

AGENDA
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 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, November 7, 2023
5. Awards and Recognitions
 - a) Proclamation-Colleton County Cougars Middle School Football Team
6. Appearances & Public Presentations
 - a) Hurricane Evacuation Zone Changes 2024, Dr. David Greene, Deputy Chief, Colleton County Fire-Rescue
7. Administrator's Briefing
8. New Business
 - a) Resolution 23-R-66, To Approve the Enterprise Service Agreement between Colleton County and Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative
 - b) Resolution 23-R-67, To Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Various Grants for FY 2023-2024
 - c) Resolution 23-R-68, to Approve Purchase of a Volvo Excavator for the Solid Waste Landfill
 - d) Resolution 23-R-69, To Amend the Indefinite Delivery Contracts for Architectural Design Services and Engineering Services
 - e) Resolution 23-R-70, To Reschedule the January 2024 County Council Meeting
 - f) Resolution 23-R-71, To Authorize the Council Clerk to Advertise for Board Vacancies
 - g) Resolution 23-R-72, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies
9. Items for Information and Public Record

10. Public Comments (3 minutes per person/max time 20 min.)
11. Council Time
12. Executive Session
13. Adjournment
14. Informal Meeting of the Whole

Colleton County Council will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 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.

MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 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, Sue Keith, Ulyseese Robinson, Jahizz Walker, Charles Bright, Clarence Wiggins, and Latsia Simmons.

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

Approval of Minutes

- A. Regular Meeting October 3, 2023— Dr. Flowers moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 3, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering and the motion carried unanimously.

Awards and Recognitions

- A. Proclaiming November 2023 as Family Court Awareness Month in Colleton County – Chairman Murdaugh read the Proclamation into the record. Councilman Taylor moved to adopt Proclaiming the month of November 2023 as Family Court Awareness Month in Colleton County. The motion was seconded by Dr. Flowers and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Taylor: Stated, I would like to make everyone aware that the Center for Fathers and Families was in town this week. They did a visit with the Clerk of Court and several other people in the community about a re-presence of a Fatherhood Initiative in the county. It used to be Father to Father, but A Mans Place from Horry County is going to pick up this whole region. Father to Father has been disbanded, but I am glad to see this program will be coming back in some form in the near future.

- B. Proclamation for Colleton County Council’s Appreciation and Support of the “Splash into Safety” Swim Program in Their Efforts to Prevent Drowning– Chairman Murdaugh read the Proclamation into the record. Councilman Taylor moved to adopt Proclaiming Colleton County Council’s Appreciation and Support of the “Splash into Safety” Swim Program in Their Efforts to Prevent Drowning. The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Biering: Stated, I would like to say to the group that I have got to go out and watch this in action, and there has never been a more committed group to the children, the swimming program, and to the safety of our youth. It was inspirational, and you all should be applauded. It was one of the most professional things I have ever seen. Thank you for what you do.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, do we have some members from the group here?

Councilman Trippe: Stated, I went out several times and the kids were just having a ball. You all did such a great job and I thank you for that. We are going to just build from that and next year will be even greater.

C. Government Finance Officers Association – Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting –Chairman Murdaugh read the award into the record.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, I would like to recognize Jon Carpenter, our Finance Director. We don't make a big deal out of this like we should, because we are starting to get used to getting it every year. Before I became a lawyer, I was a CPA, and I did some governmental audits. I can tell you receiving the CAPP is a huge deal that takes a lot of work. It starts with the administrator and works all the way down, but specifically his staff. I really want the public to understand that you may pick up the newspaper and realize that other places do not have the financial disclosure that we have. I cannot say enough about Jon and his staff. When I go to other meetings it's good to hear, "You sure are lucky to have Mr. Carpenter. He does one heck of a job." That gives us reassurance and makes us feel good. Congratulations to you and your staff and to all department heads for their financial management.

Dr. Flowers: Stated, we appreciate you. Thank you so much.

Councilman Biering: Stated, I would like to echo that. Councilman Trippe and I have been learning a lot through the SCAC and LCOG. I recognize how lucky we are to have you. This isn't something to ignore or to take lightly. Thank you.

Mr. Griffin: Stated, I would just like to add that I am extremely proud. I believe this is the ninth year in a row, which is very remarkable considering the things we have gone through with COVID, losing the Canady's Plant, and some other items. It comes with coordination with not only our department heads, but our elected officials Mrs. Becky Hill, Treasurer, and Jeff Slocum, Auditor. Everyone works well together. We have an outstanding group of elected officials that helps make this happen.

Administrator's Briefing

Mr. Griffin: Stated, the agenda is straightforward tonight. However, I do have an introduction I would like to make. We have found a GIS director after looking for quite a while, Mr. Bill Addison, if you would stand up. If you would like to come up and say a few words to council to introduce yourself, we would appreciate that.

Mr. Addison: Stated, I am going to take Mr. Carpenters lead and say that your introduction is fine. I am excited to be here. GIS has been a part of my career for a long time, and I am looking forward to seeing what we can do here.

***Council welcomes Mr. Addison.

Mr. Griffin: Stated, a lot of people do not know what Geographical Information Systems are. It is one of the essential tools we have for the county, and it affects every department that we have as it is used every day. If we were to shut it off, you all would get a million phone calls from our foresters, real estate developers, and everyone else. This is what drives our tax assessors' software and provides the aeriels that people get. Our former GIS director moved to Colorado, but Bill comes to us with over 20 years of experience from Orangeburg County. So far, he is a super sharp guy who seems to be fitting in well. We are glad to have him. I will take any questions at this time.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, I do not have any questions, but I did want to point out that Ordinance 23-O-14 was removed for further discussion. We are going to schedule a work session in early winter and that will be one of our topics for discussion. It will probably be delayed until that time.

Public Hearing

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

- A. **3rd Reading Ordinance 23-O-15, To Approve a Corrected Plat Related to the Sale of a Portion of Real Property Owned by Colleton County, South Carolina to Mr. Jason McMillan for the property identified by TMS No. 195-00-00-181.000 on Cooks Hill Road; and Other Matters Relating Thereto**
- B. **3rd Reading Ordinance 23-O-16, To Amend Colleton County's 2030 Comprehensive Plan to Create a Heavy Industrial District**
- C. **3rd Reading Ordinance 23-O-17, To Amend Title 14 – Land Management, 14.08 – Zoning, to Coincide with the Amendment of the 2023 Colleton County Comprehensive Plan**

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-15, To Approve a Corrected Plat Related to the Sale of a Portion of Real Property Owned by Colleton County, South Carolina to Mr. Jason**

McMillan for the property identified by TMS No. 195-00-00-181.000 on Cooks Hill Road; and Other Matters Relating Thereto

Councilman Taylor moved to approve 3rd Reading Ordinance 23-O-15 To Approve a Corrected Plat Related to the Sale of a Portion of Real Property Owned by Colleton County, South Carolina to Mr. Jason McMillan for the property identified by TMS No. 195-00-00-181.000 on Cooks Hill Road; and Other Matters Relating Thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering. The motion carried unanimously.

B. 3rd Reading Ordinance 23-O-16, To Amend Colleton County’s 2030 Comprehensive Plan to Create a Heavy Industrial District

Dr. Flowers moved to approve 3rd Reading Ordinance 23-O-16, To Amend Colleton County’s 2030 Comprehensive Plan to Create a Heavy Industrial District. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

C. 3rd Reading Ordinance 23-O-17, To Amend Title 14 – Land Management, 14.08 – Zoning, to Coincide with the Amendment of the 2023 Colleton County Comprehensive Plan

Councilman Taylor moved to approve 3rd Reading Ordinance 23-O-17, To Amend Title 14 – Land Management, 14.08 – Zoning, to Coincide with the Amendment of the 2023 Colleton County Comprehensive Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

A. Resolution 23-R-63, To Approve a Joint Use Agreement between Colleton County and the Nettles Family Playground dba Rural Carolina Community Development Corporation for Recreation Improvements

Councilman Biering moved to approve Resolution 23-R-63, To Approve a Joint Use Agreement between Colleton County and the Nettles Family Playground dba Rural Carolina Community Development Corporation for Recreation Improvements. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution 23-R-64, To Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Various Grants for FY 2023-2024

Councilman Taylor moved to approve Resolution 23-R-64, To Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Various Grants for FY 2023-2024. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Resolution 23-R-65, To Authorize an Appropriation from E-911 (Fund 141) Fund Balance to Cover the Cost of 911 Dispatch Center Equipment

Councilman Biering moved to approve Resolution 23-R-65, To Authorize an Appropriation from E-911 (Fund 141) Fund Balance to Cover the Cost of 911 Dispatch Center Equipment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

No comments.

Council Time

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, we had a parade on Sunday for Veterans Day, which is actually coming up. I wanted to wish all of our Veterans a Happy Veterans day and thank you for your service to our country.

Adjournment

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

This 5th day of December 2023.

Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kaela Brinson, Clerk to Council



Proclamation
Colleton County Cougars Middle School Football Team

WHEREAS, the Colleton County Middle School football team defeated Estill Middle School 14-0 Wednesday, October 25 to capture the I-95 League Championship; and

WHEREAS, the win capped off an impressive 5-1 season for the Cougars; and

WHEREAS, throughout the season, CCMS traveled to North District Middle, defeating the Wolverines 2-0. The Cougars hosted Ridgeland Middle the next game, defeating them 52-0, followed by a rematch in Ridgeland, in which the Cougars won 28-12. CCMS then hosted Estill Middle for homecoming, winning 6-0. They wrapped up the regular season taking on Carver Edisto Middle, dropping the contest 6-2; and

WHEREAS, their achievements this season and the superior work ethic of all the players and coaches has brought great pride to the entire County. Congratulations Colleton County Middle School Cougars!

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by Colleton County Council, duly assembled, that we hereby congratulate the Colleton County Middle School Cougars on winning the I-95 League Championship.

Adopted this 5th day of December, 2023.

ATTEST: _____
Kaela Brinson, Clerk to Council

BY: _____
Steve D. Murdaugh, Chairman

Sponsor(s) : County Council
Adopted : December 5, 2023
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 23-R-66

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Approve the Enterprise Service Agreement between Colleton County and Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative.]

WHEREAS:

1. Colleton County and Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative (PRTC) entered into an Enterprise Service Agreement on February 5, 2019 by approval of Resolution 19-R-18 to provide network connectivity throughout all County facilities; and
2. The agreement is due for renewal and there were necessary changes related to new construction needs as well as the County's decision to have all servers hosted by PRTC; and
3. Staff believes that it is in the best interest of the County to renew the Enterprise Service Agreement with Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative for a term of five years.

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

1. County Council hereby approves the Enterprise Service Agreement between Colleton County and Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative for a term of five years.
2. The County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute a said agreement on behalf of the County pending approval of same by the County Attorney.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Kaela Brinson, Council Clerk

Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:

Sponsor(s) : County Council
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Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 23-R-67

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Various Grants for FY 2023-2024.]

WHEREAS:

1. The County Budget Ordinance requires a Resolution to record all non-budgeted revenues and non-budgeted grant revenues; and
2. The Colleton County Economic Development Department, is the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) related to the receipt of non-budgeted income for FY24 received from the South Carolina Department of Agriculture Agribusiness Infrastructure Incentives Distribution Initiative Panel Grant Lowcountry Oyster Company, LLC in the amount of \$1,500,000.

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 revenues and expenditures in the following fund for the grant and unbudgeted revenue for FY24 as listed:
 - a. Fund 120 – Special Revenue Fund; South Carolina Department of Agriculture; \$1,500,000; Agribusiness Infrastructure Incentives Distribution Initiative Panel Grant; Lowcountry Oyster Company, LLC.
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 FY24 as requested for this grant/non-budgeted revenue received.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Kaela Brinson, Council Clerk

Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:

Sponsor(s) : County Council
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Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 23-R-68

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Approve Purchase of a Volvo Excavator for the Solid Waste Landfill.]

WHEREAS:

1. The Solid Waste and Fleet Management Departments solicited quotes for the purchase of an excavator for the Solid Waste Landfill; and
2. Solid Waste has identified the need to add an excavator to their operation, which will allow them to handle several maintenance tasks in-house instead of paying a third party contractor; and
3. Five quotes were received, and Ascendum Machinery, Inc. had the lowest price at \$206,700; and
4. Funding for this purchase is available in the 2023-2024 Solid Waste Fund Balance.

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

1. The purchase of a Volvo Excavator at a cost of \$206,700 from Ascendum Machinery, Inc. is hereby approved.
2. The County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the County any paperwork necessary for the purchase.
3. Funding for this purchase is available in the FY 2023-2024 Solid Waste Fund Balance.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Kaela Brinson, Council Clerk

Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:

Sponsor(s) : County Council
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Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 23-R-69

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Amend the Indefinite Delivery Contracts for Architectural Design Services and Engineering Services.]

WHEREAS:

1. SC Code § 11-35-3310 allows agencies to award Indefinite Delivery Contracts for professional services such as architectural-engineering and land surveying services pursuant to § 11-35-3220. A Professional Services Indefinite Delivery Contract (IDC) is a contract whereby the professional agrees to provide the agency professional services on an “as-needed” basis during the term of the contract. Agencies procure Professional IDCs in the same manner as any professional service contract, as set forth in the Colleton County Purchasing Code; and
2. The County advertised a Request for Qualifications, CC-39, for Colleton County Architectural Design Services, which was awarded by 23-R-48, and a Request for Qualifications, CC-40, for Colleton County Engineering Services, which was awarded by 23-R-58; and
3. The RFQs limited each firm to a total expenditure of \$500,000 per two year period with an individual project expenditure not to exceed \$300,000, but as work has begun on the new Capital Projects Sales Tax projects, it has become evident that these thresholds are too low; and
4. Staff recommends that Council amend this language as follows: Each firm to a total expenditure of \$800,000 per two year period with an individual project expenditure not to exceed \$500,000. Any contracts for an individual project over \$500,000 or with total expenditures over \$800,000 in a two year period will require Council approval.

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

County Council hereby authorizes the amended language as follows: Each firm to a total expenditure of \$800,000 per two year period with an individual project expenditure not to exceed \$500,000. Any contracts for an individual project over \$500,000 or with total expenditures over \$800,000 in a two year period will require Council approval.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Kaela Brinson, Council Clerk

Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:

Sponsor(s) : County Council
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Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 23-R-70

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[To Reschedule the January 2024 County Council Meeting.]

WHEREAS:

1. The first Tuesday of January falls after a national holiday; and
2. Staff recommends that County Council hold the January 2024 meeting on January 9, 2024.

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

County Council hereby reschedules the January 2024 County Council meeting to January 9, 2024.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Kaela Brinson, Council Clerk

Seven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:

OPPOSED:

Sponsor(s) : County Council
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Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 23-R-71

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[To Authorize the Council Clerk to Advertise for Board Vacancies]

WHEREAS:

1. Colleton County Fire-Rescue Commission has two vacancies; and
2. 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

Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:

Sponsor(s) : County Council
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Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 23-R-72

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies.]

WHEREAS:

1. Colleton County Recreation Commission has three vacancies; and
Applicants: Billy Chambers and Rodney Colson
2. 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 Recreation Commission: Billy Chambers and Rodney Colson

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Kaela Brinson, Council Clerk

Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:

OPPOSED: