

**AMENDED AGENDA
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023**

6:00 P.M.

COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD JAIL BUILDING

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a) Regular Meeting, April 4, 2023
 - b) Public Health Committee Meeting, April 10, 2023
5. Awards and Recognitions
 - a) Proclamation for Colleton County Council's Support of the Edisto Natchez-Kusso Indian Tribe in their efforts to obtain Federal Recognition
6. Appearances & Public Presentations
7. Administrator's Briefing
8. Public Hearing
 - a) 2023 Community Development Block Grant - Regional Planning Grant Application
9. Old Business
 - a) 2nd Reading Ordinance 23-O-08 To Provide for the Levy of Taxes in Colleton County, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 to Provide for All Other Appropriations Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto
10. New Business
 - a) 1st Reading Ordinance 23-O-09, By Title Only, An Ordinance to Adopt Title 5 – Business Licenses & Regulations, Chapter 5.04 – Late Night Establishments Preclearance, of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances
 - b) Resolution 23-R-29, To Award the Contract for the Harrelson Building Technology Department Improvements Project
 - c) Resolution 23-R-30, To Reschedule the July County Council Meeting and Cancel the August County Council Meeting

- d) Resolution 23-R-31, To Authorize the Waiver of Various Fees for the Summer 2023 Mission Serve Home Repair Program
 - e) Resolution 23-R-32, To Provide a One-Time Assistance for the Summer 2023 Mission Serve Home Repair Program
 - f) Resolution 23-R-33, To Advertise Board Vacancies
 - g) Resolution 23-R-34, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies
- 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) Legal – Opioid Litigation
 - 15. Adjournment
 - 16. Informal Meeting of the Whole

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING ON May 2, 2023

Colleton County Council will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 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. Individuals who would like to participate in public comment can do so at www.colletoncounty.org/comment.

MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023
REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.

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

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

Others Included: Kevin Griffin, Meagan Utsey, Sean Thornton, Kaela Brinson, Jon Carpenter, Barry McRoy, Joshua Rowland, Buddy Hill, Laura Clark, George Welch, Wanda Taylor, Sue Keith, Clarence Wiggins, Cornelius Hamilton, Robert Renner, Stephanie Renner, Felicia Johnson, Daniel Sturgis, and Cathy Sturgis.

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

Councilman Taylor made a motion to amend the agenda to add Legal-Opioid Litigation to Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Flowers and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

- A. Regular Meeting March 14, 2023— Councilman Taylor moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 14, 2023. The motion was seconded by Dr. Flowers, and the motion carried unanimously with Chairman Murdaugh abstaining due to not being at the meeting to attest to the accuracy of the minutes.

Awards and Recognitions

- A. The 2022 Sustained Excellence in Risk Management Award and 2nd Place Award for Best Lag Time in SC— Van Hensen, South Carolina Association of Counties

Mr. Hensen: Stated, I am Van Hensen, the director of Risk Management Services for South Carolina Association of Counties. We offer insurance trust services, and Colleton County is a member of our Worker's Compensation insurance program. Every year we have our annual membership meeting at which time we do recognitions for our counties and their accomplishments throughout the year. This past year Colleton County was recognized for two awards. The first award that was received was a "Lag Time Award." This is the period of time from when George, in Risk Management Department, knows of an incident that has occurred in Colleton County, to the time it gets reported to our adjusters. Our minimum standard is less than 3 days. The quicker we get the information, the quicker we make sure your employees get the proper care and medical treatment. This year Colleton County was tied in second place for the "Lag Time Award" with a lag time of .12 days, which is less than a quarter of a day that each

one was being submitted. That is astonishing to be able to do that. That speaks to the system that George has put into place and the communication lines he has developed with your departments. The other award that was bestowed was the 2022 Sustained Excellence in Risk Management Award. In order to be worthy of getting this award, it goes back to your whole value of work and the Risk Management Program and past history. I would be remised if I didn't state that here a couple of years ago Colleton County was recognized as the most improved county in the trust. Unfortunately, that was held in January and the pandemic hit weeks later. So, we never got the opportunity to come before Council with that, but you did receive the award in plaque format. The award that was given this year, Sustained Excellence, is exactly what it sounds like. Still meeting all the benchmarks and continuing to do great things. Risk Management in general is, in layman's terms, what we do to keep bad things from happening, and not what we do when bad things have already happened. You all have done very good in recent years, as far as getting ahead of the curve on these things to mitigate and stop problems from even arising. In recent years, you all have been proactive instead of reactive, and that is what has benefitted your county and citizens. It is very admirable on all the steps that have been made and are a good example of what Risk Management is when it works properly. Colleton County had a recent event that went on for several weeks. Being prepared for that sort of thing and making plans ahead of time out Colleton County in a very positive light on a national stage. Colleton County should be commended for a great job. I was in Georgia, and stopped in and did a walk thru during the trial. It was outstanding the way you all handled things. That is Risk Management in a nutshell. The County had the opportunity to have so many things go sideways, but you all were prepared. Lastly, obviously our employees are our number 1 asset in the county, and without them no work is getting done. So, it goes without saying that we do not want any of them to be injured, or if something does occur, we want to be able to get them back in full capacity as soon as they can. Mr. George came on with your Risk Management around 4 years ago, and since that time you have seen a very positive pattern in experienced modifier rate. A rating of 1 is what would be expected of you for your size county, and your mod. rating this past year was .84. Which means you are below that, and that means you saw a .16 percentage savings on your workers comp. premium. Once again, we want to commend you all on that. I would like to present you all with the second-place award for Best Lag Time in SC, as well as the 2022 Sustained Excellence in Risk Management Award.

***During this time, Council stepped down to take a picture with Mr. Hensen and George Welch.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, George would you like to make a few comments?

George Welch: Stated, No, sir. I will make it brief. Everything I do goes through the department heads. You all have some very good department heads.

Appearances & Public Presentations

A. SC State— Cornelius Hamilton, Acting Regional Director, 1890 Extension

*** Attached is the information that was presented.

Chairman Muddaugh: Stated, thank you Mr. Hamilton for being here tonight.

Councilman Taylor: Stated, I have a good experience that I would like to share. When I started, I could not grow a plant. I decided to do a small raised bed, and they suggested that I grow some strawberries. I started going to the classes for good handling and things of that nature. They came by and suggested a square foot method. So, I started doing some research, we were doing this in the middle of December. I put a blanket, a piece of plastic, and a heat lamp to keep them warm through the frost. I am out in California, and my son calls and asks if he can taste the strawberries. I told my son that they were not ready yet. So, I called over to 1890 and told them my son says he has strawberries. They responded with, "That boy does not have any strawberries." I called my son back and had him send me a picture of the strawberries that he was talking about. Those strawberries looked so succulent through the phone. It was almost like scratch and sniff. They taught me the way you have to do it. The strawberries they helped me grow, grew faster than the people's that we got the plants from. So, that is a success story. They do a fantastic job at teaching and helping people. I do have one question, you used to do a pig and chicken program with the kids where they could get 5-10 pigs or chickens..?

Mr. Hamilton: Stated, we do still have the resources to do that project, but we have not done that project since covid. Most recently, we have done a poultry project where a participant can get 25 one day old chicks. They raise them for 20 weeks, and then they bring back 5 for show and tell. That is how they pay for their participation.

Councilman Trippe: Stated, I am glad to see that 4-H is coming back. That used to be a big part of the community. That is a good thing, and I go to the strawberry barn to get my strawberries.

Chairman Muddaugh: Stated, what is the significance of the 1890?

Mr. Hamilton: Stated, SC State University was founded in the year 1896. 1890 is the year that the law was passed for the land-grant status to be awarded to historically black colleges and universities. So, within the extension system we refer to ourselves as 1890, and we refer to Clemson as 1862.

Chairman Muddaugh: Stated, I did not know that SC State had an extension program. Back to the reason you are here and your request for the letter of support. In some of the other counties that you do serve, do you all have any places that you co-exist in the same building?

Mr. Hamilton: Stated, we do have counties in other parts of the state where we co-exist and share facilities. We do not have any in this region. Ironically, our office is right next door to the Clemson Extension office in Hampton County. We are one cooperative extension service. We do our annual plan of work together. We do that so that we are not duplicating services.

Chairman Muddaugh: Asked, how are you marketing your participants? Are you doing that online? I understand the children would be easier to get by going through the school districts, but how are you getting adult and family participants to get involved in the farming program?

Mr. Hamilton: Stated, our adult population is a little more challenging than our youth population. We market online and through social media. We also spread the word through old school word

of mouth. A lot of times we may serve a small farmer participant and then enroll their children in our youth program.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, what is the meat-goat project?

Mr. Hamilton: Stated, it is exactly what it sounds like. It is a livestock project where they raise goats for meat. There are areas in our state and country where goats' meat is considered a delicacy. Down in the southern part of the state, eating goat is a big thing.

Councilman Biering: Stated, if we have people in our areas that want to work with you and partner with you, is that what you are looking for?

Mr. Hamilton: Stated, yes sir. The challenges that we have are when we coordinate a program and the participation is not what we expected.

Councilman Biering: Stated, ironically, I had someone approach me today looking for programs just like this. I will be in touch, thank you.

Mr. Hamilton: Stated, thank you.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, thank you Mr. Hamilton for being here. Councilman Taylor, I will say that I have served with you for many years and never seen or had any of these strawberries. We will move to Coalition for a Better Colleton, Mr. Hiram Davis. We had Mr. Davis listed to speak. I know he was unfortunately involved in an accident. Our thoughts and prayers are with him. Are there any individuals here to represent him in his absence?

Mr. Clarence Wiggins: Stated, we are going to postpone it until next month due to him being under doctors' care at this time.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, will you convey to him that our thoughts and prayers are with him during his recovery?

Administrator's Briefing

Mr. Griffin: Stated, Mr. Hamilton's budget request is our favorite kind of request. We will be more than happy to hand out letters of support. When I first came on as administrator, Mr. Taylor was involved in the 1890 program, and I got familiar with the program. He and I shared a little gardening information together. I ended up learning a lot about some equipment that I didn't know existed at that time. I also wanted to say with George and Mr. Hensen here that bringing that factor down below 1 is a really big deal. It had been above 1, almost to 2, for a while. They have done a fantastic job, not just George, but the department heads, including Meagan. I will have to call her out as well. When George is not here, Meagan is the one that has the phone. They do a fantastic job of addressing the situation as soon as it happens. That has saved the county a significant amount of money. The department heads do a really good job relaying that information. The communication at work here has really improved. The only other item that I wanted to speak on was the final reading on the Capital Project Sales Tax general obligation bond that we have tonight. I have had a lot of questions about when we will be getting going. The sale of the bonds, assuming that council approves everything tonight, will happen I believe on April 18th. Then everything will

be in place the first of May. We actually have IDC contracts out now. Indefinite Delivery Contracts for engineers and architects. Things are in motion now to start working on those projects. They will start moving along very strongly starting in May or June. I will be glad to take any questions.

Councilman Taylor: Stated, there was quite a bit of conversation on housing projects going up. Are you hearing anything?

Mr. Griffin: Stated, my understanding is that there is a project off of Mt. Carmel Road that will be annexed into the city. So, under that annexation we would not have any direct authority over it. Then there is another piece of property under contract by another large housing developer just across the street from Colleton County High School. Those are the only two that I know about.

No further comments.

Public Hearing

Councilman Taylor made a motion to move into Public Hearing. Dr. Flowers seconded that motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

- A. Ordinance 23-O-03, To Provide for the Issuance and Sale of Not to Exceed \$40,355,000 General Obligation Capital Project Sales Tax Bonds of Colleton County, South Carolina; to Prescribe the Purposes for which the Proceeds Shall be Expended; to Provide for the Payment Thereof; and Other Matters Relating Thereto**
- B. Ordinance 23-O-04, Authorizing Colleton County to Join with the Walterboro - Colleton County Airport Commission and the City of Walterboro in Conveying 26.5 Acres of a Portion of Real Property Identified by T.M.S. No. 132-00-00-018 to Fuller Properties, LLC**
- C. Ordinance 23-O-05, To Authorize the Rezoning of a 20 Acre Parcel Located at 2824 Jefferies Highway, Identified as T.M.S. No. 132-00-00-054, from Urban Development – 1 (UD-1) to Urban Development – 2 (UD-2)**
- D. Ordinance 23-O-06, To Amend Chapter 13, Section 13.04.010 of the Colleton County Code of Laws to Provide for the Adoption of Certain Updated Codes as Mandated by State Law**

No comments were made. Dr. Flowers made a motion to close Public Hearing. Councilman Taylor seconded that motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

- A. 3rd Reading Ordinance 23-O-03, To Provide for the Issuance and Sale of Not to Exceed \$40,355,000 General Obligation Capital Project Sales Tax Bonds of Colleton County, South Carolina; to Prescribe the Purposes for which the Proceeds Shall be Expended; to Provide for the Payment Thereof; and Other Matters Relating Thereto**

Dr. Flowers moved to approve the 3rd Reading Ordinance 23-O-03, By Title Only, To Provide for the Issuance and Sale of Not to Exceed \$40,355,000 General Obligation Capital Project Sales Tax Bonds of Colleton County, South Carolina; 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 Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

B. 3rd Reading Ordinance 23-O-04, By Title Only, Authorizing Colleton County to Join with the Walterboro - Colleton County Airport Commission and the City of Walterboro in Conveying 26.5 Acres of a Portion of Real Property Identified by T.M.S. No. 132-00-00-018 to Fuller Properties, LLC

Councilman Taylor moved to approve the 3rd Reading Ordinance 1st Reading Ordinance 23-O-04, By Title Only, Authorizing Colleton County to Join with the Walterboro - Colleton County Airport Commission and the City of Walterboro in Conveying 26.5 Acres of a Portion of Real Property Identified by T.M.S. No. 132-00-00-018 to Fuller Properties, LLC. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe. The motion carried unanimously.

C. 3rd Reading Ordinance 23-O-05, To Authorize the Rezoning of a 20 Acre Parcel Located at 2824 Jefferies Highway, Identified as T.M.S. No. 132-00-00-054.000, from Urban Development – 1 (UD-1) to Urban Development – 2 (UD-2).

Dr. Flowers moved to approve the 3rd Reading Ordinance 23-O-05, To Authorize the Rezoning of a 20 Acre Parcel Located at 2824 Jefferies Highway, Identified as T.M.S. No. 132-00-00-054.000, from Urban Development – 1 (UD-1) to Urban Development – 2 (UD-2). The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering. The motion carried unanimously.

D. 3rd Reading Ordinance 23-O-06, To Amend Chapter 13, Section 13.04.010 of the Colleton County Code of Laws to Provide for the Adoption of Certain Updated Codes as Mandated by State Law

Councilman Taylor moved to approve the 3rd Reading Ordinance 23-O-06, To Amend Chapter 13, Section 13.04.010 of the Colleton County Code of Laws to Provide for the Adoption of Certain Updated Codes as Mandated by State Law. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe. The motion carried unanimously.

E. 2nd Reading Ordinance 23-O-07, Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Tax Agreement by and between Colleton County and Pomega Energy Storage Technologies, Inc., Including Any Related or Affiliated Entities and Any Sponsor Affiliates, Whereby Colleton County will enter into a Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes Arrangement with Pomega Energy Storage Technologies, Inc.; Providing for Payment by Pomega Energy Storage Technologies, Inc. of Certain Fees in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes; Providing for Certain Special Source Revenue or Infrastructure 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

Additional Property in Colleton County as Part of the Park; Providing for the Allocation of Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes Paid by Pomega Energy Storage Technologies, Inc., Under the Agreement for Establishment of Multi-County Industrial/Business Park; and Other Matters Relating Thereto

Dr. Flowers moved to approve 2nd Reading Ordinance 23-O-07, Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Tax Agreement by and between Colleton County and Pomega Energy Storage Technologies, Inc., Including Any Related or Affiliated Entities and Any Sponsor Affiliates, Whereby Colleton County will enter into a Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes Arrangement with Pomega Energy Storage Technologies, Inc.; Providing for Payment by Pomega Energy Storage Technologies, Inc. of Certain Fees in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes; Providing for Certain Special Source Revenue or Infrastructure 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 Additional Property in Colleton County as Part of the Park; Providing for the Allocation of Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes Paid by Pomega Energy Storage Technologies, Inc., Under the Agreement for Establishment of Multi-County Industrial/Business Park; and Other Matters Relating Thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

A. 1st Reading Ordinance 23-O-08, By Title Only, To Provide for the Levy of Taxes in Colleton County, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 to Provide for All Other Appropriations Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto

Councilman Taylor moved to approve Ordinance 23-O-08, By Title Only, to Provide for the Levy of Taxes in Colleton County, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 to Provide for All Other Appropriations Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution 23-R-24, To Accept the Grant for the Colleton County Summer Feeding Program for 2023

Councilman Taylor moved to approve Resolution 23-R-24, To Accept the Grant for the Colleton County Summer Feeding Program for 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Resolution 23-R-25, To Declare April Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Dr. Flowers moved to approve Resolution 23-R-25, To Declare April Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Taylor: Stated, I wanted to highlight number 4, “One in ten children will be sexually abused before their 18th birthday, one in four women in their lifetime, and one in 33 men in their lifetime. It really rips your heart out.

D. Resolution 23-R-26, To Authorize the Expenditure of Funds Related to Special Projects as Recommended by the Colleton County Accommodations Tax Committee from the from the State Accommodations Tax Fund – Fund 152 and Other Matters Related Thereto.

Councilman Taylor moved to approve Resolution 23-R-26, To Authorize the Expenditure of Funds Related to Special Projects as Recommended by the Colleton County Accommodations Tax Committee from the from the State Accommodations Tax Fund – Fund 152 and Other Matters Related Thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Taylor: Stated, would you read the three items that are on there for us please?

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, “1. At their meeting on May 19, 2022, the Accommodations Tax Committee received a request for funding from the Colleton County Historical & Preservation Society—Accessibility and Tourism at the Bedon-Lucas House, \$6,000, and County Council approved that request on June 7, 2022. 2.The Colleton County Historical & Preservation Society has since modified their request for a total of \$10,000, which was approved by the Accommodations Tax Committee at their March 15, 2023 meeting; and 3.The Accommodations Tax Committee recommends that County Council approve the amended request submitted by the Colleton County Historical & Preservation Society in the amount of \$10,000 for ADA Panels at the Bedon-Lucas House.”

Councilman Taylor: Stated, thank you.

E. Resolution 23-R-27, To Advertise Board Vacancies

Councilman Taylor moved to approve Resolution 23-R-27, To Advertise Board Vacancies. The motion was seconded by Dr. Flowers. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, we have one seat on the Colleton County Edisto River Canoe, and Kayak Trail Committee has one vacancy, and the Colleton County Board of Assessment Appeals has one vacancy.

F. Resolution 23-R-28, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies

Councilman Taylor moved to approve Resolution 23-R-28, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies. The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering. The motion carried unanimously.

The following appointments were made by acclamation: Scott Grooms – Colleton County Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee.

Public Comment

Daniel Sturgis: Stated, I live in the Longleaf Subdivision. Basically, I am here tonight to see if anything can be done with the D. R. Horton subdivision that they are putting in at the end of the Longleaf subdivision. I understand that they are looking to put in 700 units. All of the entrances that I have seen, with the exception of one, dump into the longleaf subdivision. We are really concerned with having some 700 plus vehicles coming through the neighborhood daily. When in deed planning and help from the county might relieve this. We are looking for buffers to help this beautiful neighborhood. This is going to become what is called a high-density neighborhood, which is 88 people per acre. The city is annexing a very small piece of property between the city limits and this large subdivision. We don't understand why this piece of property couldn't be the main entrance in and out of this subdivision instead of bringing everything around Lakewood Road. I couldn't imagine bringing 300-400 cars every morning on these narrow roads in this neighborhood. There is plenty of opportunity to have them come out on Robertson Blvd or Jefferies Hwy. Our neighborhood is going to be completely disrupted by this. We would like to know what the County can do to work with the city to relieve this traffic and problems. I know we have to have homes and growth. I do not know if we need 700 of them. I do know places like these in other areas have complaints of traffic. I do not know what bringing them through our small roads in our neighborhood is going to do to relieve the traffic. I am asking, is there anything we can do in the county side to jump in there with the city to work this out? Most of the people in our neighborhood are in their mid-50s and up. We would like to have it looked into.

Felicia Johnson: Stated, they had to keep calling the police Saturday night. However, these lights are something that we need ASAP in our community. Like I said, a young man got killed in broad day light at the stop sign. They do not respect our street. As soon as they get to my house, they go around the stop sign. During the summer I like to ride my bike. We need lights! My neighbor turned her light off and showed me that it was pitch black dark. She has to keep her light on. Last year in December I ended up with a big light in front of my house. I asked how I could get a light that I didn't ask for, but they can't. Past your church and all around and down Rivers Ave. it is black at night. If you don't have white clothing on, you can consider yourself dead. A church member brought me something and also hit a young man. I don't know what is quicker, the lights or closing down this club. I cannot get through to none of them involved with the club. I am asking y'all to do y'all's job to help us.

Council Time

Councilman Taylor: Stated, I wanted to remind the Public Health & Safety Committee that we will have a meeting on Monday night at the Wildlife Center. We have invited several stakeholders to come to address the issues that we have talked about. That will be on Monday at 6 PM. The members of that committee are myself as Chairman, Dr. Flowers, and Councilman Trippe.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, what issues are you going to address?

Councilman Taylor: Stated, the violence, the issues with the clubs, the man caves, the stabbing, and shootings. We will have a breakout session to do some information gathering and then get some legal advice on some next steps.

Councilman Trippe: Stated, on April 21st we will have Keep Colleton Beautiful trash pickup. Scott and I have a team. If anyone would like to join our team, we sure would appreciate it.

Councilman Taylor: Stated, I also have a team.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, I will not be at the Public Health & Safety committee meeting. I wanted to say that I am very sympathetic to what Ms. Johnson is going through. There has to be something that we can do as a Council. Business registration is something that I think we need to get back on the agenda for multiple reasons and benefits. Also, maybe there are some legal issues. We don't have many social clubs in the county, but maybe we need a 1 AM curfew that states you close the door and if you do not, you are in violation. We need to think about all those things. My attorney will educate us on this later. Surely, there must be something we can do when she is living in such turmoil.

Councilman Biering: Stated, I wanted to recognize the VFW here. Bubba and I both stopped by the VFW celebration that we had this weekend. Thank you all for your service. Ms. Felicia, we are working on both things you have spoken about. Thank you for your diligence.

Executive Session

Dr. Flowers moved to go into executive session to discuss the following: Legal – Sheriff's Office. Councilman Biering seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Adjournment

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

This 4th day of April 2023.

Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kaela Brinson, Clerk to Council

SC State 1890 Research & Extension

Cornelius Hamilton, M.B.A.
Regional Director
Low Country Region
April 4, 2023



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SC State College of Agricultural, Forestry & Life Science Sciences

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Background

- SC State University 1890 Research & Extension is the cornerstone of the historical land-grant status of South Carolina State University (SC State).
- Since its founding in 1896, South Carolina State University served as the state's sole public university for Black South Carolinians and is one of two land-grant universities in South Carolina.
- Belongs to a national system of more than 100 land-grant universities and colleges. One of 18 designated as a historically black college or university.




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Our Mission




SC State 1890 Research & Extension **innovates** and **educates** to **elevate** the quality of life and raise the standard of living for all South Carolinians.



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Our Core Values



- Customer Service
- Quality
- Integrity
- Teamwork
- Respect
- Volunteerism
- A Will to Win
- Personal Accountability

4

SC State 1890 Extension - Low Country Region

Service Areas:
Allendale, Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper Counties

5

Extension Outreach Priorities

- 4-H Youth Development
- Community and Economic Development
- Education, Innovation and Support
- Family, Nutrition and Health
- Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resources



6

SC State 1890 Extension - Low Country Region

Program Areas:

- 4-H & Youth Development (K-12)
- Family Nutrition & Health (part-time employee)
- Sustainable Agriculture & Natural Resources
- Education Innovation & Support
- Community & Economic Development (vacant)




7

Strategic Partnerships

SC State 1890 is proud to have established partnerships with local, state, governmental agencies and most importantly, the community.

- United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- USDA - NIFA (National Institute of Food Administration)
- SC Department of Agriculture
- Local Government Agencies
- School Districts
- Small Farmers
- Small Businesses






8

SC State 1890 - Extension

- Helps support rural and urban communities, cultivates youth development, advance agriculture and strengthens families by applying innovative research outcomes to positively improve quality of life.
- Offers outreach programs and services to 32 of the 46 counties in South Carolina.
- Specializes in providing opportunities for underserved and socially disadvantaged communities and entrepreneurs.




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4-H Youth Development

The SC State 1890 Extension 4-H Youth Development Program is an educational youth program that helps diverse young people discover and develop their potential, so they will grow into competent, contributing and caring citizens.

4-H Programming

- Citizenship/Civic Engagement
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Financial Management
- S.T.R.E.A.M.





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Community and Economic Development

Helping South Carolinians develop their maximum potential in the workforce is crucial to economic development. Community & Economic Development program is geared toward identifying technical assistance (training, coaching, mentoring, networking and competitive grant awards).

Key Programming

- Small Business Development
- Non-Profit Organizations Development
- Securing Funding Sources
- Website Development
- Adult & Youth Entrepreneurship




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Family, Nutrition & Health

SC State University 1890 Research & Extension encourages healthy, active and well-nourished youth, individuals and families by offering evidence-based programs and activities for a healthier South Carolina.

Key Programming

- Expanded Food Nutrition and Education Program
- Show Me Nutrition
- Eat Smart Being Active
- Financial Management
- Mental Health Capacity Building







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Education, Innovation & Support

The Education Innovation & Support (EIS) agents develop, evaluate and refine high-priority educational programs and technical assistance activities; develop educational curricula and other important resources in the EIS arena; spearhead the development of issue-based action teams (IBATs) that align with current and emerging EIS-related needs and opportunities and provide college and career-readiness for youth.

Key Program

- Agriculture Innovation Scholarship
- College 101 Workshop Series
- Helping Youth Pursue Education (HYPE) Program

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Sustainable Agriculture & Natural Resources

SC State 1890 Extension works to address the decline of small farms by providing farmers with the educational tools they can use to take a business approach to agriculture. Through the promotion of niche marketing, specialty crops, cooperatives and entrepreneurial opportunities, small farmers gain other skills to advance farm management and increase profit.

Key Programming

- Beef Cattle Improvement Project
- Commercial/Home Garden Vegetable Production Systems
- Meat Goat Project
- Risk Management Education




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1890 Extension Program Highlights

- \$70 Million Climate-Smart Program
- 6,000 Books Distribution Tour
- Residential Camp Experiences (2)
- Service Education Award: School Enrichment & Community Support
- Scholarship Opportunities (Approximately \$200,000)
- Summer Internships
- Risk Management Education





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South Carolina Service Regions

- **Coastal Region** – Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester and Georgetown
- **Low Country Region** – Allendale, Beaufort, Calhoun, Hampton and Jasper
- **Midlands Region** – Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun and Orangeburg
- **Pee Dee Region** – Dillon, Florence, Horry, Marion and Marlboro
- **Piedmont Region** – Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, McCormick and Saluda
- **Santee Waterway Region** – Clarendon, Lee, Sumner and Wilkersonburg
- **Upstate Region** – Anderson, Greenville, Pickens and Spartanburg

Planned Expansion

- **Capital** – Arden, Lexington and Rockland
- **Catawba** – Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Kershaw, Lancaster, Union and York

*Main office locations

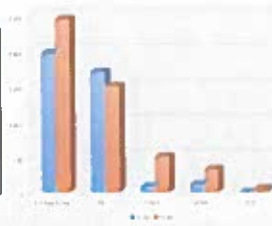


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Regional Inputs

Total Number of Participants By Priority Area

PROGRAM AREA	2022	2023 Projected
4-H Youth Dev.	1,961	2445
FNH	1,700	1500
EFNEP	79	500
SANRE	112	320
CED	0	50



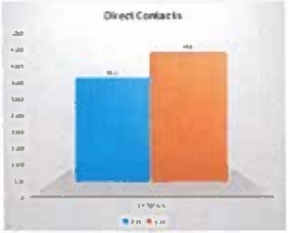

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Regional Inputs

Total Number of Overall Participants

REPORTING PERIOD	2022	2023 Projected
LCR TOTALS	3852	4815

Direct Contacts

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Colleton County Benefits

- 85% rate of knowledge gain
- 50% rate of change in behavior
- Indirect educational resources
- Agricultural & Small Business Technical Assistance

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Low Country Region



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1890 Requests


- Letter of Support
- In-kind Requests/Facility Use
- Advocates/Volunteers Referrals
- Program Marketing (flyers on websites, social media, etc..)




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MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING
6:00 P.M.

Public Health and Safety Committee
Walterboro Wildlife Center
100 S. Jefferies Boulevard
Walterboro, SC 29488

Present: Chairman Phillip Taylor called the meeting to order with Council Members Dr. Joseph Flowers and Bubba Trippe present.

Others Included: Kevin Griffin, Meagan Utsey, Sean Thornton, Kaela Brinson, David Greene, Barry McRoy, Buddy Hill, Dr. Vallerie Cave, Wade Marvin, Sandy Polk, Jimmy Hiott, James Brown, Gar Linder, Rolet Buckner, Kellye Whitaker, and Mark Wysong.

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

Chairman Taylor: Stated, we would like to thank all elected and appointed officials, and all the individuals that are here tonight. We are here to find out information. We cannot be everywhere, but many of you get reports and attend to incidents. We are here tonight primarily to address nuisance issues and public safety issues as it relates to violence such as, shootings, stabbings, and loud noises. For example, we have a shooting range in a community. Every month at our Council meetings we have citizens coming and talking about loud music at all times of night in various places. So, tonight we have designed an opportunity for everyone here to go to a breakout session with a group. Everyone here should have an agenda, and that agenda has a color. Everyone will subdivide into groups based on the agenda color at the round tables set up. I would like you all to be a think tank for a moment. Sit with your group and brainstorm issues, trends, and things we need to take a stronger look at in the county.

Breakout Session

***At this time the breakout sessions began.

Below you will find a combination of all the information that was given by each team during the breakout session:

Community Issues	Solution Ideas
Attendance, Gang Violence, Mental Health, Vaping, and Marijuana.	Parent Involvement, Parent Classes (Life Skills), Activities Outside of School: Arts, Robotics, and Computer Classes for Parents, Access to USC Salkehatchie (Walterboro) iCarolina Lab, and Court Support (Truancy).

Drag Racing on Hwy 21 and Trash on the Roads.	Johnsville Community Center, Litter Clean up (April 21st Litter Clean up Team), Another Smoke Alarm Blitz, and Additional Patrols.
Jail Conditions and Staff Safety	Working on Bids for Repairs. Looking at Regional Sites in Colleton, Beaufort, Jasper, Hampton, etc.
Job Retention and Shortages: how to keep Colleton Citizens in the county versus traveling out of the county.	Incentives and Recreational Activities: Colleton has a portable pool and will be having sessions this summer.
Nuisance Businesses	Tickets are being issued and fines given. Looking at other county ordinances for guidance.
Infrastructure Growth will cause traffic concerns	Road Maintenance and Speed Bumps
Homelessness	Need more services and resources for men and women. Additional funding for outreach. Obtain a list of resources like churches.
Mental Health Crisis	More resources for on-scene crisis issues.
Idea for Juvenile Concerns	Create a holding facility for Juveniles (For Profit).

Chairman Taylor: Stated, I wanted to let everyone know that Coastal Mental Health had unforeseen circumstances that involved all their staff, and they are unable to attend tonight.

Public Presentations

1. Dr. Vallerie Cave, Superintendent: Stated, I would like to talk with you about some of our strategic priorities and where we are. (Please see attached slide show.)

Councilman Trippe: Asked, did you say you are having issues with adults vaping? Are these employees?

Dr. Cave: Stated, yes.

Councilman Trippe: Asked, are they still working there?

Dr. Cave: Stated, I am unable to answer that because it is a personnel question. I do promise that I am dealing with everyone on this.

Councilman Trippe: Stated, thank you.

No further questions.

2. David Greene, CCFR Deputy Chief: Stated, I am going to talk with you all about Gunshot wounds/ Stab-Penetrating Trauma, and Overdoses. (Please see attached slide show.)

No questions were asked.

3. Buddy Hill, Sheriff: Stated, I have a few stats that I would like to run through with you all and touch on a few things that Dr. Cave talked about. So far in 2023, we have had 2 homicides. Both of those homicides we had people in custody. One of them was gang related. Some of the problems we had at the high school have been related back to this. When I say gang related, we think of traditional gangs, which is people out here doing criminal activity to make money. That is not what these kids are doing. These kids are aligning with each other and “beefing” with each other, or whatever term that they use, and they are using social media to keep things stirred up. Something as simple as saying a sentence, and it sparks it just like that. So, we have been able to partner with the school and they have done an excellent job. They get all of our juvenile reports. The reports are sent straight to them for their review. If we have something major happen, we will call them the night that it happens so that they can be aware of it. When they know two families may have been involved in the incident, they will keep them separate for a day or two. This is the right thing to do to keep things simmered down. The other homicide that we had, the statement that the individual gave us was, “I wanted to see what it was like to kill somebody.” I do not know how you combat that, but that is what we do. We have had 14 attempted murders and drive-by shootings, a lot of them are gang related. Of the 14, 7 of them have been the same groups shooting back and forth at each other. We have made some arrests in that, and we have seized some weapons. So far this year we have seized 30 weapons including handguns, shot guns, and rifles. We have been very aggressive with trying to get these guns off the streets. Narcotic offenses, so far this year we have made 22 arrests. The substances have been from marijuana, meth, cocaine, crack, and more. Orders of Detention, this is the mental health patients, so far this year we have served 28 orders of detention. This means that the Probate Judge signed an Order, and we have to go and pick them up and bring them to the hospital for evaluation. In total we have dealt with 62 psychiatric patients this year. The numbers keep rising and we are only in the fourth month. Noise, suspicious activity, nuisances, we have responded to 668 calls this year so far. That includes suspicious persons and vehicles as well. Welfare checks, we have done 371 so far this year. As you can see, we have a lot of calls that we respond to, and we are down personnel. We get a lot of support from the schools and the city police department. Dr. Cave will tell you that we come 20 deep sometimes when we get a disturbance call. When the City police department and SCDNR hear the call, they are coming. So, it is not just us, it is the whole law enforcement community that pitches in. We are all shorthanded except for DNR, everybody wants to work for DNR. We are all pitching in and doing the best we can do. We have a litter problem in this county and a host of things we need to work on. I do this every time I speak, if you know anyone that would make a good deputy, dispatchers, or a good detention officer at the jail, send them to me. Detention officers and dispatchers can start at the age of 18.

No questions were asked.

4. Jimmy Hiott, Colleton Medical Center CEO: Stated, Dr. Cave hit right on the biggest topic we have to address at the hospital, which is mental health. We have an adult in-patient unit that keeps 16 patients in every night, with a length of stay anywhere from 4 days to 7 days. Where that runs into having a good relationship with our Sheriff and City is, workplace violence, we seen that escalate last year to 20 instances where we had an injury to an employee. The good thing is, in the

first quarter, that number is down by 50% year over year. I think mental health in our community is going to continue. The folks with DSS see the social issues. We have families that come and drop family members off and say, "I can't deal with this anymore." So, these are the things that the hospitals see a good bit of. I appreciate, as Dr. Cave does, that our City and County, if there is an incident that occurs in our community, sends one if not two officers to the hospital. Typically, if there is a shooting or incident in our community that somebody is going to follow them to the hospital, and we go into a lock down. That number was not as high as I expected it to be. We only went into lock down 15 times last year. It gives the county or city a chance to investigate and let us know that it is okay to come off of lockdown. Mental health is our biggest opportunity right now. We see 16 patients every night and hold 1 or 2 in the ER every night. We are looking to expand that service due to the issues in our community.

No questions were asked.

5. Wade Marvin, Chief of Police for The City of Walterboro: Stated, I would like to start off by saying that we would not be as successful as we are without the surrounding agencies as well. We work very well together, and I think it suppresses what most people don't see. We deal with a lot of things that never get seen, and that is because of the leaders in this room and some that are not here. I have some stats as well, violent crimes, property crimes, and calls for service. Covid messed it up a little bit. One year you will have a spike with 3 or 4 homicides and then one year you will have 1. So, it looks like homicides have decreased by 300%. It is hard to say exactly because they always go up and down, but gradually they are increasing. We are seeing more and more property crimes and financial crimes. Just in our community alone we can account for almost 10 million dollars in fraud. At the last minute somebody in another county can send an email to a law office where they have hacked into their computer and changed the email address from a lower case "m" to a capital "M" and have them transfer the funds to a different department. We are seeing check fraud and identity fraud. It is overwhelming the amount of fraud that we are seeing take place with people who do not know any better. Fraud crimes have increased the most compared to violent and property crimes. Calls for service have also increased, similar to the Sheriff's Office, and we have less personnel. Nobody wants to be a cop or be in that position where they are put in a split-second decision and overseen with a microscope. The training has increased 10-fold in our department and is being sent out through the academy. We are trying to have better equipment and training so that the officers can make better decisions in the field. The main crime we see is from a very small group of people. Generally speaking, it is not a bunch of different people committing a bunch of different crimes, it is a small group of people continuing to commit crimes. We run into initial problems where we will arrest them, and the Solicitor's office can only do so much. They look at the criminal history and the prisons are full, and they hear, "the prisons are full...don't send them up here...get rid of the cases." So, it is a ladder that we have to fight every day to try and get this small group of people to calm down. Like the Sheriff mentioned, when we sit them down and ask them why they killed this person, they tell us they don't know, and they honestly don't know. It goes back to a post that somebody posted 2 years ago or even 10 years ago, or about what somebody said, or they heard they said. If someone was to beat up your child, you have a crime and could solve that. We are seeing homicides where people were shot, and we are asking what happened, tell us what caused this. The answer is something like they said something about my shoes at school. So, these are the kinds of things we are dealing with daily, and it is very difficult. We had a homicide a couple of months ago and the people were literally spitting on us,

yelling at us, and sneaking behind the cars acting like they had guns and were going to try and shoot us. Someone was shot and killed on their property and they're doing this. It is hard to combat that. We are doing everything that we can. It is increasing a small amount, but it is not decreasing. It would be a lot worse without the leaders in this community that work on it together.

Rolets Buckner: 1. Asked, "What are you doing to help the trust issues between community and police?" There is so much distrust. How do we combat that? Bad attitudes do not do it. Is there anything that you are doing to help the trust issues? I do not get in any trouble, none, but I am afraid of our police. I wanted to know what you are doing to help that in the community. If I am afraid of them then who else is afraid.

Chief Marvin: Stated, I think it starts at home. If we are riding through the community, we have parents that come up and say, "Tell my kid you are going to arrest them if they do not put on their seat belt." They automatically instill fear instead of the parents doing what they are supposed to do and telling them it is the law in the State of South Carolina, and we are not moving this car until you put your seat belt on. Instead, they make us the bad guys. So, when we go to a house that has been shot up and we say what can we do? We are here to help, and we are met with obscene language. We have done a lot of things and we are trying to start younger, as Dr. Cave said. We are doing "Pops with Cops" and "Cookies with Cops" we go into the school system. Everybody in this community knows that I will always return a phone call or have a conversation with them wherever they are at, but they do not want to. They would rather blame us for the problems that are happening in the communities, when that is not the case. I will help anybody at any time. I have left my house and my children to go help other people. We talk about it often to try to bridge that gap, but I do think that it takes two people to bridge a gap, not one. Someone told me a long time ago that there are two ways to feed a pigeon, you can sit on a park bench and try to talk to them and throw breadcrumbs, but if I take the loaf of bread and throw it at them, they are going to scatter. So, it takes two people wanting to have a relationship to have one. I think it is easy to sit back and point a finger and say what are we doing?

Ms. Buckner: Stated, I am not pointing fingers.

Chief Marvin: Stated, No, not you. Generally speaking, it is easier to blame somebody else than to step up to the plate.

Sheriff Hill: Stated, piggy backing off of what he has said, James Brown is our community officer. The city has been doing the same thing, we are trying to have community events throughout the county. Now there again, I have not been able to let James do everything I want him to do simply because of manpower. I have him working in the schools because we have been shorthanded. During the summer, he will be doing events. We are trying to be folks together. I am not going to stand up here and tell you that law enforcement nationwide have not made mistakes, but there again, we cannot paint everybody with the same brush just because somebody did something bad does not mean we are all bad. When you look at the number of interactions we have daily, it is a minute number, but one number is too many. We have to work on bettering ourselves every day in this profession. That is one way we are trying to do it with folks like James who get out here with the whole community. People say I live in the Smoaks community, Colleton County is our community. It is not just sections of the county, we live in those sections, but as a whole black,

white, male, and female, we are all a community. James has done an excellent job on making a good impression and bringing people together. That is something that we are going to try and expand on when we can, and as we can. I don't know if that helps.

Ms. Buckner: Stated, it does help. When he is out the people are smiling and they are interacting with everybody. There was an incident with the Police Department when you all did an event located at Burger King. It was a good process, you had quite a few officers there, but you only had like one officer that would talk to everybody. There was a whole group of officers that wouldn't talk to the children. That kind of bothered me because they would only talk to their friends and family instead of all the children. There was an officer there that was happy with everybody. When James is out in the community, he talks to all the children. I would like to see more happy interactions with the police and children like you did at Burger King. I do know it helps the children to be better with the police officers, and not afraid of them.

Sheriff Hill: Stated, this is the kind of feedback that we need. Of course, I appreciate the feedback right now, but you said you saw it that day and it bothered you. If you will pass along that information to whomever, we need to know those things when it happens. Call us the next day or that day and let us know. We need honest feedback, and we can take constructive feedback. This is how we will get better because we do make mistakes. These officers sometimes are a little introverted, and in this business, you do have to be extroverted to a certain extent. We can pass this along to our guys and gals that they need to mingle when we are having these events.

Chief Marvin: Stated, I was one of the ones inside that day shaking hands. However, you are right, and I can see that. I went and read some Dr. Suess books a couple of weeks ago. We have Mrs. Edwards; she is our community liaison officer. She is wearing many hats right now too because of being short staffed right now. I went to Forest Hills, and she went to Cottageville Elementary and read them books. We do try to go to different little events. We are working on it and trying. We have Kevin Martin, an outgoing personality and very understanding. I wish I had 30 more Kevin Martins in a sense. However, that is not going to happen. To find anyone who wants to work in Law Enforcement is difficult, but to find someone who is willing to go the extra mile is rare. It is something that we will try to work on. We are going to do "Pops with Cops" throughout the schools and communities. We have done it the last few summers.

Dr. Cave: Stated, April 28th is Colleton County read day. Every cop, as well as anyone who would like to can come in and read to the schools. This is sponsored by the library, and it would be a great time to come in and read.

No further questions.

6. Sandra Polk, DSS County Director: Stated, if you type in dss.sc.gov and scroll over to Colleton County, it will give you statistics on Colleton County specifically, as well as what is going on with DSS. Most of you in this room are very familiar with DSS and what we do. DSS over all has a negative light in the community because we generally take their kids from them. That is not all that we do. We work with the school district most often daily trying to help figure out what to do with the youth involved with gangs and attendance issues is a major issue. I was surprised to see the drop out statistics for Colleton County. They were alarming to me. As far as

my agency goes, we have made a lot of improvements for families to get resources. You can go online and apply for child support, apply for food stamps, and check your food stamp balance. Technology through DSS is improving drastically. We are trying to do a "411" where you will type DSS, and it automatically pulls up on your phone. Of course, covid affected us just like everybody else. They had a lot of funding for families with covid, and with the funds that they provided we offered in the fiscal year 2022, over 26 million dollars in food stamps. Last month they cut the program, so for the seniors in our community that were getting the maximum amount of benefits, \$250-\$300 a month, will now be back at \$90 a month. You will now see an increase with families that are really hurting, and the senior citizens that don't really get anything already. So, this is a huge concern for me, that the senior citizens in the community that have depended upon those benefits are not going to get those any longer. Unfortunately, the Federal Government cut that program off and we no longer offer that program. In general, Colleton County has been doing very well, as far as Foster Children go, our numbers have decreased by about 30%. We do have a need in our community for foster parents. We won an award a couple of years ago for having the most children in their home county. Right now, I have only 5% of my children placed in this county. They are in Columbia, Beaufort, Greenville, and Spartanburg. Right now, a lot of my staff spend their days traveling to and from to bring the children back to the community so that they can have visitation with their family. That is a problem for us. It is causing a lot of burn out among the staff and causing the staff to put in extra hours. Due to our foster care numbers going down our family placement numbers have gone up. We have done a really good job placing the children in the home of their relatives. Individuals do not have to be biologically related to the child in order to take the child. If you are their coach, a church member, or somebody the child knows, we can now place those children in the homes of non-relatives. We have a few of those placements now and that has been a blessing. They can now provide financial assistance to those families if they will go through the licensing process to get licensed as a foster home. They will get a stipend to take care of those children. We have seen an increase in kinship caregiver placement throughout Colleton County. Overall, we are doing very well. Our biggest issues are like everyone else in the community with problems with behavior and mental health. We have clients walk in the door seeking mental health services. They may need a prescription or help paying for their prescriptions. In the past we were able to help pay for those prescriptions, but the funding has been deferred to other agencies like Lowcountry Community Action Agency. We refer a lot of people there to get assistance. In His Name Colleton has increased working with the homeless population. They have a really good program and are located right across the street basically. They are doing a lot of good things in our community. We provide food if they need food and try to get them as much assistance as we can. The Fire Department gave some MRE's that they had, and we have been giving those out like crazy. The people have loved that. There are a lot of things going on now. They have great podcasts on the DSS website and videos on adoption. We have a few children that are up for adoption right now within our community. We are fixing to start the heart gallery back up. It is on the state website, and you can go online and see all the children that are available for adoption within the state. There are Colleton County children on that website that need a permanent home. We are super excited about the changes going on within our agency. If we can figure out how to fix the attendance issue and help the mental health crisis. We want to be here to help them if they have a breakdown. Go on and check out the website. It can all be done on your phone now, and online. An individual can do anything online, from applying for assistance to adopting a child.

Ms. Buckner: Stated, I work for the Board of Disabilities, and I did have a client have her children removed from her care. The thing that I really enjoyed about that was they did not have a problem working with me because I am the key to the client, but that she had someone who gave her parenting skills. She went through classes before she could get her child back. She enjoyed it and I was able to sit and work with her while she worked online. I really appreciated the service that they gave to her in order to get her children back.

Mrs. Polk: Stated, we are trying to get more resources in Colleton County. Most of the resources that we have are in Charleston, Beaufort, and Dorchester County. Faith Church has started a new parenting class, and it is amazing. They actually have a class graduating on the 16th of this month from the class. They are offering daycare services for the parents who are attending the class. It is provided in the afternoons and on Saturdays. Homebuilders, and a lot of the same resources Dr. Cave was just talking about for mental health. There are several agencies now that are working within our community, and it has made an improvement as far as our families go. That is the whole purpose of DSS, to engage the families versus the way it used to be taking the children from them. That is not what we do anymore. Just because they test positive for drugs, sometimes we do not remove them from the home. It depends if the children are on the drugs, how bad it is, and what is going on. So, we are trying to bring the services into the home rather than taking the children out of the home. Right before I came to this meeting, I received an email from someone who works for the FCC, and they have funding for Colleton County citizens for broadband and will pay \$30 a month for the household to get broadband out in the rural communities for the school district. They will also purchase laptops if the child needs it for school. She is looking to come speak to Colleton County so, I wanted to pass that information along while I was here. There is 30% of Colleton County citizens that are receiving this service and there are 5800 that qualify. It is a huge resource for Colleton County. It is through Jim Clyburns office.

Chairman Taylor: Stated, thank you to everyone and I hope you all enjoyed yourself even at the breakout session tables. If you have other things that maybe you didn't touch on this evening, and you would like to email the county please do that. There are other things that maybe you would like to have addressed. We are going to end this part of the meeting. We will not take any action during or after the Executive Session.

Executive Session

Councilman Trippe moved to go into executive session to discuss the following: Legal Advisement. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Adjournment

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

Committee Meeting
April 10, 2023

This 2nd day of May, 2023.

ATTEST:

Kaela Brinson, Clerk to Council

Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting

Colleton County School District Presentation
April 10, 2023
Dr. Vallerie C. Cave
Superintendent of Schools

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Current Strategic Priorities/Key Goals Safety and Security

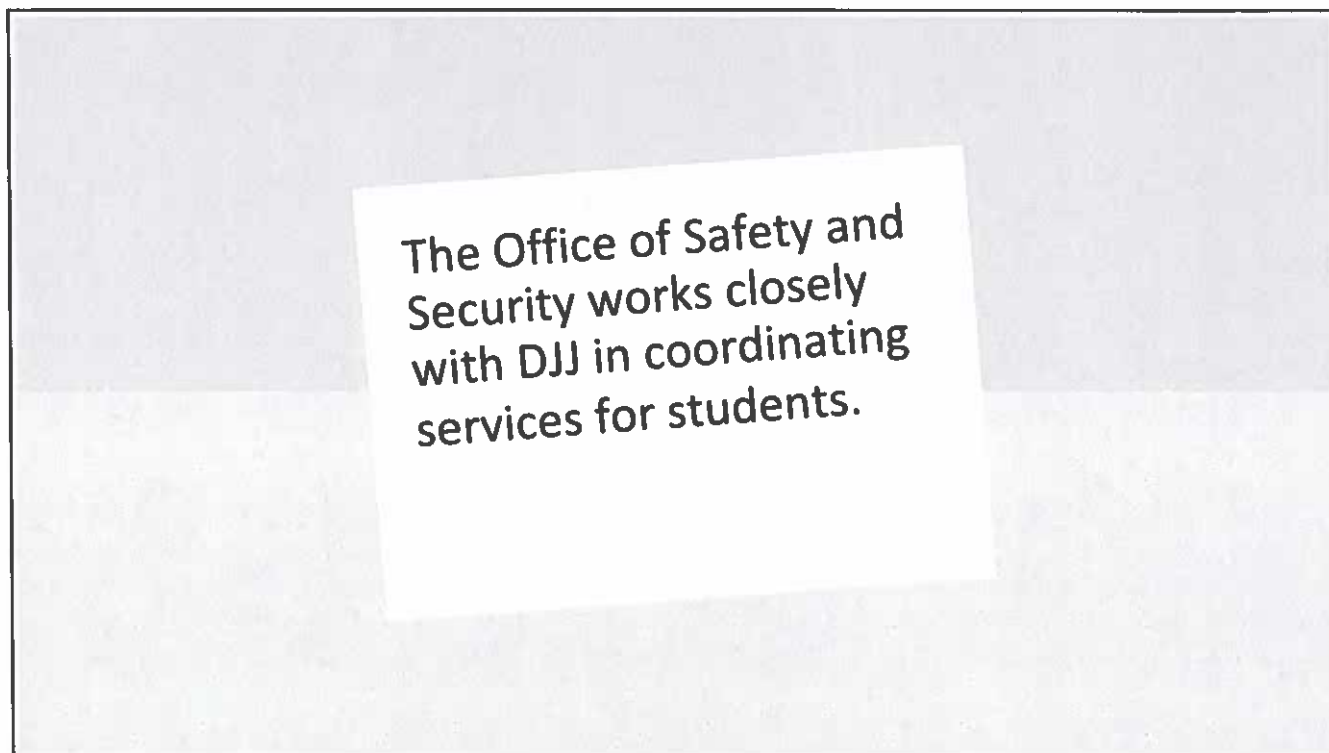


- Social Emotional Learning (SEL)
- Expanded Mental Health Partnerships
- Substance Abuse Interventions
- Young Men of Hope Mentoring Program
- De-escalation Models-Mindset and CPI
- Clear Bookbags/Scanners
- Expanded SRO Partnership
- Improved Emergency Communication System District Wide
- Navigate 360 Implementation
- Gang Awareness Professional Development
- Active Shooter/Reunification Drills
- Providing Fingerprint ID Kits (SCDE)
- Improve Progressive Discipline Plan
- Operation Cougar Nation

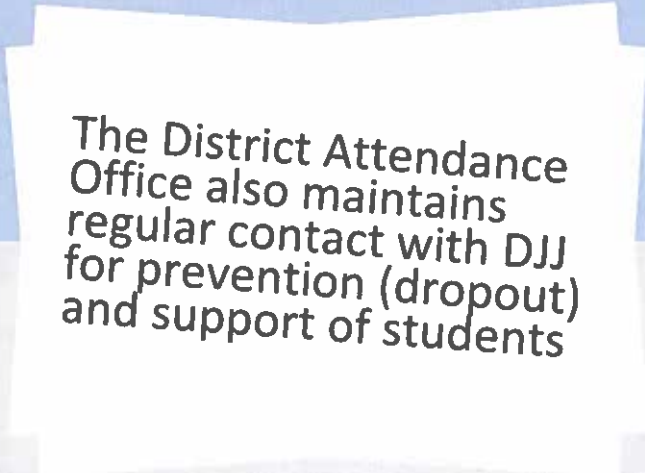
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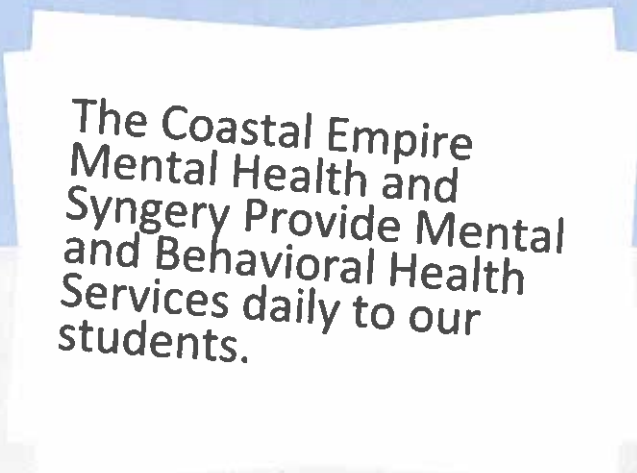


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The District Attendance Office also maintains regular contact with DJJ for prevention (dropout) and support of students

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The Coastal Empire Mental Health and Syngery Provide Mental and Behavioral Health Services daily to our students.

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The Colleton County Sheriff's Department provides SRO's partially funded by a grant and CCSD General Budget for all schools. Athletic Events and other school and district functions on a fee basis.

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The District and the Colleton County Fire Department have worked together to get all schools in the district the most up to date Weather Radios

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The District is working with CCFD to ensure First Responders have adequate Communications at all locations

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Future Strategic Priorities/Key Goals

Safety and Security



- Peer Mediation – Grades 4-5
- Safety Patrols – Grades 4-5
- OLWEUS Re-implementation - Districtwide
- Town Hall Meetings on Safety and Security
- PBIS Professional Development
- Expand our Alternative Learning Services

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The Office of Safety and Security is applying for DOJ grant for the installation of Environmental Sensors to reduce the vape usage in school.

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The Issues We Face

- Gang Activity in Community and School Impact
(FIGHTING)
- Lack of School Attendance and Enforcement Support for Truancy
(ATTENDANCE)
- Disruption of Public School and Enforcement of Misbehavior
(CONFRONTATION AND ALTERCATION)
- Vape Problem is Major Concern beginning in 6th grade
 - (TOBACCO AND MARIJUANA USE)
- Parental Responsibility FOR Misbehavior and Charges that can be enforced

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Colleton County Council Public Health & Safety Committee

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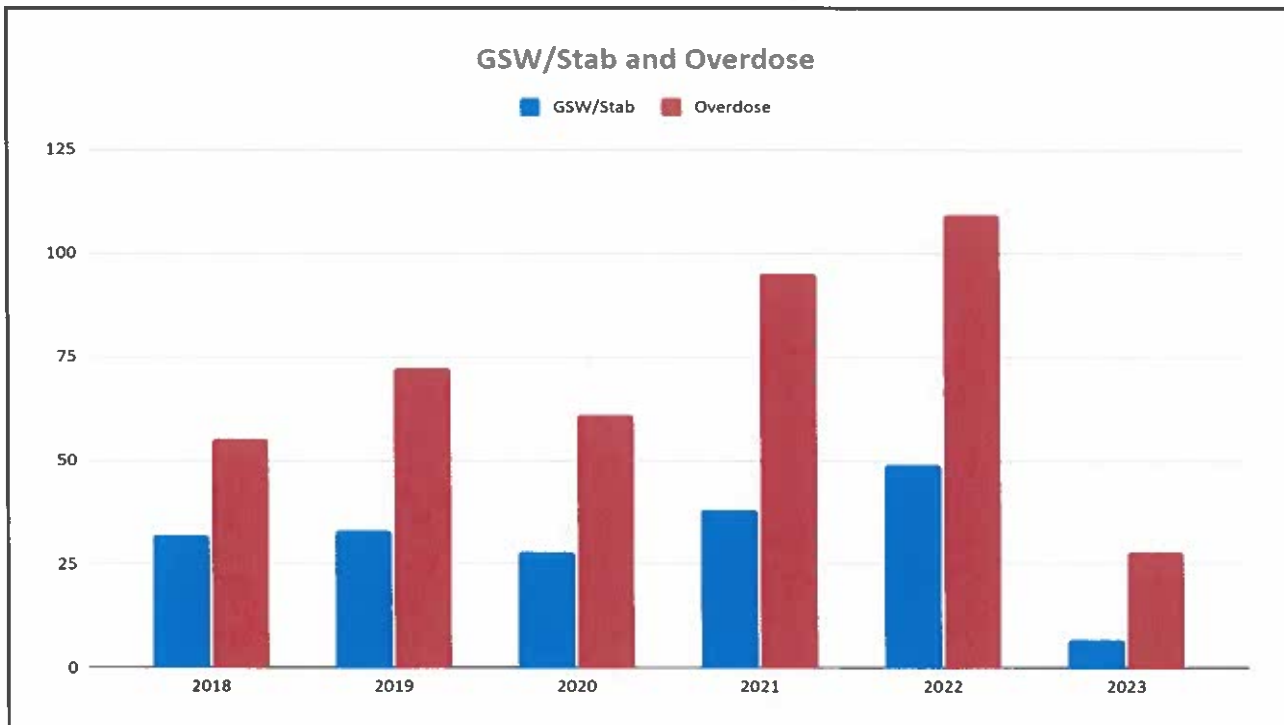
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Gunshot Wounds (GSW)/Stab-Penetrating
Trauma & Overdoses

GSW/Stab Wounds

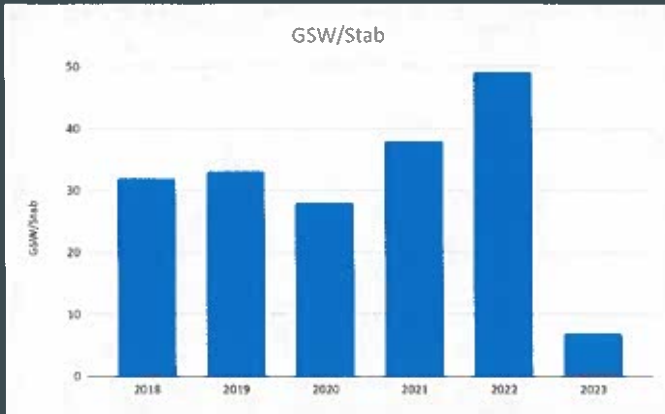
Since January 1, 2018, Colleton County has seen 187 GSW/Stab Wounds and 420 Overdoses.

Last year saw a 53% increase in GSW/Stab Wounds and a 98% increase in Overdoses from 2018.



GSW/Stab Wounds

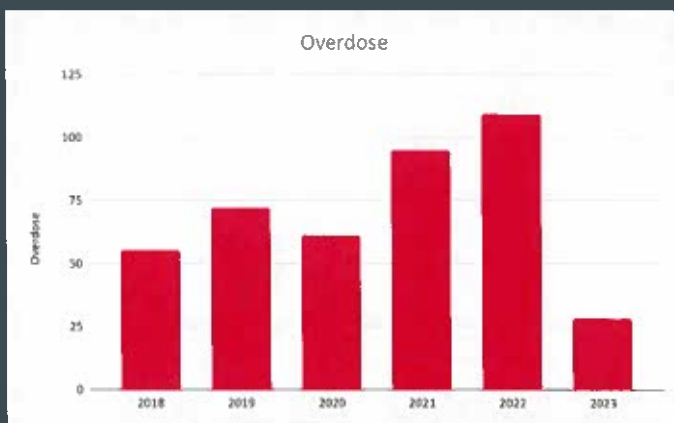
Data from our patient care reporting is not all inclusive as some GSW/Stab Wound patients are transported to the hospital in a private vehicle.



Data does not include intent (self-inflicted wounds versus those inflicted by others) as this is a law enforcement determination and may not be definitive at the time the patient care report is completed.

Overdoses

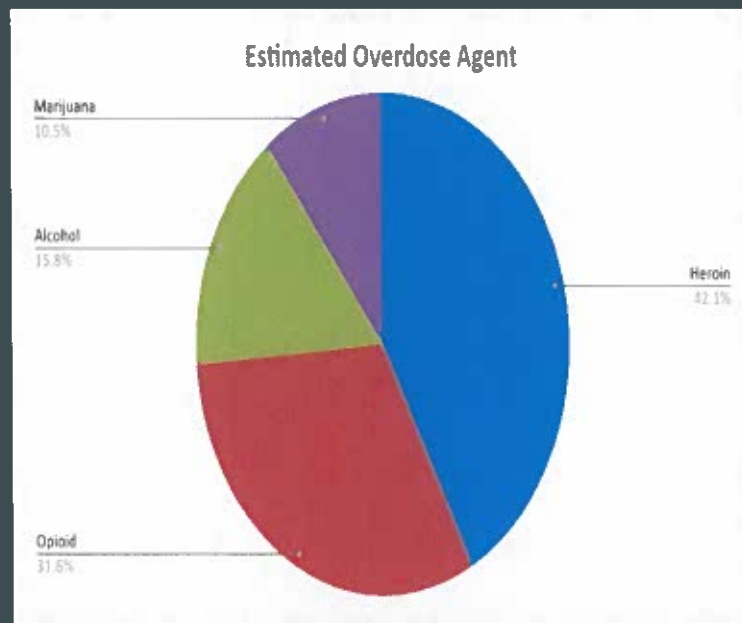
Overdose data includes accidental overdoses (i.e. to prescription medications)



Data does not include patients that died as a result of an overdose (coded as Apnea or Cardiac Arrest on our Patient Care Reports). The cause of death and any contributing illicit drugs is a Coroner's Office determination and is not available at the time our Patient Care Reports are completed.

Overdose Agents

Based on available data, we estimate that the leading overdose agent is Heroin (a natural opiate), followed by other opioids (morphine, codeine, fentanyl, methadone, tramadol, etc.), then followed by alcohol and marijuana (which can be laced with other illicit drugs).



Xylazine

- non-opioid agent that the FDA originally approved in 1972 as a sedative and analgesic for veterinarians
- cannot be reversed by Narcan (available OTC for opioid overdoses)
- Without aggressive airway management, artificial ventilation and cardiac arrest management, a patient that overdoses on Xylazine has an extremely poor prognosis.

Xylazine has recently been detected in a number of illicit drug overdoses in Charleston County.

Questions?



Proclamation for Colleton County Council’s Support of the Edisto Natchez-Kusso Indian Tribe in their efforts to obtain Federal Recognition.

WHEREAS, The Edisto Natchez-Kusso Indians, better known as the Edisto’s, are descendants of the Natchez & Kusso Indians, and are recorded as living in this area as early as 1577; and

WHEREAS, The name, Edisto Natchez-Kusso Indians, is still used to describe this community of Native Americans. Although the name “Edisto” was adopted by the tribe in 1970, being they reside along the Edisto River; and

WHEREAS, Edisto people are seen in the 1850 United States Census, living in Creeltown, Saint Bartholomew’s Parish, Colleton County, which is also the location of a present community of the Edisto people. Six miles away, is the Four Holes Indian Community which branched off from Creeltown between 1890 and 1900, when they are seen in the Federal Census. The community is located on Highway 396 on the North side of Givhans Ferry State Park, three miles Southwest of Ridgeville; and

WHEREAS, The Four Holes Indian Organization, Edisto Tribal Council, Inc. was established in 1969, to serve the Natives of Creeltown, Saint Bartholomew’s Parish, Colleton County, and the Four Holes Indian Community. It also provides direction to the future of Native American culture distinctiveness in South Carolina. Since 1970, the Edisto Indian people reside in Charleston, Colleton, Berkeley and Dorchester Counties; and

WHEREAS, Today tribal enrollment is growing. The Edisto people are descendants from and living in multiple communities in the Lowcountry. The By-Laws of the organization were adopted in 1971 and revised in 1995. The Constitution was adopted in 1995. The newest location of the Edisto Tribal Headquarters opened in March 1994 in Ridgeville, Dorchester County, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Colleton County does hereby acknowledge, commend and recognize the current day Edisto Tribe as the historic and continuous Edisto Natchez-Kusso Indians; and

NOW, THEREFORE, Colleton County Council does hereby proclaim its support for the Edisto Tribal Council and the Edisto Natchez-Kusso Tribe in their efforts to preserve their culture and ethnicity, and in their struggle to obtain formal recognition at the Federal level and by the United States Congress.

Adopted this 2nd day of May, 2023.

ATTEST: _____
Clerk to Council

BY: _____
Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

CDBG Notice of Hearing Concerning Application NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the Colleton County Council Chambers, 109 Benson Street, Old Jail Building, Second Floor, Walterboro, SC and on www.colletoncounty.org/live, Colleton County will hold a public hearing concerning an application jointly with Hampton, Beaufort and Jasper Counties to be submitted to South Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Community Grant Programs on or about June 01, 2023, for a Community Block Development Block Grant. Hampton County is requesting \$50,000 to carry out the following activities:

The program is designed to develop the capacity of CDBG Administrators to effectively determine community needs, set long-term goals and short-term objectives and develop plans for carrying out effective strategies to address priority needs. The grant will be used to provide CDBG planning, capacity building, project development and technical assistance to local governments. The funds will only be used in the state CDBG program eligible (non-entitlement) communities. The type of services to be provided will address an array of housing, community development and economic development needs.

This public hearing and the matters to be discussed are subject to the provisions of the County's Citizen Participation Plan, developed in anticipation of participation in the State of South Carolina's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, providing for the participation of the citizens of Colleton County in the planning and implementation of community and economic development projects which will involve CDBG funds.

The Citizen Participation Plan is available for review at the Colleton County Administration Office, 109 Benson Street, Walterboro, SC, 29488 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Persons with questions or comments concerning the hearing, Citizens Participation Plan may contact Michelle Knight, Lowcountry Council of Governments, PO Box 98, Yemassee, SC 29945, (843) 473-3990.

Colleton County does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, or disability in the admission of or access to, or treatment or employment in its federally assisted programs or activities. Deadgra Sadler, 31 Klein Street, Walterboro, SC, (843) 549-5221 has been designated to coordinate compliance with the non-discrimination requirements contained in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's regulations.

Note: Assistance will be provided to accommodate the special needs of disabled or limited English proficient persons upon request.

Nota: Se proporcionará asistencia para satisfacer las necesidades especiales de las personas discapacitadas o de bajo dominio bajo petición.

Sponsor(s) : County Council
 First Reading : April 12, 2022
 Committee Referral : N/A
 Committee Consideration Date : N/A
 Committee Recommendation : N/A
 Second Reading : May 3, 2022
 Public Hearing : June 7, 2022
 Third Reading : June 7, 2022
 Effective Date : July 1, 2022

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

ORDINANCE NO. 23-O-08

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, 2023 through June 30, 2024 to Provide for All Other Appropriations Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto.]

WHEREAS:

1. Colleton County Council, pursuant to state statutes, is authorized and required to adopt an annual budget for all departments, offices, and agencies (hereinafter collectively termed offices) of the County Government; and
2. Pursuant to state statutes, total funds appropriated in fiscal year 2023-2024 for the above purposes do not exceed estimated revenues and funds available for expenditure in fiscal year 2023-2024.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS

a. Procedures Compliance: The fiscal year 2023-2024 County Budget for Colleton County South Carolina and the Colleton County School District local appropriations are hereby adopted, and detailed budget appropriation documentation attached hereto is incorporated herein by reference. The Colleton County Council certifies that it has complied with all state laws and regulations regarding readings, notices, and public hearings for mills levied herein, and that it will comply in the case of mill levies, which may be adjusted by resolution based on more current information at the time of final issuance of the levies and after the adoption of this ordinance.

b. Levy Process: In all cases, all property shall be taxed unless otherwise exempt from taxation pursuant to Title 12, South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended. The taxes shall be collected in the manner as provided for collection of taxes by Title 12, Chapter 45 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, and in accordance with procedures established in County enacting ordinances. All property taxes are due and payable between the thirtieth day of September through the fifteenth day of January after their assessment in each year. Before the tax bills are issued, the County Auditor shall provide to the County Administrator a reconciled summary by levy of all taxes billed, and the County Treasurer shall provide monthly an apportionment report with refunds (computer system printout) for all taxes collected. Additionally, the Finance Office shall be provided with “read only” access to tax computer modules for the purpose of report generation. Tax levy mill information shall be supplied to the County Auditor for purposes of preparing the tax books for Colleton County.

(1) Motor Vehicle Taxes: Taxes levied on motor vehicles shall be collected pursuant to the schedules and procedures as established by State Statute and nothing herein shall be deemed to extend or defer the time of payment for such motor vehicle taxes.

(2) Motor Vehicle Owner Responsibility for Taxes: No motor vehicle registered in the State of South Carolina and being the property of a person, a resident of the County, shall be operated on the streets and public ways of the County unless all the motor vehicle taxes and fees duly assessed against such vehicle shall have first

been paid. In the event that any person violates the provisions of this Section, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to the penalties prescribed in Title 46, 1976 South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended. Nothing in this section shall preclude the collection of taxes and fees upon such motor vehicle after the prosecution of the offender for failure to pay such tax.

c. Appropriation Management:

(1) Reallocation: Unless otherwise restricted by state law or specific limitation of accounting standards, all of the appropriations hereinafter and those in the budgetary detail incorporated herein by reference are subject to adjustment and reallocation by County Council by voice motion or resolution. Any amount appropriated in this Ordinance may be discontinued at any time by appropriate action of a majority of the County Council. Expenditures from the Council’s contingency in non-departmental shall typically be done by resolution or voice motion.

(2) Duplication: If any of the items, or portions thereof, for which funds are herein appropriated is taken over by the State or Federal government and appropriations therefrom be made by either or paid by either directly to a County Office, or if the same shall become available in any manner, then the amounts for said Office herein appropriated shall be reduced in the amount of said appropriation, direct payment, or other available funds or support.

(3) Direct Assistance: All agencies receiving direct assistance payments from the County shall be funded quarterly in arrears no more than twenty-five (25%) percent of their direct assistance line item except at the discretion of the County Administrator. The quarterly allotments shall be paid on the first schedule accounts payable check run of the month following the end of each quarter. The final 4th quarter funding may be withheld by the Finance Director pending the reconciliation of outstanding obligations between the County and the Agency receiving funding or in the case of grant irregularities. Agencies, boards, and commissions, which are partially funded by Colleton County Government, must provide annual audited financial statements to include a copy of the management letter and a copy of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulation Part 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards report, if applicable. State funded agencies must provide an annual report or a summary of local office-specific funding. Quarterly funding may be withheld pending the County’s receipt of an agency’s annual audited financial statements.

d. Funds: The following funds are hereby established for the purposes set forth with appropriations/budgeted amounts where applicable. Other funds may be delineated elsewhere:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Millage</u>
100	County General Fund**	\$ 33,075,370	116.31
115	Capital Fund*	\$ 950,000	
120	Special Revenue Fund*	\$ 1,364,821	
121	State Aid to Library Fund*	\$ 100,000	
122	Colleton County Memorial Library Fund*	\$ 874,733	
124	IV-D Sheriff Unit Costs**	\$ 4,428	
125	Solicitor Special Revenue Fund*	\$ 0	
126	IV-D Clerk of Court – Unit Costs**	\$ 115,000	
127	IV-D Clerk of Court’s Fund – Incentives*	\$ 0	
128	Victim Witness Services Fund*	\$ 128,134	
130	County Debt Service Fund*	\$ 2,330,462	10.24
131	Fire Debt Service Fund*	\$ 2,912,099	22.66
134	Non-GOB Related Debt Service*	\$ 1,130,476	
135	Capital Project Sales Tax Debt Service Fund*	\$ 7,037,630	
141	Emergency Telephone Fund*	\$ 370,000	
142	Infrastructure/Industrial Development Fund***	\$ 239,000	
143	Capital Projects Sales Tax Fund*	\$ 2,896,505	
144	CC 2015 \$5.4M GOB Proceeds*	\$ 172,782	
146	Fire Bond \$6M 2018*	\$ 0	

147	Fire Bond \$5M 2022*	\$	0	
150	American Rescue Plan*	\$	0	
152	Accommodations Tax Tourism Infrastructure*	\$	42,000	
153	County Hospitality Tax Fund*	\$	675,700	
155	County Accommodations Tax Fund*	\$	777,100	
156	Fire-Rescue Commission Operations Fund*	\$	13,297,493	37.56
204	Recreation Fund*	\$	1,432,354	
210	Road & Bridges Fund*	\$	2,312,368	
211	Solid Waste Fund*	\$	3,413,522	
303	CCSO Drug Enforcement Operations*	\$	0	
306	Sheriff's Special Revenue Fund*	\$	0	
308	Sheriff Federal Asset Fund*	\$	0	
446	Transportation Commission Fund*	\$	0	
457	School District Operating****	\$	XXXXXX	116.42

* At the close of the fiscal year, any unexpended monies within these funds and within all capital project funds shall be carried forward with the respective fund balance for the continued established use of that fund subject to appropriations, unless specifically authorized otherwise by ordinance or directed by State law

**At the close of the fiscal year, any unexpended monies within these funds shall be turned over to the General Fund Balance.

***Industrial or Infrastructure Development Fund appropriations are hereby amended to include the prior year Fund Balance and must be adjusted by the County Administrator to include all revenues received for economic development and any other revenues designated by County Council. Such funds shall require authorization of the County Administrator or his designee prior to obligation. At the close of the fiscal year, any unexpended monies within said funds shall be carried forward within the respective fund for continued economic development use.

e. County General & Debt Service Funds: The Colleton County Auditor is authorized and directed to levy upon all taxable property in Colleton County, South Carolina, and the Colleton County Treasurer is directed to collect, taxes sufficient to meet all County General Fund appropriations directed by this Ordinance, except as provided for by other revenue sources for the operation of the County Government for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

The Colleton County Auditor is authorized and directed to levy upon taxable property in Colleton County, South Carolina and the Colleton County Treasurer is directed to collect taxes in the amount of \$2,293,962 to meet the Debt Service appropriation (Fund 130). To further meet the Debt Service (Fund 130) appropriation provided by this Ordinance in (d) directly above, the sum of \$36,500 is hereby appropriated from various sources and shall be collected to make a total County Debt Service (Fund 130) appropriation of \$2,330,462.

Sufficient mills to support these tax levies can be established by County Council Resolution before September 1st of this Fiscal Year, if anticipated to vary from what is set within this ordinance or if not set within this ordinance.

f. School Operations and Debt Service Funds:

**** To meet the appropriation provided by this Ordinance to cover School District Operating purposes, the Colleton County Auditor is authorized and directed to levy upon all taxable property in Colleton County, South Carolina, and the Colleton County Treasurer is directed to collect millage in the amount of 116.42. Any money generated by said levy shall be provided to the School District to cover operating costs. Millage may be adjusted by County Council Resolution before September 1st of this Fiscal Year should Council deem that to be in the best interests of the County.

Pursuant to 59-71-150 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976 as amended, the Colleton County Auditor shall levy and the Colleton County Treasurer shall collect a tax, without limit, upon all taxable property in Colleton

County, South Carolina, sufficient to pay the principal and interest of School Debt and to create such sinking fund as may be necessary therefore as provided by the School District to the County Auditor. Any funds accumulated for the School Debt Fund, which exceed the amounts required as provided to the County Auditor by the School District shall be carried forward in a School Debt Service Fund and shall be subject to appropriation by County Council only for School Debt Service.

(1) Debt Service Reporting/Processing: During the budget process each fiscal year, the School District shall provide to the County Treasurer and the County Finance Director a bank certified amortization listing of outstanding bond obligations and projected debt obligations. The School District shall require managing banks to directly provide to the County Treasurer and the County Finance Director all notices of payments due.

(2) Funds Transfer Requirements: The Treasurer shall notify both the School District (in the case of School District funding) and the County Administrator (in all cases) within five (5) days of receiving notification of any cuts in State or other revenues, or upon discovering any evidence of shortfall or deficit, or in the case of a decision to delay funds transfers.

g. Fire and Rescue District and Debt Service Funds: To meet the appropriation provided by this Ordinance to cover Fire and Rescue District Operating (Fund 156), the Colleton County Auditor is authorized and directed to levy upon all taxable property located in the unincorporated areas of the County and in the Towns of Cottageville, Lodge, Smoaks, Williams, and the City of Walterboro and the Colleton County Treasurer is directed to collect taxes of \$4,618,027 for Fire and Rescue District Operations (Fund 156). To further meet the Operating (Fund 156) appropriation provided by this Ordinance in (d) directly above, additional revenue from various sources in the amount of \$2,568,000 shall be collected. In addition, intergovernmental transfers in the amount of \$6,111,466 are also appropriated from Fund 100 and Fund 131 for transfer into Fund 156 upon requisition by the Finance Office to make a total Fire and Rescue District Operations appropriation of \$13,297,493

To meet the appropriation provided by this Ordinance to cover Fire and Rescue District Debt Service (Fund 131), the Colleton County Auditor is authorized and directed to levy upon all taxable property located in the unincorporated areas of the County and in the Towns of Cottageville, Lodge, Smoaks, Williams, and the City of Walterboro and the Colleton County Treasurer is directed to collect taxes of \$2,868,099 To further meet the Debt Service (Fund 131) appropriation provided by this Ordinance in (d) directly above, the sum of \$44,000 is hereby appropriated from various sources and shall be collected to make a total Fire and Rescue District Debt Service (Fund 131) appropriation of \$2,912,099.

Sufficient mills to support these tax levies can be established by County Council Resolution before September 1st of this Fiscal Year, if anticipated to vary from what is set within this ordinance or if not set within this ordinance.

At the close of the fiscal year any unexpended or unobligated funds and any funds accumulated for the Fire and Rescue Operating (Fund 156) or Debt Service (Fund 131) Funds above the provided appropriation amounts or collected in prior years, shall be carried forward in the respective fund balance and shall be subject to appropriation by County Council for Fire and Rescue Operations or Fire and Rescue Debt Service only.

h. Emergency Telephone Fund: To meet the appropriations provided by this Ordinance to cover the Emergency Telephone Fund, the \$1.00 E-911 subscriber billing fee per billed access line, up to 50 lines, and the tariff on wireless communication devices are hereby continued for this purpose. These E-911 fees will be accounted for in the E-911 Tariff Fund (Fund 141) to be expended in accordance with the 1976 South Carolina Code of Laws, Chapter 47, as amended, and Colleton County Ordinance 93-O-05. At the close of the fiscal year, any unexpended funds with any other funds collected in prior years shall be carried forward within this fund and shall be subject to appropriation by County Council.

i. Roads & Bridges Maintenance Fund: To meet the appropriation provided by this Ordinance for the Roads & Bridges Fund (Fund 210), a vehicle user fee of \$25.00 per vehicle is hereby continued for road and bridge maintenance and repair. To further meet the Fund 210 appropriation provided by this Ordinance, supplemental operating transfers from Fund 100 in the total amount of \$1,123,758, are hereby appropriated for transfer into Fund

210. The Roads and Bridges Fund 210 shall be a separate accounting fund with a corresponding Treasurer's bank account to administer this fund. Collection of delinquent vehicle user fees will be in accordance with the Colleton County Code of Ordinances, as amended, and annual budget ordinances.

All appropriated interfund operating transfers shall be made during the year as required to maintain orderly operations. At the close of the fiscal year all unexpended funds will be carried forward within the fund balance of this fund and shall be subject to appropriation by County Council for current and future operating costs connected to Roads & Bridges Department activities.

j. Solid Waste Fund: To meet the appropriation provided by this Ordinance for the Solid Waste Fund (Fund 211), a Solid Waste user fee of \$75 per residential unit County-wide, a commercial Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Fee of \$55 a ton and a Construction and Debris disposal rate of \$45 a ton is hereby established. To further meet the Fund 211 appropriation provided by this Ordinance, supplemental operating transfers in the total amount of \$691,022 is hereby appropriated from Fund 100 for transfer into Fund 211. Fund 211, the Solid Waste Fund, shall be a separate accounting fund with a corresponding Treasurer's bank account to administer it. Collection of delinquent Solid Waste user fees shall be conducted in accordance with the Colleton County Code of Ordinances, as amended, and annual budget ordinances.

All appropriated interfund operating transfers shall be made during the year as required to maintain orderly operations. At the close of the fiscal year, all unexpended funds will be carried forward within the fund balance of this fund and shall be subject to appropriation by County Council for current and future operating costs connected to solid waste disposal including but not limited to the Landfill, Transfer Station, and Convenience Sites.

k. Recreation Fund: Rental and membership fees, concession stand revenues, sponsorships, golf course revenues, restaurant revenues, donations, and program income generated by Recreation programs are hereby provided to meet the appropriation established in this Ordinance for the Recreation Fund (Fund 204). To further meet the Fund 204 appropriation provided by this Ordinance, supplemental operating transfers in the total amount of \$820,000 are hereby appropriated from Fund 100, Fund 153 and Fund 155 for transfer into Fund 204. Fund 204, the Recreation Fund, shall be a separate accounting fund with a corresponding Treasurer's bank account to administer it.

All appropriated interfund operating transfers shall be made during the year as required to maintain orderly operations. At the close of the fiscal year, all unexpended funds will be carried forward within the fund balance of this fund and shall be subject to appropriation by County Council for current and future operating costs connected to Recreation Department needs.

l. Hospitality Tax: Revenue generated by the Hospitality Tax established by Ordinance 2000-O-28 is hereby designated to meet the appropriation provided by **Section 1. Appropriations, d. Funds**, of this Budget Ordinance for the Hospitality Tax Fund. Fund 153, County Hospitality Tax Fund shall be a separate accounting fund with corresponding Treasurer's bank account to administer it. Collection of delinquent Hospitality Taxes by the Treasurer shall be in accordance with the Colleton County Code of Ordinances, as amended. At the close of the fiscal year, any unexpended funds and collections shall be carried forward in the Hospitality Tax Fund balance for continued use as provided by the Colleton County Code of Ordinances, as amended, subject to appropriation by County Council.

m. Accommodations Tax: Revenue generated by the County Accommodations Tax established by Ordinance 2001-O-15 is hereby designated to meet the appropriation provided by **Section 1. Appropriations, d. Funds**, of this Budget Ordinance for the County Accommodations Tax Fund. Fund 155, the Accommodations Tax Fund, shall be a separate accounting fund with corresponding Treasurer's bank account to administer it. Collection of delinquent County Accommodations Taxes by the Treasurer shall be in accordance with the Colleton County Code of Ordinances, as amended. At the close of the fiscal year, any unexpended funds and collections shall be carried forward within this fund for continued use as provided by the Colleton County Code of Ordinances, as amended, subject to appropriation by County Council.

n. Major Funds Determination: In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 34 and other appropriate regulations requiring Government-wide Financial Statements, major funds will be determined annually at the end of the fiscal year during the audit process.

o. Colleton County Transportation Committee: The Legislative Delegation's Colleton County Transportation Committee (CTC) is responsible for the budgeting and monitoring of expenditures related to the State "C" fund's appropriated budget (Fund 446). The Colleton County Transportation Committee Funds are considered Capital Projects Fund under Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) regulations though are not required to be appropriated by Council action.

The County Engineer is assigned by County Council the function of Clerk for the CTC. Assigned duties include responsibility for preparing CTC's minutes, authorizing invoice vouchers and requisitions for C-Funds, monitoring contracts approved by the CTC, monitoring CTC related expenses, requesting specific project accounts be set up in the County's financial management system in accordance with accounting standards, monitoring the account balances, preparing financial reports to the CTC, providing contract and transaction documentation to the County's Independent Auditors as requested, working with the Treasurer's Office to report reconciled cash balances to the CTC, preparing from records and CTC accounts the detail required for reporting expenditures, obligations, and other data which SCDOT, CTC, County Finance, independent auditors, or Council requests regularly. In addition, the County Engineer shall provide to the Finance Office annually by July 15th for the prior fiscal year and for inclusion in County record of roads, all CTC contractor certified costs and right-of-way information and documentation on the CTC's County road projects, listed by road and documenting the total improvement costs including the related engineering costs for each County road project.

Under a contractual agreement the CTC agrees to reimburse the County from "C" fund monies (Fund 446) on a standard hourly rate for engineering and management services by the County Engineer who is to be a certified Professional Engineer necessary for CTC operations. Colleton County agrees to cover certain ancillary expenses as contained herein.

p. Grants Management:

(1) Grant Fund Balances: Notwithstanding any other provisions of this ordinance, all unexpended balances in excess of \$1,000 from previous appropriations of state and federal grant funds, any State Accommodations Tax Funds not committed to the County General Fund, State Lottery Funds, and capital improvement or special project appropriations outstanding as of June 30th in the calendar year in which this budget ordinance is effective, shall be carried forward into the subsequent fiscal year budget appropriations. Any unexpended grant monies for grants which have had no spending for the current and prior fiscal years, are to be returned the grantor or transferred to the County General Fund. All grants are to be budgeted and accounted for in a special revenue fund and authorized local match transfers will be completed by the County Finance Director based on County Council's acceptance of the grant.

(2) County Acceptance: The expenditure of funds for grant programs included in this budget shall not be authorized unless evidence that the respective grants have been approved by the grantor agency is provided to the County Administrator, and the grant has been accepted and funded by proper action of County Council. In all cases, total program expenditures shall be limited to the lesser of the total grant award(s), or the amount(s) designated in the current budget appropriations, as amended, or as approved by County Council Grant Resolutions. County Finance Director must be listed as a contact on all grant applications and awards; all correspondence must be copied to the County Finance Director.

(3) Budgeting: Grant funds requiring matching County funds not specifically budgeted shall be authorized by passage of Council Resolution approving the grant application and identifying matching expenditure funds from other previously appropriated funds. Grants not exceeding \$50,000 and requiring no new local match appropriation may be budgeted by the County Administrator or his designee. If the amount is greater than \$50,000, then the amount shall be budgeted by Council Resolution. The Finance Director is authorized to create the necessary general

ledger accounts; the opening of bank accounts, when necessary, shall be executed by the County Treasurer in coordination with the Finance Director. When grant award payments are received, the Treasurer's Office or County Offices shall provide the Finance Director with copies of all checks received for the reimbursement of grant expenditures and any other related documentation determined by the Finance Director as necessary to ensure audit compliance. All grant revenues shall be credited to the appropriate revenue line item as established by the Finance Director. Grant revenues will not be applied directly to expenditure line items. All grant disbursements shall be authorized only through the Finance Office unless State or Federal law specifically provides otherwise and the County is exempt from financial reporting on those funds at both the State and Federal levels. Positions approved by County Council and supported through Grant funding, particularly where grant funding periods do not follow the County fiscal year term, may not appear in Budget detail.

(4) **Federal Reporting:** In accordance with Federal Part 200 Uniform Reporting Requirements related to Federal grants, all County offices, Component Units and other pass-through Organizations must report the expenditures and provide copies of grant awards and any other grant related reports to the Finance Director. Prior to the disbursement of any funds, the Finance Office must be provided with all requested documents to verify the accuracy and validity of the requested grant funds disbursement. County offices, Component Units or other pass through Organizations that do not comply with this ordinance and any other published administrative procedures necessary for complete and timely reporting of grants such that the County incurs additional independent audit costs or loses grants funds will either have these costs deducted from the Office or Component Unit's budget appropriations annually or will be forbidden to receive County sponsored grants or other funds until full recoupment has been made.

SECTION 2. FUND BALANCE MANAGEMENT

a. Compliant Fund Balance Policy: Colleton County Council utilizes a compliant fund balance methodology based on the cash-flow needs of the County to maintain sufficient reserves in order to maintain County operations. End of year fund balance estimations and associated cash flow projections for all cash-discrete funds are developed annually in the budget process to maintain a minimum of 20% of annualized appropriations in operational funds to ensure routine operations remain uninterrupted and in sinking funds (debt service fund) balances as required to timely service all scheduled debt.

b. Tax Anticipation Note Authority: The County is hereby empowered to borrow in anticipation of tax or other revenues for County purposes any sum not exceeding the amount anticipated to be received from taxes and other revenues during the current or following fiscal year, and not only to pledge the taxes or other revenues anticipated in the current or succeeding fiscal year, but to pledge, also, the full faith and credit of Colleton County for the repayment of any sums so borrowed. Such sums shall be borrowed from any banking institution or lending agency and shall be payable at such time, upon such terms, and in such sums as may be negotiated between the County and the lender.

c. Temporary Inter-Fund Loans: Interfund cash transfers are prohibited except as noted elsewhere herein and where implementation of the budget and accounting conventions dictate. Should the Treasurer determine that a temporary inter-fund loan is required to support cash flow of any fund, the Treasurer must provide to the County Administrator documentation and a written requisition for the funds needed, to include a year-to-date, by month, cash flow analysis of the shortage, and the County Administrator is authorized to approve said short-term transfer and its reversal. Temporary inter-fund loans and transfers shall be reported to County Council.

SECTION 3. BUDGET YEAR END

a. Purchase Authority Cutoff: The budget year shall expire on June 30 of this fiscal year. No monies shall be disbursed pursuant to this Ordinance unless such funds have been obligated (i.e. an order has been placed or a contract signed for the delivery of goods or services in accordance with County procurement procedures) prior to the close of the fiscal year, which is June 30th. The County Administrator will take action to preclude all purchase order activity except business required for expedient operations and emergencies after June 14th of the fiscal year;

no capital purchases other than emergencies will be initiated after May 31st of the fiscal year without the express written approval of the County Administrator. In addition, all items must be received and invoiced June 30th or earlier, or the items will be deducted from the originating office's subsequent fiscal year budget.

b. Purchase Order Liquidation: All offices are responsible for providing documentation regarding outstanding obligations for this fiscal year to the Finance Department on or before June 15th to facilitate the proper accrual of outstanding obligations of the County or the obligation(s) may be deducted from the office's budget for the subsequent fiscal year.

c. No Roll-Forward: Budget line-item balances shall under limited circumstances roll forward at the end of this fiscal year into the next fiscal year's budget, except for capital project funds, bond funds and grant funds crossing the fiscal year or as otherwise specified or appropriated within this budget ordinance.

d. Unexpended Funds: At the close of this fiscal year, any unexpended funds shall be turned over to General Fund Balance unless the County Treasurer is otherwise directed herein or specifically restricted by other County ordinances, State or Federal Law, or grant terms.

SECTION 4. NATURE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHART OF ACCOUNTS

a. Chart of Accounts: Appropriation and expenditure of the funds outlined in Section 1 above shall be by object category in the County's central accounting system as listed below:

Personal Services – Salaries & Wages	1xxx
Personal Services – Employee Benefits	2xxx
Purchased Professional & Technical Services	3xxx
Purchased-Property Services	4xxx
Other Purchased Services	5xxx
Supplies	6xxx
Property – Fixed Asset Guidelines	7xxx
Other Objects	8xxx
Colleton Transportation Committee	9xxx

b. Transfers Prohibited: Unbudgeted transfers are prohibited except as approved herein and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

c. Overspending: Any office, which overspends its straight-line spending levels for two consecutive months, shall be reviewed by the County Administrator, who may freeze position vacancies, capital expenditures, and funds transfers, and remove sufficient personnel from the County payroll to offset fully the impending budget overrun prior to the close of the fiscal year.

d. Reallocation:

(1) Funds: The Council may transfer any appropriations by resolution. The County Administrator or his designee may authorize individual transfers as needed not to exceed \$25,000. Each fund recipient Office Head must monitor expenditures daily and exercise caution to prevent over-expenditures. Primary responsibility for monitoring expenditures rests with each such Official individually. All requests for transfers from payroll accounts must be submitted in writing with detailed explanation to the County Administrator for consideration.

(2) Functions: The County Administrator, in consultation with County Council, is hereby authorized to transfer County Government functions and allocated appropriations among the various County divisions and offices in order to combine compatible employee positions and functions, eliminate duplicate work, gain performance efficiencies, or reduce overall operating costs of the County Government.

SECTION 5. FIXED ASSETS

a. Reporting: The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the useful life of the asset are not capitalized. The threshold for determining if an item is considered to be a fixed or capital asset is the value or the purchase price (whichever is higher) of \$5,000 or greater and the item must have a useful life of more than one year. Appropriate depreciation schedules are maintained on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of each asset in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). The estimated useful life is determined by guidelines developed by the State of South Carolina Office of Comptroller General, and in some cases, applicable Federal IRS regulations and/or Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 34 implementation guidelines. Fixed Asset and Capital reporting for the County is based on the following categories:

- Land
- Buildings and Improvements
- Infrastructure or Improvements Other Than Buildings
- Vehicles
- Furniture
- Machinery and Equipment

b. Inventory Control: Each County Office is responsible for verification of all of its items required to be listed in the Fixed Asset System maintained by County Finance and for providing paperwork/documentation to the Finance Department when the asset is received.

c. Donated Assets: Each County Office is responsible for verification of all items donated to that Department and required to be listed in the Fixed Asset System (valued at \$5,000 or more). Further each Office is responsible for providing paperwork/documentation to the Finance Department when such asset is received.

d. Insurance Proceeds: In order to comply with GASB regulations, all insurance payments will be processed by the County Finance Office and will be applied towards vehicle/equipment repairs when sufficient documentation/invoices are received from the department to justify the repair cost. If assets are considered impaired under GASB42 regulations and the impaired items will not be repaired or placed back into service, the insurance proceeds will be deposited into the Colleton Capital Fund 115 for future capital acquisitions of Colleton County unless the terms and conditions of the original funding source (Federal Asset Funds, grants, etc) require deposit of the insurance proceeds back to that particular funding source.

SECTION 6. RECEIPT, MANAGEMENT, AND REPORTING OF CASH:

a. Depositories option: The Council by resolution may elect to designate the banks to be used as checking depositories of County Funds through a bid procedure.

b. Timely deposit: All service charges, fees, fines, reimbursements, grant funds etc. received by County Offices shall be deposited with the County Treasurer as soon as possible after collection. All County Offices that collect funds on a daily basis shall reconcile receipts to funds received and submit funds to the Treasurer's Office by the following business day in the format as prescribed by the County Treasurer. Offices collecting less than \$200 on any single day may delay one business day. This policy does not apply where State law specifically provides authority for other actions to a specific official.

c. Bank Reconciliation: The Treasurer will record the County's cash receipts in accordance with the Chart of Accounts as authorized by County Council and as amended by the Finance Director. On or before the 15th day of each month, the Treasurer will provide the County Administrator's designee, the Finance Director, with the prior month's bank reconciliation recap for the County and other banking information on which revenue entries into the general ledger are to be based. These reports will be in a format as prescribed by the Finance Director and must contain sufficient detail to fully identify revenue and cash transfers for audit and reporting purposes, in accordance with State Law and GASB regulations. The Treasurer is responsible for reconciling bank accounts maintained in the Treasurer's Office in order to properly record revenues to the books of the County in accordance with the

County's chart of accounts and properly allocating interest and all other funds to various funds and bank accounts as required by SC Law, and for properly segregating funds in accordance with SC Law so as to avoid any commingling of cash at all times. The Treasurer's Office is also responsible for maintaining sufficient funds on hand to cover due to/from balances from various funds to the General Fund to cover interfund transfer liabilities created during the payroll and accounts payable processes and is responsible for completing timely the transfer of funds to reimburse the General Fund, and for documenting all cash transactions in detail as required by GASB and audit standards. Significant additional costs, if any, related to bookkeeping functions within the Treasurer's Office such as bank reconciliations, revenue accruals, reversal of revenue accruals, preparation of various audit schedules and the reconciliation of due to/from account balances related to interfund transfers and tax collection transfers will be identified and billed separately by the County's Independent Auditors from the general and actual audit costs of the County.

d. Cash Accounting: As is required by SC State law, the Treasurer shall report to the County Administrator's designee, the Finance Director, by the 15th of every month, the complete and full nature of all monies, as well as all investments, tax levy distributions, and other cash movements. Such reports shall be in the form prescribed by the Finance Director and the Treasurer shall make available copies of bank reconciliations of each of the County bank accounts, copies of the monthly bank statements, copies of any brokerage account statements, and any other Treasurer's Office records which the Finance Director requires to ensure that the County's books are balanced and that transactions have been properly recorded. In addition, the County Treasurer's Office is responsible for annual external audit reporting of revenues to the State Comptroller's Office and for providing the Finance Office and External Auditors with sufficient data to convert revenues from the cash basis of accounting to the modified accrual basis of accounting in order to ensure legal and annual audit compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) regulations, in particular GASB Statement No. 34 which requires revenue reporting on the modified accrual basis of accounting during the fiscal year and year-end conversion to accrual basis to produce Government-Wide Financial Statements. All monies collected by the Treasurer are designated for specific accounting funds established by this Ordinance and shall not be commingled. All interfund loans and transfers must be approved and executed in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

e. NSF Check Management: All non-sufficient funds (NSF) checks related to the payment of vehicle or property taxes, which are returned to the Treasurer shall be handled timely and in accordance with State Law. Tax Receipts issued against the NSF check payment shall be voided in the County's Tax System the same day the NSF check is received, and a different receipt issued at a later date for any subsequent payment. If the funds are not redeemed in full by the taxpayer and the taxes become delinquent, that tax levy shall be immediately flagged as delinquent in the County's Tax System and, where appropriate under South Carolina Law, turned over to the Delinquent Tax Department for collection. The Treasurer is responsible for the proper handling of non-sufficient funds checks and for the proper reconciliation of NSF checks to the Colleton County Tax Levy Collection system and reports and for providing reconciled data to external auditors at the end of the fiscal year showing the proper handling of NSF checks received. All county offices will immediately void any receipts issued, so recording in any automated system tracking the payment or receipt, and proceed with collections of the amounts due and the NSF check charge established by the County. Additionally, no check may be "held" in any fashion at any time, to avoid NSF charges or receipt revocation.

f. Investments: All Funds clearly not needed for a period of ninety days or longer shall be invested by the Treasurer in accordance with SC Law in the highest yield, collateralized, interest bearing accounts, or County, State and United States short-term obligations, the SC LGIP, or any instruments specifically permitted by SC State Law, subject to maintaining sufficient cash balances to meet current and anticipated expenses and accruing obligations of the County. Interest earned by interest bearing accounts and investment income will be recorded to the applicable funds and reported monthly by the County Treasurer to the Finance Office for inclusion in the monthly financial reports. No funds will be invested in CD's whenever overnight investments are earning interest at a higher rate.

g. Title IV-D (Child Support Enforcement) Federal Funds: The County Administrator, Clerk of Court, and Sheriff are authorized to enter jointly into agreements with the South Carolina Department of Social Services for

receipt of Title IV-D (Child Support Enforcement) Federal Funds. No single individual signature on these agreements will obligate the County to comply with the terms of the agreements in any manner or fashion.

h. New and Unbudgeted Revenues: In accordance with State Law, all non-budgeted revenues received during the year shall be routed through the Finance Office to be allocated to an appropriate revenue line item as determined and approved by the County Finance Director. If the dollar amount exceeds \$50,000, the budgeting of said funds will be established by Council Resolution, Ordinance or through the annual Budget Amendment Ordinance. The Finance Director will designate funds to the appropriate revenue line item and create corresponding expenditure line authorizations to enable expenditure by the designated office. Only under very limited circumstances, such as the refund for overpayment on a vendor account, reimbursements for travel, or short-term insurance claim settlements on replacements or repairs, will the Finance Director have the authority to approve the direct posting of income to an expenditure line item. (Additional grant procedures are referenced separately in this Ordinance.)

i. Delinquent Tax Collections: The Delinquent Tax Collector is responsible for reconciling monthly all bank accounts maintained by the Delinquent Tax Collector's Office in order to properly record revenues to the books of the County in accordance with the County's chart of accounts and properly allocating interest and all other funds to various funds and bank accounts as required by SC Law, and for properly segregating funds in accordance with SC Law so as to avoid any commingling of cash at all times. Significant additional costs related to bookkeeping functions within the Delinquent Tax Collector's Office such as bank reconciliation's, revenue accruals, reversal of revenue accruals, preparation of various audit schedules and the reconciliation of delinquent tax collection transfers will be identified and billed separately by the County's Independent Auditors from the general and actual audit costs of the County. By the 15th of every month the Delinquent Tax Collector shall report to the County Administrator's designee, the Finance Director, the complete and full nature of all monies on hand, as well as all investments, tax levy distributions, and other cash transfers or movements, in the form determined by the Finance Director.

SECTION 7. DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

a. General: All funds shall be disbursed only in accordance with appropriations herein, and in accordance with Colleton County Procurement Policies, Colleton County Financial Policies and Procedures, Colleton County Personnel Policy, Colleton County Administrative Directives and with state and federal laws and regulations. All continuing service contracts previously approved by County Council and within existing contract terms are hereby approved for vendor payment.

The County Administrator or his designee is authorized to approve Purchase Orders not to exceed the maximum amount defined by SC Code of Laws Title 11, Chapter 35 Section 11-35-1550 (1) for Small Purchases or budgeted State or GSA contracts and eligible purchases that meet or are less than the South Carolina State contract purchase amount for the current year. All purchasing limits described in the county purchasing code shall be increased by the Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index from the date of the inception of the code in January 2003 to May 2023. The Administrator may authorize designees for approval of Purchase Orders at such lower amounts as he deems appropriate.

The maintenance and repair of county facilities will be exempt from purchasing procedures in the same manner as bridges, highways, roads, vehicle and road equipment. This exemption would apply to all maintenance and repairs of county facilities that do not exceed \$50,000.

b. Warrant Required: The Treasurer shall disburse all grant and other County funds only pursuant to a warrant from the Colleton County Administrator in accordance with South Carolina State Law and this ordinance. The County Finance Director shall have checks prepared for each item listed on the warrant. The listing on the warrant will include the name of the payee, the amount of the payment, and the date of the payment. The warrant will be signed by the County Administrator or his designee and the County Finance Director, directing the Treasurer to disburse County funds pursuant to the warrant in accordance with the list therein. The Treasurer or the Treasurer's

designee will sign the Finance Office copy of the warrant certifying that sufficient funds are on deposit and available to issue the checks authorized by said warrant.

c. Warrant and Check Processing: The Treasurer shall deposit sufficient authorized monies timely in each respective account to cover expenses as contained in the warrants and to cover interfund (due to/from) liabilities created through the accounts payable and payroll processes. The Treasurer shall assign the custody of the check-signing device to the Finance Director or their designee to prepare checks for each item on the warrant. The warrant cover sheet shall be made in duplicate, the original being kept by the Treasurer and the copy being kept by the Finance Office as a matter of record.

d. Payments to Vendors: The Finance Office shall deliver checks in payment of County expenditures to vendors. Vendors shall be paid by either (1) Delivery of such check by U.S. Mail or comparable postal service to the vendor, (2) County issued procurement or other virtual payment card or (3) On a limited basis as in the case of many debt service payments, by wire transfer.

e. Treasurer Refunds: The Treasurer will maintain a refund account from which all property tax refunds shall be made. In addition, the Treasurer shall maintain sufficient records to provide detail regarding which taxing units should be charged for the refunds and make arrangement to recoup the funds appropriately as soon as possible.

f. Debt Service Payments: All County debt service fund payments shall be processed through the Finance Office by presentation of a warrant to the Treasurer for payment, which warrant should be initiated by the Treasurer if a payment notice is received in the Treasurer's Office. The County Treasurer is responsible for ensuring sufficient funds are on hand in appropriate accounts to maintain debt service requirements. The Treasurer is responsible for reporting the balance of debt service funds available to the County Administrator by the 15th of each month, to include any pending tax levy transfers.

g. Payments to Employees: The Finance Office shall process all approved travel advances and reimbursements of travel and other approved and appropriated operating expenses to County employees on a bi-weekly basis as a distinct payment amount that is included on the employee's payroll voucher. These amounts will not be subject to tax or other withholding except as otherwise noted in Section 9e.

SECTION 8. ANNUAL FISCAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

a. Boards, Commissions, Agencies, and Institutions: All boards, commissions, agencies, and institutions receiving County funds shall make a full detailed annual fiscal report to the County Council at the end of the fiscal year. The County governing body, the County Administrator, or the Finance Office may require reports, estimates, and statistics from any County office as may be necessary in the preparation of annual budgets or supplemental appropriations. Prior year audits are required for acceptance of annual budget requests.

b. Alcohol & Drug Abuse Commission: In accordance with the Colleton County Code of Ordinances, as amended, the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Commission is considered a Component Unit of the County and shall be included in the Annual Audited Financial Statements of the County. In the case of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission, Colleton County Council hereby directs the Finance Director to impose a 1% surcharge to the total outstanding payroll reimbursement due to the County, to be effective thirty () days after the date of the payroll billing submission from the County Finance Office to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission. Any variances in the amount paid verses the actual billing related to payroll must be submitted in writing to the County Finance Director prior to the receipt of funds from the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission or the variance will be considered outstanding for the purposes of this Ordinance and the surcharge. This surcharge will be deducted from the Direct Aid line item on an ongoing basis, and in future budget years until paid in full.

c. Solicitor's Office: Pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding between the Fourteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office and Colleton County, the County has agreed to process the Solicitor's Office payroll in accordance with the County's normal payroll procedure and to act as the insurance benefits administrator for the employees of that Office. All employees of the Office are considered political appointees and are not subject to the County's policies,

rules, or procedures other than those directly related to the manner of payroll processing and benefits administration. Any interest collected on said monies shall be the property of the County and shall be used to offset the administrative costs associated with the processing of payroll and benefits administration.

d. Library: Colleton County Memorial Library is considered a component unit of the County and shall be included in annual audited financial statements of the County.

e. Fire Rescue: Colleton County Fire Rescue is considered a component unit of the County and shall be included in annual audited financial statements of the County

SECTION 9. COMPENSATION AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND PERSONNEL

a. General: All County Departments, Offices, designated Agencies, and Component Units are included in the County Class and Compensation Plan administered by consultants. Neither the County Administrator nor any office head may establish or fund any new position without the knowledge and consent of County Council except that the County Administrator may approve temporary personnel based on County needs and available funding.

b. Compensable Accruals: When hourly employees who have accrued compensatory time leave County employment, they shall be paid for this time from the office's regular salary funds. The position the employee is vacating shall be frozen until the amount of money to be paid for the compensatory time of the terminating employee has been paid out of the budgeted funds in that Office. If sufficient funds are clearly available in the Office budget to offset the compensatory time expense and to cover future payrolls for the Office, the position need not be frozen. Neither accrued compensatory time nor any other form of leave may be used in conjunction with worker's compensation benefits except during the mandatory waiting period. In no event shall the aggregate total of compensation and annual leave payments at separation exceed the maximum legally accruable total of compensatory time. Unused holiday leave is not compensable at the time of separation.

c. Effective Date of Personnel Action Requests (PARs): Personnel actions involving salary adjustments generally shall be effective the first day of the first pay period following approval by the County Administrator.

d. General Pay Adjustments: Pay adjustments for employees covered by S-1 and S-2 legislation as mandated by State law and adjustments based on position reevaluations by independent consultants or employment contract adjustments by Colleton County Council are included. In the case of rounding or other minor variances caused by calculation nuances subject to interpretation, the County Administrator shall be the final authority in determining the actual salary or hourly wage in accordance with and within appropriations of County Council. All pay adjustments in this budget, unless specifically stated otherwise, are effective July 3, 2023 as processed and paid on July 21, 2023.

e. Travel: When employees are required to travel on official business, the County pays reasonable amounts for transportation, meals, and lodging in accordance with the County's Personnel Policies, Administrative Directives, and this ordinance. When an office has County Vehicles assigned to it or a County Pool Vehicle is available, employees should utilize a County Vehicle if this use does not impede County Operations. If the employee's personal vehicle is utilized with prior approval of the County Administrator, the employee shall be reimbursed at a rate of fifty-five (.55) cents per mile traveled. Meal expenses may not exceed \$44.00 per calendar day for in-state travel (\$12 breakfast/\$12 lunch/\$20 dinner) or \$58 for out-of-state travel (\$15 breakfast/\$18 lunch/\$25 dinner) and no per diem reimbursement will be provided for travel that is less than two days. Under this section no more than one day of per diem will be provided for travel each way to/from a business destination. Per diem meal reimbursement is only provided when an overnight stay at the conference or business destination is required and the employee must provide the appropriate documentation to substantiate the business connection as outlined in Section 12.4A(2) of the Colleton County Personnel Policy. County Policy provides for no per diem for any travel within the County, including no meal reimbursements within the County.

For a Law Enforcement employee transporting a prisoner, the employee will be reimbursed at per diem rates for his own meal at any food stop mandated by statute on behalf of the prisoner. In all other cases, Law Enforcement

employees shall be required to follow the regular requirements for reimbursement of meal expenses provided for other County employees.

There is no provision for advance per diems to the individual for Hotel Reservations, Airline Tickets, Conference/Seminar registration costs or any other costs directly related to travel; all such costs will normally be paid directly to the vendor providing the service. Travel advances to the employee for meals shall not include per diem for the day of departure and return and for any partial days. Travel advances to employees will not be paid more than two weeks in advance and full accounting of the funds must be sent to the Finance no later than (15) days after the dates of travel or the advanced funds will be withheld from the employees next scheduled payroll check.

Requests for reimbursements must be presented within (15) days of return from the trip. Original, dated, detailed receipts must accompany all travel reimbursement requests; limited exceptions to this policy will be allowed as approved by the County Administrator or his designee when sufficient reason is provided, and the Department Head or Elected Official involved approves. Where exceptions are considered taxable income under IRS regulations, the reimbursed funds will be processed through the payroll system as taxable income. County Department Heads and Elected Officials shall have no authority to waive the requirement for receipt of original, dated, detailed receipts under this section except with written approval by the County Administrator or his designee. Under no circumstances shall the County reimburse any persons eligible for travel reimbursement by the County for alcoholic beverages, personal purchases of any kind not specifically authorized in the personnel policy, or any amounts for which appropriated funds are not available or where such reimbursement would be a violation of the State Ethics Laws and regulations.

f. Credit Cards and Accounts: The Colleton County Capital Projects/Procurement office has a purchasing/procurement card program with established controls and procedures, credit cards which obligate Colleton County are expressly not permitted. Credit accounts in the name of the County must be forwarded to the County Finance Office which is responsible for establishing credit accounts with vendors upon written approval by the County Administrator or the Finance Director. The County Finance Department is also responsible for the control and monitoring of all credit accounts in the County's name, verification of goods received and reconciling of such credit purchases to invoices received. Accounts not established in accordance with this ordinance are the sole responsibility of the initiating person, and the County shall not be liable or obligated to make payment on behalf of the initiator or the person using the account.

g. Assistance to Retirees: Persons retiring after the effective date of this ordinance may be eligible to receive for this year only, up to 50% of the cost of their individual health/dental insurance purchased through the SC State health insurance program this year provided that:

- (1) The person is employed by Colleton County at the time of his/her retirement, is at least 62 years of age, and is covered at that time under Colleton County's health/dental insurance program; and
- (2) The employee had twenty years of qualifying, full-time employment with Colleton County prior to the retirement; and
- (3) The employee is retiring under the South Carolina Retirement System or the South Carolina Police Retirement System.
- (4) The specified Council appropriation made by and within this ordinance for said assistance is sufficient to fund the full 50% of all costs of all those eligible for and receiving assistance under this provision for this fiscal year. This retiree assistance is for this year only and remains subject to appropriation by County Council.
- (5) Any person, who retires from County employment meeting all the requirements except the age requirement, will be eligible for this funded percentage of cost assistance upon reaching the age of 62.

h. County Attorney: The County Attorney may represent all agencies, boards, and officials in Colleton County that are employees of the County and subject to the budgetary controls of the County Council. Said attorney shall not represent any other organization, agency, or individual in any matter coming before the County Council. Specialized counsel may be retained when such representation is deemed to be in the best interests of the County.

i. Fire and Rescue: Any volunteer response cost assistance program must be based on specific written procedures and criteria adopted by the Fire Commission and approved by the County Council. Appropriations for all medical and firefighting positions in Fire-Rescue are for dual-certified positions only. Non-dual-certified candidates with no prior service with Colleton County may be hired as PRN and underslotted in an open position for up to one year, during which time dual certification must be achieved to be eligible for retention and transfer into the regular position status.

j. Family Medical Leave Act: Personnel will be removed from the County payroll when the initial FMLA mandated leave period is exhausted, before the extension period begins.

k. Drug Testing: Any candidate selected for employment with Colleton County shall be drug tested prior to being placed on any payroll processed by the County. Failure to report for the initial drug test scheduled by Human Resources shall result in discontinuation of any further consideration of the candidate.

l. Position Re-evaluations: Department Heads and Elected Officials, who wish to submit positions within their department for evaluation for Council consideration during the next fiscal year's budget process, must complete and deliver to the Finance Director the job descriptions or Comprehensive Position Questionnaires no later than November 30th in order that the consultant's evaluation can be completed and recommendations presented to Council with the First Reading of the Budget Ordinance.

m. Thirty-Year Service Recognition Awards: As provided in the Personnel Policy Manual, any regular full-time employee who achieves thirty continuous years of service in Colleton County government shall receive a \$5,000 Service Recognition Award. All such awards shall be paid contingent upon budget appropriation, and such payment shall be scheduled for the first pay period following the employee's thirty-year anniversary.

n. Election Commission Stipends: In accordance with IRS regulations, Election Commission Stipends will be processed through the Colleton County Payroll System quarterly in arrears based on funding received from the South Carolina Elections Commission. The Colleton County Voter Registration/Elections Office must provide to County Human Resources and Finance a detailed quarterly list with the name, address, and term in office for each Election Commissioner appointed in accordance with Section 7-5-10 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended. Each Commissioner must complete all required payroll-record paperwork through the County Human Resources Office, including forms for tax withholdings, retirement election, etc., before payments can be issued. In addition, prior to payment processing, the County Treasurer must validate receipt of stipend revenue from the State Elections Commission.

o. Furlough: In the event that the economic situation creates a revenue shortfall for the County, the County Administrator is hereby authorized to institute a furlough program in the manner and for the length of time, up to fifteen days, deemed to be in the best interest of the County. Funds from the payroll and benefits account line items unexpended as a result of such furlough may be transferred at the County Administrator's discretion to cover essential operations.

SECTION 10. INDEPENDENT AUDIT

An independent annual audit of all financial records and transactions of the County shall be made by a Certified Public Accountant or firm of public accountants with no personal interest, direct or indirect in the fiscal affairs of the government of Colleton County or any of its officers. The County Council may, without requiring competitive bids, designate such accountant or firm. Unless included in the annual County audit, an annual audit of each county agency, board, bureau, or commission of Colleton County, funded in whole or in part by County funds, shall be made. Copies of the annual County audit shall be available on the County website and provided for Colleton County Administration and every member of the County governing body.

SECTION 11. FEES AND CHARGES

a. Disposition of Collections: All taxes, fees, charges, and assessments not otherwise allocated specifically by this ordinance with the supporting detail incorporated herein by reference or by law shall be deposited in the Colleton County general fund with other general fund revenues. All such taxes, fees, charges, and assessments shall be appropriated and allocated by the Colleton County Council in the same manner as other general revenues. No such taxes, fees, charges, or assessments shall be paid to or shall accrue to the personal benefit of any officer or employee of Colleton County. Use of fees, fines, and charges to reimburse expenditure budget line items through deposit credits is prohibited. The following fees are hereby established and continued hereafter until otherwise discontinued by action of County Council by ordinance:

b. Fee Changes: The following fee changes are included in the respective fund appropriations.

- (1) Fund 210 Roads and Bridges driveway culvert installation fees are budgeted at the most recent State of South Carolina contracted cost plus applicable sales tax per foot for both concrete and plastic pipes.
- (2) Fund 100 Animal Control adoption fee for puppies, up to 6 months will be \$150 and remain at \$90 for all other dogs, seven months and older.

c. Payment by Credit Card: A Credit Card Convenience Charge of 2.35% is necessary to fully offset the costs to the County for credit card payments and processing, and is hereby directed to be assessed and collected by the County Treasurer in accordance with applicable State Laws, with all related collections and costs to be reported specifically to Finance to be included in the monthly financial reports.

d. Museum and Recreation Department: The Colleton County Museum, and Recreation Department are authorized to maintain cash drawers and petty cash accounts. An accounting of the monies in each account will be conducted on the last business day of each month and signed by the director or their designee attesting to the accuracy of the accounting. A copy will be forwarded to the Finance office no later than 5 calendar days of the month following. These accounts are subject to unannounced internal audits by the Finance Office, and its inclusion in the annual County external audit is required.

e. Library Petty Cash Accounts: The Colleton County Library is authorized to maintain an account for donations and petty cash of less than \$1,000. An accounting of the monies in this account, including a copy of the monthly bank reconciliation, is to be provided to the Finance Office by the 15th of each month for the prior month. This fund is subject to unannounced internal audits by the Finance Office, and its inclusion in the annual County external audit is required. The Library is responsible for the proper accounting and reconciliation of the bank account.

f. Sheriff Federal Asset Accounts: The Colleton County Sheriff's Office is authorized to maintain account(s) as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards for the accounting of Federal Asset/Seizure Funds. An accounting of the monies in this account, including a copy of the monthly bank reconciliation, is to be provided to the Finance Office by the 15th of each month for the prior month. This accounting fund is subject to unannounced internal audits by External Auditors in order to ensure compliance with Federal A-133 reporting and for inclusion of this information in the annual County external audit report as required by law. Any additional audit charges related to Federal Asset account(s) will be billed separately to the Sheriff's Office.

g. Fire and Rescue Fire Insurance Billing: The Colleton County Fire Rescue Commission is authorized to complete and submit where applicable insurance company billings following a response to a structure fire, car fire, auto accident, extrication, establishment of Helicopter Landing Zone, HazMat response, medical first response and rescue in accordance with specific written procedures developed and adopted by the Fire Commission and approved by the County Council. Insurance payments received shall be utilized for provision of fire/rescue service.

h. GIS/Map Copies: Any surveyor whose business office is headquartered in Colleton County is eligible to receive free of charge any GIS Map copy (8 ½ x 11” or 11 x 17”, color or black and white) as required in the performance of his work.

SECTION 12. DEBT COLLECTION

a. Setoff Debt: Colleton County is hereby authorized to participate in the Setoff Debt Program through the South Carolina Association of Counties on an annual basis as approved by the Colleton County Administrator, who is authorized to execute all documentation and direct all designations of personnel participating as necessary.

b. Solid Waste and Fire-Rescue Services: County Council approval is required to write off any current debt related to Fire-Rescue Services in connection with the provision of ambulance services or to Solid Waste in connection with the provision of waste disposal. The County Administrator is authorized to write off debts which are no longer collectible under SC State Law due to related statute of limitations or judicial decision. The Solid Waste Director and Fire-Rescue Services Director are responsible for providing detailed debt status information to the Finance Director before June 30th each fiscal year for inclusion in the 3rd Reading of the Annual Budget Amendment Ordinance.

SECTION 13. EDISTO AREA FIRE SERVICES CONTRACT

The Chairman of County Council is authorized to execute a contract, as appropriated herein, with the Town of Edisto Beach for the provision of fire protection services for those portions of Edisto Island falling within the unincorporated area of Colleton County or within the Town of Edisto Beach, subject to appropriations herein and/or in the annual budget of the Town of Edisto Beach and subject to the approval of the contract by the County Attorney.

SECTION 14. NO SOLICITATION ON COUNTY PROPERTY

No vendors or solicitors may display, sell, or solicit for the purpose of selling to employees or the public any goods, wares, or services within County offices or on County property unless specifically authorized by County Council or in accordance with appropriately designated uses, as in the case of the Recreation Center, the Museum/Farmers Market, and the Edisto Beach Education and Civic Center facilities. No insurance agents, including representatives from agencies providing coverage through payroll deduction, may solicit from, sell to, visit, or contact County employees in any manner during work hours or in the work place. No vendors or solicitors may post or hand out within County offices or on County property to employees or the public any materials for the purpose of selling or soliciting any goods, wares, or services unless specifically authorized by County Council or in accordance with appropriate designated uses. Anyone found guilty of violating this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500 per incident, or less than \$100 per incident. Such violators shall be ticketed by a Sheriff’s Deputy or Code Enforcement Officer and tried in Magistrate’s Court. Only open enrollment meetings schedule by Human Resources and authorized in writing shall be permitted, and such meetings shall be restricted to the time, place, and date indicated by the Human Resources Manager.

SECTION 15. CONTRACTING AND FUNDS OR OTHER COMMITMENTS

Except where otherwise designated by County Council, only the County Administrator (or the County Administrator’s designee) may obligate the county in any manner through signature on contracts, purchase orders, or other such agreements or documents as an authorized agent.

SECTION 16. AGRICULTURAL ASSESSMENT EXTENSION PROCESS – PRIVATE CITIZENS

A fixed Agricultural Assessment Extension Policy for private citizens is hereby authorized. Any private citizen may apply for agricultural assessment for no more than two tax years prior to the then current tax year. Businesses, including partnerships, corporations, etc., are not eligible to receive consideration under this fixed policy, but must continue to make application to Council demonstrating to Council’s satisfaction that the business had reasonable

cause for not filing timely. The County Administrator shall administer the program with forms and procedures as necessary in accordance with South Carolina Law.

SECTION 17. VEHICLES – OFFICIAL COUNTY FLEET RECORD

An authorized list of all County-owned vehicles providing make, model, year, serial and tag numbers, and assigned department/office shall be established as the official County Fleet Record and shall be approved by County Council Resolution. Only vehicles included in the official County Fleet Record shall be insured and maintained by the County. The approval by written resolution of County Council or authorization as provided in annual budget ordinances shall be required to place any additional vehicles in the County Fleet Record. Without such authorization, no vehicle shall be added to the CFR or to the County’s insurance policies except where a currently insured vehicle is being removed from same. Vehicles removed from the CFR and the insurance policies must be surplus, through Council resolution if county owned and placed for sale according to County Purchasing Policy.

SECTION 18. JUROR PAY

Citizens selected for Jury duty within the Colleton County Court System shall be paid a flat rate of \$20.00 per day for those days when appearance in Court is required. No mileage or other such payment shall be made.

SECTION 19. FIRE-RESCUE, S.C. MEDICAID TRADING PARTNER AGREEMENT

The County Administrator is authorized to execute the annual contract between South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) and Colleton County on behalf of the Fire-Rescue Commission to comply with HIPAA requirements for electronic billing.

SECTION 20. FLEXIBILITY PROVISIO

Colleton County hereby provides that it may reduce its support to any outside direct assistance payments and/or State mandated programs or requirements by up to a percentage equal to the percentage of reduction in the actual amount appropriated to the Local Government Fund as compared to the amount required to be appropriated pursuant to Section 6-27-30 of the State Code of Laws, and in accordance with the State Flexibility Proviso.

SECTION 21. All provisions in other County Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 22. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance 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.

SECTION 23. At the time this was passed, the following Elected Officials were in office for Colleton County:

Official	Seat
Bubba Trippe	Council Seat at Large
Scott Biering	Council Seat #2 Eastern District
Phillip M. Taylor, Sr.	Council Seat #3 Eastern District
Steven D. Murdaugh	Council Seat #4 Western District
Joseph F. Flowers, MD	Council Seat #5 Western District
Jeff Slocum	Auditor
Richard Harvey	Coroner
Rebecca H. Hill	Clerk of Court
Ceth Utsey	Probate Judge

Guerry Hill	Sheriff
Becky S. Hill	Treasurer

This Ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2023.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Kaela Brinson, Council Clerk

Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:

Approved as to Form
Sean P. Thornton, County Attorney

Sponsor(s) : County Council
First Reading : May 2, 2023
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A
Second Reading : June 6, 2023
Public Hearing : July 25, 2023
Third Reading : July 25, 2023
Effective Date : Immediately

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

ORDINANCE NO. 23-O-09

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[To Adopt Title 5 – Business Licenses & Regulations of the, Chapter 5.04 – Late Night Establishments Preclearance, of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances.]

Sponsor(s) : County Council
Adopted : May 2, 2023
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 23-R-29

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Award the Contract for the Harrelson Building Technology Department Improvements Project.]

WHEREAS:

1. The County advertised a Request for Bids, CC-38, for the Harrelson Building Technology Department Improvements Project, which is a Capital Projects Sales Tax project; and
2. Two bids were received; and
3. Mitchell Construction Company, Inc. meets all of the requirements of the bid and is the lowest bidder; and
4. Staff requests authorization to negotiate the contract for services with Mitchell Construction Company, Inc.

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

1. County Council hereby authorizes the County Administrator to negotiate the contract in accordance with Bid CC-38 with Mitchell Construction Company, Inc. for the Harrelson Building Technology Department Improvements Project.
2. The County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute said 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 in the amount of \$1,006,612.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Kaela Brinson, Council Clerk

Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:

Sponsor(s) : County Council
Adopted : May 2, 2023
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 23-R-30

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[To Reschedule the July County Council Meeting and Cancel the August County Council Meeting.]

WHEREAS:

1. The first Tuesday of July falls during the week of a national holiday; and
2. The South Carolina Association of Counties Annual Conference is scheduled for July 31, 2023 – August 3, 2023; and
3. Staff recommends that County Council hold one meeting on July 25, 2023 to cover regular business for the months of July and August.

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

County Council hereby reschedules the July 2023 County Council meeting to July 25th, 2023, and hereby cancels the August 2023 County Council meeting.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Kaela Brinson, Council Clerk

Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:

Sponsor(s) : County Council
Adopted : May 2, 2023
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 23-R-31

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Authorize the Waiver of Various Fees for the Summer 2023 Mission Serve Home Repair Program.]

WHEREAS:

1. For several years now Mission Serve, formerly World Changers, has sponsored a volunteer-staffed home repair project in Colleton County working on homes in the unincorporated and incorporated areas of the County; and
2. The 2023 Program will have participants working to complete needed home repairs for low income, senior adults, and people with special needs; and
3. The organization is requesting that the Council authorize the waiving of building department and Solid Waste disposal fees for this project as has been done in the past.

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

1. All fees for required building permits obtained by Mission Serve for the project period in the summer 2023 are hereby waived.
2. All inspections required by the International Building Code will be provided free of charge.
3. All Solid Waste disposal fees for waste generated by the summer 2023 Mission Serve project, in an amount not to exceed 20 tons, are hereby waived.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Kaela Brinson, Council Clerk

Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:

OPPOSED:

Sponsor(s) : County Council
Adopted : May 2, 2023
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 23-R-32

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Provide a One-Time Assistance for the Summer 2023 Mission Serve Home Repair Program.]

WHEREAS:

1. Mission Serve is a faith-based 501(c) 3 nonprofit that seeks to strengthen neighborhoods by partnering with organizations and empowering individuals to address physical, spiritual, and emotional needs through volunteerism and community involvement; and
2. Mission Serve Walterboro focuses on building ramps, roofing houses, completing general siding repairs, painting, and doing yard work at houses in the community, both in the city and in the county; and
3. In 2022 Mission Serve Walterboro had 135 volunteers, 100 of which were youth from South Carolina, Florida, Virginia, North Carolina and Alabama. These volunteers roofed 2 houses, built 4 ramps, painted and repaired 1 house and did yard work at 8 different houses. The ramps, siding repair jobs and painting jobs were located in the Cottageville area, Dandridge Road and also on Greenpond Highway; and
4. In June of 2023, Mission Serve will be hosting groups from all over the south, with a record number of participants. The organization is requesting that the Council authorize the funding to cover the materials (\$2,500 for a ramp and \$6,000 for a roof) for jobs in the unincorporated portion of Colleton County; and
5. Staff recommends that Council fund the materials for the completion of Mission Serve ramp and/or roof projects in the amount of \$10,000 to come from Council Contingency.

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

County Council hereby authorizes this one-time funding for Mission Serve Walterboro in the amount of \$10,000 to be paid from Council Contingency.

ATTEST:

Kaela Brinson, Council Clerk

SIGNED:

Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:

OPPOSED:

Sponsor(s) : County Council
Adopted : May 2, 2023
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 23-R-33

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[To Remove a Member From the Colleton County Recreation Commission and to Authorize the Council Clerk to Advertise for Board Vacancies.]

WHEREAS:

1. In accordance with Chapter 2.28, section 2.28.020 “E” of the Code of Ordinances Any member of any board or commission may be removed at any time by vote of county council if such member has been absent without excuse for more than three consecutive regular meetings or for more than 50 percent of the regular meetings for the preceding year; and
2. Notification has been received from the Colleton County Recreation Commission for the removal of Josh Bell from the Commission and request to advertise for two vacancies; and
3. Colleton County Commission of Alcohol and Drug Abuse has one vacancy; and
4. 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:

Kaela Brinson, Council Clerk

Steve D. Murdaugh, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:

Sponsor(s) : County Council
Adopted : May 2, 2023
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 23-R-34

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies.]

WHEREAS:

1. Colleton County Lowcountry Transportation Authority has two vacancies; and
Applicant: Latosia Simmons
2. Colleton County Board of Assessment Appeals has one vacancy; and
Applicant: John Barnes
3. Colleton County Edisto River Canoe and Kayak Trail Committee has one vacancy; and
Applicant: Peter “Austin” Mitchum
4. 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 Lowcountry Transportation Authority: Latosia Simmons

Colleton County Board of Assessment Appeals: John Barnes

Colleton County Edisto River Canoe and Kayak Trail Committee: Peter “Austin” Mitchum

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Kaela Brinson, Council Clerk

Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:

OPPOSED: