



COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

County Council Chambers, Old Jail Building
109 Benson Street, 2nd Floor Walterboro, SC 29488
Monday, September 8, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
4. **Approval of Agenda**
5. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a) Regular Meeting, August 12, 2025
 - b) Public Health and Safety Committee, August 13, 2025
6. **Awards and Recognitions**
 - a) Proclamation; Recognizing Jonah Givens for Achieving the Rank of Eagle Scout
 - b) Proclamation; Recognizing Howard Lambert for Achieving the Rank of Eagle Scout
 - c) Proclamation; September 2025 as National Recovery Month in Colleton County
 - d) Proclamation; Recognizing and Honoring the Members of the South Carolina State Guard and National Preparedness Month September 2025
7. **Appearances & Public Presentation**
8. **Public Comments (3 minutes per person/max time 20 min.)**
9. **Administrator's Briefing**
10. **Public Hearing**
11. **Old Business**
12. **New Business**
 - a) 1st Reading Ordinance 25-O-9, By Title Only, To Amend Title 6, Animals, Section 6.04.050 Enforcement, of the Colleton County Code of Ordinance, to Provide Greater Authority to Animal Service Officers

- b) 1st Reading Ordinance 25-O-10, By Title Only, To Amend Title 14-Land Management, Article 14.04-6.040 to add the definition “Data Center”, Article 14.08-2 Zoning District Regulations and Article 14.08-3 Conditional Uses, of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances
 - c) Resolutions 25-R-55, To Award the Contract for the Design Build for the Veterans Park
 - d) Resolution 25-R-56, To Award the Contract for Debris Management and Disaster Recovery Services
 - e) Resolution 25-R-57. To Award the Contract for First Push Debris Removal and Disposal Services
 - f) Resolution 25-R-58, To Award the Contract for Debris Management and Recovery Services
 - g) Resolution 25-R-59, To Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Various Grants for FY25-26
 - h) Resolution 25-R-60, To Authorize the Council Clerk to Advertise for Board Vacancies
13. **Council Time**
14. **Executive Session***
- a) Matters Concerning Economic Development
 - 1. Project Quail
 - 2. Project Fanatic
 - 3. Project Badger
 - 4. Project Boulder
 - 5. Project Triple Play
 - b) Personnel and Contractual Matter related to the Office of County Administrator
 - c) Legal; Opioid Litigation Settlement Update
15. Items discussed in Executive Session
16. Adjournment

Colleton County Council will hold a regular meeting on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 6:00 pm. The public will be able to stream the meeting from a link on the County’s home page or by going to www.colletoncounty.org/live.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.

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

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting, July 8, 2025

Councilman Murdaugh moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 8, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor and the motion carried unanimously.

Special Meeting, July 16, 2025

Councilman Murdaugh moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on July 16, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor and the motion carried unanimously.

Special Meeting, July 30, 2025

Councilman Murdaugh moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on July 30, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor and the motion carried unanimously.

Awards and Recognitions

Proclamation; Recognizing the Outstanding Service of Colleton County Fire-Rescue, Colleton County Sheriff's Office, South Carolina Highway Patrol, Other First Responders and Hospital Staff in Response to the Tragic Accident on Interstate 95.

Chairman Biering read the Proclamation; Recognizing the Outstanding Service of Colleton County Fire-Rescue, Colleton County Sheriff's Office, South Carolina Highway Patrol, Other First Responders and Hospital Staff in Response to the Tragic Accident on Interstate 95 into the record. Councilman Murdaugh made a motion to approve the proclamation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frank and the motion carried unanimously.

Council commended the professionalism, bravery, and collaborative efforts of all agencies involved, expressing gratitude for their tireless work and dedication to the citizens of Colleton County.

Appearances & Public Presentation

Community Innovations; Shiela Keaise; Colleton Voice-Winners

Ms. Sheila Keaise, founder of Community Innovations, introduced the organization, explaining its focus on children, teens, and adults through four pillars: health, mentoring, education, and parenting. She highlighted key programs, including "Raising Highly Capable Kids," the "Colleton Voice," the "Literary Tea with Palmetto State Authors," the "Family Fun Zone" (formerly family carnival), the "Young Authors Program," and the "CI Leadership Awards." Community Innovations also conducts "Christmas with Seniors," where they spend time with elderly individuals, and a mentoring program for young people.

Sheila Keaise introduced the 2025 Colleton Voice Winner, Miss. Jasmine Cheryl. Ms. Sheila Keaise gave a little background on Miss. Jasmine Cheryl, advising that she is 12 years old, and hails from Kenya.

Miss Jasmine Cheryl introduced herself to Council and graced the audience along with Council by singing "The Truth by Megan Woods".

Council commended Miss. Jasmine Cheryl on a job well done.

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

Frank Santorella addressed the Council and spoke about the positive impact that the power plant will have on Colleton County.

Sue Keith addressed the Council to inform them of the upcoming Legislative Delegation meeting on September 29, 2025 at the Colleton County Memorial Library.

Herbert Hires Jr. and Mrs. Devin Martin addressed the council regarding recent dog attacks on their cows, which caused significant damage to their livestock. They expressed frustration with animal control's response, stating that the officers felt their hands were tied and that little action was taken to prevent further attacks. Philip Adams and Michael Adams echoed these concerns, emphasizing the financial and emotional toll of the attacks and questioning the lack of effective enforcement of existing animal control ordinances.

Colette Bailey, a goat farmer and dog breeder, presented South Carolina ordinances related to aggressive dogs, highlighting that current laws allow for prosecution of owners with fines and jail time. Colette Bailey questioned why these laws were not being enforced, citing the recent pit bull attacks and the broader issue of dog fighting in the state. Colette also questioned whether the Sheriff's office should be handling certain types of call as opposed to Animal Services.

Councilman Murdaugh made a motion to raise a Point of Privilege, to address the immediate needs in the room. The motion was approved by Council.

Councilman Murdaugh wanted to first address the concerns over animal control. He advised that the Ordinance received by Ms. Colette Bailey is in fact a Colleton County Ordinance. Councilman Murdaugh advised the public that their message is being heard and that Councilman Trippe is having

a meeting with animal control to address the various issues. Councilman Murdaugh also reassured the public that he had full confidence that Councilman Trippe and his committee would come back to Council with good recommendations to come to a resolution.

Several members of Council provided their personal opinions on the proposed power plant project at Canadys, acknowledging the concerns of residents living near the river but also noting the positive impacts. Councilman Murdaugh emphasized the importance of the project for the county's infrastructure and growth, highlighting that while there are risks, technology like carbon mapping can help mitigate potential issues related to methane gas leaks. Councilman Murdaugh also advised that Dominion Energy and Santee Cooper shouldn't be criticized for the route they have chosen, they should be applauded, because they chose a route that specifically went around the Ace Basin. Councilman Murdaugh advised the public to always be leery of the message that is being received. Councilman Taylor concurred with Councilman Murdaugh. He also advised that Council had already expressed their consent to the project several weeks ago, and explained if something was needed in writing, then we should direct the Administrator to move forward. Councilman Trippe concurred with all of Council as well as being 100% in support of the plant coming to Colleton County. Councilman Frank advised that when the County gets power, it doesn't just come from the Canadys power plant, it comes in from Georgia and all over the place. Councilman Frank reiterated that a lot of people utilize this power and reminded the public of the tax loss the County took when the SCEG plant shut down. Councilman Biering also expressed that he would take a point of privilege as well, by concurring with everything that has been stated by Council tonight. Councilman Biering wanted to make aware that no major energy production has made an investment in this state in seven years. Councilman Biering also advised that the pipeline would run through Santee Coopers' existing right-a-ways, and that the tax revenue that can come from this is not only life-changing, but also generational changing for Colleton County.

Administrator's Briefing

County Administrator Thomas Higgs gave his briefing, advising Council that both regional partners at Dominion and Santee Cooper have reached out asking for a letter of support as they work through FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission). He advised that if there was no objection from Council the County would proceed with sending the letters out

The County Administrator then addressed the recent livestock incidents, expressing condolences and detailed staff efforts to address deficiencies in Animal Services. Mr. Higgs announced an expedited Public Health and Safety Committee meeting scheduled for the following evening, August 13, 2025, at 5:30 PM to review Title Six, which covers animal control. Mr. Higgs stressed the importance of equipping staff with the necessary tools to prevent future occurrences so that Animal Services can complete the job required for the citizens of Colleton County.

Public Hearing

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

Councilman Biering opened the floor for the public to speak on; Ordinance 25-O-07, Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax and Special Source Credit Agreement by and

Between Colleton County, South Carolina and Banks Construction Company (Which was Previously Known to the County as Project Star) with respect to certain Economic Development Property in the County, Whereby Such Property will be Subject to Certain Payments in Lieu of Taxes, Including the Provision of Certain Special Source Credits; and Others Matters Related Thereto.

No Comments were received.

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

Old Business

3rd Reading Ordinance 25-O-06, To Amend Title 10 - Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 10.04 Truck and Bus Restrictions, of the Colleton County Code of Laws to Prohibit No Through Traffic on Approved Colleton County Roads.

Councilman Trippe moved to approve 2nd Reading Ordinance 25-O-06, To Amend Title 10 - Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 10.04 Truck and Bus Restrictions, of the Colleton County Code of Laws to Prohibit No Through Traffic on Approved Colleton County Roads. The motion was seconded by Councilman Murdaugh. The motion carried unanimously.

3rd Reading Ordinance 25-O-07, Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax and Special Source Credit Agreement by and Between Colleton County, South Carolina and Banks Construction Company (Which was Previously Known to the County as Project Star) with respect to certain Economic Development Property in the County, Whereby Such Property will be Subject to Certain Payments in Lieu of Taxes, Including the Provision of Certain Special Source Credits; and Others Matters Related Thereto.

Councilman Murdaugh moved to approve 2nd Reading Ordinance 25-O-07, Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax and Special Source Credit Agreement by and Between Colleton County, South Carolina and Banks Construction Company (Which was Previously Known to the County as Project Star) with respect to certain Economic Development Property in the County, Whereby Such Property will be Subject to Certain Payments in Lieu of Taxes, Including the Provision of Certain Special Source Credits; and Others Matters Related Thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frank. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Resolution 25-R-47, To Change the Regular County Council Meeting Date to the First Monday of Each Month

Councilman Taylor moved to approve Resolution 25-R-47, To Change the Regular County Council Meeting Date to the First Monday of Each Month. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe.

Councilman Trippe asked the Chairman to explain the change in the date. Chairman Biering explained that the change aims to increase public participation by allowing citizens to attend both city and county meetings, and to ensure public input is received before votes are cast. Chairman Biering also made an amendment to specify that the September meeting would be held on the second Monday due to Labor Day. Councilman Taylor amended his motion to include that next Council meeting to be held on the second Monday in September. The motion carries unanimously.

Resolution 25-R-48, To Approve a Joint Use Agreement between Colleton County and the Ruffin Community Center for Recreation Improvements.

Councilman Trippe moved to approve Resolution 25-R-48, To Approve a Joint Use Agreement between Colleton County and the Ruffin Community Center for Recreation Improvements. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 25-R-49, To Approve a Joint Use Agreement between Colleton County and the Cottageville Community Center for Recreation Improvements

Councilman Trippe moved to approve Resolution 25-R-49, To Approve a Joint Use Agreement between Colleton County and the Cottageville Community Center for Recreation Improvements. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 25-R-50, To Declare Surplus Equipment and to Authorize the Sale in Accordance with County Policy.

Councilman Taylor moved to approve Resolution 25-R-50, To Declare Surplus Equipment and to Authorize the Sale in Accordance with County Policy. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 25-R-51, To Approve the Purchase of a 2026 Kenworth Roll-Off Container Truck for the Solid Waste C&D Landfill.

Councilman Frank moved to approve Resolution 25-R-51, To Approve the Purchase of a 2026 Kenworth Roll-Off Container Truck for the Solid Waste C&D Landfill. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 25-R-52, To Approve Appointment to the Lowcountry Workforce Board

Councilman Taylor moved to approve Resolution 25-R-52, To Approve Appointment to the Lowcountry Workforce Board for member Kimberly Alexander. The motion was seconded by Councilman Murdaugh. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 25-R-53, To Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Various Grants for FY 25-26

Councilman Trippe moved to approve Resolution 25-R-53, To Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Various Grants for FY 25-26. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 25-R-54, To Authorize the Acceptance and Budgeting of Funds for the School Resource Officer Grant Received for FY 25-26 by the Colleton County Sheriff's Office

Councilman Taylor moved to approve Resolution 25-R-54, To Authorize the Acceptance and Budgeting of Funds for the School Resource Officer Grant Received for FY 25-26 by the Colleton County Sheriff's Office. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Murdaugh provided his objection to the County paying for a Resource Office at the new Charter School. Councilman Murdaugh advised that the Charter School should be responsible for providing their own Resource Officer just like the private schools have to provide.

Councilman Frank wanted clarification from the County Administrator if the Grant provided a match by the County. County Administrator advised that no match was required.

Items for Information and Public Record

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

Council Time

Councilman Frank addressed the need for public education, whether it be the positive or negative aspects of the Canadys plant. County Administrator addressed Council advising that the County is currently working with Santee Cooper, Dominion and the pipeline company and will be working closely with the delegation to make sure the public is fully informed. Councilman Trippe invited all to the Emergency Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting that is being held on August 13th at 5:30pm. Councilman Murdaugh wanted to clarify that not all members of Council would be present at that meeting due to the structure of the meeting and how they are designed to only have three members of Council on each. Councilman Murdaugh advised that he was not on that committee, but that Councilman Trippe would bring all information back to the full Council for discussion.

Executive Session

Councilman Frank made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss the following: Matters Concerning Economic Development in relation to Project Fanatic, Project Craft, Project Badger, Project Quail, and FILOT Fees; along with Personnel and Contractual Matter related to the Office of County Administrator. Councilman Murdaugh seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Items discussed in Executive Session

Economic Development Project Manager Donna Lamb appeared before Council to discuss matters concerning Economic Development.

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

Adjournment

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

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

<https://www.youtube.com/live/aeAd3dmB4k0?si=4BxX5q5x5KK67IIB>

This 12th day of August 2025.

Scott Biering, Chairman

ATTEST:

Danielle Murdaugh, Clerk to Council



**COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL
Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 13, 2025, at 5:30 P.M.**

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chairman Bubba Trippe called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for being in attendance.

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Roll Call Committee Members

Council Members Scott Biering and Phillip Taylor were in attendance with Chairman Bubba Trippe.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Citizen Comment Period*

Mark Filion addressed the ongoing animal problem in Colleton County, emphasizing that Animal Services' hands are tied due to current regulations. He stated that the core issue is not with the animals or Animal Service, but with irresponsible owners, citing a case involving Adams's cows where ownership was disputed. Filion advocated for solutions like registering and microchipping animals to definitively link them to owners, thereby enforcing accountability.

Kay Herndon presented the severe financial impact on the Adams family, whose cattle were mauled, noting their significant monetary investment in the animals. She highlighted that the damaged cattle, some of which had lost ears and suffered utter injuries, would be difficult to sell at their original value, resulting in estimated losses of \$8,000 to \$10,000. Murdaugh questioned why existing laws, if present, were not being utilized to prevent such incidents and support affected owners.

6. Discussion of Colleton County Ordinance Title 6, Chapter 6.04 “Animal Care and Control Regulations”

The Committee expressed empathy for those affected by the animal attacks, acknowledging the distress caused by property and animal loss. They emphasized the importance of consulting experts and staff trained in relevant fields for policy development, rather than relying on

informal opinions. Council conveyed their hope that the county administrator would share insights to help the committee find a respectful and effective path forward for all involved.

County Administrator Thomas Higgs advised that his team met with Animals Services today to go over the changes that would need to be implemented and what that would look like going forward. Mr. Higgs emphasized the importance of accountability and transparency within Animal Service operations, stating that new Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) amendments will make these a reality. Mr. Higgs also highlighted the implementation of a report system for every call, similar to police reports, to enhance accountability and follow-up, and mentioned the continued use of body cameras as a significant tool. He also recommended improving pet ownership accountability through measures like microchipping or documentation to help track dog owners, as current difficulties in identifying owners hinder proper law enforcement. Mr. Higgs addressed concerns about the safety of animal control officers, noting that they do not fall under the Sheriff's office and lack law enforcement powers, such as NCIC data, which compromises their safety when responding to unknown situations.

Councilman Taylor suggested taking some of these issues to the South Carolina Association of Counties to seek state-level policy positions, including potential certification or NCIC access, to empower animal control officers.

7. Adjournment

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

This 13th day of August, 2025.

