AGENDA
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2016
6:00 P.M.
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD JAIL BUILDING

1. Call to Order

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

4. Awards and Recognitions
   a) Eagle Scout Proclamation – Lance John Berkley Calcutt
   b) Proclaiming Gullah-Geechee Nation Appreciation Week

5. Approval of Minutes
   a) Regular Meeting June 7, 2016

6. Appearances & Public Presentations
   a) Marilyn Blizard, Project Coordinator- Carolina Advanced Renewable Energy, LLC

7. Administrator's Briefing

8. Public Hearing

9. Old Business
   a) 2nd Reading Ordinance 16-O-04, To Amend the Existing Easement to the City of Walterboro Across a Portion of the Property Located at the Corner of Washington Street and Jeffries Boulevard, the Site of the Colleton County Courthouse; Such Easement to be Used to Construct and Maintain a Part of the City's Planned Streetscape Improvement Project; to Authorize Execution and Recording of the Easement Document; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

10. New Business
    a) 1st Reading Ordinance 16-O-06, To Ratify FY16 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.

    b) Resolution 16-R-60, To Approve Appointments to the Lowcountry Workforce Investment Board.

    c) Resolution 16-R-61, To Award the Contract for the Resurfacing of South Carolina Department of Transportation Secondary Roads.
d) Resolution 16-R-62, To Award the Contract for the Bama Road Improvement Project.

e) Resolution 16-R-63, To Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Various Grants received for FY 2016-2017.

f) Resolution 16-R-64, 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) Economic Development
      1. Project C
      2. Project Gourmet
      3. Project Global

   b) Personnel
      1. Fire-Rescue

   c) Contractual
      1. CPST

15. Adjournment

16. Informal Meeting of the Whole
Proclamation in Recognition of Lance John Berkeley Calcutt as an Eagle Scout

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America has historical traditions extending back many generations in Colleton County and each member’s life contributions become an important part of the community; and

WHEREAS. Attaining the lifetime recognition of Eagle Scout is a rare and unique experience; and

WHEREAS. This is a celebration of life, history, legacy, spirit and tradition of the Boy Scouts; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Colleton County Council, on behalf of the citizens of Colleton County, wish to recognize and acknowledge the time, effort and dedication required of an Eagle Scout to attain such outstanding accomplishment.

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

The Colleton County Council hereby congratulates Lance John Berkeley Calcutt for the perseverance, dedication, and devotion demonstrated by his honorable attainment of the greatly respected award of Eagle Scout.

Adopted at the Regular Meeting of Council on July 26, 2016:

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Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

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County Seal:

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Attest: Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council
Proclaiming the Week of July 30 – August 7, 2016 as Gullah-Geechee Nation Appreciation Week

WHEREAS, Colleton County is one of the oldest counties in South Carolina, and in the 18th century, Colleton County and the South Carolina coast became the locale of some of the richest rice plantations in the South which were linked to specific West African ethnic groups who became known as Gullah-Geechee; and

WHEREAS, the Gullah-Geechee civilization originated in West Africa, and its people came to the United States as slaves to work on rice plantations, specifically in the coastal regions, including South Carolina; and with their African fare, original language, and craftsmanship, the Gullah-Geechee people left their mark on southeastern South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Gullah-Geechee culture has had a powerful impact on the Low Country of South Carolina, including Colleton County, and these Gullah-Geechee influences have helped to define our southern lifestyle and culture; and

WHEREAS, the preservation and celebration of the Gullah-Geechee culture has gained momentum due to the Gullah-Geechee Cultural Heritage Act, created by United States Representative James Clyburn, as well as the efforts of others such as Queen Quet, Chieftess of the Gullah-Geechee Nation and Kwame Sha, co-founders of the International Gullah-Geechee Nation Celebration and the annual Gullah-Geechee Nation Music and Movement Festival; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the importance of bringing awareness and appreciation for this rich culture and history in order to increase understanding of all the contributions the Gullah-Geechee have given to our area.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Colleton County Council does hereby recognize the 2016 Gullah-Geechee Nation International Music and Movement Festival and proclaim the week of July 30-August 7, 2016 as Gullah-Geechee Nation Appreciation Week in Colleton County and encourages its citizens to participate in educational activities aimed at increasing both knowledge and appreciation of this rich culture.

Adopted this 26th day of July, 2016.

ATTEST: ____________________________  BY: ____________________________
Clerk to Council  Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman
Carolina Advanced Renewable Energy, LLC.

Dr. Janice Ryan-Bohac, President and Plant Breeder for Carolina Advanced Renewable Energy, LLC. (CAREnergy) has developed the high-yielding eTuber™ as an industrial sweetpotato feedstock for biofuels at her research farm in Smoaks, South Carolina.

Since 2008, Dr. Ryan-Bohac has worked with research professors and cooperators at the University of Florida, Auburn University, and private industry to develop the best and most efficient methods to transplant, grow and harvest this industrial crop, which has been funded by Federal and State grants as well as private investments.

Meanwhile there is a proven need for new industry to replace the old textile industry in the South Carolina I-95 corridor. Just as the biofuel industry has nurtured a rural renaissance in Midwestern America, a demonstration fuel ethanol industry plant and the production of ‘drop-in’ jet fuel and diesel from the eTuber™ crops could result in the stimulation of the economy by the location of one or more new biofuel facilities here.

These advanced biofuel facilities would then contract with our local farmers to grow the feedstocks like the eTuber™ and sweet sorghum as a purpose-grown supply chain.

Recently, Dr. Ryan-Bohac has been working with Kevin R. Weiss, CEO of BYOGY. The goal is to bring investors and government funding together to build a demonstration facility here in our South Carolina midlands using CAREnergy’s eTuber™ feedstock and BYOGY’s technology which is licensed from Texas A & M University’s Chemical Engineers.

This patented process uses sugar or starch from high yielding crops like the eTuber™ to make drop-in fuel from sugar identical to petroleum based fossil fuel made for jet airplanes, automobiles and seagoing vessels. The previous method of using fuel ethanol and vegetable oil as a blend with petroleum is now able to be supplanted by this break-through drop-in fuel process.

The jet fuel and these other biofuels made by the Texas A & M process was recently confirmed as meeting ATSM standards by Rolls Royce/British Airways for airplane fuel. California, Florida and Australia are now being considered by investors for the 1st demonstration facility.

As a South Carolinian Dr. Ryan-Bohac firmly believes the I-95 corridor of South Carolina is the ideal place for this facility thereby helping our farmers to have stable long term employment and the underutilized land a new purpose. Fuel made with CAREnergy’s feedstock and BYOGY’s process would meet the strict technical standards required to fuel Boeing’s new jet planes as well as the Great Green Fleet being developed by the United States Navy.

At the present time there are investors waiting to learn more from the officials of South Carolina as to their position regarding the work of CAREnergy. In short investors need to know if locating a demonstration facility in our state would be supported as a welcome addition to this area’s economic development.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Blizard
Project Coordinator
Carolina Advanced Renewable Energy, LLC.

843-830-9892  843-768-3303  June 20, 2016
ORDINANCE NO. 16-O-04

COUNCIL- ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[An Ordinance to Amend the Existing Easement to the City of Walterboro Across a Portion of the Property Located at the Corner of Washington Street and J efferies Boulevard, the Site of the Colleton County Courthouse; Such Easement to be Used to Construct and Maintain a Part of the City’s Planned Streetscape Improvement Project; to Authorize Execution and Recording of the Easement Document; and Other Matters Related Thereto.]

WHEREAS:

Colleton County Council deems it to be in the best interest of the County to grant an easement to the City of Walterboro across a portion of the property located at the corner of Washington Street and Jefferies Boulevard, the site of the Colleton County Courthouse, in order to allow the City to construct and maintain their planned Streetscape Improvement Project.

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

1) The document attached and included herein by reference grants an easement to the City of Walterboro across a portion of the property located at the corner of Washington Street and Jefferies Boulevard, the site of the Colleton County Courthouse, in order to allow the City to construct and maintain their planned Streetscape Improvement Project.

2) The County Administrator is hereby authorized to sign said easement on behalf of the County pending final approval of the document by the County Attorney.

3) Said easement shall be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Colleton County.

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

5) If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be 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: ____________________________
    Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman of County Council
    Colleton County, South Carolina

ATTEST:

By: ____________________________
    Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: ____________________________
    Sean Thornton, County Attorney
ORDINANCE NO. 16-O-06

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[To Ratify FY16 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 FY16 Budget Resolutions and authorizes and directs the County Administrator to amend the FY16 budgetary appropriations as so resolved;

   b. Ratifies all previously approved FY16 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 6/30/16 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 6/30/16, within Fund 156 to meet the needs of the County.

   e. Approves any increase in Budget Revenues related to Medical Services for FY16 based on actual collections and the appropriation of said funds within Fund 156 to meet the needs of the County.

   f. 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 6/30/16 audit as identified by CCRFC and approved by the Colleton County Administrator.
g. 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 6/30/16 audit as identified and approved by the Colleton County Administrator.

h. 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 FY16 and to balance the required revenue to expenditures in said Funds.

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 06/30/2016.

ATTEST: SIGNED:

Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE: OPPOSED:

Approved as to Form
Sean P. Thornton, County Attorney
Sponsor(s) : County Council
Adopted : July 26, 2016
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 16-R-60

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[To Approve Appointments to the Lowcountry Workforce Investment Board.]

WHEREAS:

1. Three Vacancies exist on the Colleton County Lowcountry Workforce Investment Board Two (2) Business Representatives & One (1) Education & Training Representative; and

2. The Workforce Development Director recommends that Council approve the appointments as nominated.

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

County Council hereby approves the following appointments to the Lowcountry Workforce Investment Board:

Business Representatives: Kimberly Alexander – Universal Distributors
                        Donna Callihan – Dayco

Education & Training Representative: Chris Horvath

ATTEST:  

SIGNED:

Ruth Mayer, Council Clerk  

Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:  

OPPOSED:
RESOLUTION NO. 16-R-61

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Award the Contract for the Resurfacing of South Carolina Department of Transportation Secondary Roads.]

WHEREAS:

1. The County advertised a Request for Bids, CTC-08, for the resurfacing of SCDOT secondary roads within Colleton County; and

2. Two companies responded to the Request for Bids, CTC-08; and

3. The County evaluated the bids and recommends the contract be awarded to Banks Construction Company, Inc. of North Charleston.

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

1. County Council hereby awards the contract in accordance with Bid CTC-08 to Banks Construction Company, Inc in the amount of $4,946,706.83 for the resurfacing of SCDOT secondary roads.

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

3. Funding for the County Roads Improvement Project has been provided by a SCDOT one time allotment, and is budgeted in the FY17 CTC Local Paving Fund.

ATTEST: 

SIGNED:

Ruth Mayer, Council Clerk

Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:

OPPOSED:
RESOLUTION NO. 16-R-62

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Award the Contract for the Bama Road Improvement Project.]

WHEREAS:

1. The County advertised a Request for Bids, CTC-09, for the Bama Road Improvement Project; and

2. Four companies responded to the Request for Bids, CTC-09; and

3. The County evaluated the bids and recommends the contract be awarded to Graham County Land Company, LLC of Robbinsville, NC.

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

1. County Council hereby awards the contract in accordance with Bid CTC-09 to Graham County Land Company, LLC in the amount of $547,753.78 for the Bama Road Improvement Project.

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

3. Funding for the County Roads Improvement Project has been provided by a SCDOT one time allotment, contingent upon approval by the South Carolina Department of Commerce, and will be budgeted in the FY17 CTC Fund.

ATTEST:  

Ruth Mayer, Council Clerk

SIGNED:  

Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:

OPPOSED:
RESOLUTION NO. 16-R-63

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Various Grants received for FY 2016-2017.]

WHEREAS:

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

2. The Solid Waste Department is considered the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) related to the receipt of non-budgeted income for FY 17 received from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Services for a Waste Tire Grant, Grant #15WT17, and a Used Oil Grant, Grant #15WO17; and

3. The Colleton County Sheriff’s Office is considered the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) related to the receipt of non-budgeted income for FY 17 received from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs for a Street Gang Unit Grant, Grant #1G15034; and

4. The Fourteenth Circuit Solicitor’s Office is the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) related to the receipt of non-budgeted income for FY 17 received from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs for a Major Crimes Prosecution Unit Grant, Grant #1G15032.

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

1. County Council hereby authorizes the designation of appropriate general ledger accounts to record revenues and expenditures in the following funds for the grants and unbudgeted revenues for FY17 as listed:

   a. Fund 211 – Solid Waste Fund; South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Services – $5,250; FY 2017 Waste Tire Grant #15WT17.

   b. Fund 211 – Solid Waste Fund; South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Services – $45,063.50; FY 2017 Used Oil Grant #15WO17.

   c. Fund 120 – Special Revenue Fund; South Carolina Department of Public Safety Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs; $62,667; Street Gang Unit Grant #1G15034.

   d. Fund 120 – Special Revenue Fund; South Carolina Department of Public Safety Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs; $163,390; Major Crimes Prosecution Unit Grant #1G15032.

2. The above listed OPRs (Offices of Primary Responsibility) are 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 FY17 as requested for this grant/non-budgeted revenue received.

ATTEST: 

Ruth Mayer, Council Clerk 

SIGNED: 

Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman 

COUNCIL VOTE: 

OPPOSED: 

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RESOLUTION NO. 16-R-64

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

(To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies.)

WHEREAS:

1. Keep Colleton Beautiful has three vacancies; and Applicants: William “Bill” Ehney

2. Colleton County Planning Commission has one vacancy; and Applicants: Adam L. Bishop

3. 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:

Keep Colleton Beautiful: William “Bill” Ehney
Colleton County Planning Commission: Adam L. Bishop

ATTEST:                                           SIGNED:

Ruth Mayer, Council Clerk                       Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman