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AGENDA  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Monday, September 12, 2016

3:00 p.m.

Executive Conference Room, Administration Building  
Beaufort County Government Robert Smalls Complex  
100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort

Committee Members:

Jerry Stewart, Chairman  
Gerald Dawson  
Brian Flewelling  
William McBride  
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1. CALL TO ORDER – 3:00 P.M.
2. DISCUSSION / MOTOR VEHICLE TAXATION PROCESS / ANNUAL TAXATION PROCESS PROTOCOL ([backup](#))
3. DISCUSSION / OUTSIDE GROUPS MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO COUNTY BOARDS ([backup](#))
4. BRIEFING / STATUS OF SALARY AND COMPENSATION STUDY
5. INITIAL DISCUSSION / DEVELOPMENT OF LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN
6. ADJOURNMENT

2016 Strategic Plan Committee Assignments  
Capital Project Sales Tax  
Long-Term County Offices Plan / Strategy



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## **Taxation Process**

The following is a summary of the electronic processes and the review of those processes when generating a tax roll. For the purposes of the below summary, "module" refers to a work area within the Aumentum software and the titles of each process shown are how they are titled in Aumentum.

### **Motor Vehicle Taxation Process**

*This process works best when all vehicles have a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) schematic set up in Aumentum. Without a VIN schematic this process will always be deficient.*

- 1) **PPA Import Unit Loader/Interface Queue Process** – Performed by the Auditor's Office. This is the importing of the file from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).
- 2) **Batch Valuation** – Performed by the Auditor's Office. This is the application of the vehicle values obtained from the Department of Revenue (DOR).
- 3) **Batch Tagging** – Performed by the Auditor's Office. This is the application of a Tax Authority Group (TAG) to vehicles that do not have a TAG assignment
  - a. Verify every vehicle was assigned a TAG correctly
- 4) **Batch Posting** – Performed by the Auditor's Office. The posting of all the values that have been entered or imported
  - a. Verify the addresses are complete and accurate
  - b. Verify the values tie to the DOR values
- 5) **Annual Assessment Build** – Performed by the Auditor's Office. Each of the steps taken in Aumentum to build the vehicle assessment roll.
  - a. Verify the quantity of accounts are consistent and reconcile to the previous process
  - b. Verify the total values are consistent
- 6) **Closing Cadastre** – Performed by the Auditor's Office. The listing of vehicles is associated with the values assigned by the Auditor.
- 7) **Annual Levy Value Build** – Performed by the Auditor's Office. The creation of the tax roll ID.
  - a. Verify the tax roll ID has been created
- 8) **Annual Tax Roll Processing** – Performed by the Auditor's Office. The creation and compilation of the tax roll; including the application of the millage to the value assigned by the Auditor, the calculation of the taxes due and the assignment of those taxes to the vehicles.
  - a. Perform a reasonableness test to ensure the tax dollars calculated per TAG appear correct
  - b. Verify the quantity of accounts are consistent and reconcile to the previous process
  - c. Verify the total dollars are consistent
- 9) **Tax Roll Post** – Performed by the Auditor's Office. The duplication of the tax roll from the assessment module to the Treasurer's accounts receivable module making the taxes available to the Treasurer's Office for collection. This is the assignment of the duplicate.
  - a. Perform a reasonableness test to ensure the tax dollars calculated per TAG appear correct
  - b. Verify the quantity of accounts are consistent and reconcile to the previous process

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- 10) **After Tax Roll Post, Before Collecting** – Performed by the Treasurer’s Office prior to the next eGov update.
  - a. Perform a reasonableness test to ensure the tax dollars calculated appear accurate
- 11) **Mass Bill Export** – Performed by the Treasurer’s Office. The creation of the XML file which takes the data from the tax roll and puts it into a useable file format for printing.
  - a. Auditor: Compare the XML to the tax roll and verify they are consistent
- 12) **XML sent to print vendor to generate the hardcopy Tax bill** – Performed by the Treasurer’s Office.
- 13) **Bill proofs are received for review**
  - a. Treasurer: Review and reconcile counts back to the tax roll, and approve
  - b. Auditor: Review and reconcile counts back to the tax roll, and approve
- 14) **After both departments approve, the Treasurer’s Office approves the distribution of the tax bills with the print vendor.**

## Annual Taxation Process

- 1) **Batch Valuation (Personal Property)** – Performed by the Auditor’s Office. This is the application of the values obtained from various state agencies and those determined by the Auditor’s Office.
- 2) **Batch Tagging (Personal Property)** – Performed by the Auditor’s Office. This is the application of a Tax Authority Group (TAG) to assets that do not have a TAG assignment
  - a. Verify every asset was assigned a TAG correctly
- 3) **Batch Posting (Personal Property)** – Performed by the Auditor’s Office. The posting of all the values that have been entered or imported
  - a. Verify that imported mailing addresses were imported correctly
  - b. Verify the values and ensure all assets have a value
- 4) **Proval Interface (Real Property)** – Performed by the Assessor’s Office. The transferring of real property values from Proval to Aumentum.
  - a. Verify the values from Proval equal those in Aumentum
- 5) **Apply special assessments** – Performed by the Auditor’s Office.
  - a. Verify the quantity of accounts with a fee match the taxing authority’s request
  - b. Perform a reasonableness test to ensure the fees are calculating and have been applied property
- 6) **Annual Assessment Build (Personal Property)** – Performed by the Auditor’s Office. Each of the steps taken in Aumentum to build the assessment roll.
  - a. Verify the quantity of accounts are consistent
  - b. Verify the total dollars are consistent
- 7) **Annual Assessment Build (Real Property)** – Performed by the Assessor’s Office. Each of the steps taken in Aumentum to build the assessment roll.
  - a. Verify the quantity of accounts are consistent
  - b. Verify the total dollars are consistent

- 8) **Closing Cadastre (Personal Property)** – Performed by the Auditor’s Office. The assets are associated with the values assigned by the Auditor.
- 9) **Closing Cadastre (Real Property)** – Performed by the Assessor’s Office. The assets are associated with the values assigned by the Assessor.
- 10) **Annual Levy Value Build** – Performed by the Auditor’s Office. The creation of the tax roll ID.
  - a. Verify the tax roll ID has been created
- 11) **Annual Tax Roll Processing** – Performed by the Auditor’s Office. The creation and compilation of the tax roll; including the application of the millage to the value assigned by the Auditor, the calculation of the taxes due and the assignment of those taxes.
  - a. Perform a reasonableness test to ensure the tax dollars calculated per TAG appear correct
  - b. Verify the quantity of accounts are consistent
- 12) **Tax Roll Post** – Performed by the Auditor’s Office. The duplication of the tax roll from the assessment module to the Treasurer’s accounts receivable module making the taxes available to the Treasurer’s Office for collection. This is the assignment of the duplicate.
  - a. Perform a reasonableness test to ensure the tax dollars calculated appear correct
  - b. Verify the quantity of accounts are consistent
  - c. Verify the total dollars are consistent
- 13) **After Tax Roll Post, Before Collecting** – Performed by the Treasurer’s Office.
  - a. Perform a reasonableness test to ensure the tax dollars calculated appear correct
  - b. Verify the quantity of accounts are consistent
  - c. Verify the total dollars are consistent
- 14) **Billing method identification** – Performed by the Treasurer’s Office.
  - a. Installment payments applied and verified against dollars received
  - b. Verify all lender codes have been applied
  - c. Identify bulk back and suppression accounts
  - d. Any other billing identification
- 15) **Mass Bill Export** – Performed by the Treasurer’s Office. The creation of the XML file which takes the data from the tax roll and puts it into a useable file format for printing.
  - a. Auditor: Compare the XML to the tax roll and verify they are consistent
  - b. Treasurer: Verify lender identification
- 16) **XML sent to print vendor to generate the tax bills** – Performed by the Treasurer’s Office.
- 17) **Bill proofs are received for review**
  - a. Treasurer: Review and reconcile counts back to the tax roll, and approve
  - b. Auditor: Review and reconcile counts back to the tax roll, and approve
  - c. Assessor: Review and approve
- 18) **After all departments approve, the Treasurer’s Office approves the distribution of the tax bills with the print vendor.**

## Boards and Commissions Appointment Process

### Class I - Courtesy

**Definition:** Nominations to fill positions that are:

- District specific - Council defers, as a courtesy, to the Council member from the District.
- Organization specific - Council, by ordinance, has invited organizations to select representative
- Fire Districts - Council defers, as a courtesy, to the Council members from the area covered

**Process:**

- Nominations received by Clerk to Council
- Noticed on Administrative Consent Agenda as nominated
- Lie of the table until the next Council meeting
- Appointed at next Council meeting unless motion and eight votes not to appoint

#### Council District Specific

- County Transportation Committee = 11
- Library Board = 11
- Rural and Critical Lands Board = 11
- Southern Corridor Beautification Board = 7 (Council Districts 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11)
- Tax Equalization Board = 11

Totals: 51 Appointments

#### Geographic Specific

- Bluffton Township Fire District Board = 6 (Council Districts 5, 6, 7, 8, 9)
- Burton Fire District Commission = 5 (Council Districts 4, 5)
- Daufuskie Island Fire District Board = 5 (Council District 9)
- Lady's Is/St. Helena Is Fire District Commission = 5 (Council Districts 2, 3)
- Sheldon Township Fire District Board = 7 (Council District 1)
- Solid Waste Recycling Board = 5 (Solid Waste Districts 5, 6, 7, 8, 9)
- Stormwater Management Utility Board = 6 (Storm District 5, 6, 7, 8, 9)

Totals: 39 Appointments

#### Organization Specific

- Airports Board = 2
  - Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce
  - Hilton Head Island Town Council
- Bluffton Township Fire District Board = 1
  - Bluffton Town Council
- Southern Corridor Beautification Board = 2
  - Bluffton Town Council
  - Hilton Head Island Town Council

Totals: 5 Appointments

### Class II - Regular

**Definition:** Non-Privileged / all others

**Process:** Nominations would follow the current practice

#### Regular / All Others

- Accommodations Tax (2% State) Board = 7
- Airports Board = 9
- Alcohol and Drug Abuse Board = 7
- Beaufort / Jasper Economic Opportunity Authority = 1
- Beaufort / Jasper Water and Sewer Authority = 3
- Beaufort Memorial Hospital Board = 9
- Children's Foster Care Review Board = 3
- Construction Adjustments and Appeals Board = 7
- Design Review Board = 7
- Disabilities and Special Needs Board = 11
- Historic Preservation Review Board = 7
- Lowcountry Council of Governments = 2
- Lowcountry Regional Transportation Authority = 3
- Parks and Leisure Services Board = 7
- Planning Commission = 9
- Stormwater Board = 1
- Tax Equalization Board = 4
- Zoning Board of Appeals = 7

Totals: 104 Appointments

### Class III - Inactive

**Definition:** Inactive

- Coastal Zone Management = 1
- Forestry Commission = 5
- Social Services Board = 5

Totals: 11 Appointments