AGENDA
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2014
6:00 P.M.
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD JAIL BUILDING

1. Call to Order

2. Invocation

3. Roll Call

4.Appearances & Public Presentations
   a) Colleton County Memorial Library- Carl Coffin- Overview of annual report & services

5. Approval of Minutes
   a) Regular Meeting October 7, 2014

6. Awards and Recognitions
   a) Purple Heart Proclamation

7. Administrator's Briefing

8. Public Hearing
   a) Ordinance 14-O-12, To Ratify FY14 Grant And Budget Resolutions And Related Appropriations For All Funds; To Ratify Transfer And Other Resolutions Previously Authorized By Council; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

9. Old Business
   a) 3rd Reading Ordinance 14-O-12, To Ratify FY14 Grant and Budget Resolutions and Related Appropriations for All Funds; to Ratify Transfer and Other Resolutions Previously Authorized by Council; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

10. New Business
    a) 1st Reading, Ordinance 14-O-13, To Further Amend the Agreement for Development of a Joint County Industrial Park, by and Between Colleton County, South Carolina and Charleston County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Jointly Owned and Operated Industrial/ Business Park, so as to Include Additional Property in Charleston County as Part of the Joint County Industrial Park and to Amend the Terms of the Agreement.

    b) 1st Reading, Ordinance 14-O-14, To Amend Title 14 – Land Management, Article 14-08-6 – Signs of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances.
c) Resolution 14-R-66, To Express Colleton County's Request that the South Carolina General Assembly Increase the Allocation to the Local Government Fund to Both Provide Property Taxpayers with the Relief they have been Promised and Allow County Government the Ability to Provide the State and Local Government Services Required Under State Law.

d) Resolution 14-R-67, To Request that the Colleton County State Legislative Delegation Recommend to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources that South Carolina Water Resource Recreation Funds Dedicated to Colleton County be used to Improve Safety and Security at Colleton County Boat Landings.

e) Resolution 14-R-68, To Authorize the Acceptance and Budgeting of Funds for a Justice Assistance Grant for the Solicitor's Office Received for FY 2014-2015.

f) Resolution 14-R-69, To Declare Surplus Various Computer Equipment and to Authorize Its Sale in Accordance with County Policy.

g) Resolution 14-R-70, To Award the Contract for Engineering Services for the Bama Road Drainage Project.

h) Resolution 14-R-71, To Authorize the Transfer of $154,100.78 from the Fire GOB Debt Service Fund – Fund 131 to the Fire and Rescue Fund – Fund 156 for the Purchase of Property Located at 157 Risher Mountain Road, to Authorize the Purchase of Said Property and to Authorize the County Administrator to Execute all Purchase Documents.

i) Resolution 14-R-72, To Approve a Mutual Aid Agreement between the Colleton County Sheriff's Office and the City of Walterboro Police Department.

j) Resolution 14-R-73, To Authorize the Acceptance and Budgeting of Funds for the Justice Assistance Grant Received for FY 2014-2015 by the Colleton County Sheriff's Office, to Authorize the Addition of a Sergeant Position within the Sheriff's Office for the Duration of the Grant, to Authorize the Purchase of a Vehicle and Equipment, and to Authorize the Addition of Vehicle and Equipment to the County's Insurance Policy.

k) Resolution 14-R-74, To Approve the Maintenance Partnership Agreement between Colleton County and the South Carolina Department of Transportation.

l) Resolution 14-R-75, To Authorize the County Administrator to Enter Into a Project Agreement with the South Carolina Department of Transportation.
m) Resolution 14-R-76, To Approve the Facility Operation Agreement between Colleton County and the Lowcountry Council of Governments for the Operation of the Colleton County Career Skills Center.

n) Resolution 14-R-77, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies

o) Resolution 14-R-78, To authorize the Council Clerk to Advertise for 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) Personnel
   b) Economic Development

15. Adjournment

16. Informal Meeting of the Whole
Purple Heart Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to any member of the United States Armed Forces wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, chartered by an Act of Congress, is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives, and most importantly, make sure we never forget; and

WHEREAS, Colleton County has had residents make the ultimate sacrifice in armed conflict, and have been awarded the Military Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat; and

WHEREAS, Colleton County has highly decorated military members, both and active and retired, living in its communities; and

WHEREAS, Colleton County recognizes the commitment and increasing sacrifice military families are making.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that Colleton County Council hereby proclaims Colleton County to be a Purple Heart County in recognition and honor of these residents.


County Seal:

Phillip M. Taylor, Sr., Chairman

Attest: Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council
ORDINANCE NO. 14-O-12

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[To Ratify FY14 Grant And Budget Resolutions And Related Appropriations For All Funds; To Ratify Transfer And Other Resolutions Previously Authorized By Council; And Other Matters Related Thereto.]

WHEREAS:

1. Colleton County Budget Ordinance requires supplemental appropriations for unanticipated revenues received after the adoption of the budget; and

2. The County regularly adopts a final budget amendment ordinance to account for budget resolutions and interfund transfers authorized by Council during the fiscal year, as well as grants and any other supplemental appropriation actions in accordance with the 1976 South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, and the County’s budget ordinance.

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

1. The Colleton County Council hereby:

   a. Ratifies all previously approved FY14 Budget Resolutions and authorizes and directs the County Administrator to amend the FY14 budgetary appropriations as so resolved;

   b. Ratifies all previously approved FY14 Resolutions related to amendments to the County Record of Roads (ROR), if any.

   c. Ratifies all Resolutions, voice motions, and other actions approved by County Council for Fiscal Year ending 6/30/14 including those awarding contracts, directing specific fiscal actions such as authorizing, increasing or reducing fund transfers, operational transfers, reclassifications, fund balance designations, and fund balance appropriations.

   d. Approves the budgeting of funds, if any, received by the CCRFC from Covenant Billing during the Fiscal year ending 6/30/14, within Fund 156 to meet the needs of the County.

   e. Approves the transfer of the amount of the FILOT for the SCE&G, Canady's Steam Plant, in excess of the annual debt service from the SSRB Canady's Debt Service Fund 133 to the SSRB Economic Development and Capital Improvement Fund 149 to comply with the Bond Indenture Agreement.
f. Approves any increase in Budget Revenues related to Medical Services for FY14 based on actual collections and the appropriation of said funds within Fund 156 to meet the needs of the County.

g. Approves the write-off of all Colleton County Fire and Rescue Medical Services billings which cannot be collected due to the statute of limitations during the fiscal year ending 6/30/14 audit as identified by CCRFC and approved by the Colleton County Administrator.

h. Approves the write-off of all Colleton County Solid Waste Billings which cannot be collected due to the statute of limitations during the fiscal year ending 6/30/14 audit as identified and approved by the Colleton County Administrator.

i. Approves end-of-year adjustments as necessary to the Operational Transfers of various funds in order to decrease particular fund appropriation and correspondingly increase other fund appropriation in accordance with the operational needs and expenditures of the various Funds in FY14 and to balance the required revenue to expenditures in said Funds.

j. Approves acceptance of FEMA disaster assistance funds in the amount of $2,089,640 to cover costs associated with ice storm debris removal.

k. Approves recording the September 4, 2013 PNC lease purchase agreement of $3,036,957.36 in Fund 156, and all corresponding debt service payments related thereto.

l. Authorizes agency role of Colleton County for a $993,200 USDA RDLEG revenue acceptance bond on behalf of CCEDC Two, Inc. (a not for profit 501(c)6 corporation) for the construction of the Farm Kitchen Incubator.

2. Conflict: All provisions in other County Ordinances or Resolutions in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

3. Severability: If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances 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.

4. This ordinance includes the ratification of all Resolutions, voice motions and other actions as previously approved by Colleton County Council for the fiscal year ending 06/30/2014.

ATTEST:                                   SIGNED:

Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council               Phillip M. Taylor, Sr., Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:

OPPOSED:

Approved as to Form
Sean P. Thornton, County Attorney
ORDINANCE 14-O-13

COUNCIL- ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[TO FURTHER AMEND THE AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK, BY AND BETWEEN COLLETON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND CHARLESTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL/ BUSINESS PARK, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY IN CHARLESTON COUNTY AS PART OF THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK AND TO AMEND THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT.]

WHEREAS, Colleton County, South Carolina (the “County”) and Charleston County, South Carolina (jointly the “Counties”) are authorized under Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution to jointly develop an industrial or business park within the geographical boundaries of one or more of the member Counties; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote the economic welfare of the citizens of the Counties by providing employment and other benefits to the citizens of the Counties, the Counties entered into an Agreement for Development for a Joint County Industrial Park effective as of September 1, 1995 (the “Original Agreement”), to develop jointly an industrial and business park (the “Park”), as provided by Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution and in accordance with Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, (the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, the Original Agreement was initially approved by Colleton County Council Ordinance 95-O-21, adopted December 5, 2006; was further amended from time-to-time to add or remove property to the Park; and, in particular, was substantively amended by that First Modification to Agreement for Development for Joint County Industrial Park, effective December 31, 2006 (the “First Modification”), which First Modification was approved by Colleton County Council Ordinance 06-R-20 adopted January 2, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Original Agreement, as amended, is referred to herein as the “Agreement,” and
WHEREAS, the Agreement contemplates the inclusion and removal of additional parcels within the Park from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Counties desire to amend the Agreement to include certain additional parcels in order to fulfil commitments made to companies which are considering expansion or location decisions; and

WHEREAS, the Counties have determined that certain modifications of the Agreement are desirable, and the Counties desire to amend the Agreement to evidence such modifications;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL:

SECTION 1. The Agreement is hereby amended so as to expand the Park premises located within Charleston County. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is the property description of the parcels to be added to the Park premises within Charleston County.

SECTION 2. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is the Second Modification to Agreement for Development for Joint County Industrial Park (the “Second Modification”). The Chairman of the County Council is authorized to execute the Second Modification on behalf of the County and, after such execution on behalf of Charleston County, the Second Modification shall become effective on the date set forth in the Second Modification.

SECTION 3. All resolutions, ordinances, or parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This amendment to the Agreement shall become effective on approval following third and final reading hereof.

SECTION 5. Should any part of this ordinance be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, or against public policy, said offending section shall be void and of no effect and shall not render any other section herein, nor this ordinance as a whole, invalid. Any terms which, by their nature, should survive the suspension, termination, or expiration hereof shall be deemed to survive.

ATTEST:                SIGNED:

Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council   Phillip M. Taylor, Sr., Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:  
OPPOSED:

Approved as to Form
Sean P. Thornton, County Attorney
ORDINANCE 14-O-14

COUNCIL- ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[An Ordinance to Amend Title 14-Land Management, Article 14.08-6 – Signs of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances.]

WHEREAS:

1. The County Industrial Park at Exit 62 is the only location zoned LID. This provision would set up mechanism to allow signage along I-95, and billboards would be an appropriate form of sign given the unique site considerations, location and grade of the adjacent properties to the Exit 62 Interchange; and

2. To address any distance location concerns derived from billboard (off-premise signs) placement, the use of a special exception as means for going above the maximum display size and height would permit control on a case by case basis; and

3. After review of the above issues, amendments to Title 14-Land Management of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances, Article 14.08-6 Signs, Sections 14.08-6.040 (G)(2), 14.08-6.050 (A)(3)(a) and 14-08-6.050(A)(3)(b) were unanimously by the Planning Commission on July 28, 2014.

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

1. Title 14-Land Management of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14.08-Zoning, Article 14.08-6 Signs is hereby amended as follows:

   14.08-6.040 (G)   Industrial (ID) and Light Industrial (LID)

   For purposes of this Section, the following subsection shall be amended:

   14.08-6.040 (G)(2) Signs allowed with a permit

   Add f. Billboards.

   14.08-6.050 (A)   Permanent Signs

   For purposes of this Section, the following subsections shall be amended:

   14.08-6.050 (A)(3)(a). Maximum area by district
For **ID and LID zoning district**, amend **Maximum Area** to read "Special exceptions are required where thresholds are exceeded"

**14.08-6.050 (A)(3)(b). Maximum height by district**

For **ID and LID zoning district**, amend **Maximum Height** to read "Special exceptions are required where thresholds are exceeded"

2. All provisions of other County Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

3. 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.

By: __________________________________________
Phillip M. Taylor, Sr., Chairman of County Council

ATTEST:

By: __________________________
Ruth Mayer, Clerk to County Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: __________________________
Sean Thornton, County Attorney

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:
RESOLUTION NO. 14-R-66

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS COLLETON COUNTY’S REQUEST THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY INCREASE THE ALLOCATION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND TO BOTH PROVIDE PROPERTY TAXPAYERS WITH THE RELIEF THEY HAVE BEEN PROMISED AND ALLOW COUNTY GOVERNMENT THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES REQUIRED UNDER STATE LAW.]

WHEREAS, The South Carolina General Assembly enacted the Home Rule Act, Act No. 283 of 1975, granting certain, but limited, powers to the Local Government bodies across the State; and

WHEREAS, the State, in addition to the powers and obligations enumerated the Home Rule Act, has chosen to utilize Counties as an administrative arm of the state of South Carolina and as an additional funding source for state agencies; and

WHEREAS, the legislature proposed and passed the State Aid to Subdivisions Act in the FY 1991-92 budget; and

WHEREAS, this Act requires that the State appropriate 4.5% of general fund revenues of the most recently completed fiscal year to the Local Government Fund; and

WHEREAS, in FY 2009-10, 2010-11, FY 2011-12, FY 2012-13, FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15 the General Assembly suspended the provisions of §6-27-30 and §6-27-50 in the budget and failed to fund the LGF at the statutorily mandated formula; and

WHEREAS, For FY 2014-15 the General Assembly funded the LGF at $187.6 million in recurring dollars and $25 million in non-recurring money. This amount represents $75 million in lost tax relief to county taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, in 1999 the General Assembly passed §12-37-2735, the Personal Property Tax Relief Fund, to provide an additional $20 million allocation to counties for property tax relief; and

WHEREAS, since FY 2001-02 the General Assembly has suspended the provisions of §12-37-2735 in the budget and failed to fund the Personal Property Tax Relief Fund at the statutorily mandated level; and
WHEREAS, state-shared revenue assists in the burden placed upon property taxpayers to fund both state and local services; and

WHEREAS, despite refusing to increase monies to the Local Government Fund, the General Assembly persists in statutorily requiring counties to assume the State’s administrative and financial responsibilities; and
WHEREAS, the State further punishes county taxpayers by withholding additional revenue for a county’s failure to assume the state’s obligations; and

WHEREAS, this shift of financial responsibility creates a sham; giving the appearance of “clean hands” at the state level of government while forcing local governments to raise taxes; and

WHEREAS, in addition to surreptitiously dismantling statutory property tax relief granted to their property taxpayers, the General Assembly has further restricted county government’s ability to generate revenue, thereby preventing the counties from being able to pay for legitimate functions of county government and from mitigating the expected shortfalls resulting from the State’s refusal to meet its statutory obligations; and

WHEREAS, despite the fact that the state general fund saw a 20.3% increase from FY 2010 to 2013, the General Assembly refuses to provide even a negligible increase for property tax relief, much less fund in accordance with state statutes, and

WHEREAS, this tax policy is unsustainable without substantial tax increases and service reductions; and

WHEREAS, a failure to fund the Local Government Fund requires taxpayers to pay twice for the same services they were receiving prior to the reductions in the Local Government Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 10th day of November 2014, that Colleton County urges the General Assembly reestablish accountability by restoring State funding of State agencies and desist in the current policy which uses slight of hand by forcing counties to levy property taxes to fund these agencies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Colleton County urges the General Assembly increase the allocation to the Local Government Fund to both provide property taxpayers with the relief they have been promised and allow county government the ability to provide the State and Local Government services required under State Law.

SIGNED BY COUNTY COUNCIL:

Phillip M. Taylor, Sr., Chairman

Steven D. Murdaugh, Vice-Chairman

Dr. Joseph Flowers, Councilmember

Rev. Evon Robinson, Councilmember

ATTEST:

Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council

Gene Whetsell, Councilmember
RESOLUTION NO. 14-R-67

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[TO REQUEST THAT THE COLLETON COUNTY STATE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION RECOMMEND TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES THAT SOUTH CAROLINA WATER RESOURCE RECREATION FUNDS DEDICATED TO COLLETON COUNTY BE USED TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND SECURITY AT COLLETON COUNTY BOAT LANDINGS.]

WHEREAS:

1. Colleton County benefits economically and recreationally from the abundance of Water Recreation Resources in the County; and

2. Security at Colleton County Boat landings has been raised as an ongoing concern by the citizens of Colleton County; and

3. The geographically dispersed nature of the 14 County boat landings create a difficult law enforcement challenge for the Colleton County Sheriff’s office and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources to maintain secure and safe boat landings; and

4. The Colleton County Council and the Colleton County Sheriff’s office request the Colleton County State Legislative Delegation’s assistance in providing security and a surveillance camera plan for designated Colleton County boat landings.

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

1. Colleton County Council and the Colleton County Sheriff’s office hereby request that the Colleton County State Legislative Delegation recommend to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources that South Carolina Water Resource Recreation Funds, dedicated to Colleton County, be used to improve safety and security at Colleton County boat landings by the installation of remote surveillance cameras. The cameras are to be installed by Colleton County and then monitored by the Colleton County Sheriff’s office and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources.

ATTEST:  
Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council

SIGNED:  
Phillip M. Taylor, Sr., Chairman

R. A. Strickland, Sheriff

COUNCIL VOTE:  
OPPOSED:
RESOLUTION NO. 14-R-68

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Authorize the Acceptance and Budgeting of Funds for a Justice Assistance Grant for the Solicitor’s Office Received for FY 2014-2015.]

WHEREAS:

1. The County Budget Ordinance requires a Resolution to record all non-budgeted revenues and non-budgeted grant revenues; and

2. The Solicitor’s Office is considered the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) related to the receipt of non-budgeted income for FY15 for grant number 1G13050; and

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

1. County Council hereby authorizes the designation of appropriate a general ledger account to record revenue and expenditures in the following fund for the grant and unbudgeted revenues for FY15 as listed:

   a. Fund 120- Special Revenue Fund; $113,035; Grant #1G13050 for the Major Crimes Prosecution Unit.

2. The above listed OPR (Office of Primary Responsibility) is responsible for preparing any external reports related to said funds, complying with grant terms and conditions, coordinating reimbursement requests with the Finance Department in addition to being the responsible parties for providing copies of external reports to the Finance Office, grant auditors, and to external auditors at the end of FY15 as requested for this grant/non-budgeted revenue received.

ATTEST:                                                SIGNED:

Ruth Mayer, Council Clerk                                      Phillip M. Taylor, Sr. Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:                                               OPPOSED:


RESOLUTION NO. 14-R-69

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Declare Surplus Various Computer Equipment and to Authorize Its Sale in Accordance with County Policy.]

WHEREAS:

1. The Technology Department has evaluated various pieces of equipment, and deemed it to be no longer suitable for County operations; and

2. It is recommended that Council declare said equipment surplus and authorize its sale through GovDeals.

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

1. The following equipment are hereby declared surplus to the needs of the County.

   a. 19 Desktop PCs
   b. 9 Printers
   c. 7 Flat Screen Monitors
   d. 2 Boxes of Miscellaneous Equipment: cables, plugs, keyboards
   e. 1 Fiche/Film Reader
   f. 4 Typewriters
   g. 1 Paper Shredder

2. Said equipment shall be placed for sale on GovDeals.

ATTEST:                                             SIGNED:

Ruth Mayer, Council Clerk                           Phillip M. Taylor, Sr., Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:                                        OPPOSED
RESOLUTION NO. 14-R-70

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Award the Contract for Engineering Services for the Bama Road Drainage Project.]

WHEREAS:

1. The County advertised a Request for Qualifications, CC-14, for Engineering Services for the Bama Road Drainage Project;

2. Five responses to the RFQ were received, and a committee scored them based on qualifications;

3. Blackwater Civil Engineering Consultants meets all of the requirements of the request for qualifications and is the highest scorer; and

4. The committee recommends that County Council award the contract to Blackwater Civil Engineering Consultants.

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

1. County Council hereby awards the contract in accordance with RFQ CC-14 to Blackwater Civil Engineering Consultants.

2. The County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the County pending approval of same by the County Attorney.

3. Funding for this contract is budgeted in the FY15 CTC Local Paving Fund.

ATTEST:  SIGNED:

Ruth Mayer, Council Clerk  Phillip M. Taylor, Sr., Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:  OPPOSED:
RESOLUTION NO. 14-R-71

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Authorize the Transfer of $154,100.78 from the Fire GOB Debt Service Fund – Fund 131 to the Fire and Rescue Fund – Fund 156 for the Purchase of Property Located at 157 Risher Mountain Road, to Authorize the Purchase of Said Property and to Authorize the County Administrator to Execute all Purchase Documents.]

WHEREAS:

1. Colleton County desires to purchase a piece of property near the Colleton County Commerce Center from Mead Westvaco to be used as a Fire-Rescue substation; and

2. There is available fund balance in the Fire GOB Debt Service Fund – Fund 131 for this purchase; and

3. A transfer in the amount of $154,100.78 from the Fire GOB Debt Service Fund – Fund 131, fund balance, to the Fire and Rescue Fund – Fund 156, line item 156-420-422-00-7100, is necessary.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL Duly Assembled That:

1. County Council hereby authorizes the transfer of $154,100.78 from the Fire GOB Debt Service Fund – Fund 131, fund balance, to the Fire and Rescue Fund – Fund 156, line item 156-420-422-00-7100.

2. County Council hereby authorizes the purchase of the property located at 157 Risher Mountain Road.

3. The County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the County all purchase documents, pending approval of same by the County Attorney.

ATTEST:                                      SIGNED:

______Ruth Mayer, Council Clerk_____________Phillip M. Taylor, Sr., Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:
RESOLUTION NO. 14-R-72

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Approve a Mutual Aid Agreement Between the Colleton County Sheriff's Office and the City of Walterboro Police Department.]

WHEREAS:

1. A Supreme Court ruling found that for a Sheriff’s Office Mutual Aid Agreement to be valid, it has to be approved by the County Council; and

2. The Sheriff’s Office has the Mutual Aid Agreement currently held between the Office and City of Walterboro Police Department; and

3. Staff recommends that Council approve the Mutual Aid Agreement.

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

1. The Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Walterboro Police Department (attached and included herein by reference) is hereby approved.

2. The County Administrator is hereby authorized to sign said agreements on behalf of Colleton County.

ATTEST:  

SIGNED:  

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Ruth Mayer, Council Clerk  

Phillip M. Taylor, Sr., Chairman  

COUNCIL VOTE:  

OPPOSED
RESOLUTION NO. 14-R-73

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Authorize the Acceptance and Budgeting of Funds for the Justice Assistance Grant Received for FY 2014-2015 by the Colleton County Sheriff's Office, to Authorize the Addition of a Sergeant Position within the Sheriff’s Office for the Duration of the Grant, to Authorize the Purchase of a Vehicle and Equipment, and to Authorize the Addition of Vehicle and Equipment to the County’s Insurance Policy.]

WHEREAS:

1. The Colleton County Sheriff’s office has been awarded the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for a Street Gang Unit, which will have the sole purpose of gang suppression, investigation and education; and

2. The County Budget Ordinance requires a Resolution to record all non-budgeted revenues and non-budgeted grant revenues; and

3. The Colleton County Sheriff’s office is deemed the Office of Primary responsibility (OPR) related to the receipt of non-budgeted income for FY 2015 in the amount of $86,414; and

4. The grant will provide 90% of the funding for salaries, fringe benefits, all law enforcement equipment and office equipment for one sergeant position; and

5. The 10% match funding for this grant was budgeted in the Special Revenue Fund FY 2015 Budget in the amount of $9,602; and

6. The Sheriff requests the addition of a sergeant position within the Sheriff’s Office for the duration of the grant; and

7. The Sheriff requests approval to purchase a vehicle and equipment, in accordance with the County Procurement Ordinance, and further requests the approval of the addition of the vehicle and equipment to the County’s insurance policy; and

8. The Sheriff’s Office will be eligible to apply for the grant for two additional years.

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

1. County Council hereby authorizes the designation of appropriate general ledger accounts to record revenue and expenditures in the following fund for the grants received for FY15 as listed:
a. Fund 120 – Special Revenue Fund; $86,414 in revenues from the SC Department of Public Safety Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs; for Justice Assistance Grant #1G14003 for a Street Gang Unit.

2. The above listed OPR (Office of Primary Responsibility) is responsible for preparing any external reports related to said funds, complying with grant terms and conditions, coordinating reimbursement requests with the Finance Department in addition to being the responsible parties for providing copies of external reports to the Finance Office, grant auditors, and to external auditors at the end of FY15 as requested for this grant/non-budgeted revenues received.

3. The 10% match funding for this grant is included in the Special Revenue Fund FY 2015 Budget in the amount of $9,602.

4. Council hereby approves the addition of a sergeant position within the Sheriff’s Office for the duration of the grant.

5. Council hereby approves the purchase of a vehicle and equipment, in accordance with the County Procurement Ordinance, and further approves the addition of the vehicle and equipment to the County’s insurance policy.

6. Funding for this purchase shall come from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant awarded to the Sheriff’s office.

7. Upon the termination of the grant period, the total number of vehicles in the Sheriff’s fleet will return to the 88 that are currently allotted.

8. The County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the County any paperwork necessary to complete these purchases, and secure insurance for same.

ATTEST: 

Ruth Mayer, Council Clerk

SIGNED:

Phillip M. Taylor, Sr., Chairman

R. A. Strickland, Sheriff

COUNCIL VOTE:

OPPOSED:
RESOLUTION NO. 14-R-74

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Approve the Maintenance Partnership Agreement between Colleton County and the South Carolina Department of Transportation.]

WHEREAS:

1. The Maintenance Partnership Agreement between Colleton County and the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) provides Colleton County with the opportunity to perform landscaping activities, both installation and maintenance, for an indefinite term, within SCDOT rights-of-way in and around the ramp and median area at Exit 62 on I-95; and

2. Upon agreement and initial encroachment permit approval, no further permits will be required to perform the described work in the future; and

3. This agreement does not require the County to perform maintenance activities, but merely allows for the opportunity to do so.

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

1. County Council hereby approves the Maintenance Partnership Agreement (included herein and by reference) between Colleton County and the South Carolina Department of Transportation.

2. The County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute said Agreement.

ATTEST: SIGNED:

Ruth Mayer, Council Clerk Phillip M. Taylor, Sr., Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE: OPPOSED:
RESOLUTION NO. 14-R-75

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Authorize the County Administrator to Enter Into a Project Agreement with the South Carolina Department of Transportation.]

WHEREAS:

1. The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) Local Public Agency (LPA) designation allows Colleton County to administer local transportation projects involving federal and state funds; and

2. In order to receive this designation from SCDOT, Colleton County must provide official documentation, in the form of a Resolution, establishing clear authority for the County Administrator to enter into a project agreement with SCDOT.

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

1. County Council hereby authorizes the County Administrator to enter into project agreements with the South Carolina Department of Transportation in order for the County to administer local transportation projects.

ATTEST: SIGNED:

Ruth Mayer, Council Clerk Phillip M. Taylor, Sr., Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:

OPPOSED:
RESOLUTION NO. 14-R-76

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Approve the Facility Operation Agreement between Colleton County and the Lowcountry Council of Governments for the Operation of the Colleton County Career Skills Center.]

WHEREAS:

1. Colleton County and the Lowcountry Council of Governments desire to enter into a Facility Operation Agreement to establish conditions for the operation of the Colleton County Career Skills Center; and

2. Said agreement sets out the responsibilities of the building owner, Colleton County, and those of the tenant, Lowcountry Council of Governments; and

3. It is deemed in the best interest of both parties to enter into this Facility Operation Agreement.

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

1. County Council hereby approves the Facility Operation Agreement (included herein and by reference) between Colleton County and the Lowcountry Council of Governments for the Operation of the Colleton County Career Skills Center.

2. The County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute said Agreement.

ATTEST:                    SIGNED:

Ruth Mayer, Council Clerk       Phillip M. Taylor, Sr., Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:
RESOLUTION NO. 14-R-77

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

(To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies.)

WHEREAS:
1. Colleton County Accommodations Tax Advisory Board has four vacancies (2 from lodging & hospitality, 2 at-large); and
   Applicants: Maryann Seals

2. Keep Colleton Beautiful has six vacancies; and
   Applicants: Maryann Seals

3. Edisto River Canoe & Kayak Trail Committee has three vacancies (1 at-large, 1 from Colleton County Development Board, 1 from Recreation Commission); and
   Applicants: None

4. Lowcountry Regional Transportation Authority has one vacancy; and
   Applicants: Maryann Seals

5. Colleton County Library Board of Trustees has three vacancies; and
   Applicants: Jessica M. Upchurch, Maryann Seals, Jane McTeer Brown, Janis K. Blocker, Syliva N. Rowland

6. Board of Disabilities & Special Needs has one vacancy for an un-expired term; and
   Applicants: None

7. Board of Adjustments & Appeals (Building Dept.) has two vacancies (1 General, 1 heat/air); and
   Applicants: Maryann Seals

8. Human Affairs Council in Colleton County has seven vacancies; and
   Applicants: Maryann Seals

9. The County Council is the appointing authority for Boards.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

The Colleton County Council hereby appoints the following:

Colleton County Accommodations Tax Advisory Board:_________________________

Keep Colleton Beautiful:_________________________

Lowcountry Regional Transportation Authority:_________________________

Colleton County Library Board of Trustees:_________________________

Board of Adjustments & Appeals (Building Dept.):_________________________

Human Affairs Council in Colleton County:_________________________

ATTEST:  SIGNED:

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Ruth Mayer, Council Clerk  Phillip M. Taylor, Sr., Chairman
RESOLUTION NO. 14-R-78

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

(To Authorize the Council Clerk to Advertise for Board Vacancies.)

WHEREAS:
1. Colleton County Commission of Alcohol & Drug Abuse has two vacancies; and
2. Board of Assessment & Appeals has two vacancies; and
3. Colleton County Recreation Commission has four vacancies (one vacancy for an un-expired term); and
4. Board of Disabilities & Special Needs has two vacancies (one vacancy for an un-expired term); and
5. The County Council is the appointing authority for Boards.

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

1) The Council Clerk is hereby directed to advertise for the vacancies.

ATTEST:                                                   SIGNED:

Ruth Mayer, Council Clerk                                Phillip M. Taylor, Sr., Chairman