clerk to County Council, for and on behalf of the County, are hereby authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary to effect the execution and delivery of the Fee Agreement and the performance of all obligations of the County thereunder.

Section 4. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be separable and if any section, phrase or provisions shall for any reason be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the sections, phrases and provisions hereunder.

Section 5. All ordinances, resolutions, and parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage by the County Council.

**ENACTED** in meeting duly assembled this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

**COLLETON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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Chairman of County Council

Attest:

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Clerk to County Council

First Reading: June 3, 2025  
Second Reading: July 8, 2025  
Third Reading: August 12, 2025  
Public Hearing: August 12, 2025

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**COUNTY OF COLLETON**

I, the undersigned Clerk to County Council of Colleton County, South Carolina, do hereby certify that attached hereto is a true, accurate and complete copy of an ordinance which was given reading, and received approval, by the County Council at its meetings of June 3, 2025, July 8, 2025, and August 12, 2025, at which meetings a quorum of members of County Council were present and voted, and an original of which ordinance is filed in the permanent records of the County Council.

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Danielle Murdaugh Clerk to County Council,  
Colleton County, South Carolina

Dated: August 12, 2025

Sponsor(s) : County Council  
Adopted: : July 8, 2025  
Committee Referral : N/A  
Committee Consideration Date : N/A  
Committee Recommendation : N/A

## **RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-35**

### **COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY**

#### **[To Award the Contract for Planning Services to Update the Comprehensive Plan.]**

#### **WHEREAS:**

1. To comply with the South Carolina Comprehensive Planning Act of 1994, which requires Counties to update their Comprehensive Plan every five years, Colleton County must complete a plan update to the 2030 Comprehensive Plan; and
2. A Request for Qualification was advertised seeking qualified firms to revise the 2030 Comprehensive Plan; and
3. Three responses were received, and a committee reviewed and ranked the proposals. Benchmark CMR, Inc. received the highest ranking by the committee; and
4. Staff recommends awarding the contract for services to Benchmark CMR, Inc.

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

1. Colleton County Council hereby awards the contract for Planning Services connected to the update of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan to Benchmark CMR, Inc. at a cost of \$69,000. Said ordinance and plan to be completed on schedule and according to specifications as provided in Colleton County's RFQ.
2. Funding is available in the General Fund Non-Departmental Budget for FY26.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

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Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk

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Scott Biering, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:  
OPPOSED:

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|------------------------------|---|----------------|
| Sponsor(s)                   | : | County Council |
| Adopted                      | : | July 8, 2025   |
| Committee Referral           | : | N/A            |
| Committee Consideration Date | : | N/A            |
| Committee Recommendation     | : | N/A            |

## **RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-41**

### **COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY**

#### **[AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$2,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF COLLETON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.]**

**WHEREAS**, the County Council (the “County Council”) of Colleton County, South Carolina (the “Issuer”), a body corporate and politic and a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina, the governing body of the Issuer, has previously enacted an ordinance on June 18, 2024 (the “Bond Ordinance”), authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds of the Issuer in the principal amount of not exceeding \$10,000,000 (the “Bonds”), to fund the design, acquisition, construction, installation, equipping and renovation of the County’s Voter Registration Offices, a new County Coroner’s Office and Morgue, the Colleton County Detention Center, the Colleton County Harrelson Building, including offices of the Register of Deeds, GIS Department, Assessor’s Office, and Planning and Development Office, and an Agriculture Center Commercial Kitchen (as more fully defined in the Bond Ordinance, the “Project”) pursuant to the provisions of Title 4, Chapter 15 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, as amended and continued by Section 11-27-40 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (collectively, the “Bond Enabling Act”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Issuer intends to provide permanent financing for the Project through the issuance of the Bonds pursuant to the Bond Enabling Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bonds will be general obligations of the Issuer, secured by a pledge of the Issuer’s full faith, credit, and taxing powers; and

**WHEREAS**, pending the issuance of the Bonds, the Bond Ordinance provides that the Issuer may issue bond anticipation notes pursuant to the provisions of Title 11, Chapter 17 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, to provide interim financing for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, Article X, Section 14, Paragraph 8 of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina authorizes the County Council to incur general obligation indebtedness in anticipation of the proceeds of general obligation bonds, subject to the 8% constitutional debt limit, for all corporate purposes of the County, including any public purpose necessary or convenient to the welfare of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Council have previously determined in the Bond Ordinance that it is in the best interest of the County, and necessary and proper for the general welfare of the County and its citizens that the County proceed with the Project by raising a portion of the necessary funds for the Project by the issuance of general obligation bond anticipation notes; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the authorizations of Article X, Section 14, Paragraphs 7 and 8 of the South Carolina Constitution, for the purposes set forth above, and subject to an eight per centum (8%) constitutional debt limit, the County is authorized to incur general obligation indebtedness; the assessed value of all taxable property in the County is currently \$237,694,947; and the County has \$5,955,000 of bonded indebtedness, consisting of \$1,800,000 of outstanding General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes of 2024 (the “Series 2024 BANs”) and \$4,155,000 of outstanding General Obligation Bonds which count against its 8% constitutional debt limit; and

**WHEREAS**, upon maturity of the Series 2024 BANs, the Issuer may incur additional general obligation indebtedness in the amount of \$13,060,596 without conducting a referendum; and

**WHEREAS**, the Series 2024 BANs mature on July 25, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Issuer desires to refund the Series 2024 BANs by issuing renewal bond anticipation notes in the principal amount of not exceeding \$2,500,000 (the “Notes”), as provided by Article IX, Section 2(b) of the Bond Ordinance and as further provided herein and, if determined to be in the best interest of the County, to pay all or a portion of the interest due on the Series 2024 BANs from July 25, 2024 to July 25, 2025;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Colleton County, South Carolina in Council assembled, and by the authority thereof, as follows:

## **ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS**

### **Section 1.01 Defined Terms.**

In addition to the terms defined in the preambles to this Resolution, the defined terms defined in this Resolution (except as herein otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires) shall have the respective meanings specified in the Bond Ordinance.

### **Section 1.02 General Rules of Interpretation.**

(a) Articles, Sections, and Paragraphs mentioned by number are the respective Articles, Sections, and Paragraphs of this Resolution so numbered.

(b) Except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires, words importing persons include, firms, associations, and corporations and the masculine includes the feminine and the neuter.



(c) Words importing the redemption or redeeming or calling for redemption of the Notes do not include or connote the payment of such Notes at their stated maturity or the purchase of such Notes.

(d) Words importing the singular number include the plural number and *vice versa*.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

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Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk

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Scott Biering, Chairman

## **ARTICLE II AUTHORIZATION AND ISSUANCE OF NOTES**

### Section 2.01 Constitutional and Statutory Authorization of Notes.

The County Council is authorized and empowered by Subsection 9 of Section 14 of Article X of the South Carolina Constitution and by the Note Enabling Act to borrow pursuant to the provisions thereof in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the Bonds.

### Section 2.02 Issuance of Notes.

(a) Pursuant to the constitutional and statutory authorization cited above, and to the authorization of the County Council as set forth in the Bond Ordinance and this Resolution, in order to obtain funds (i) to refund the Series 2024 BANs, pending the issuance of the Bonds, (ii) to pay costs of issuance of the Notes, and (iii) to pay additional Project costs, if any, the Issuer shall borrow an amount determined by the County Administrator not exceeding \$2,500,000 to be evidenced by one or more series of Notes in the aggregate principal amount outstanding at any one time of not exceeding \$2,500,000, dated the date of their delivery, and maturing on dates designated by the County Administrator to be not later than one year after their respective dates of delivery.

(b) The Notes shall be sold by negotiated sale to First Citizens Bank and Trust Company (the “Original Purchaser”) on terms as shall be approved by the County Administrator upon the advice of the Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel.

### Section 2.03 Form of Notes.

(a) The Notes shall be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$2,500,000, shall be numbered from R-1 and upward consecutively, and shall be in substantially the form attached to the Bond Ordinance as Exhibit E, with any necessary changes or appropriate variations, omissions, and insertions as are incidental to the series, numbers, denominations, and registration and transfer provisions as are otherwise permitted or required by law or this Resolution.

(b) The Notes shall be payable, both principal and interest, in any coin or currency of the United States of America which is, at the time of payment, legal tender for the payment of public and private debts. Principal of and interest on the Notes shall be paid when due to the Noteholders by the Paying Agent from moneys on deposit in the Paying Agent Fund to be established with and administered by the Paying Agent.

### Section 2.04 Execution of Notes.

The Notes shall be executed in the name of the Issuer by the Chairman, and attested by the Clerk to County Council, by their manual or facsimile signatures, provided that in the event

that both such signatures are facsimile signatures, the Notes shall be of no effect unless and until they are authenticated by the manual signature of an authorized officer of a bank that is named by the Chairman as authenticating agent, and the seal of the Issuer shall be impressed or reproduced on each Note. Any facsimile signature appearing on the Notes may be those of the officers who are in office on the date of the adoption of this resolution. The Notes shall be executed in respect of any manual signature by the person or persons holding office when such Notes are ready for delivery. The execution of the Notes in this fashion shall be valid and effectual notwithstanding changes in the personnel of any of the above offices subsequent to their execution.

#### Section 2.05 Interest Rates on Notes.

The Notes shall bear interest at such interest rate or rates as approved by the Chairman, which interest shall be payable at the maturity of the Notes and on such other interest payment dates as approved by the Chairman.

#### Section 2.06 Prepayment or Redemption of Notes.

(a) The Notes shall be subject to prepayment or prior redemption upon the terms and conditions as approved by the County Administrator.

(b) Any notice of redemption of Notes will be given by the Issuer by mailing it by first class mail, not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days prior to the redemption date, to the registered owner of each Note called for redemption. Interest on the Notes or portion thereof to be redeemed shall cease to accrue from and after the redemption date, unless the Issuer defaults in making due provision for the payment of the redemption price thereof.

#### Section 2.07 Sale of Notes.

The Notes shall be sold at a price or prices, approved by the County Administrator, to the Original Purchaser, which prices the County Administrator shall have determined to be in the best interest of the Issuer. The County Council hereby delegate to the County Administrator the authority to execute and deliver to the Original Purchaser an agreement, upon the advice of counsel, for the sale of the Notes (each, a “Note Purchase Contract”). The Note Purchase Contract shall meet the terms and conditions set forth in the Bond Ordinance. Any persons as the County Administrator shall designate may exercise the foregoing powers and duties of the County Administrator in lieu thereof.

#### Section 2.08 Place of Payments; Paying Agent.

Principal of the Notes, when due (whether at maturity or prepayment), shall be payable at the office of the Colleton County Treasurer (the “Paying Agent”). Interest on any Note shall be payable on each interest payment date by cheque or draught mailed to the person in whose name such Note is registered at the close of business on the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day (whether or not a business day) of the calendar month next preceding such interest payment date (the “Regular Record Date”) by the Paying Agent.

### **ARTICLE III APPLICATION OF NOTE PROCEEDS**

Section 3.01 Application of Note Proceeds.

All proceeds of the Notes shall be applied as directed by the County Administrator to pay the principal of and interest on the Series 2024 BANs as they mature, issuance costs of the Notes, and Project costs, if any. If there are proceeds of the Notes remaining, such proceeds may be applied to pay interest due on the Notes at maturity.

Section 3.02 Purchaser Not Liable for Proper Application of Proceeds.

No purchaser or holder of the Notes shall be liable for the proper application of the proceeds thereof.

**ARTICLE IV  
SECURITY FOR THE NOTES**

Section 4.01 Agreement to Issue Bonds or Refunding Notes.

The County Council covenant and agree, pursuant to Section 11-17-20 of the Note Enabling Act, to issue and sell the Bonds in the manner prescribed by the Bond Enabling Act in an amount sufficient to retire the Notes prior to the maturity of the Notes or to issue refunding bond anticipation notes in such a sufficient amount.

Section 4.02 Security for the Notes.

For the payment of the Notes, there are hereby pledged the proceeds to be derived from the sale of the Bonds to be issued by the Issuer or, if the Bonds are not issued prior to the maturity of the Notes, from the sale of an issue of renewal or refunding bond anticipation notes, together with the full faith, credit, and taxing power of the Issuer.

Section 4.03 No Additional Amount of Notes Except Junior Notes.

The Issuer agrees with the holders of the Notes that the Issuer will issue no additional outstanding principal amount of bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds in excess of the amount authorized by the Bond Ordinance, as amended and restated from time to time, unless the same are expressly made junior to the Notes authorized by this Resolution.

Section 4.04 All Notes Equally and Ratably Secured.

All Notes authorized by and issued pursuant to the Bond Ordinance shall be secured equally and ratably as provided in Section 4.02 hereof.

Section 4.05 Performance of Covenants; Authority of the Issuer.

The Issuer covenants that it will faithfully perform at all times any and all covenants, undertakings, stipulations, and provisions contained in the Note Enabling Act, in the Bond Ordinance, in this Resolution, in the Notes executed and delivered hereunder, and in all proceedings pertaining thereto. The Issuer covenants that it is duly authorized under the

Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina to issue the Notes authorized hereby, to enact the Bond Ordinance, to adopt this Resolution, and to pledge the proceeds of the Bonds pledged in the manner and to the extent set forth; that all action on its part for the issuance of the Notes, the enactment of the Bond Ordinance, and the adoption of the Resolution has been duly and effectively taken; and that the Notes in the hands of the holders thereof are and will be valid and enforceable obligations of the Issuer according to the import thereof.

## **ARTICLE V APPROVAL OF DISCLOSURE DOCUMENTS**

### Section 5.01 Approval of Disclosure Documents.

The County Council hereby authorize and direct the Chairman, the County Administrator, and the Finance Director to prepare, or cause to be prepared, such preliminary and final official statement, offering memorandum, or other disclosure documents necessary or convenient for use in the offering and sale of the Notes, upon the advice of the Financial Advisor and counsel. The County Council hereby delegate to the Chairman authority to deem final any such documents within the meaning of S.E.C. Rule 15c2-12.

### Section 5.02 Continuing Disclosure Undertaking.

(a) Pursuant to Section 11-1-85 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (“Section 11-1-85”), the County Council covenant to file with a central repository for availability in the secondary bond market when requested:

(i) An annual independent audit, within thirty days of the County Council’s receipt of the audit; and

(ii) Event specific information within 30 days of an event adversely affecting more than five percent of the aggregate of revenues of the Issuer.

The only remedy for failure by the County Council to comply with the covenant in this Section 5.02 shall be an action for specific performance of this covenant. The County Council specifically reserves the right to amend this covenant to reflect any change in Section 11-1-85, without the consent of any registered owner of any Notes.

(b) In addition, the County Council hereby authorize the County Administrator or Finance Director of the Issuer to execute such continuing disclosure undertaking as is necessary or useful with respect to the sale of the Notes.

## **ARTICLE VI MISCELLANEOUS**

### Section 6.01 Execution of Closing Documents and Certificates; Validity of Executed Documents.

The Chairman, the Clerk to County Council, the County Administrator, the Finance Director, and all other officials and employees of the Issuer are fully authorized and empowered to take any further action and to execute and deliver such closing documents as may be necessary and proper in order to complete the borrowing herein authorized and the action of the officers or

any one or more of them in executing and delivering any documents, in the form as he or they shall approve, is hereby fully authorized. Upon the execution of documents by such officials and employees of the Issuer, such documents shall remain the valid and binding obligations of the Issuer notwithstanding that any such official or employee shall cease to maintain such office or position.

Section 6.02 Vice Chairman May Act in Chairman's Absence; Acting Clerk to County Council May Act in Clerk to County Council's Absence.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman of the County Council, or such other person or persons as the Chairman shall designate, is fully authorized to exercise all powers vested in the Chairman under this Resolution. In the absence of the Clerk to County Council, the acting or assistant Clerk to County Council is fully authorized to exercise all powers and take all actions vested in the Clerk to County Council under this Resolution.

Section 6.03 Benefits of Resolution Limited to the Issuer and Holder of the Notes.

With the exception of rights or benefits herein expressly conferred, nothing expressed or mentioned in or to be implied from this Resolution or the Notes is intended or should be construed to confer upon or give to any person other than the Issuer and the holder of the Notes, any legal or equitable right, remedy, or claim under or by reason of or in respect to this Resolution or any covenant, condition, stipulation, promise, agreement, or provision herein contained. This Resolution and all of the covenants, conditions, stipulations, promises, agreements, and provisions hereof are intended to be and shall be for and inure to the sole and exclusive benefit of the Issuer and the holder from time to time of the Notes as herein and therein provided.

Section 6.04 Resolution Binding Upon Successors or Assigns of the Issuer.

All the terms, provisions, conditions, covenants, warranties, and agreements contained in this Resolution shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of the Issuer and shall inure to the benefit of the holder of the Notes.

Section 6.05 No Personal Liability.

No recourse shall be had for the enforcement of any obligation, covenant, promise, or agreement of the Issuer contained in this Resolution or the Notes, against any member of the County Council, or any officer or employee of the Issuer, as such, in his or her individual capacity, past, present, or future.

Section 6.06 Effect of Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays.

Whenever this Resolution requires any action, including the payment of principal or interest on the Notes, to be taken on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal or public holiday or bank holiday in the State of South Carolina, the action shall be taken on the secular or business day next succeeding the holiday. Whenever in this Resolution the time within which any action is

required to be taken or within which any right will lapse or expire shall terminate on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal or public holiday or bank holiday in the State of South Carolina, the time shall continue to run until midnight on the next succeeding secular or business day.

Section 6.07 Law and Place of Enforcement of the Resolution.

This Resolution shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of South Carolina and all suits and actions arising out of this Resolution shall be instituted in a court of competent jurisdiction in said State.

Section 6.08 Effect of Article and Section Headings and Table of Contents.

The headings or title of the several Articles and Sections hereof, and any Table of Contents appended hereto or to copies hereof, shall be solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning, construction, interpretation, or effect of this Resolution.

Section 6.09 Savings Provision.

If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

Section 6.10 Repealing Clause.

All resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent herewith shall be, and the same are hereby, repealed to the extent of the inconsistencies.

**DONE IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED** this 8th day of July, A.D. 2025.

**COLLETON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA**

(SEAL)

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Scott Biering, Chairman of County Council

Attest:

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Danielle Murdaugh, Clerk to County Council, Colleton County

Sponsor(s) : County Council  
Adopted : July 8, 2025  
Committee Referral : N/A  
Committee Consideration Date : N/A  
Committee Recommendation : N/A

## **RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-42**

### **COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY**

**[A Resolution to Award the Contract for Engineering Services for the Water and Wastewater Utility Feasibility Evaluation for Colleton County to Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co.]**

#### **WHEREAS:**

1. Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co., is an engineering firm selected for the County's Indefinite Delivery Contract and they specialize in public water and wastewater utility services; and
2. Staff determined that it was in the best interest of the County to complete the task by utilizing the County's Indefinite Delivery Contract and recommends that Council authorize the Task Order with Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co. for the Engineering Services for the Water and Wastewater Utility Feasibility Evaluation for Colleton County; and
3. Funding for this project is budgeted in the General Fund Reserve - Fund 100. The negotiated contract price for services is \$113,550.00, which is subject to final approval by County Council.

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

1. County Council hereby awards the Task Order for Engineering Services to Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co. for the Water and Wastewater Utility Feasibility Evaluation for Colleton County, contingent upon review of same by the County Attorney, and authorizes the County Administrator to execute said Task Order.
2. Funding shall come from the General Fund Reserve-Fund 100.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

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Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk

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Scott Biering, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:  
OPPOSED:



Sponsor(s) : County Council  
Adopted : July 8, 2025  
Committee Referral : N/A  
Committee Consideration Date : N/A  
Committee Recommendation : N/A

## **RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-43**

### **COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY**

#### **[A Resolution to Declare Surplus Equipment and to Authorize the Sale in Accordance with County Policy.]**

#### **WHEREAS:**

1. The Solid Waste department has evaluated equipment, and deemed it to be no longer suitable for County operations; and
2. The Colleton County Fire-Rescue department has evaluated equipment, and deemed it to be no longer suitable for County operations due to their condition and age; and
3. It is recommended that Council declare said equipment surplus and authorize their sale or trade on upgraded equipment or contractual arrangements related to the equipment.

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

1. The following equipment, submitted by the Solid Waste department, is hereby declared surplus to the needs of the County.

| <b>Description</b>                    | <b>Serial Number</b> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1997 Ford L8000 Dump Truck Fleet#5104 | 1FDYU82EXVVA11558    |

2. The following equipment, submitted by the Colleton County Fire-Rescue department, is hereby declared surplus to the needs of the County.

| <b>Description</b>                        | <b>Serial Number</b> |
|---|----------------------|
| 2007 International Ambulance-Fleet #3410  | 1HTMNAAL77H405904    |
| 2010 International Ambulance- Fleet #3417 | 1HTMNAAL0AH277271    |
| 1994 Chevrolet Tanker-Fleet #3222         | 1GBM7H1JXSJ101048    |

3. Said equipment shall be placed for sale or for trade on upgraded equipment or contractual arrangements related to the equipment.

[Signature page to follow]

ATTEST:

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Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk

SIGNED:

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Scott Biering, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:

OPPOSED:

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| Sponsor(s)                   | : County Council |
| Adopted                      | : July 8, 2025   |
| Committee Referral           | : N/A            |
| Committee Consideration Date | : N/A            |
| Committee Recommendation     | : N/A            |

## **RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-44**

### **COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY**

#### **[A Resolution to Authorize the Waiver of Various Fees for the Summer 2025 Jerusalem Project Home Repair Program.]**

#### **WHEREAS:**

1. For several years now Mission Serve, formerly World Changers, now known as the Jerusalem Project, has sponsored a volunteer-staffed home repair project in Colleton County working on homes in the unincorporated and incorporated areas of the County; and
2. The Summer 2025 Jerusalem Project will have participants working to complete needed home repairs for low income, senior adults, and people with special needs; and
3. The organization is requesting that the Council authorize the waving of building permits and solid waste disposal fees for this project.

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

1. All fees generated by the Summer 2025 Jerusalem Project during the time period of June 16-20, 2025 will be credited back to the Jerusalem Project account or the account that obtained the charges during the said period.
2. All inspection fees generated during June 16-20, 2025 by the Summer 2025 Jerusalem Project, from the International Building Code will be credited back to the account that obtained the request.
3. All Solid Waste disposal fees generated during June 16-20, 2025 by the Summer 2025 Jerusalem Project, in an amount not to exceed 20 tons, will be credited back to the account that obtained the request.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

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Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk

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Scott Biering, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:  
OPPOSED:

Sponsor(s) : County Council  
Adopted: : July 8, 2025  
Committee Referral : N/A  
Committee Consideration Date : N/A  
Committee Recommendation : N/A

## **RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-45**

### **COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY**

#### **[A Resolution to Approve a Change Order for the Colleton County Animal Shelter Project.]**

#### **WHEREAS:**

1. Certain additions or charges to the Colleton County Animal Shelter Project are required for successful completion and future use of the facility; and
2. An additional 3,000 sqft increase in size and scope of shelter from the currently contracted 10,000 sqft facility to a total size of 13,000 sqft; and
3. It is recommended that Council approve Change Order #1; for the increase in scope of work provided by the Architectural and Engineering in the amount of \$55,300.00.

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

1. County Council hereby approves the Charge Order #1 for the Colleton County Animal Shelter Project in the amount of \$ 55,300.00.
2. Funding shall come from the CPST-Fund 143.
3. The County Administrator is authorized to execute all required documents for this Change Order.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

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Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk

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Scott Biering, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:  
OPPOSED:

Sponsor(s) : County Council  
Adopted : July 8, 2025  
Committee Referral : N/A  
Committee Consideration Date : N/A  
Committee Recommendation : N/A

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-46**

**COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY**

**[To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies.]**

**WHEREAS:**

1. Colleton County Board of Assessment Appeals has three vacancies; and  
Applicant: Calvin Bailey
2. Colleton County Recreation Commission has one vacancy; and  
Applicant: Clarence Wiggins
3. Colleton County Board of Assessment Appeals has two vacancies; and  
Applicant: Ryan Crosby
4. Colleton County Edisto River Canoe and Kayak Trail Committee has two vacancies; and  
Applicant: Ian Dillinger

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 Board of Assessment Appeals: Calvin Bailey

Colleton County Recreation Commission: Clarence Wiggins

Colleton County Board of Assessment Appeals: Ryan Crosby

Colleton County Edisto River Canoe and Kayak Trail Committee: Ian Thomas Dillinger

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

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Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk

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Scott Biering, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:  
OPPOSED:



## **Total Expenses from July 1, 2024 – May 30, 2025 (11 months)**

Combined **TOTAL** shelter expenses: **\$140,486** (\$12,771.45 monthly)

### **Top 3 shelter expenditures**

- Outside veterinarians + surgeries \$ 83,270
- Food for shelter animals \$ 33,523
- Shelter medication \$ 15,581

Combined **TOTAL** community expenditures: **\$59,391**(\$5,399.18 monthly)

### **Top 3 community expenditures**

- Community spay/neuter events \$ 33,459
- Community food pantries (pet food) \$ 15,377
- Community spay/neuter vouchers \$ 10,555

**Kicked off FREE Pittie Spay/Neuter Program in May 2025**