Bubba Trippe, Chairman

ATTEST:

Danielle Murdaugh, Clerk to Council



**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE MEMBERS OF THE
SOUTH CAROLINA STATE GUARD AND NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2025**

WHEREAS, September is observed as National Preparedness Month to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for emergencies and to build resilience before disasters strike; and

WHEREAS, counties and municipalities throughout South Carolina have been affected by a variety of disasters and emergencies, including ice storms, flooding, earthquakes, hurricanes, and the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Colleton County deeply appreciate the protection that the South Carolina State Guard has provided to the citizens of this great State for more than three hundred fifty years; and

WHEREAS, authorized by the South Carolina Code of Laws, the State Guard is a professional military organization and component of the South Carolina Military Department which supports a variety of critical functions of the state, county, and municipal governments, such as providing disaster-relief assistance to communities and local first-responder organizations; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina State Guard traces its earliest manifestation to the formation of the Charleston Militia in 1670, the colony's first military organization, protecting residents in earliest days from pirates, foreign invaders, and Native- American raids; and

WHEREAS, throughout the Revolutionary War the State Guard played a pivotal role in recapturing the South from British control with leaders, such as Francis Marion, "The Swamp Fox"; Thomas Sumter, "The Gamecock"; and Andrew Pickens, "The Wizard Owl"; and additionally played key roles in later conflicts such as early 19th century battles against the Spanish in Florida, the Mexican War, and the Spanish-American War; and,

WHEREAS, the State Guard is organized as an army brigade under the leadership of the Commander and is comprised of the Command Staff, the Chief of Staff Section, the Professional Services Command, and the 1st Civilian Support Brigade, which is further divided into three battalions. The battalions are divided into companies which correspond to the boundaries of the six regions of the South Carolina Emergency Management Division; and

WHEREAS, the State Guard trains new members at the McCrady Training Center in Eastover to provide a number of services: search and rescue operations, medical support, legal and engineering expertise, chaplain and counseling services, directing distribution of supplies, providing military funeral honors to veterans, executive governmental affairs that serves as a liaison to the Governor's Office and the Legislature as well as building relationships with military and civic organizations across the State; and

WHEREAS, when serious natural or man-made disasters strike the South Carolina, the State Guard provides “boots on the ground” with the mission to swiftly respond, safeguarding people and property, and to aid community recovery, in coordination with the National Guard, law enforcement, and other state, county, and municipal agencies; and

WHEREAS, the State Guard is part of the South Carolina Military Department and directed by the Adjutant General, and its Commander in Chief is the Governor of the State of South Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, Colleton County Council does hereby proclaim **SEPTEMBER 2025** as **NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH** in Colleton County. Colleton County Council recognizes and honors the members of the South Carolina State Guard and commends their all-volunteer force who nobly provides aid during times of disaster, who shares a passion and strong commitment to their fellow South Carolinians, and who embody the Spirit of National Preparedness Month.

Proclaimed on this the 8th day of September 2025.

ATTEST: _____
Danielle Murdaugh, Clerk to Council

BY: _____
Scott Biering, Chairman



Proclamation Recognizing Jonah Givens for Achieving the Rank of Eagle Scout

WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout rank is the highest honor attainable in the Boy Scouts of America, representing a distinguished record of leadership, service, and personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, Jonah Givens has demonstrated exceptional dedication, perseverance, and commitment throughout his Scouting journey, earning numerous achievements and serving as a role model for his peers; and

WHEREAS, Jonah's Scouting career culminated in his Eagle Project, the construction of an outdoor youth fellowship area for Ashton Baptist Church, providing a lasting contribution that will serve the church and community for years to come; and

WHEREAS, Jonah Givens, alongside his best friend and fellow Eagle Scout, Howard Lambert, will be honored at an Eagle Court of Honor Celebration on September 20, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at Ashton Baptist Church; and.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, the Colleton County Council does hereby recognize and commends Jonah Ozious Givens for his outstanding achievement in earning the rank of Eagle Scout, and extends its gratitude for his leadership, service, and contributions to his community.

Proclaimed on this the 8th day of September 2025.

ATTEST: _____
Danielle Murdaugh, Clerk to Council

BY: _____
Scott Biering, Chairman



Proclamation Recognizing Howard Lambert for Achieving the Rank of Eagle Scout

WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout rank is the highest honor attainable in the Boy Scouts of America, representing a distinguished record of leadership, service, and personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, throughout his Scouting career, Howard has shown a strong commitment to serving his community through numerous projects, including cleaning local roads and assisting with trash collection at the Rice Festival over several years; and

WHEREAS, Howard culminated his Scouting journey with his Eagle Project, the construction and installation of duck boxes at Givhans Ferry State Park, enhancing the park's natural habitat and providing lasting benefit to wildlife and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, beyond Scouting, Howard enjoys fishing, working on vehicles with his buddies, and is known for his willingness to work hard, get his hands dirty, and give back to those around him;

WHEREAS, Howard Lambert, alongside his best friend and fellow Eagle Scout, Jonah Givens, will be honored at an Eagle Court of Honor Celebration on September 20, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at Ashton Baptist Church; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, the Colleton County Council does hereby recognize and commends Howard Lambert for his outstanding leadership, dedication, and achievement in earning the rank of Eagle Scout. His service and example will continue to inspire others in our community for years to come.

Proclaimed on this the 8th day of September 2025.

ATTEST: _____
Danielle Murdaugh, Clerk to Council

BY: _____
Scott Biering, Chairman



Proclaiming September 2025 as National Recovery Month in Colleton County

WHEREAS, Mental health and substance use disorders affect individuals and families in every community across our nation. With commitment, compassion, and support, those impacted can embark on a journey toward improved health, wellness, and purpose; and

WHEREAS, The focus of National Recovery Month this September is to honor and celebrate all who make the journey of recovery possible—individuals in recovery, their families, friends, advocates, and dedicated service providers—by embracing the 2025 theme: “Recovery is For Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community.” and

WHEREAS, Recovery Month spreads a vital message: people can and do recover every day.

WHEREAS, The impact of mental health and substance use disorders is evident in our own community, touching the lives of many. Recovery Month empowers people to recognize the signs of these conditions, encourages those in need to seek help, and highlights the importance of accessible, effective recovery services; and

WHEREAS, Managing the effects of these conditions allows individuals to live healthy, fulfilling lives—both physically and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, This observance continues to raise awareness, educate the public, and promote services that improve lives. It reminds us that recovery is possible for everyone and that support is essential.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by Colleton County Council, duly assembled that we hereby declare the Month of September 2025, as **NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH in Colleton County** and call upon our community to observe this month with meaningful programs, events, and activities that uplift, educate, and support all those affected by mental health and substance use disorders..

ATTEST: _____
Danielle Murdaugh, Clerk to Council

BY: _____
Scott Biering, Chairman

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 25-O-09

By Title Only

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

**[An Ordinance to Amend Title 6, Animals, Section 6.04.050 Enforcement, of the Colleton
County Code of Ordinance, to Provide Greater Authority to Animal Service Officers.]**

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

I, _____,
Council Clerk, certify that
this Ordinance was advertised
for public hearing on _____.

ORDINANCE 25-O-10

By Title Only

COUNCIL- ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[An Ordinance to Amend Title 14-Land Management, Article 14.04-6.040 to add the definition “Data Center”, Article 14.08-2 Zoning District Regulations and Article 14.08-3 Conditional Uses, of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances.]

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-55

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Award the Contract for the Design Build for the Veterans Park.]

WHEREAS:

1. The County advertised a Request for Qualifications, CPST-20, for the Design Build of the Veterans Park, which is a Capital Projects Sales Tax project; and
2. Four proposals were received, and a committee reviewed and ranked the proposals;
3. Wildwood Contractors meets all the requirements of the bid; Staff request that the services be awarded to Wildwood Contractors.

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

1. County Council hereby awards the contract in accordance with RFQ, CPST-20 to Wildwood Contractors for the Design Build of the Veterans Park.
2. The County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the County pending approval of same by the County Attorney.
3. Funding for this construction shall come from the Capital Projects Sales Tax Fund – Fund 143.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk

Scott Biering, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-56

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Award the Contract for Debris Management and Disaster Recovery Services.]

WHEREAS:

1. The County advertised a Request for Qualifications, CC-44 for Debris Management and Disaster Recovery services; and
2. Nine proposals were received, and a committee reviewed and ranked the proposals;
3. AshBritt, Inc. received the highest ranking by the committee; and
4. The Engineering Department recommends that the contract be awarded to AshBritt, Inc. for Debris Management and Disaster Recovery Services; and
5. These services are provided on a pay-as-used basis and in the event that a hurricane or other natural disaster makes these services necessary, funding will be provided by a combination of County and FEMA funds.

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

1. County Council hereby awards the contract in accordance with Proposal CC-44 for Debris Management and Disaster Recovery Services to AshBritt, Inc.
2. The County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute a two (2) year contract with the option to renew said contract for an additional three (3) one year terms, with a total up to five (5) years; on behalf of the County pending approval of same by the County Attorney.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk

Scott Biering, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-57

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Award the Contract for First Push Debris Removal and Disposal Services.]

WHEREAS:

1. The County advertised a Request for Qualifications, CC-43 for a First Push Debris Removal and Disposal Services contractors to provide services throughout the County after a hurricane or other disaster; and
2. Seven proposals were received, and a committee reviewed and ranked the proposals;
3. Wood Brothers, Inc. ranked the highest, and Ackerman Landscape was ranked the second highest; and
4. The Engineering Department recommends that the contract be awarded to Wood Brothers, Inc. as the primary first push debris removal and disposal contractor and Ackerman Landscape as the secondary contractor; and
5. These services are provided on a pay-as-used basis and in the event that a hurricane or other natural disaster makes these services necessary, funding will be provided by a combination of County and FEMA funds.

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

1. County Council hereby awards the contract in accordance with CC-43 for First Push Debris Removal and Disposal Services to Wood Brothers, Inc. as the primary contractor and Ackerman Landscape as the secondary contractor.
2. The County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute a two (2) year contract with the option to renew said contract for an additional three (3) one year terms, with a total up to five (5) years; on behalf of the County pending approval of same by the County Attorney.

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COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-58

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Award the Contract for Debris Monitoring and Recovery Services.]

WHEREAS:

1. The County advertised a Request for Qualifications, CC-42 for Debris Monitoring and Recovery services; and
2. Four proposals were received, and a committee reviewed and ranked the proposals;
3. Tetra Tech, Inc, Inc. received the highest ranking by the committee; and
4. The Engineering Department requests that the contract be awarded to Tetra Tech, Inc. for Debris Monitoring and Recovery Services; and
5. These services are provided on a pay-as-used basis and in the event that a hurricane or other natural disaster makes these services necessary, funding will be provided by a combination of County and FEMA funds.

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

1. County Council hereby awards the contract in accordance with Proposal CC-42 for Debris Monitoring and Recovery Services to Tetra Tech, Inc.
2. The County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute a two (2) year contract with the option to renew said contract for an additional three (3) one year terms, with a total up to five (5) years; on behalf of the County pending approval of same by the County Attorney.

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Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk

Scott Biering, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:

Sponsor(s)	: County Council
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Committee Recommendation	: N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-59

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Various Grants for FY25-26]

WHEREAS:

1. The County Budget Ordinance requires a Resolution to record all non-budgeted revenues and non-budgeted grant revenues; and
2. The Colleton County Museum and Farmers Market is the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) related to the receipt of non-budgeted income for FY26 received from the South Carolina Arts Commission FY26 Rural Art of Community Grant in the amount of \$7,500.00; and

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

1. County Council hereby authorizes the designation of appropriate general ledger accounts to record revenues and expenditures in the following funds for the grant and unbudgeted revenues for FY26 as listed:
 - a. Fund 155 – County Accommodations Tax Fund; South Carolina Arts Commission; \$7,500.00; FY25 Rural Art of Community Grant; \$7,500.00 match budgeted in Fund 155.
2. The above listed OPRs (Offices of Primary Responsibility) are responsible for preparing any external reports related to said funds, complying with grant terms and conditions, coordinating reimbursement requests with the Finance Department in addition to being the responsible parties for providing copies of external reports to the Finance Office, grant auditors, and to external auditors at the end of FY26 as requested for this grant/non-budgeted revenue received.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk

Scott Biering, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:

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Committee Consideration Date	: N/A
Committee Recommendation	: N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-60

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 four vacancies (General Citizenry, Carpentry, and Plumbing); and
3. Colleton County Board of Assessment Appeals has one vacancy; and
4. Colleton County Keep Colleton Beautiful has seven vacancies; and
5. Colleton County Accommodations Tax Advisory Board has two vacancies (At-Large and 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: