



COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

County Council Chambers
109 Benson Street, 2nd Floor Walterboro, SC 29488
Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 5:30 P.M.

AMENDED AGENDA

1. County Council Jail Tour
 2. Call to Order
 3. Roll Call
 4. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
 5. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a) Regular Meeting, March 4, 2025
 - b) Budget Work, Session March 6, 2025
 - c) Special Meeting, March 18, 2025
 6. **Awards and Recognitions**
 - a) Proclamation- Colleton County Rice Festival Week
 - b) Proclamation- Celia S. Price Day
 - c) Proclamation- Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month
 7. **Appearances & Public Presentations**
 - a) Colleton County School District
 8. **Administrator’s Briefing**
 9. **Public Hearing**
 - a) Ordinance 25-O-01, To Amend Title 2 - Administration and Personnel, Chapter 2.30 - County Council, Section 2.30.060 - Committees, Paragraph F of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances.
 - b) Ordinance 25-O-02, Authorizing a Lease-Purchase Financing Arrangement in the Amount of Not Exceeding \$1,500,000 for the Construction of a Fuel Farm at the Lowcountry Regional Airport; the Execution and Delivery of Certain Instruments, Including a Lease-Purchase Agreement by Colleton County; and Other Matters Relating Thereto.
 9. **Old Business**
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- a) 3rd Reading Ordinance 25-O-01, To Amend Title 2 - Administration and Personnel, Chapter 2.30 - County Council, Section 2.30.060 - Committees, Paragraph F of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances.
- b) 3rd Reading Ordinance 25-O-02, Authorizing a Lease-Purchase Financing Arrangement in the Amount of Not Exceeding \$1,500,000 for the Construction of a Fuel Farm at the Lowcountry Regional Airport; the Execution and Delivery of Certain Instruments, Including a Lease-Purchase Agreement by Colleton County; and Other Matters Relating Thereto.

10. **New Business**

- a) 1st 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.
- b) *1st Reading Ordinance 25-O-04, Approving an Application for Preliminary Certification for Historic Rehabilitation; and Other Matters Related Thereto.*
- c) *1st Reading Ordinance 25-O-05, By Title Only, 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*
- d) Resolution 25-R-18, To Approve Amendment of the Agreement for Development for Joint County Industrial Park, by and between Charleston County, South Carolina and Colleton County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Jointly Owned and Operated Industrial/Business Park, so as to include additional property in Charleston County as part of the Joint County Industrial Park.
- e) Resolution 25-R-19, To Declare April as Fair Housing Month
- f) Resolution 25-R-20, To Approve a Policy of Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Disability Status and to Designate an ADA Coordinator
- g) Resolution 25-R-21, To Recognize and Honor the late Willie L. Brown, Jr. by Naming a Portion of Highway 61 in Colleton County, South Carolina, “Willie L. Brown, Jr. Highway” and Having Erected Appropriate Markers or Signage at the Section of the Highway Containing the Designation
- h) Resolution 25-R-22, To Declare Surplus Equipment and to Authorize the Sale in Accordance with County Policy
- i) Resolution 25-R-23, To Authorize the Council Clerk to Advertise for Board Vacancies

- j) Resolution 25-R-24, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies
 - k) Resolution 25-R-25, To Award the Contract for the Northwest Walterboro Sewer Improvements
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- 11. Items for Information and Public Record
 - 12. Public Comments (3 minutes per person/max time 20 min.)
 - 13. Council Time
 - 14. **Executive Session**
 - a) Economic Development
 - b) Personnel-Contractual
 - c) Legal-Contractual
 - 15. Adjournment

Colleton County Council will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 1, 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.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.**

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, Sean Thornton, Jon Carpenter, Barry McRoy, Robert Renner, Joey Bagwell, Angela Upchurch, Carl Coffin, Queenie Crawford, Janis Blocker, Celia Price, Kimber Santorella, Tim Hamilton, Patricia Grant, Lynn Stroble, Felicia Johnson, Jeffrey Jones, Chester Bright, Dale Euga, Steve Atherton, Art Williams, Dr. Wright, Dr. Jenkins

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

Councilman Taylor made a motion to amend the agenda to add an Executive Session item that is a legal and contractual matter involving the Green Pond Community Center. The motion was seconded by Councilman Murdaugh. The motion was carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

a) Regular Meeting, February 4, 2025

Councilman Murdaugh moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 4, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor and the motion carried unanimously.

b) Special Meeting, February 18, 2025

Councilman Murdaugh moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on February 18, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor and the motion carried unanimously.

Awards and Recognitions

c) SCAC Risk Management Awards-Mr. Van Henson from the South Carolina Association of Counties

Mr. Van Henson from the SC Association of Counties presented Mr. George Welch with two awards through Risk Management. The first award was for 2nd place overall LAG Time, the quicker the claims can be submitted in, the quicker the employee can get healthy. Colleton County's LAG time was at a .41 (less than half a day), SCAC minimum standard is 3 days. The second award presented was the Sustained Excellence Award in Risk Management. This award is given to an organization or individual who has consistently demonstrated a high level of performance and commitment to effective risk management practices over a specified period, often exceeding industry standards

and maintaining a track record of positive results across the various risk areas. This year through the efforts of risk management the County has saved over \$262,000 in premiums. Mr. Van Henson commended Colleton County for its excellent work.

Appearances & Public Presentations

Dr. April Cone-USC Salkehatchie

Dr. April Cone from USC Salkehatchie presented to Council;

- i. Salkehatchie has been serving the Lowcountry Region for 60 years. Established in 1965 with a campus in Allendale, and in 1979 a campus in Walterboro was established.
- ii. Salkehatchie prides itself on small class sizes, a dedicated faculty, supportive community and seamless transfer options.
- iii. Salkehatchie has served over 5,000 students in the last 10 years, and 281 students from Colleton County in the 2024-2025 school year.
- iv. \$2.27 million dollars in life scholarships has been awarded to Colleton County students over the last 12 years. As well as \$108,000 in Institutional Scholarships in the last 2 years to Colleton County students.
- v. USC Salkehatchie falls under the umbrella of Palmetto College due to it being a regional college. Salkehatchie with the other 4 regions; Columbia, Aiken, Beaufort and Upstate can offer over 30 opportunities for students to earn their bachelor's degree.
- vi. Data indicates that students who complete their degree at a local college are more likely to live and work in that community.
- vii. Salkehatchie offers a STEM Program, Early Childhood Education and research opportunities.
- viii. The research opportunities allow students to participate in research during their Freshman and Sophomore years.
- ix. Salkehatchie served 161 Colleton County students for Dual Enrollment in the 2024-2025 school year. Fifteen Colleton County students earned a college degree(Associates) in May 2024 through the early college program. This does not cost the student.
- x. Leadership Salkehatchie Program is funded by the Southern Carolina Alliance. This program is designed for leaders from Allendale, Jasper, Hampton, Colleton, Bamberg, Beaufort, and Barnwell to enhance their professional skills, gain a deeper understanding of the regions key challenges and opportunities and connect with influential community leaders that are shaping the future of the region.
- xi. The United States Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Environmental Management (EM) has awarded the University of South Carolina Salkehatchie a \$1.9 million grant to support science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education in the Salkehatchie region. This funding will be used to launch a STEM bus that will travel throughout the area, allowing students to explore various STEM concepts, including clean energy

solutions. The program aims to inspire students to pursue STEM careers and contribute to the region's economic growth.

- xii. High Speed Internet and Apple Technology. Free courses including Apple Bits and Bytes, Summer Camps for K-12 Students, AI Courses for individuals and businesses.
- xiii. Senior Citizens 60 or over can take a class at USC Salkehatchie for no charge.
- xiv. USC Salkehatchie has 7 NJCAA Sports Teams.

Dr. April Cone stressed that access to higher education improves communities.

Council thanked Dr. April Cone for presenting.

Voter Registration Board

Ms. Queenie Crawford from the Voter Registration Board addressed Council to say thank you to the resources that were provided during the 2024 general elections, especially the new building. Mrs. Crawford introduced the Board Members that were present at the meeting; Janice Blocker, Tim Hamilton, Kimber Santorella, Celia Price and Patricia Grant. Mrs. Crawford also recognized Mrs. Celia Price for her 20 plus years on the Board. Mrs. Crawford also thanked Jon Carpenter, Johnny Stieglitz, Megan Utsey, Kevin Griffin, Barry McRoy and Bill Addison. Ms. Angela Upchurch the Director gave highlights of the 2024 general election.

Council thanked the Board for presenting and for all their hard work during the election.

Dr. Richard Gough, President-Technical College of the Lowcountry

Dr. Richard Gough thanked Council for allowing TCL to come and speak. Dr. Gough recognized Mr. Central Williams as the newest area commissioner for TCL. Dr. Gough introduced Ms. Mary Lee Carn Vice President for Advancement and Workforce. Ms. Mary Lee Carn presented to Council on what TCL has to offer;

- i. Technical College of the Lowcountry is uniquely focused on serving traditional college students as well as working learners. The College provides education and training to advance local workforce development – meeting student needs for higher income and career advancement and simultaneously strengthening the area's economy.
- ii. Since 1968 the Technical College of the Lowcountry has served more than 87,000 students. In the last five years, the college has honored more than 1,500 graduates.
- iii. 80% of TCL workforce programs are free to South Carolina residents. TCL university transfer programs average annual tuition is 36% the cost of the average annual tuition at a four-year university.

- iv. 77% of our students attend part-time. Many TCL students work, attend classes and have families.
- v. 91% of students are Lowcountry residents. Nearly all our students choose to live and work in the Lowcountry after completing their education.
- vi. 95% of our graduates are placed in a job related to their field of study.
- vii. TCL has eight physical locations.
- viii. In 2023, with the leadership of Councilman Taylor and the partnership with the Colleton County Adult Learning Center and the Colleton County School District, TCL was able to open more operations with the goal to better serve the Colleton community.
- ix. From July 1 through December 31, 2024, 276 Colleton County residents applied to TCL. In that time 170 Colleton County residents were enrolled at TCL.
- x. SCWINS provides tuition-free workforce training for South Carolina residents pursuing industry-recognized credentials (IRC) in high-demand fields. It covers up to \$5,000 per year for eligible programs. This program is only available through South Carolina's Technical College System.
- xi. Many Colleton County students must travel to TCL's campuses in Hampton, Beaufort, or Bluffton to access programs and services. This causes barrier that limits participation. TCL's vision is to expand local access to workforce training programs so more residents can train for in-demand careers without leaving their community.

Council thanked both Dr. Gough and Ms. Mary Lee Carn for coming and presenting.

d) Colleton County School District, Superintendent Jessica Williams-CNA Students

Dr. Jenkins the acting interim Assistant Superintendent of academic and student affairs, spoke to Council in place of Superintendent Williams. Dr. Wright was also joining Dr. Jenkins for the presentation. Two students from the CNA program at Colleton County High School spoke to Council on the highlights of the class, what they learned and what they look away from the class. Nurse DeLonge advised that sixteen new CNA students completed the program through Colleton County High School, with a 100% graduation rate. Nurse DeLonge even expressed that some of the graduates are already working in the field.

Council thanked the Colleton County School District for presenting.

Administrator's Briefing

Interim County Administrator Meagan Utsey thanked George Welch in the Risk Management Program. She advised that George works hard for the county and for the employees that work within, by doing that he also saves the county money along with the taxpayers. Mrs. Utsey advised that George has won these awards over the past several years.

Mrs. Utsey advised Council that County staff along with the LCOG have been working on a grant application for the drainage issue on River Street. Mrs. Utsey explained the submittal will be contingent on the Council's willingness to condemn the pond that is causing the drainage problems.

Lastly, Mrs. Utsey advised that Fire-Rescue Emergency Management Division will be closely monitoring the storms on Wednesday and are ready to act should that be required.

Public Hearing

- a) Ordinance 24-O-18, To Authorize the Rezoning of a 22.20 Acre Parcel Located on Green Pond Hwy, Identified as T.M.S. No. 195-00-00-068, from Urban Development – 1 (UD-1) to Industrial (ID).

Councilman Biering opening the floor for the public if there was anyone that would like to speak on the matter. Two gentlemen spoke advising that they live behind the parcel and in the past, there has been concern about possible materials being on location that could cause hazards. Councilman Biering explained that this Ordinance was just to address the rezoning of the parcel so that it is identified as ID instead of UD-1. Any building on the property would have to go through the proper channels to make sure everything is up to code. There were no other comments from the public.

Old Business

- a) 2nd Reading Ordinance 25-O-01, To Amend Title 2 - Administration and Personnel, Chapter 2.30 - County Council, Section 2.30.060 - Committees, Paragraph F of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances.

Councilman Trippe moved to approve 2nd Reading Ordinance 25-O-01, To Amend Title 2 - Administration and Personnel, Chapter 2.30 - County Council, Section 2.30.060 - Committees, Paragraph F of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances. The motion was seconded by Councilman Murdaugh. The motion was carried unanimously.

- b) 3rd Reading Ordinance 24-O-16, To Establish Chapter 2.77 – Community Center Boards Generally of the Colleton County Code of Laws

Councilman Biering moved to table Ordinance 24-O-16, To Establish Chapter 2.77 – Community Center Boards Generally of the Colleton County Code of Laws. Councilman Taylor seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

- c) 3rd Reading Ordinance 24-O-18, To Authorize the Rezoning of a 22.20 Acre Parcel Located on Green Pond Hwy, Identified as T.M.S. No. 195-00-00-068, from Urban Development – 1 (UD-1) to Industrial (ID).

Councilman Trippe moved to approve 3rd Reading Ordinance 24-O-18, To Authorize the Rezoning of a 22.20 Acre Parcel Located on Green Pond Hwy, Identified as T.M.S. No. 195-00-00-068, from Urban Development – 1 (UD-1) to Industrial (ID).

The motion was seconded by Councilman Murdaugh. The motion was carried unanimously.

New Business

- a) Resolution 25-R-14, A Resolution to Establish Priorities for the 2025 Annual CDBG County Needs Assessment

Councilman Trippe moved to approve Resolution 25-R-14, A Resolution to Establish Priorities for the 2025 Annual CDBG County Needs Assessment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion was carried unanimously.

- b) Resolution 25-R-15, A Resolution to Designate Globe Turnout Gear as the Sole Source for the County’s Firefighting Gear and to Authorize the Fire-Rescue Commission to Purchase from the Manufacturer’s Designated Distributor for a Period Not to Exceed Five (5) Years.

Councilman Trippe moved to approve Resolution 25-R-15, A Resolution to Designate Globe Turnout Gear as the Sole Source for the County’s Firefighting Gear and to Authorize the Fire-Rescue Commission to Purchase from the Manufacturer’s Designated Distributor for a Period Not to Exceed Five (5) Years. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frank. The motion was carried unanimously.

- c) Resolution 25-R-16, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies

Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the following by acclamation was seconded by Councilman Murdaugh; Colleton County Commission of Alcohol and Drug Abuse: Latoya Lynah

Items for Information and Public Record

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

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

Jeffery Jones Commander of Post #93 American Legions, spoke on the importance of pushing the Veterans Park for completion and asked for an update.



Felicia Johnson stressed to the Council for streetlights, speed limit signs and caution lights on River St. and she also asked about finding a solution to the water laying in the ditches in the neighborhood. She was thankful that the club on River St was shut down.

Dale Euga spoke on the importance of the Veterans Park being completed.

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

Council Time

Councilman Trippe advised of the new entry signs for Colleton County. The signs will be place at every entry point(18) in Colleton County. Councilman Trippe hopes that it helps the community to take pride, as well as visitors coming in to stay that they may want to stay longer to enjoy our community.

Councilman Taylor addressed several topics; jake brake sign on Highway 21 has been requested, and would need to be addressed with the SCDOT. He reviewed the SCDOT plan for River Street. Councilman Taylor also discussed several projects that are going on in Colleton County, and advised that with projects there are always so many people working behind the scenes to get the projects completed. Hiring event at Wayne Brothers on March 18, 2025, at SC Works Colleton located at 1085 Thunderbolt Drive, the time will be from 10am till 2pm and they will be hiring individuals on the spot.

Councilman Murdaugh addressed the Hendersonville Hwy issue and wanted to make sure it was still on the radar and advised that he was glad to see the gas tax going to work.

Councilman Biering advised the Veterans in attendance that more information would be obtained and someone would reach out to them. Also, advised that Council listens to the community's concerns, and they work to try to reach a resolution on them.

Executive Session

Councilman Taylor made a motion to move to Executive Session to discuss the following: Contractual-TCL, and Green Pond Community Center; Legal-Airport, Sheriff and Dogwood Hills; Economic Development. Councilman Trippe seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Taylor to approve, 1st Reading, Ordinance 25-O-02, by title only, Authorizing a Lease-Purchase Financing in the Amount of Not Exceeding \$1,500,000 for the Construction of a Fuel Farm at the Lowcountry Regional Airport; The motion was seconded by Councilman Frank, The motion was carried unanimously.



Councilman Biering advised that no other action will be taken.

Adjournment

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

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

https://www.youtube.com/live/1IzH-28PnyU?si=i_xB0jO_hfDnILC2

This 4th day of March 2025.

Scott Biering, Chairman

ATTEST:

Danielle Murdaugh, Clerk to Council

BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2025, at 10:00am

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

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

Others in attendance included: Meagan Utsey, Jon Carpenter, Johnny Stieglitz and Danielle Murdaugh

Capital Project Update

Council reviewed all pending capital projects for the upcoming budget year with Capital Project Director Johnny Stieglitz. Johnny Stieglitz addressed the increase in material cost for some of the projects pending. Resolutions were discussed amongst Council and Johnny Stieglitz on how to proceed to make sure all projects would be able to be completed. All questions addressed.

Pool Resolution

- a. Resolution 25-R-17, To Award the Contract for Architectural Services for the Colleton County Recreational Center Pool and Gym Expansion to Johnson, Laschober & Associates, PC

Councilman Trippe made a motion to approve, Resolution 25-R-17, To Award the Contract for Architectural Services for the Colleton County Recreational Center Pool and Gym Expansion to Johnson, Laschober & Associates, PC. The motion was seconded by Councilman Murdaugh and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Budgeting Process

Council reviewed the financial reports with Finance Director Jon Carpenter and discussed how the budget process works for new Councilman Frank. Council discussed their expectations. They also spoke about several ways to help improve the current budget along with the upcoming year budget. Resolutions were discussed as well amongst Council for the upcoming budget year. All questions were addressed.

Adjournment

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

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This 6th day of March 2025.

Scott Biering, Chairman

ATTEST:

Danielle Murdaugh, Clerk to Council



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 12:30pm

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, Sean Thornton, Jon Carpenter, KC Campbell, Caitlin Ashbaugh

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

Councilman Murdaugh made a motion to amend the agenda to add an Executive Session item that is legal. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frank, and the motion was carried unanimously. Councilman Biering also made a motion to add to personnel and contractual to Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Councilman Trippe made a motion to approve second reading of Ordinance 25-O-02, To Authorizing a Lease-Purchase Financing Arrangement in the Amount of Not Exceeding \$1,500,000 for the Construction of a Fuel Farm at the Lowcountry Regional Airport; the Execution and Delivery of Certain Instruments, Including a Lease-Purchase Agreement and an Intergovernmental Agreement by Colleton County; and Other Matters Relating Thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Murdaugh, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Councilman Taylor made a motion to move to into Executive Session to discuss Legal, Personnel and Contractual matters. Councilman Murdaugh seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

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

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

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This 18th day of March 2025.

Scott Biring, Chairman

ATTEST:

Danielle Murdaugh, Clerk to Council



Proclamation
Recognizing April 21-April 27, 2025, as Colleton County Rice Festival Week

WHEREAS, the Colleton County Rice Festival is a cherished tradition that celebrates the rich history, culture and economic impact of rice production in our region; and

WHEREAS, this annual festival brings together residents, visitors, businesses, and community organizations to honor our heritage, promote local commerce, and foster a spirit of unity and pride in Colleton County; and

WHEREAS, the festival features a variety of events, including parades, arts and crafts, live entertainment, and culinary showcases, all of which contribute to the vibrancy and economic vitality of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Colleton County Rice Festival continues to serve as a platform to educate and engage individuals of all ages, highlighting the agricultural significance of rice in our county's history; and

WHEREAS, the Colleton County Council recognizes the hard work and dedication of festival organizers, volunteers, sponsors, and participants who make this event a success year after year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by Colleton County Council, duly assembled, that we hereby declare the week of **April 21-April 27, 2025, as Colleton County Rice Festival Week** and encourages all citizens to take part in the festivities, celebrate our history, and support local businesses and organizations.

Adopted the 1st day of April, 2025.

ATTEST: _____
Danielle Murdaugh, Clerk to Council

BY: _____
Scott Biering, Chairman



Proclamation
TO DECLARE MAY 2, 2025 CELIA S. PRICE DAY
Presented by the Colleton County Board of Voter Registration and Elections

WHEREAS, Celia S. Price, Appointed March 2005, by the Late Senator McKinly Washington, with 20 years of service, is the oldest and longest serving member of the Colleton Board of Voter Registration and Election; and

WHEREAS, Celia S. Price, with a Liberal Arts Degree for South Carolina State University and an Educational Specialist Degree from the University of Georgia, taught a total of 43 years in the Public Schools of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, As Entrepreneurs, Celia S. Price and her husband the late Benjamin E. Price, owned the Snack Land Restaurant on Lemacks Street, and provided jobs for the African American Community; and

WHEREAS, Celia S. Price has dedicated years of her life to the betterment of our community through her diligent service at Hopewell Presbyterian Church and her tireless work in numerous organizations such as the Colleton County Education Association-Retired, South Carolina State University Alumni Association, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc-Gamma XI Omega Chapter, Lowcountry Ladies, Lowcountry Quilters, and Order of the Eastern Star; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that Colleton County Council, recognizes and Honors Celia S. Price for her Outstanding Contributions and Dedication to our Community and declares May 2, 2025 as “Celia S. Price Day.”

Adopted the 1st day of April, 2025.

ATTEST: _____
Danielle Murdaugh, Clerk to Council

BY: _____
Scott Biering, Chairman



Proclamation
Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2025

WHEREAS, South Carolina’s future prosperity is dependent on nurturing the healthy development of the 1.1 million children currently residing in the diverse communities across our state; and

WHEREAS, Preventing child abuse, neglect, and sexual assault must be a community priority that requires individuals, families, child-serving organizations, schools, faith-based groups, businesses, government agencies, colleges, and civic leaders to support the physical, emotional, social and educational development and competency of all children and adults; and

WHEREAS, Rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impacts our community as seen by statistics indicating that 1 in 5 women, and 1 in 71 men will experience sexual violence in their lifetime. In 2024, Hopeful Horizons assisted a record number of 1,562 women and children needing emergency shelter from an abusive and/or violent living situation resulting in a total of 4,236 nights of safety with an average length of stay for 29 days ; and

WHEREAS, In 2024, Hopeful Horizons family advocates conducted 411 forensic interviews and 38 forensic medicals, and provided child therapy services to 1,023 children and teens; and

WHEREAS, Hopeful Horizons staff responded to 1,492 calls to the 24-hour support line, including 602 crisis calls (that is an average of about 2 crisis calls a day). Staff and volunteers provided accompaniment for 18 adult survivors and three children during sexual assault forensic exams.

WHEREAS, Hopeful Horizons urges every person to speak out against harmful attitudes and actions that lead to violence, encourage all to report all types of violence in the community to make it safer; and

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

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

Adopted the 1st day of April 2025

ATTEST: _____
Danielle Murdaugh, Clerk to Council

BY: _____
Scott Biering, Chairman

Sponsor(s) : County Council
First Reading : February 4, 2025
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A
Second Reading : March 4, 2025
Public Hearing : April 1, 2025
Third Reading : April 1, 2025
Effective Date : Immediately

I, Danielle Murdaugh,
Council Clerk, certify that this
Ordinance was advertised for
Public Hearing on March 13, 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-O-01

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[An Ordinance to Amend Title 2 - Administration and Personnel, Chapter 2.30 - County Council, Section 2.30.060 - Committees, Paragraph F of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances.]

WHEREAS,

1. County Council has deemed it to be in the best interests of the residents of Colleton County that the order of business at Colleton County Council meetings should retain more flexibility to accommodate the public in the most efficient manner possible; and
2. The order of business in Paragraph F of Section 2.30.060 – Committees, of Chapter 2.30 – County Council, of Title 2 – Administration and Personnel, of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances, shall henceforth be approved by Resolution.

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

1. The order of business in Paragraph F of Section 2.30.060 – Committees, of Chapter 2.30 – County Council, of Title 2 – Administration and Personnel, of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances, shall henceforth be approved by Resolution.
2. 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.
3. Conflict:
Provisions in other County Ordinances, Resolutions, policies, or by-laws in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

DONE AND PASSED this 1st day of April 2025, at Walterboro, South Carolina.

[Signature page to follow]

Scott Biering Chairman

ATTEST _____

Danielle Murdaugh
Clerk to Council

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED

Approved as to Form
Sean P. Thornton, County Attorney

Sponsor(s) : County Council
First Reading : March 4, 2025
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A
Second Reading : March 18, 2025
Public Hearing : April 1, 2025
Third Reading : April 1, 2025
Effective Date : Immediately

I, Danielle Murdaugh,
Council Clerk, certify that this
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ORDINANCE NO. 25-O-02

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[Authorizing a Lease-Purchase Financing Arrangement in the Amount of Not Exceeding \$1,500,000 for the Construction of a Fuel Farm at the Lowcountry Regional Airport; the Execution and Delivery of Certain Instruments, Including a Lease-Purchase Agreement and an Intergovernmental Agreement by Colleton County; and Other Matters Relating Thereto.]

WHEREAS, Colleton County, South Carolina, a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Carolina (the “County”), acting by its governing body, the County Council of Colleton County (“County Council”), is authorized to enact ordinances in relation to health and order in Colleton County or respecting any subject as appears to County Council necessary and proper for the security, general welfare, and convenience of Colleton County or for preserving health, peace, order, and good government in Colleton County; and

WHEREAS, the County is authorized to acquire and lease personal property (the “Property”) by means of lease-purchase financing; and

WHEREAS, real property and permanent improvements thereon acquired by means of lease-purchase financing shall count against the County’s limitation set forth in Article X, Section 14, paragraph 7(a) of the South Carolina Constitution and Section 11-27-110 of the Code of Law of South Carolina 1976, as amended; and

WHEREAS, County Council have determined that it is in the best interest of the County to finance the construction of a fuel farm at the Lowcountry Regional Airport (the “Airport”), to be financed by means of a lease-purchase arrangement pursuant to which all lease payments are made with respect to all Property so financed and secured by a security interest in such Property so financed and the County Council acknowledge that the amount so financed will count against the limitation set forth above; and

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 14, Paragraph 7 of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina authorizes the County Council to issue general obligation bonds, subject to the 8% constitutional debt limit; and

WHEREAS, the assessed value of all taxable property in the County as of June 30, 2024, was \$223,703,871; the County has outstanding bonded indebtedness in the amount of \$4,871,051 which counts against its 8% constitutional debt limit; consequently, the County may incur without an election \$13,025,259 of additional general obligation indebtedness and lease-purchase financing for real property improvements; and

WHEREAS, County Council have received a proposal for the lease-purchase financing from SouthState Bank, N.A., attached hereto as Schedule A, which the County Council have determined to be in the best interest of the County; and

WHEREAS, County Council intend that any additional, specific terms of such lease-purchase financing arrangement, including the final principal amount to be financed, and certain other financing terms, will be approved by the Interim County Administrator without further action of County Council, upon the advice of counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Airport has imposed a fuel surcharge on fuel sales at the Airport by which the Airport shall collect and remit to the County the fuel surcharge revenues over time until the County has been fully reimbursed for the cost of the lease-purchase financing (the “Reimbursement Arrangement”); and

WHEREAS, the terms of the lease-purchase financing arrangement are to be set forth in a lease purchase agreement (the “Lease Purchase Agreement”) and the terms of the Reimbursement Arrangement are to be set forth in an intergovernmental agreement (the “Intergovernmental Agreement”), as approved by the Interim County Administrator upon the advice of counsel.

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

Section 1. The proposal of SouthState Bank, N.A. for the lease-purchase financing, attached hereto as Schedule A, has been deemed by the County Council to be in the best interest of the County.

Section 2. The lease purchase of the Property by the County pursuant to the terms set forth in Schedule A, and as further set forth in the Lease Purchase Agreement is hereby approved. The Interim County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Lease Purchase Agreement, in form and substance satisfactory to her upon the advice of counsel, her execution being conclusive evidence of her approval.

Section 3. The Reimbursement Arrangement shall be reflected in the Intergovernmental Agreement, the final terms of which shall be approved by the Interim County Administrator and/or Financing Director, upon the advice of counsel.

Section 4. The consummation of all transactions contemplated by the Lease Purchase Agreement and the Intergovernmental Agreement are hereby approved.

Section 5. The Chairman, the Interim County Administrator, and all other appropriate officials and employees of the County are hereby authorized to execute, deliver, and receive any other agreements and documents as may be required by the County in order to carry out, give effect to, and consummate the transactions contemplated by the Lease Purchase Agreement and the Intergovernmental Agreement.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of South Carolina.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval after third reading by County Council.

Section 8. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any section, phrase, or provision shall for any reason be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, that declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the sections, phrases, and provisions hereof.

Section 9. All ordinances, resolutions, and parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of the conflict, hereby repealed.

Attest:

Signed:

Danielle Murdaugh, Clerk to Council

Scott Biering, Chairman

Approved as to Form
Sean P. Thornton, County Attorney

Council Vote:
Opposed:

Schedule A

Lease Purchase Proposal
See South State Non-Binding Term Sheet

Sponsor(s) : County Council
First Reading : April 1, 2025
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A
Second Reading : May 6, 2025
Public Hearing :
Third Reading :
Effective Date : Immediately

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

ORDINANCE NO. 25-O-03

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[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 FOR JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY IN COLLETON COUNTY AS PART OF THE PARK; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.]

WHEREAS, Colleton County, South Carolina (“Colleton County”) and Hampton County, South Carolina (“Hampton County”) (collectively, the “Counties” and together with any additional counties that become parties to the Agreement described below, the “Member Counties”), as authorized under Article VIII, Section 13(D) of the South Carolina Constitution and Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (the “Act”), propose to amend and extend the term of the Agreement for Development for Joint County Industrial Park, dated _____ (the “Original Agreement”) between the Counties with respect to a Joint County Industrial and Business Park (the “Park) between the Counties; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 13(B) of the South Carolina Constitution provides that nothing in the State Constitution may be construed to prohibit any of the counties in South Carolina from agreeing to share the lawful cost, responsibility, and administration of functions with one or more governments, whether within or without the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Colleton County previously authorized the establishment of the Park pursuant to Ordinance No. 07-O-29 enacted by the County Council of Colleton County on November 4, 2007, and Hampton County previously authorized the establishment of the Park pursuant to Ordinance No. _____ enacted by the County Council of Hampton County on _____, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Original Agreement specified a term of thirty (30) years for the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, since the creation of the Park, the Counties have provided specific economic development incentives to various industries in return for the agreement of such industries to provide economic development and job creation in the Counties by expanding the

boundaries of the Park to include the sites of such industries; descriptions of such properties are set forth in Exhibits B-1 and B-2 hereto; and

WHEREAS, because the South Carolina General Assembly has extended the statutory term of a fee-in-lieu of tax incentive for companies meeting certain statutory requirements for a period of time up to fifty (50) years, the Counties desire to extend the term of the Original Agreement to fifty (50) years from the date of the extension, with a provision that would automatically extend the term further in the event that a property to be placed in the Park would be qualified to receive fee-in-lieu of tax incentives beyond the then-current remaining term of the Original Agreement as so extended, and the Counties desire to amend the Original Agreement to evidence such extension of the term; and

WHEREAS, the Counties have further determined that certain modifications of the Original Agreement are desirable in order to streamline the administration and operation of the Park by the Counties, and the Counties desire to amend the Original Agreement to evidence such modifications; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote the economic development of Colleton County and Hampton County, the Counties have agreed to include in the Park properties located in Colleton County as more particularly described in Exhibit C hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Counties have agreed to the specific terms and conditions of the arrangement to be set forth in the Amended Multi-County Park Agreement (the “Amended MCP Agreement”), the form of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A;

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

Section 1. Extension of Term of Multi-County Park; Approval of Amended MCP Agreement; Location of Park; Change of Park Boundaries.

(a) The term of the Original Agreement, set forth in Section 12 of the Original Agreement, is hereby authorized to be extended to a term of fifty (50) years from the date of execution of the Amended MCP Agreement, with a further provision that would automatically extend the term further in the event that a property to be placed in the Park during the term of the Park as so amended would be qualified to receive fee-in-lieu of tax incentives beyond the then-current remaining term of the Amended MCP Agreement, is hereby authorized.

(b) The Amended MCP Agreement is to be in substantially the form now before this meeting as Exhibit A and hereby approved, or with such changes therein as shall not materially adversely affect the rights of Colleton County thereunder and as shall be approved by the officials of Colleton County executing the same, their execution thereof to constitute conclusive evidence of their approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form of the Amended MCP Agreement now before this meeting. The Chairman of County Council, for and on behalf of Colleton County, is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to do any and all things necessary or proper to effect the execution and delivery of the Amended MCP Agreement

and the performance of all obligations of Colleton County under and pursuant to the Amended MCP Agreement and to carry out the transactions contemplated thereby and by this Ordinance.

(c) As of the date of enactment of this Ordinance, the Park shall consist of the property located in Colleton County more particularly described in Exhibit B and Exhibit C to the Amended MCIP Agreement. It is recognized that the Park will from time to time consist of non-contiguous properties within each or any Member County. The boundaries of the Park may be enlarged or diminished from time to time as authorized by (a) an ordinance of the Member County in which the property to be added or removed from the Park is physically located, and (b) a resolution (or comparable action) of the governing bodies of the other applicable Members.

Section 2. Payment of Fee-in-lieu of Taxes. (a) In accordance with Article VIII, Section 13(D) of the South Carolina Constitution, the area comprising the Park and all property having a situs therein is exempt from all *ad valorem* taxation. All owners and lessees of property situated in the Park will pay a fee in lieu of *ad valorem* taxes as provided for in the Amended MCP Agreement. The fee paid in lieu of *ad valorem* taxes shall be paid to the county treasurer of the county in which such property is physically located. That portion of the fee from the Park property located in a Member County and allocated pursuant to the Amended MCP Agreement to the other Member County shall be paid to the respective county treasurer (or other designated official) of the other Member County in accordance with the terms of the Amended MCP Agreement. Payments of fees in lieu of *ad valorem* taxes will be due on the due date for *ad valorem* property taxes for a particular year. Penalties for late payment will be at the same rate as for late tax payments. Any late payment beyond the due date will accrue interest at the rate of statutory judgment interest in South Carolina. The Member Counties, acting by and through the appropriate official, shall maintain all liens and rights to foreclose upon liens provided for counties in the collection of *ad valorem* taxes.

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

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

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

Section 5. Allocation of Revenues Within Colleton County. After making provision for the appropriations provided in paragraph (a) above, all net park revenues generated by the Park shall be distributed to the applicable overlapping taxing entities in accordance with the provisions of Section 6(A) or (B) of the Amended MCP Agreement, as applicable.

Section 6. Governing Laws and Regulations. In order to avoid any conflict of laws or ordinances among the Member Counties, the ordinances or other local laws of each Member County will be the reference for such regulations or laws in connection with Park premises

located within such Member County. Nothing herein shall be taken to supersede any applicable municipal, state, or federal law or regulation. The Member County in which a parcel of Park premises is located is specifically authorized to adopt restrictive covenants and land use requirements in accordance with law for each such parcel at that Member County's sole discretion. The ordinances of a Member County shall in no way apply to Park property not located in such Member County.

Section 7. Savings Clause. If any portion of this Ordinance shall be held void or otherwise invalid, the validity and binding effect of the remaining portions shall not be affected thereby.

Section 8. General Repealer. Any prior ordinance or resolution of Charleston County Council, the terms of which are in conflict herewith, is, only to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

Section 9. Effectiveness. This Ordinance shall be effective upon approval following third and final reading.

COLLETON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: _____
Scott Biering Chairman of County Council
Colleton County, South Carolina

ATTEST:

Daniele Murdaugh Clerk to County Council
Colleton County, South Carolina

First reading: April 1, 2025
Second reading: _____, 2025
Public hearing: _____, 2025
Third reading: _____, 2025

EXHIBIT B-1

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
COLLETON COUNTY PROPERTY CURRENTLY IN PARK

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION FOR EACH PROPERTY CURRENTLY INCLUDED IN THE
PARK.

Parcels Currently in Park Further Property Description

EXHIBIT B-2

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
HAMPTON COUNTY PROPERTY CURRENTLY IN PARK

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION FOR EACH PROPERTY CURRENTLY INCLUDED IN THE
PARK

Parcels Currently in Park Further Property Description

EXHIBIT C

**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
COLLETON COUNTY ADDITIONAL PROPERTY**

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION FOR EACH PROPERTY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PARK AND INITIAL TAX YEAR (FOR TAXES WHICH WILL BE LEVIED ON PROPERTY OWNED ON DECEMBER 31 OF THE PRIOR CALENDAR YEAR).

<u>Parcels to be Added</u>	<u>Property Description</u>	<u>Initial Tax Year</u>
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SCHEDULE 1

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

**AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT FOR JOINT COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL PARK**

THIS AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT FOR JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK is made and entered into and to be effective as of [_____, 2025] (this “Agreement”), by and between Colleton County, South Carolina (“Colleton County”) and Hampton County, South Carolina (“Hampton County;” Colleton County and Hampton County are collectively referred to herein as the “Counties”) (the Counties and any other counties, political subdivisions, or other governmental entities that become parties hereto are collectively referred to herein as the “Members”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, in order to promote economic development and thus provide additional employment opportunities within each of the Counties, the County Councils of Colleton County and Hampton County previously established the Joint County Industrial Park (the “Original Park”) pursuant to Ordinance No. 07-O-29 enacted by the County Council of Colleton County on November 4, 2007, and Ordinance No. _____ enacted by the County Council of Hampton County on _____, 2007, and the Agreement for Development for Joint County Industrial Park dated _____, 2007 (the “Original Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the establishment of the Original Park, the area comprising the Original Park and all property having a situs therein will be exempt from all *ad valorem* taxation, but the owners, any lessees, or any other taxpayers of such property shall pay annual fees in an amount equal to that amount for which such owner, lessee, or other taxpayer would be liable except for such exception; and

WHEREAS, the Original Agreement specified a term of thirty (30) years for the Original Agreement; and

WHEREAS, since the creation of the Park, the Counties have provided specific economic development incentives to various industries in return for the agreement of such industries to provide economic development and job creation in the Counties by expanding the boundaries of the Park to include the sites of such industries; descriptions of such properties are set forth in Exhibit A and Exhibit B hereto; and

WHEREAS, Colleton County and Hampton County have agreed to accept responsibility for the costs of infrastructure, maintenance, promotional costs, and other appropriate costs associated with the establishment and operation of the Park; and

WHEREAS, because the South Carolina General Assembly has extended the statutory term of a fee-in-lieu of tax incentive for companies meeting certain statutory requirements for a period of time up to fifty (50) years, the Counties desire to extend the term of the Original Agreement to fifty (50) years from the date hereof, with a provision that would automatically

extend the term further in the event that a property to be placed in the Park would be qualified to receive fee-in-lieu of tax incentives beyond the then-current remaining term of the Original Agreement as so extended, and the Counties desire to amend the Original Agreement to evidence such extension of the term; and

WHEREAS, the Counties have further determined that certain modifications of the Original Agreement are desirable in order to streamline the administration and operation of the Park by the Counties, and the Counties desire to amend the Original Agreement to evidence such modifications; and

WHEREAS, the Counties desire to administer the Park pursuant to this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreement, representations, and benefits contained in this Agreement and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Binding Agreement. This Agreement serves as a written instrument setting forth the entire agreement among the Members with respect to the subject matter hereof and shall be binding on the Members, their successors and assigns.

2. Authorization. (A) Article VIII, Section 13(D) of the Constitution of South Carolina provides that counties which are contiguous to each other may jointly develop a multi-county industrial or business park within the geographical boundaries of one or more of the member counties, provided that certain conditions specified therein are met and further provided that the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina provides by law a means by which the value of property in such park will be considered for purposes of bonded indebtedness of political subdivisions and school districts and for purposes of computing the index of taxpaying ability for school districts. The Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "Code"), and particularly Section 4-1-170 thereof, satisfies the conditions imposed by Article VIII, Section 13(D) of the Constitution of South Carolina and provides the statutory vehicle whereby a multi-county industrial or business park may be created.

(B) Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution provides that nothing in the State Constitution may be construed to prohibit any of the counties, incorporated municipalities, or other political subdivisions in South Carolina from agreeing to share the lawful cost, responsibility, and administration of functions with one or more governments, whether within or outside the State of South Carolina.

3. Location of the Park.

(A) (i) As of the date of this Agreement, the Park consists of real property located in [Hampton County and] Colleton County. [The Park Property located within Hampton County is hereinafter described in Exhibit A attached hereto and the Park property located within Colleton County is hereinafter described in Exhibit B attached hereto. In the event that the Park is enlarged pursuant to the terms hereof to include additional property located in Hampton County, such property shall be identified and included in Exhibit A and attached hereto. In the event that the Park is enlarged pursuant to the terms hereof to include additional property located

in Colleton County, such property shall be identified and included in Exhibit B and attached hereto. The boundaries of the Park may be enlarged or diminished from time to time as provided in this Section 3.

(ii) The Park may at any time and from time to time consist of non-contiguous properties. Except as otherwise authorized by paragraph (D) of this Section 3, the Park may be enlarged or diminished from time to time upon completion of all of the following authorizations approving such action: (a) an ordinance of the County in which the property to be added or removed from the Park is actually located (such County is herein referred to as the “Host County”), (b) a resolution of the governing body of each of the other county or counties (such county or counties are herein referred to as the “Partner County” or “Partner Counties”), and (c) a resolution of the applicable municipality, if any (as provided in subparagraph (A)(iii) of this Section 3).

(iii) To the extent required by Section 4-1-170 of the Code, if property proposed for addition to the Park is located within the corporate limits of a municipality, then before adding such property to the Park, the Host County shall obtain such municipality's consent, by resolution of its municipal council, to the addition of such property to the Park.

(B) In the event of any enlargement or diminution of the Park, this Agreement shall be deemed amended, and the Host County shall cause to be attached to this Agreement (i) an appropriate revision of the applicable Exhibit hereto which, when read cumulatively with previous revisions, shall contain a legal description of all real property located in the Park, as enlarged or diminished, (ii) a copy of the ordinance of the Host County adding or removing the property from the Park, and (iii) copies of the resolutions of the governing bodies of the Partner County and, if applicable, the municipality or municipalities as provided in subparagraph (A)(iii) of this Section 3.

(C) So long as fee-in-lieu of tax revenues derived from the Park are pledged as security for special source revenue bonds issued by either County, that County agrees that it will not wilfully modify or terminate this Agreement unless there shall first be provided such certifications, if any, as may be required by such special source revenue bonds.

(D) (i) Prior to the enactment of an ordinance authorizing the removal of property from the Park, a public hearing shall first be held by the Host County. Notice of the public hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Host County not less than fifteen (15) days before the public hearing. At least fifteen (15) days before the public hearing, the Host County shall mail written notice of the public hearing to the owner or lessee (in the event the Host County is the owner pursuant to a negotiated fee-in-lieu-of-tax agreement under Title 4, Chapter 29 or Chapter 12 of the Code) or other taxpayer of or with respect to property that is proposed to be removed from the Park, by United States first class registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, or via facsimile transmission or reputable courier service at the address shown on the Host County’s property tax records.

(ii) No action of any municipality is required for the removal of property from the Park.

(iii) Except as provided in Subsection (D)(iv) of this Section 3, for a period of five (5) years commencing with the later of the effective date of this Agreement, as amended and restated, or the effective date of the expansion of the boundaries of the Park to include such parcel, the boundaries of the Park shall not be diminished so as to exclude therefrom any parcel of real property without the consent of the owner thereof and the Counties and, if applicable, the lessee of such parcel; and this sentence of this Agreement may not be modified or deleted herefrom for a period of five (5) years commencing with the effective date hereof, except as provided in subsection (iv) below.

(iv) Notwithstanding paragraph (D)(iii) of this Section 3, but subject to Section (C) of this Section 3, a parcel previously included within the boundaries of the Park may be removed from the Park at any time if any of the following circumstances occurs:

(1) If the owner of the parcel requests in writing that the parcel be removed from the Park, then the County Administrator (or other chief administrative officer) of the Host County in which such parcel is located shall attach an appropriate revision of Exhibit A or Exhibit B removing such parcel from the Park and provide a copy of such revised Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the County Administrator (or other chief administrative officer) of the Partner County or Counties; or

(2) If the County Council of the Host County determines, after reasonable inquiry, that any condition which was represented as existing, or to exist in the future, at the time of agreement by the Host County to include such property within the boundaries of the Park, has not been reasonably met (such as, without limitation, relocation of the owner or tenant[s] which was anticipated to benefit from inclusion within the boundaries of the Park at the time of initial inclusion), then the boundaries of the Park may be diminished in accordance with the provisions of Subsection (B) above; or

(3) If the County Council of the Host County determines that the owner or tenant of the parcel to be removed from the Park has failed to provide to the Host County information which the Host County reasonably requires in order to determine (a) whether the owner or tenant(s) of the parcel complies with any condition which was represented as existing, or to exist in the future, at the time of agreement by the Host County to include such property within the boundaries of the Park; or (b) whether such owner or tenant(s) continues to benefit from such inclusion, then the boundaries of the Park may be diminished in accordance with the provisions of Subsection (B) above.

4. Fee in Lieu of Taxes. Property located in the Park shall be exempt from *ad valorem* taxation. The owners or lessees of any property situated in the Park shall pay in accordance with this Agreement an amount equivalent to the *ad valorem* property taxes or other fee-in-lieu-of-payments that would have been due and payable but for the location of such property within the Park. Such payments are herein referred to as the “Park Revenues.”

5. Allocation of Park Expenses. Each County shall bear, or cause to be borne, 100% of the expenses, including, but not limited to, development, operation, maintenance, and promotion of that portion of the Park located within the boundaries of such County and the cost of providing customary public services for that portion of the Park located within the boundaries

of such County. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the applicable County from requiring the owner of privately owned property within the Park to bear any such expenses.

6. Allocation of Park Revenues.

(A) Hampton County and Colleton County shall receive an allocation of all Park Revenues, including revenues attributable to the business personal property with a situs in the Park in the following proportions:

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| (i) | Host County (where Park property is located) | 99% |
| (ii) | Partner County | 1% |

(B) Any payment from a Host County to the Partner County of such other County's allocable share of Park Revenues: (i) shall be made no later than ninety (90) days following the end of the calendar quarter in which the Host County receives such Park Revenues; and (ii) shall be accompanied by a statement showing the manner in which total payment and each Host County's share were calculated. If any Park Revenues are received by a Host County through payment by any owner, lessee, or other taxpayer made under protest, or otherwise as part of a dispute, then such Host County is not obligated to pay the other County more than such County's share of the undisputed portion of the Park Revenues until thirty (30) days after the final resolution of the protest or dispute.

7. Revenue Allocation Within Each of the Counties. (A) Park Revenues shall be paid to the applicable County as provided in Section 6 hereof. Such Park Revenues shall be distributed within the applicable County to the political subdivisions in such County in accordance with the applicable governing ordinance of such County in effect from time to time.

(B) Any distribution of Park Revenues must be in accordance with applicable law, including as of the date of original execution and delivery of this Agreement, Section 4-1-170 of the Code, Article VIII, Section 13(D) of the Constitution of South Carolina, and *Horry County School District v. Horry County*, 346 S.C. 621, 552 S.E.2d 737 (2001). To the extent that a school district receives Park Revenues, then the Park Revenues received by such school district shall be divided on a pro-rata basis between operational and debt service expenditures in accordance with the amount of operating and debt service millage levied by such school district or collected on behalf of such school district.

8. Negotiated Fee in Lieu of Ad Valorem Tax Arrangements. It is hereby agreed that each Member County is entitled to have heretofore entered or to hereafter enter into any one or more negotiated fee-in-lieu-of-tax agreements ("Negotiated FILOT Incentive") pursuant to Title 4, Chapter 29 or Chapter 12 of the Code, or Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code, or any successor or comparable statutes, with respect to property located in the Park and within the boundaries of such Member County with the terms of these Negotiated FILOT Incentives being at such Member County's sole discretion. Property subject to a Negotiated FILOT Incentive is referred

to herein as “Negotiated FILOT Property.” Property that is not subject to a Negotiated FILOT Incentive is referred to herein as “Non-Negotiated FILOT Property.”

9. Assessed Valuation. For the purpose of calculating bonded indebtedness limitation and for the purpose of computing the index of taxpaying ability of school districts of Section 59-20-20(3) of the Code, allocation of the assessed value of property within the Park to each Member County shall be identical to the percentage established for the allocation of Park Revenues to each Member County pursuant to Section 7 herein.

10. Governing Laws and Regulations. In order to avoid any conflict of laws or ordinances among the Member Counties, the ordinances or other local laws of each Member County will be the reference for such regulations or laws in connection with Park premises located within such Member County. Nothing herein shall be taken to supersede any applicable municipal, state, or federal law or regulation.

11. South Carolina Law Controlling. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, South Carolina law.

12. Severability. In the event and to the extent (and only to the extent) that any provision or any part of a provision of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate or render unenforceable the remainder of that provision or any other provision of this Agreement.

13. Counterpart Execution. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts.

14. Additional Members. This Agreement may be amended from time to time to add as Members hereto additional municipalities, other political subdivisions, or governmental entities located within either Member County, subject to any limitation contained in Article VIII, Section 13 of the Constitution of South Carolina or Title 4, Chapter 1 of the Code, by ordinances or comparable action of the governing body of each then current Member.

15. Amendments. This Agreement may not be amended, changed, modified, or altered except:

(A) to add property to or remove property from the Park solely in compliance with Section 3 hereof; or

(B) otherwise, with the written consent of all then current Members; provided, however, that so long as fee-in-lieu of tax revenues derived from the Park are pledged as security for special source revenue bonds issued by either County, that County agrees that it will not wilfully modify or terminate this Agreement unless there shall first be provided such certifications, if any, as may be required by such special source revenue bonds.

16. Term of Agreement; Withdrawal of Members.

(A) The term of this Agreement shall end on the date that is fifty (50) years from the effective date hereof; provided, however, that the term hereof shall automatically be extended in

the event that a property which has been placed in the Park qualifies to receive fee-in-lieu of tax incentives beyond the then-current remaining term of this Agreement, in which event, the term hereof shall coincide with the term of the applicable fee-in-lieu of tax incentive.

(B) The term of this Agreement may be extended by prior written agreement of two or more Counties which are at such time Members hereunder.

(C) Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, Colleton County and Hampton County agree that neither Colleton County nor Hampton County may terminate this Agreement, unilaterally, for a period of fifty (50) years commencing with the effective date hereof.

(D) In the event that the Park is enlarged to include additional property in accordance with Section 3 hereof, the ordinance of the Host County and the resolutions of the other Member County and applicable municipalities that approve such enlargement of the Park may include additional limitations on the termination of this Agreement with respect to such additional property.

(E) Except as otherwise provided in Section 3 or this Section 17 of this Agreement, this Agreement may only be terminated prior to the stated termination date hereof by ordinances (or comparable action) of the governing bodies of each of the Member Counties and other Members.

(F) Any Member may terminate all of its rights hereunder and withdraw from this Agreement by providing to each other Member (i) written notice of its intention to withdraw from this Agreement at least 45 days prior to the effective date of such withdrawal and (ii) a certified copy of the ordinance (or comparable action) of its governing body terminating all of such Member's rights hereunder. The withdrawing Member agrees to pay all costs and expenses incurred by the other Members in connection with its withdrawal from this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the initial parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day and the year first above written.

HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: _____
Chairman of County Council
Hampton County, South Carolina

[SEAL]

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk to County Council
Hampton County, South Carolina

COLLETON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: _____
Chairman of County Council
Colleton County, South Carolina

[SEAL]

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk to County Council
Colleton County, South Carolina

Sponsor(s) : County Council
First Reading : April 1, 2025
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A
Second Reading : May 6, 2025
Public Hearing : June 3, 2025
Third Reading : June 3, 2025
Effective Date : Immediately

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

ORDINANCE NO. 25-O-04

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR PRELIMINARY CERTIFICATION FOR HISTORIC REHABILITATION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.]

WHEREAS, Colleton County, South Carolina (the “*County*”) was created as a municipal corporation under the laws of the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the County is authorized pursuant to Sections 5-21-140 and 4-9-195 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (collectively, the “*Bailey Bill*”), to grant special property tax assessments to real property that qualifies as a “rehabilitated historic property;” and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 18-O-06 dated June 26, 2018, which is codified at Article XI, Chapter 2 of the County’s code of ordinances, the County enacted the Bailey Bill. Terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Bailey Bill Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, consistent with Section 2-268 of the Bailey Bill Ordinance, Scott Lockwood (the “*Petitioner*”) has submitted an Application for their property located at 227 N. Memorial Ave. (the “*Property*”) and the Application was received and has been recommended for approval by the HPC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BEING DULY ASSEMBLED, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF COLLETON COUNTY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. All findings of fact above are ratified, confirmed and approved.

Section 2. (a) Consistent with Section 2-268(d) of the Bailey Bill Ordinance, it is hereby determined and declared that:

- (i) The Property constitutes an Eligible Property;
- (ii) The Minimum Expenditures are expected to be met; and

- (iii) The fair market value of the Property for purposes of calculating the Special Assessment and Expense Percentage is \$_____.
- (b) The Petitioner and the Property must continue to comply with the terms of the Bailey Bill Ordinance, including those provisions which govern monitoring, substantive changes and Final Certification.

Section 3. On the basis of the foregoing, the Property is granted Preliminary Certification and shall be entitled to receive the initial Special Assessment dictated under the Bailey Bill Ordinance.

Section 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held or determined to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 5. Nothing in this Ordinance hereby enacted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause of causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

Section 6. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict or inconsistency. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its enactment.

DONE AND ORDAINED IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED, this 3rd day of June, 2025.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Danielle Murdaugh, Clerk to Council

Scott Biering, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:

Approved as to Form
Sean P. Thornton, County Attorney

Sponsor(s) : County Council
First Reading : April 1, 2025
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A
Second Reading : May 6, 2025
Public Hearing : June 3, 2025
Third Reading : June 3, 2025
Effective Date : July 1, 2025

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

ORDINANCE NO. 25-O-05

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[To Provide for the Levy of Taxes in Colleton County, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 to Provide for All Other Appropriations Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto.]

Sponsor(s) : County Council
Adopted : April 1, 2025
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-18

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT OF THE AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT FOR JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK, BY AND BETWEEN CHARLESTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND COLLETON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY IN CHARLESTON COUNTY AS PART OF THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK.]

WHEREAS, Charleston County, South Carolina and Colleton County, South Carolina (jointly the “Counties”) are authorized under Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution to jointly develop an industrial or business park within the geographical boundaries of one or more of the member Counties; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote the economic welfare of the citizens of the Counties by providing employment and other benefits to the citizens of the Counties, the Counties entered into an Agreement for Development for Joint County Industrial Park effective as of September 1, 1995 (the “Original Agreement”), to develop jointly an industrial and business park (the “Park”), as provided by Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution and in accordance with Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, (the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, the Original Agreement was substantively amended by (i) the First Modification to Agreement for Development for Joint County Industrial Park, effective December 31, 2006 (the “First Modification”), which First Modification was approved by Charleston County Council Ordinance 1475, enacted December 5, 2006; and by Colleton County Council Ordinance 06-O-20 enacted January 2, 2007; (ii) the Second Modification to Agreement for Development of Joint Industrial Park, dated as of December 31, 2014 (the “Second Modification”), which Second Modification was approved by Charleston County Council Ordinance 1828, enacted on September 9, 2014, and by Colleton County Ordinance 14-O-13, enacted on December 11, 2014; and (iii) the Third Modification to Agreement for Development of Joint Industrial Park, effective as of November 29, 2017 (the “Third Modification”), which Third Modification was approved by Charleston County Council Ordinance 1982, enacted on October 24, 2017, and by Colleton County Ordinance 17-O-08, enacted on November 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Original Agreement, as amended, is referred to herein as the “Agreement,” and

WHEREAS, the Agreement contemplates the inclusion and removal of additional parcels within the Park from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Counties desire to amend the Agreement to include certain additional parcels in order to fulfil commitments made to companies which are considering expansion or location decisions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL:

SECTION 1. Colleton County hereby approves expansion of the Park premises located within Charleston County as set forth in the attached Exhibit A.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by County Council.

COLLETON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: _____
Scott Biering Chairman, County Council of
Colleton County, South Carolina

ATTEST:

Danielle Murdaugh Clerk to County Council
Colleton County, South Carolina

Adopted: April 1, 2025

EXHIBIT A

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
CHARLESTON COUNTY ADDITIONAL PARCELS

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION FOR EACH PARCEL ADDED TO THE PARK BY THIS AMENDMENT AND INITIAL TAX YEAR (FOR TAXES WHICH WILL BE LEVIED ON PROPERTY OWNED ON DECEMBER 31 OF THE PRIOR CALENDAR YEAR).

<u>Parcels to be Added</u>	<u>Property Description</u>	<u>Initial Tax Year</u>
Southern Development Corporation	390-00-00-160	2024
9517 Realty LLC	390-00-00-161	2024
GC Industrial Corporation	393-00-00-382	2024
Stone Mountain Industrial Park	393-00-00-383	2024
CK Crosspoint XI LLC	393-00-00-499	2024
Landmark Enterprises	397-00-00-548	2024
GS II Inc.	412-00-00-006	2024
Shipyards Creek Logistics Center LLC	466-00-00-061	2024
7614 Southrail LLC	484-00-00-467	2024
Southern Industrial LLC	484-00-00-541	2024
Cameron Mt. Pleasant Park LLC	598-03-00-342	2024
Beer Baron LLC	313-00-00-043	2024

SCHEDULE 1

PROPERTY DESCRIPTIONS

Sponsor(s) : County Council
Adopted : April 1, 2025
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-19

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[To Declare April as Fair Housing Month]

WHEREAS:

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

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

The month of April is hereby designated Fair Housing Month for 2025.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk

Scott Biering, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:

Sponsor(s) : County Council
Adopted : April 1, 2025
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-20

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

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

WHEREAS:

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

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

1. Colleton County Council does hereby approve a policy of non-discrimination on the basis of disability status in the admission or access to, or the treatment or employment in, all its programs or activities.
2. A statement of such policy (attached and included herein by reference) with specific mention of federally assisted programs or activities shall be publicly disbursed.
3. Further, the name and contact information of the 2025 County ADA Compliance Coordinator, Ms. Deadgrea Sadler, shall be included in said statement.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk

Scott Biering, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:

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

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

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

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

Sponsor(s) : County Council
Adopted : April 1, 2025
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-21

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[To Recognize and Honor the late Willie L. Brown, Jr. by Naming a Portion of Highway 61 in Colleton County, South Carolina, “Willie L. Brown, Jr. Highway” and Having Erected Appropriate Markers or Signage at the Section of the Highway Containing the Designation]

WHEREAS, Willie L. Brown, Jr. known to close family and friends as "Vent", the son of Mary Frances Brown and the late Willie Louis Brown, Sr. and was born on the 29th day of August in 1965, in New York, New York; and

WHEREAS, Willie L. Brown, Jr. graduated from Walterboro High School in 1983. After graduation, he attended Midlands Technical College and then decided to join the U.S. Navy in 1988. He was a Culinary Specialist and Management Specialist, which he loved as he had the opportunity to showcase his wonderful talents; and

WHEREAS, Willie L. Brown, Jr. accepted Christ as his personal savior at a very young age and joined the Oakman Branch Missionary Baptist Church, where he continued to serve and maintained his membership even when he was on active duty serving his country in the U. S. Navy for twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Willie loved to cook and demonstrated his hospitality as well as show off his culinary talents and keen-eye for decorating as a part of his family business elegant elements with his wife Tera and their three beautiful daughters; and

WHEREAS, On February 9, 2019, during his daily commute to work, Willie L. Brown Jr. was killed by a drunk driver on Highway 61 in Givhans, SC. His passing was a devastating loss to many, as he was known for his selflessness, kindness, and compassion among his friends, colleagues, and family; and

WHEREAS, This dedication is not only a way to honor Willie L. Brown Jr.’s legacy but also a reminder of the serious consequences of drinking and driving. By designating a portion of Highway 61 in his name, we can raise awareness about DUI laws and the impact of reckless decisions on families and communities.; and

WHEREAS, it would be fitting and proper to pay tribute to the devout service of this distinguished son of South Carolina by naming the highway that was home to Willie L. Brown Jr. in his honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by Colleton County Council, duly assembled that County Council hereby recognizes and honors the late Willie L. Brown, Jr. by Naming a Portion of Highway 61 in Colleton County, South Carolina, “Willie L. Brown, Jr. Highway” and Having Erected Appropriate Markers or Signage at the Section of the Highway Containing the Designation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Department of Transportation and the family of Willie L. Brown Jr.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk

Scott Biering, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:

Sponsor(s) : County Council
Adopted : April 1, 2025
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-22

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 Facilities Management department has evaluated equipment, and deemed it to be no longer suitable for County operations; and
2. 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 Facilities Management department, is hereby declared surplus to the needs of the County.

Description	Serial Number
JLG Industries Model 450A Snorkel Boom Lift	0300050095
Husqvarna Zero Turn Model PZ5426FX	091511B001003

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

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk

Scott Biering, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:

OPPOSED:

Sponsor(s) : County Council
Adopted : April 1, 2025
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-23

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

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

WHEREAS:

1. Colleton County Lowcountry Regional Transportation Authority has one vacancy; and
2. Colleton County Board of Adjustments & Appeals has three vacancies (two General Citizenry, and one Carpentry); and
3. Colleton County Board of Assessment Appeals has two vacancies; and
4. Colleton County Keep Colleton Beautiful has seven vacancies; and
5. Colleton County Accommodations Tax Advisory Board has one vacancy (Lodging); and
6. Colleton County Resource and Development has one vacancy; and
7. Colleton County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs has one vacancy; and
8. The County Council is the appointing authority for Boards.

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

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

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk

Scott Biering, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:

Sponsor(s) : County Council
Adopted : April 1, 2025
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-24

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies.]

WHEREAS:

1. Colleton County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs has two vacancies; and
Applicant: Brenda Hughes
2. 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 Disabilities and Special Needs: Brenda Hughes

ATTEST:

Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk

SIGNED:

Scott Biering, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:

Sponsor(s) : County Council
Adopted : April 1, 2025
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-25

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Award the Contract for the Northwest Walterboro Sewer Improvements]

WHEREAS:

1. The County advertised a Request for Bids, CC-41 Northwest Walterboro Sewer Improvements-Phase I Gravity Sewer; and
2. Three companies responded to the Request for Bids, CC-41; and
3. The County evaluated the bids and certifies that procurement was handled correctly according to the Colleton County Purchasing Policy, the Colleton County Engineering Department recommends the contract be awarded to R.H. Moore Company of Murrells Inlet, SC; and
4. Funding for this project is provided by RIA (SCIIP) grant, SC Department of Commerce, and CCEDC (Dominion Energy and SCPT grants).

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

1. County Council hereby awards the contract in accordance with Bid CC-41 to R.H. Moore Company of Murrells Inlet, SC in the amount of \$10,965,190.00; the County as the Subrecipient is responsible for the procurement, oversight of engineering and design, construction management and administration and provision of any documentation needed to assist the Grantee(City of Walterboro) in complying with the grant conditions and project management procedures that are required by the funding agency.
2. The County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the County pending approval of the same by the County Attorney.
3. Funding for this project is provided by RIA (SCIIP) grant, SC Department of Commerce, and CCEDC (Dominion Energy and SCPT grants); contingent upon there approval of the same.

[Signature page to follow]

ATTEST:

Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk

SIGNED:

Scott Biering, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED: