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AGENDA GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE (Includes Public Safety Division)

Monday, May 5, 2014

3:00 p.m.

Executive Conference Room
Administration Building, Government Center
100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort

Governmental Committee Members:

Jerry Stewart, Chairman
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Cynthia Bensch
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Gerald Dawson
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Staff Liaison:

Phil Foot, Division Director

1. CALL TO ORDER – 3:00 P.M
2. UPDATE / ANIMAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ([backup](#))
3. A RESOLUTION TO COMMISSION ANIMAL SERVICE OFFICER TO ENFORCE BEAUFORT COUNTY ANIMAL ORDINANCES FOR BEAUFORT COUNTY PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN SECTION 4-9-145 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976 AS AMENDED ([backup](#))
4. UPDATE / CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT ([backup](#))
5. DISCUSSION / BUSINESS LICENSE REVENUE AND RATES ([backup](#))
6. ADJOURNMENT

2014 Strategic Plan: Committee Assignments

Business License Fee: Direction

Business Retention and Growth Program: Development and Funding

Economic Development Sites Report (Lowcountry Alliance)

Designated Funding Mechanism for Economic Development: Direction

Lowcountry Economic Alliance: Performance/Activity Report and Funding

Referendum(s) 2014 (Capital, LOST, and Rural and Critical Lands): Direction



Beaufort County Animal Services

2014

REDUCE CAMPAIGN



If you **REDUCE** overpopulation, then you
will **REDUCE** euthanasia, disease, and
cost.

Join our campaign!

REDUCE

Overpopulation

Euthanasia

Owner Surrendered

Disease

Bite cases

Cruelty/Abuse

Rescue-Rehabilitate-Relocate



Hilton Head Humane Association and
Sheldon Animal Rescue have made it
possible to **REDUCE** overpopulation by
fixing the problem.



Hilton Head Humane Association's
Lowcountry Spay Neuter Clinic



Feral Cats:

Hilton Head Humane
saved tax payers
\$80,000

by spaying/neutering
1,127 feral cats.

This prevented the
birth of more than 5,000
feral cats.



2013 Statistics

- Intake Canines 1,862
- Intake Felines 2,576
- Intake Total 4,537
- Transferred to Rescue 1,436
- Returned to Owner 653
- Adopted 741

2013 Statistics

- Euthanasia Canines 16%
- Euthanasia Felines 36%
- Euthanasia Total 27%
- Live Release Canines 80%
- Live Release Felines 58%
- Live Release Total 66%

Why do we **NEED** a new facility?
To **REDUCE** disease and cost.



Dog Holding Area

- Holding capacity - 10 kennels
- Building constructed in 1978





The Dog
Holding
Area
is
beyond
repair.

The new facility will help **REDUCE** euthanasia of animals needing behavior modification.





The Clinic

BEAUFORT 
COUNTY

Beaufort County Detention Center inmates help with cleaning and training.





Our feral dog
rehabilitation is
successful.



Operation Saving Jake is working with Beaufort County to identify potential animals for wounded Veterans.



RESOLUTION 2014 /

A RESOLUTION TO COMMISSION ANIMAL SERVICE OFFICER TO ENFORCE BEAUFORT COUNTY ANIMAL ORDINANCES FOR BEAUFORT COUNTY PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN SECTION 4-9-145 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976 AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, Beaufort County Council may appoint and commission as many animal service officers as may be necessary for proper security, general welfare and convenience of the County; and

WHEREAS, each candidate for appointment as a Beaufort County Animal Service Officer has completed training and whatever certification may be necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Beaufort County, South Carolina that:

1. County Council hereby appoints and commissions the following individual as Animal Service Officer for Beaufort County:

Ryan E. Witte, Beaufort County Animal Services

2. Each Animal Service Officer shall present the appropriate certificate to a duly-appointed magistrate for Beaufort County to take the oath of office prior to any official action as an Animal Service Officer.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2014.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

By: _____
D. Paul Sommerville, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Joshua A. Gruber, Staff Attorney

ATTEST:

Suzanne M. Rainey, Clerk to Council

CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT



OUR GOALS

- Keep Beaufort County beautiful.
- Educate our citizens about our ordinances.



OUR WORK

Officers patrol all areas of Beaufort County on a daily basis to ensure compliance with our county ordinances.



OUR NOTICES

Door hangers have been created to give us a chance to speak with and educate the citizens regarding an ordinance they might be violating.



TEAM WORK

Our department has worked closely with Broadcast Services to provide this public service announcement along with a few did you knows.



RESOLUTION

BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING MECHANISMS

This proposal comes with the support of the Greater Beaufort Hilton Head Economic Partnership. County Council is requested to consider as part of this years budget cycle changing the means by which economic development is funded from general funds and CIP funding to a source with a nexus to business activity, specifically to business license fee revenues.

Background and Current Funding: For many years funding for economic development has been provided from the Beaufort County General Fund. The funding level was \$270,000 at the time the Greater Beaufort – Hilton Head Economic Development Partnership (the “Partnership”) was created and has remained unchanged for several years. The Partnership has been successful in leveraging County funds by several means including (i) direct contributions to the Partnership by non-county entities, in kind contributions, contributions for specific marketing projects from utilities, by convincing private owners to pay for the certification analysis of the Yemassee Industrial Park and the Beaufort Industrial Park and by attracting grant funding to Beaufort County. Just last week, The Partnership completed commitments from Utilities to fund \$15,000 for the development of collateral marketing materials. Beaufort County has committed \$1,000,000 as part of a package of state, federal and local funds to support the infrastructure required for a specific prospect in the Bluffton Tech Park. These funds are anticipated to come from a CIP borrowing.

Funding Requirements: In cooperation with other funding sources and grants, it is anticipated that Beaufort County will need to assist in the development of product to support Economic Development. This product will include properly zoned land, provision of infrastructure, buy down of impact fees and perhaps the construction of speculative buildings ready for upfit and occupancy. It is difficult to predict the exact amount of funding at this time since projects and products are just now being identified. However, it is prudent that County Council consider means by which funds can be secured for the purposes.

Evidence of Commitment: There remains some concern on that Beaufort County is not committed to creating well paying jobs and diversifying its tax base. The implementation of this approach and the creation of a dedicated funding source will bolster the message being that Beaufort County is committed to economic development.

Proposed Funding Approach. The nexus between Economic Development and Business Activity is apparent. What is less readily apparent is that a significant portion of business done in Beaufort County is by business not located within the County. We also propose that a portion of increased business license fee collections be set aside in a fund to be used for Economic Development at the discretion of County Council. We recommend that an amount equal to 80% of the increase in collections be used to create a fund for economic development. As an

example, if Business License Fees for the past year totaled \$440,000 and for the current year the collections are \$500,000, then the funds would be distributed as follows:

1. \$270,000 to fund economic development via the Partnership;
2. \$170,000 to the County general fund;
3. 50% of the balance to the County general fund;
4. 50% of the balance to a County reserve fund to be used at the discretion of Council for economic development.

Use of Funds: County Council would retain complete control over the reserve funds.

Adopted this 11th day of April, 2005.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

By: 

Wm. Weston J. Newton, Chairman

ATTEST:



Suzanne M. Rainey, Clerk to Council