

MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2024
REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.

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

Present: Chairman Steven D. Murdaugh called the meeting to order with Council Members Dr. Joseph Flowers, Phillip Taylor, Bubba Trippe, and Scott Biering in attendance.

Others Included: Meagan Utsey, Sean Thornton, Jon Carpenter, Barry McRoy, Sue Keith, Mayor Crawford Moore, Carl Coffin, Jessica Williams, Sharon Witkin, Lynn Stroble, Johnny Frank, Billy Hamilton, Jim Gentry, Philip Rizer, Jeffrey Jones, Marc Jacobs, Madison Carter, Roy Williams, Alyssa Bodison, Zaria Gantt, and Clarence Wiggins.

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

Approval of Minutes

- A. Regular Meeting June 18, 2024— Councilman Taylor moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on June 18, 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe and the motion carried unanimously.
- B. Joint Meeting July 15, 2024 — Councilman Taylor moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 15, 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering and the motion carried unanimously.

Awards and Recognitions

- A. Colleton County Sheriff's Office Cadet Post #843

Lieutenant Valentine: Recognized Cadet Lieutenant Hunter Gooding, Cadet Sargent Levi Sightler, Cadet Sargent Aiden Schoulte, and Cadet Conner Liebeck. The advisors that accompanied them on this mission were Sargent Phillip Cole and Deputy Christopher Vandermark. The team placed in the following categories: Individual awards, Cadet Sargent Levi Sightler placed second in the physical agility test. Christopher Vandermark placed second amongst the advisors in the firearms qualifications. Also, our team placed third in high-risk traffic stops, third place in drug search warrant execution, and third place in multi-jurisdiction where our cadets along with Mt. Pleasant and Goose Creek Police Department dealt with an escaped inmate type scenario.

- B. Proclaiming September 29, 2024, as Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States 125th Anniversary

A motion to approve the Proclamation was made by Councilman Taylor and seconded by Councilman Biering. The motion carried unanimously.

Please watch the video stream available at the link below to view the full presentation.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1JMpIHpE_Mw&t=3740s

Appearances & Public Presentations

A. Representative Robby Robbins

B. Presentation - Crawford Moore

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Administrator's Briefing

Please see the attached presentation from Dr. David Greene. For the full discussion please see the link below.

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Public Hearing

Dr. Flowers made a motion to open Public Hearing. Councilman Taylor seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

- A. **Ordinance 24-O-07, Authorizing Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, As Amended, The Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, By and Between Colleton County, South Carolina and Sand Ridge Solar, LLC, A Company Formerly Known to the County as Project Bobcat, as Sponsor, to Provide for a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Incentive and Certain Special Source Revenue Credits; To Further Amend the Multi-County Industrial/Business Park Agreement Between Colleton County, South Carolina and Hampton County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Jointly Owned and Operated Industrial/Business Park, So as to Include Property in Colleton County as Part of the Park; And Other Related Matters.**
- B. **Ordinance 24-O-08, Authorizing the County to Borrow \$2,300,000 on Behalf of the Lowcountry Regional Airport Through the USDA Rural Development Loan Program for the Construction of a New Fuel Farm and Two T-Hanger Units at the Lowcountry Regional Airport.**
- C. **Resolution 24-R-46, to Establish Millage for School Operations for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Year.**

Phillip Rizer spoke against approving the increase in millage for school operations for fiscal year 24-25 budget year.

Superintendent Jessica Williams gave supporting information and thanked the council for their collaboration and consideration in increasing the millage for school operations for fiscal year 24-25 budget year.

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

Old Business

- A. 3rd Reading Ordinance 24-O-07, Authorizing Pursuant To Title 12, Chapter 44 Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina 1976, As Amended, The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, By And Between Colleton County, South Carolina And Sand Ridge Solar, LLC, A Company Formerly Known To The County As Project Bobcat, As Sponsor, To Provide For A Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Incentive And Certain Special Source Revenue Credits; To Further Amend The Multi-County Industrial/Business Park Agreement Between Colleton County, South Carolina And Hampton County, South Carolina, Providing For The Development Of A Jointly Owned And Operated Industrial/Business Park, So As To Include Property In Colleton County As Part Of The Park; And Other Related Matters**

Councilman Biering moved to approve 3rd Reading Ordinance 24-O-07, Authorizing Pursuant To Title 12, Chapter 44 Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina 1976, As Amended, The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, By And Between Colleton County, South Carolina And Sand Ridge Solar, LLC, A Company Formerly Known To The County As Project Bobcat, As Sponsor, To Provide For A Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Incentive And Certain Special Source Revenue Credits; To Further Amend The Multi-County Industrial/Business Park Agreement Between Colleton County, South Carolina And Hampton County, South Carolina, Providing For The Development Of A Jointly Owned And Operated Industrial/Business Park, So As To Include Property In Colleton County As Part Of The Park; And Other Related Matters. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe. The motion carried 4 to 1 with Councilman Taylor opposed.

- B. 2nd Reading Ordinance 24-R-24-O-09, To Amend Ordinance 93-O-29 to Change the Name of the Colleton County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs to Colleton Cares**

Councilman Biering moved to approve 2nd Reading Ordinance 24-O-09, To Amend Ordinance 93-O-29 to Change the Name of the Colleton County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs

to Colleton Cares The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe. The motion carried unanimously.

C. 2nd Reading Ordinance 24-R-10, Authorizing Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as Amended, the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, By and Between Colleton County, South Carolina and Project Sun, as Sponsor, and One or More Sponsor Affiliates, to Provide for a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Incentive and Certain Special Source Revenue Credits for the Benefit of a Project in the County; to Further Amend the Multi-County Industrial/Business Park Agreement Between Colleton County, South Carolina and Hampton County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Jointly Owned and Operated Industrial/Business Park, so as to Include Additional Property in Colleton County as Part of the Park; Providing for the Allocation of Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes Paid by Project Sun, Under the Agreement for Establishment of Multi-County Industrial/Business Park; and Other Related Matters

Councilman Trippe moved to approve 2nd Reading Ordinance 24-R-10, Authorizing Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as Amended, the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, By and Between Colleton County, South Carolina and Project Sun, as Sponsor, and One or More Sponsor Affiliates, to Provide for a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Incentive and Certain Special Source Revenue Credits for the Benefit of a Project in the County; to Further Amend the Multi-County Industrial/Business Park Agreement Between Colleton County, South Carolina and Hampton County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Jointly Owned and Operated Industrial/Business Park, so as to Include Additional Property in Colleton County as Part of the Park; Providing for the Allocation of Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes Paid by Project Sun, Under the Agreement for Establishment of Multi-County Industrial/Business Park; and Other Related Matters. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe. The motion carried 4 to 1 with Councilman Taylor opposed.

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New Business

A. Discussion – County Holiday Schedule

Dr. Flowers moved to table the discussion on the County Holiday Schedule. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe. The motion carried unanimously.

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B. 1st Reading, Ordinance 24-O-12, To Ratify FY21 Grant And Budget Resolutions And Related Appropriations For All Funds; To Ratify Transfer And Other Resolutions Previously Authorized By Council; And Other Matters Related Thereto

Councilman Taylor moved to approve 1st Reading, Ordinance 24-O-12, To Ratify FY21 Grant And Budget Resolutions And Related Appropriations For All Funds; To Ratify Transfer And Other Resolutions Previously Authorized By Council; And Other Matters Related Thereto. The motion was seconded by Dr. Flowers. The motion carried unanimously.

C. 1st Reading Ordinance 24-O-13, By Title Only, Authorizing Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code Of Laws of South Carolina 1976, As Amended, (1) The Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, By and Between Colleton County, South Carolina and a Company Known to the County as Project Ironsides, as Sponsor, To Provide for a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Incentive and Certain Special Source Revenue Credits; (2) The Enlargement of the Boundaries of a Multi-County Industrial or Business Park Previously Created by Colleton County and Hampton County to include Certain Property Located in Colleton County, South Carolina now or to be Hereafter Owned and/or Operated by Project Ironsides, or one or More Companies Related Thereto; and (3) Other Related Matters

Councilman Taylor moved to approve 1st Reading Ordinance 24-O-13, By Title Only, Authorizing Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code Of Laws of South Carolina 1976, As Amended, (1) The Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, By and Between Colleton County, South Carolina and a Company Known to the County as Project Ironsides, as Sponsor, To Provide for a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Incentive and Certain Special Source Revenue Credits; (2) The Enlargement of the Boundaries of a Multi-County Industrial or Business Park Previously Created by Colleton County and Hampton County to include Certain Property Located in Colleton County, South Carolina now or to be Hereafter Owned and/or Operated by Project Ironsides, or one or More Companies Related Thereto; and (3) Other Related Matters. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe. The motion carried unanimously.

D. 1st Reading Ordinance 24-O-14, By Title Only, To Authorize the Rezoning of a 12.1 Acre Parcel Located on Oswald Court, Identified as T.M.S. No. 131-16-00-114, from Residential Suburban (RS) to Urban Development – 1 (UD-1)

Councilman Taylor moved to approve 1st Reading Ordinance 24-O-14, By Title Only, To Authorize the Rezoning of a 12.1 Acre Parcel Located on Oswald Court, Identified as T.M.S. No. 131-16-00-114, from Residential Suburban (RS) to Urban Development – 1 (UD-1). The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering. The motion carried unanimously.

E. 1st Reading Ordinance 24-O-15, By Title Only, Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Colleton County, South Carolina, Hospitality and Accommodations Fee Revenue Bonds (Ag Exposition Center Project), Series 2024 in the Principal Amount of Not to Exceed

\$4,000,000; To Prescribe the Purposes for Which the Proceeds Shall be Expended; To Provide for the Payment Thereof; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

Councilman Trippe moved to approve 1st Reading Ordinance 24-O-15, By Title Only, Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Colleton County, South Carolina, Hospitality and Accommodations Fee Revenue Bonds (Ag Exposition Center Project), Series 2024 in the Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$4,000,000; To Prescribe the Purposes for Which the Proceeds Shall be Expended; To Provide for the Payment Thereof; And Other Matters Relating Thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Resolution 24-R-46, To Establish Millage for School Operations for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget Year

Councilman Taylor moved to approve Resolution 24-R-46, to Establish Millage for School Operations for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget Year. The motion was seconded by Chairman Murdaugh. The motion failed 2 to 3. Dr. Flowers, Councilman Trippe, and Councilman Biering were opposed.

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G. Resolution 24-R-47, To Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Various Grants for FY 2024-2025

Councilman Trippe moved to approve Resolution 24-R-47, To Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Various Grants for FY 2024-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Flowers and the motion was carried unanimously.

H. Resolution 24-R-48, To Authorize the Addition of Three Floater Positions within Colleton County Fire-Rescue

Councilman Taylor moved to approve Resolution 24-R-48, To Authorize the Addition of Three Floater Positions within Colleton County Fire-Rescue. The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering and the motion carried unanimously.

I. Resolution 24-R-49, to Waive Solid Waste Construction and Debris Landfill Fees related to Tropical Storm Debby

Dr. Flowers moved to approve Resolution 24-R-49, to Waive Solid Waste Construction and Debris Landfill Fees related to Tropical Storm Debby. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe and the motion carried unanimously.

J. Resolution 24-R-50, To Authorize the Council Clerk to Advertise for Board Vacancies

Councilman Biering moved to approve Resolution 24-R-50, To Authorize the Council Clerk to Advertise for Board Vacancies. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe and the motion carried unanimously.

K. Resolution 24-R-51, to Appoint Members to Board Vacancies

Dr. Flowers moved to approve Resolution 24-R-51, to Appoint Members to Board Vacancies. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

Chairperson Sharon Witkin and Superintendent Jessica Williams comments were taken.

For further information please visit the link below.

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Council Time

No action was taken. Please see the link below to view the full discussion.

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Executive Session

Councilman Taylor moved to go into executive session to discuss the following: Real Estate – Discussion of road closures, School District Millage Request, and Personnel – Fire-Rescue. Dr Flowers seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Councilman Taylor moved to exit executive session. Councilman Biering seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

No action taken.

Adjournment

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

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County Council Meeting
August 27, 2024

This 1st day of October, 2024.



Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

ATTEST:



Kaela Brinson, Clerk to Council

TS Debby Recovery

27 August 2024



Two General Types of FEMA Assistance

Public Assistance (PA) - provides reimbursement to local, tribal and state government agencies and certain non profit organizations for the costs of emergency response, debris removal and restoration of disaster-damaged public facilities and infrastructure.

Individual Assistance (IA) - refers to FEMA's Individuals and Households Program. Homeowners and renters may be eligible for federal help to defray the costs of damage or losses they incurred as a result of a declared disaster.

Emergency Declaration

Received on August 5, 2024

Provides Public Assistance (PA) - Category B - emergency protective measures, limited to direct Federal assistance and reimbursement for mass care including evacuation and shelter support at 75 percent federal funding

DECLARED AUGUST 5, 2024

SUMMARY

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| STATE | South Carolina |
| INCIDENT NUMBER | FEMA-MDA-FM |
| INCIDENT | Hurricane Debby |
| INCIDENT PERIOD | August 4, 2024, and continuing |
| DATE REQUESTED BY GOVERNOR | August 4, 2024 |
| FEDERAL COORDINATING OFFICER | Scott H. How and National FCO Program |

DISASTERS AND TYPES OF ASSISTANCE.

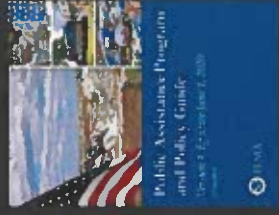
The Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is authorized to provide appropriate assistance for proposed emergency measures and public health and safety for the disaster areas the areas of a catastrophe in the designated area.

FEMA is authorized to provide Public Assistance (PA) emergency services to measures limited to direct Federal assistance and reimbursement for mass care including evacuation and shelter support at 75 percent federal funding for the counties of Abbeville, Anderson, Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Chesterfield, Columbia, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Greenwood, Hampton, Horry, Marion, McCormick, Oconee, Oconee, Pickens, Richland, Saluda, Sumter, and Wilkesmire.

FEMA is also authorized to provide Public Assistance Category B emergency protective measures limited to direct federal assistance for the counties of Abbeville, Anderson, Chester, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Greenwood, Pickens, Spartanburg, Sumter, and York.

OTHER: Additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the state and warranted by the results of future operations.

Note: This is an emergency declaration.



Additional Public Assistance (PA)

County Government must meet County FEMA threshold \$177,578,40

State Government must meet State FEMA threshold \$9,477,902.00

SCEMD estimates that we are likely to exceed both thresholds

Not a blank check for PA expenses (75%)

Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide (PAPPG)

Mosquito Abatement - requires "government public health official validates in writing that a mosquito population poses a specific health threat." FEMA consults with CDC.

Individual Assistance (IA)

The provision of IA by FEMA requires a Disaster Declaration (not an Emergency Declaration for PA)

Local Initial Damage Assessments (LIDA) - data sent to SCEMD

SCEMD Compiles LIDA's from all counties impacted

SCEMD/FEMA/Colleton Joint Preliminary Disaster Assessment (JPDA)

If President Includes Colleton County in Disaster Declaration, FEMA programs may become available

Based on JPDA, FEMA will return validated information to the state, to decide if a Disaster Declaration request from the Governor to the President is warranted

We are here

Individual Assistance (IA)

FEMA has no "real" threshold for IA, but looking for widespread damage

FEMA generally provides assistance to owner-occupied, uninsured residences

FEMA Programs that may become available could be Rental Assistance or reimbursement for hotel costs, Temporary Housing Units, "funds to support repair or replacement of household's primary residence," Disaster Unemployment Assistance, Disaster Legal Services, Crisis Counseling, Disaster Case Management.

Generally financial assistance is distributed in the form of

- Small Business Administration (SBA) Loans
- IA Grants (max. \$42,500 <1% of applicants, average award \$1,500)
- FEMA assistance "not designed to make you whole"

Field Recovery Efforts

Distributed 277 clean out/muck out buckets from Salvation Army from Station 36 (only 91 went to addresses in the Edisto River corridor)

VOAD's - Southern Baptists Disaster Relief (SBDRL) and Team Rubicon (TR) have been active in the community since Monday, August 12th

TR demobilized on 8/21 and SBDRL downsized on 8/22

Damage Assessments are ongoing (for both FEMA and VOAD's)

Current Status of Damaged Colleton Residences

| Damage* | # | 2nd Home | SBDR | IR | No Assistance Needed |
|---------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|
| Affected | 108 | 11 | 3 | 30 | 31 |
| Minor | 68 | 19 | 15 | 11 | 17 |
| Major | 56 | 15 | 7 | 6 | 15 |
| Destroyed | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| TOTAL: | 234 | 45 | 25 | 48 | 65 |

*These numbers include 25 homes on Edisto Beach with Tornado Damage