

**AMENDED AGENDA**  
**COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING BROADCAST VIRTUALLY**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2021**  
**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 May 4, 2021
5. Awards and Recognitions
  - a) SC Counties Workers' Compensation Trust Award for Colleton County
  - b) SC Emergency Management Association Agency of the Year
6. Appearances & Public Presentations
7. Administrator's Briefing
8. Public Hearing
  - a) Ordinance 21-O-05, To Provide for the Levy of Taxes in Colleton County, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 to Provide for All Other Appropriations Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto
  - b) Ordinance 21-O-06, To Provide for the Sale of Real Property Owned by Colleton County, South Carolina to Mr. Clyde Creel for the property identified by TMS 065-00-0-084.000 on Rehoboth Road; and Other Matters Relating Thereto
9. Old Business
  - a) 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Ordinance 21-O-05, To Provide for the Levy of Taxes in Colleton County, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 to Provide for All Other Appropriations Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto
  - b) 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Ordinance 21-O-06, To Provide for the Sale of Real Property Owned by Colleton County, South Carolina to Mr. Clyde Creel for the property identified by TMS 065-00-0-084.000 on Rehoboth Road; and Other Matters Relating Thereto

- c) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 21-O-07, Granting an Easement to Weyerhaeuser Company on a Portion of Real Property Owned by Colleton County, South Carolina identified by TMS 120-00-00-135.000 and located at 3142 Pierce Road, in Cottageville, Colleton County, SC; Such Easement is to be Used for Access to Property Owned by Weyerhaeuser Company; to Authorize Execution and Recording of the Easement Documents; and Other Matters Related Thereto
  - d) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 21-O-08, Granting an Easement to Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative on a Portion of Property Owned by Colleton County Located along at 801 N. Lemacks Street in the City of Walterboro, County Colleton, SC, and Identified by TMS No. 163-08-00-027.000; Such Easement is to be Used for the Installation, Operation and Maintenance of a Fiber Distribution Hub within Colleton County, SC; to Authorize Execution and Recording of the Easement Documents; and Other Matters Related Thereto
10. New Business
- a) 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ordinance 21-O-09, **By Title Only** Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Heavy Equipment and Vehicles by Colleton County, South Carolina by Lease-Purchase Financing in the Amount Of Not Exceeding \$5,500,000; the Execution and Delivery of Certain Instruments, Including a Lease-Purchase Agreement by Colleton County; and Other Matters Relating Thereto
  - b) Resolution 21-R-25, To Reschedule the July County Council Meeting and Cancel the August County Council Meeting
  - c) Resolution 21-R-26, To Designate Innotex Turnout Gear as the Sole Source for the County's Firefighting Gear and to Authorize the Fire-Rescue Commission to Purchase from the Manufacturer's Designated Distributor for a Period Not to Exceed Five (5) Years
  - d) Resolution 21-R-27, To Authorize a Five-Year Sole Source Purchase Arrangement between Colleton County Fire-Rescue and Holmatro Rescue Tools in Order to Maintain Equipment Standardization
  - e) Resolution 21-R-28, To Accept the Grant for the Colleton County Summer Feeding Program for 2021
  - f) Resolution 21-R-29, To Declare Surplus Various Vehicles and Equipment and to Authorize Their Sale in Accordance with County Policy
  - g) **Resolution 21-R-30, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies and to Authorize the Council Clerk to Advertise Board Vacancies**
11. Items for Information and Public Record

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

### **COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>**

County Council will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 6:00 pm. County Council will be holding the meeting in person. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be limited space for the public to attend in person (10 people-first come, first served); therefore, the meeting will also be broadcast virtually. 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](http://www.colletoncounty.org/live). Individuals who would like to participate in the public a comment can do so at [www.colletoncounty.org/comment](http://www.colletoncounty.org/comment)



**South Carolina Counties Workers' Compensation Trust Awards for Colleton County**

**WHEREAS**, The South Carolina Counties Workers' Compensation Trust held its annual conference recently. During the awards ceremony, it was announced that Colleton County had received three awards; and

**WHEREAS**, Colleton County received the **Most Improved County Award**, which is presented to the county or member entity that has shown the most improvement in their risk management and safety program during the past year; and

**WHEREAS**, Colleton County received the **SCCWCT Lag Time Award**, which is given to the three counties or member entities who had the lowest average claims reporting time in the Workers' Compensation Trust; and

**WHEREAS**, Colleton County received the **SCCWCT Experience Modifier Award**, which is given to the three counties or member entities who had the lowest experience modifier in the Workers' Compensation Trust; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Colleton County Council** hereby congratulates the Colleton County Risk Management Department and the County's Department Heads and Elected Officials their hard work and dedication to improving Colleton County's Risk Management and Safety Program.

**Done**, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2021.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ruth Mayer, Council Clerk

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman



### **South Carolina Emergency Management Association Agency of the Year Award**

**WHEREAS**, The South Carolina Emergency Management Association (SCEMA) held its annual conference in April. During the awards ceremony, it was announced that Colleton County had been chosen as Agency of the Year; and

**WHEREAS**, SCEMA is the premier Emergency Management organization in the state of South Carolina providing professional development and the only state-level emergency management certification in South Carolina to emergency management personnel in all 46 counties; and

**WHEREAS**, Colleton County Fire-Rescue's Emergency Management Division serves as the emergency management authority for Colleton County; however, there are a multitude of emergency support function partner agencies that assist during emergencies and disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, the emergency support function partners are as follows:

Colleton County Council

Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman  
Dr. Joe Flowers  
Phillip M. Taylor, Sr.  
Gene Whetsell  
Art Williams

Colleton County Administration

J. Kevin Griffin  
Meagan Utsey  
Jon Carpenter  
Karen Waters

City of Walterboro

Mayor Bill Young  
Jeff Molinari  
Hank Amundson

Town of Edisto Beach

Mayor Jane Darby  
Iris Hill  
Crawford Moore  
Mark Aakhus

SCEMD

Rocky Tucker  
Eric Turner  
Kim Shiverdecker  
Kim Stenson  
Steven Batson  
Mike Russell  
Guy Gierhart  
Melissa Potter  
Emily Bentley  
Derrec Becker  
Brannon Davis  
Tim Murphy  
Dave Perry  
Stan Parker  
Gabe Turner  
Charlie Kaufman  
Louis Walter  
Rob Burton  
Andrew Phillips  
Rachel McCaster  
Megan Wood  
Erika Woods  
Deborah Dawson  
Katie Norris  
Sam Carr  
Ellison Smith  
Meredith Burns  
Candice Shealey  
Charlotte Foster  
All State Warning Point Operators

Colleton County Fire-Rescue

Commission Chair Lavern Polk  
Commission Vice-Chair Scooter Drew  
Commissioner Jerry Breland  
Commissioner Clyde Capers  
Commissioner Mark Farish  
Chief Barry McRoy  
Assistant Chief Marty Stallings  
Battalion Chief Joey Campbell  
Battalion Chief Scott Feather  
Battalion Chief Mikey Banks  
Battalion Chief Scottie O'Quinn  
Battalion Chief Brent Dalton  
Battalion Chief Chris Jones  
Captain Janet Laney  
Captain Roger Johnston

Captain Mike Rohaus  
Adrienne Stokes  
All Fire-Rescue career, volunteer, and administrative staff

ESF-1 (Transportation)

Cliff Warren  
Gary Bradley  
William Sutton  
Kenny Blakeney  
Deneya Dingle  
Michael Thomas  
Colleton County School District Bus Drivers and School Nurses  
Tara Glover and LCAA staff

ESF-2 (Communications)

Captain Angela Stallings  
Lieutenant Amanda Murdaugh  
Colleton County Sheriff's Office Dispatchers  
Eric Avant and the Colleton County Information/Technology Department staff  
David Sauls

ESF-3 (Public Works and Engineering)

Carla Harvey  
Bill Washington and all Colleton County Public Works personnel  
Adam Bishop, Lynda McLaine, Jennifer Irwin and all SCDOT personnel  
Johnny Bartley and all Colleton County Solid Waste personnel

ESF-4 (Fire)

Chief Paul Seigler  
Chief Denny Conley  
Tim Wojcik

ESF-5 (Planning)

Ron Morales and National Weather Service - Charleston staff

ESF-6 (Mass Care)

Sandy Polk and the Colleton DSS Staff  
Brittany Rubin and the American Red Cross staff

ESF-8 (Medical)

Ashley Jackson and all Colleton Medical Center staff  
Raymond Bartee, Laura Davis, Diane Fox and all SCDHEC staff  
Kim Brunson, Matt Morris and MedTrans staff  
Richard Harvey and Colleton County Coroner's office staff  
Letisha Scotland and all LCOG staff

ESF-11 (Food Services)

Ellen Fitch and Colleton County School District Food Services staff  
Krissy Worden

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ESF-12 (Energy)

Mark Walling  
Matthew Bryan  
James Burn  
Kevin Still

ESF-13 (Law Enforcement)

Sheriff Buddy Hill  
Chief Deputy Gene Johnson  
Captain Jason Chapman and Colleton County Sheriff's Office staff  
Chief Wade Marvin, Assistant Chief Kevin Martin and Walterboro Police Department staff  
Chief George Brothers and Edisto Beach Police Department staff  
Ryan Neil, Shaun Harley, and SLED staff  
Ben Thomas, Andrew Godowns, and SCDNR staff  
Chief Jeffrey Cook and Cottageville Police Department staff

ESF-14 (Recovery)

Bucky McCormack, Tommy Hill and Colleton County Assessor's Office staff  
Chris Bickley and Long-Term Recovery Group members

ESF-15 (Public Information)

Shalane Lowes

ESF-16 (Emergency Traffic Management)

James Sweatman, Edgar Enxuto and SCHP staff  
SCDPS Director R.G. Woods

ESF-17 (Animal Services)

Laura Clark, Reggie McNeil and Colleton County Animal Services staff  
Dr. Lori Campbell  
Dr. Kathryn MacDonald  
Dr. Charlotte Krugler

ESF-18 (Donated Goods and Volunteer Services)

Colleton County Fire-Rescue Community Emergency Response Team members  
Chris Myers and Colleton County Parks and Recreation staff

ESF-19 (Military Support)

Colonel David Gayle  
Major David Preston

ESF-24 (Business and Industry)

Heyward Horton  
Donna Lamb  
April Chaffins  
Michelle Faust

Others

Gretchen Birt  
Neil Baxley  
Mario Formisano  
Jason Patno  
George Welch  
Lieutenant Charles Ghent, SLED

**WHEREAS**, this award belongs to all of the individuals listed above who work alongside Colleton County Emergency Management Division to protect the citizens of Colleton County, as well as anyone who may not have been specifically mentioned above;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Colleton County Council** hereby congratulates the Colleton County Emergency Management Division and all of the County's Emergency Support Function Partners for their hard work and dedication to Colleton County.

**Done**, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2021.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ruth Mayer, Council Clerk

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

Sponsor(s)	: County Council	
First Reading	: April 6, 2021	I, _____,
Committee Referral	: N/A	Council Clerk, certify that this
Committee Consideration Date	: N/A	Ordinance was advertised for
Committee Recommendation	: N/A	Public Hearing on _____.
Second Reading	: May 4, 2021	
Public Hearing	: June 1, 2021	
Third Reading	: June 1, 2021	
Effective Date	: July 1, 2021	

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-O-05**

**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, 2021 through June 30, 2022 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 2021-2022 for the above purposes do not exceed estimated revenues and funds available for expenditure in fiscal year 2021-2022.

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

**SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS**

**a. Procedures Compliance:** The fiscal year 2021-2022 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 around the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month following the end of each quarter. The final 4<sup>th</sup> quarter funding may be withheld by the Chief Financial Officer 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**	\$ 29,087,067	116.31
115	Capital Fund*	\$ 598,090	
120	Special Revenue Fund*	\$ 1,104,220	
121	State Aid to Library Fund*	\$ 100,000	
122	Colleton County Memorial Library Fund*	\$ 712,660	
124	IV-D Sheriff Unit Costs**	\$ 6,438	
125	Solicitor Special Revenue Fund*	\$ 0	
126	IV-D Clerk of Court – Unit Costs**	\$ 193,260	
127	IV-D Clerk of Court’s Fund – Incentives*	\$ 40,000	
128	Victim Witness Services Fund*	\$ 101,119	
129	Animal Care & Control Fund*	\$ 35,000	
130	County Debt Service Fund*	\$ 2,003,660	10.24
131	Fire Debt Service Fund*	\$ 2,459,518	22.66
134	Non-GOB Related Debt Service*	\$ 1,200,000	
135	Capital Project Sales Tax Debt Service Fund*	\$ 6,171,610	
141	Emergency Telephone Fund*	\$ 304,986	
142	Infrastructure/Industrial Development Fund***	\$ 784,265	
143	Capital Projects Sales Tax Fund*	\$ 4,701,545	

144	CC 2015 \$5.4M GOB Proceeds*	\$	172,782	
146	Fire Bond \$6M 2018*	\$	0	
150	American Rescue Plan*	\$	1,644,745	
152	Accommodations Tax Tourism Infrastructure*	\$	34,416	
153	County Hospitality Tax Fund*	\$	551,200	
155	County Accommodations Tax Fund*	\$	529,445	
156	Fire-Rescue Commission Operations Fund*	\$	10,974,750	33.56
204	Recreation Fund*	\$	1,576,921	
210	Road & Bridges Fund*	\$	2,164,147	
211	Solid Waste Fund*	\$	3,025,424	
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 uses, which shall include all fee-in-lieu payments from other counties 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, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

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 \$1,972,660 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 \$31,000 is hereby appropriated from various sources and shall be collected to make a total County Debt Service (Fund 130) appropriation of \$2,003,660.

Sufficient mills to support these tax levies can be established by County Council Resolution before September 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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) Financial Reporting: The Department of Education for Colleton County shall provide to the County Treasurer, the County Administrator, and the County Chief Financial Officer detailed financial reports on a monthly basis. These monthly reports should clearly indicate all budgeted and year to date revenues and expenditures for each fund discreetly, including year to date amounts and original budgeted amounts.

(2) Debt Service Reporting/Processing: During the budget process each fiscal year, the School District shall provide to the County Treasurer and the County Chief Financial Officer 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 Chief Financial Officer all notices of payments due.

(3) 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 \$3,560,870 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 \$2,026,327 shall be collected. In addition, intergovernmental transfers in the amount of \$5,387,553 are also appropriated from Fund 100, Fund 131, and Fund 150 for transfer into Fund 156 upon requisition by the Finance Office to make a total Fire and Rescue District Operations appropriation of \$10,974,750.

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 \$2,427,518. To further meet the Debt Service (Fund 131) appropriation provided by this Ordinance in (d) directly above, the sum of \$32,000 is hereby appropriated from various sources and shall be collected to make a total Fire and Rescue District Debt Service (Fund 131) appropriation of \$2,459,518.

Sufficient mills to support these tax levies can be established by County Council Resolution before September 1<sup>st</sup> 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 and Fund 150 in the amount of \$1,198,196, are hereby appropriated from other funds 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 amount of \$622,424 is hereby appropriated from Fund 100 and Fund 150 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 amount of \$920,471 are hereby appropriated from Fund 100, Fund 150, 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 Chief Financial Officer 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 Chief Financial Officer must be listed as a contact on all grant applications and awards; all correspondence must be copied to the County Chief Financial Officer.

(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 Chief Financial Officer 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 Chief Financial Officer. When grant award payments are received, the Treasurer's Office or County Offices shall provide the Chief Financial Officer with copies of all checks received for the reimbursement of grant expenditures and any other related documentation determined by the Chief Financial Officer as necessary to ensure audit compliance. All grant revenues shall be credited to the appropriate revenue line item as established by the Chief Financial Officer. 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 Chief Financial Officer. 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 15th 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 42 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 Chief Financial Officer. On or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month, the Treasurer will provide the County Administrator's designee, the Chief Financial Officer, 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 Chief Financial Officer 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 Chief Financial Officer, by the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Chief Financial Officer 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 Chief Financial Officer 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 Chief Financial Officer. 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 Chief Financial Officer 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 Chief Financial Officer 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 15<sup>th</sup> of every month the Delinquent Tax Collector shall report to the County Administrator's designee, the Chief Financial Officer, 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 Chief Financial Officer.

## **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 2021. The Administrator may authorize designees for approval of Purchase Orders at such lower amounts as he deems appropriate.

**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 Chief Financial Officer 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 Chief Financial Officer, 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 Chief Financial Officer 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 employees 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 Chief Financial Officer to impose a 1% surcharge to the total outstanding payroll reimbursement due to the County, to be effective thirty (30) 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 Chief Financial Officer 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. The Solicitor's Office shall deposit in advance on a monthly basis with the County all monies necessary to cover Solicitor's Office payroll. 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.

### **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 June 21, 2021 as processed and paid on July 9, 2021.

**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-one (.51) cents per mile traveled. Meal expenses may not exceed \$32.00 per calendar day for in-state travel or \$54.00 for out-of-state travel 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 Chief Financial Officer. 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 Chief Financial Officer the job descriptions or Comprehensive Position Questionnaires no later than November 30<sup>th</sup> 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 156 Fire Rescue Commission Operating budget sets a Private Ambulance Service Lifting Assistance charge of \$400.00.
- (3) Fund 156 Fire Rescue Commission Operating budget sets map book fee of \$15.00.
- (4) Planning and Development fee changes are as follows:

Type of Fee	Fee beginning July 1, 2021
<b>Building Permit Fees – Construction Valuation</b>	
\$1.00 - \$2,000.00	\$40.00
\$2,001.00 - \$3,000.00	\$45.00
\$3,001.00 - \$4,000.00	\$50.00
\$4,001.00 - \$5,000.00	\$55.00
\$5,001.00 - \$6,000.00	\$60.00
\$6,001.00 - \$7,000.00	\$65.00
\$7,001.00 - \$8,000.00	\$70.00
\$8,001.00 - \$9,000.00	\$75.00
\$9,001.00 - \$10,000.00	\$80.00
\$10,001.00 - \$11,000.00	\$85.00
\$11,001.00 - \$12,000.00	\$90.00
\$12,001.00 - \$13,000.00	\$95.00
\$13,001.00 - \$14,000.00	\$100.00
\$14,001.00 - \$15,000.00	\$105.00
\$15,001.00 - \$16,000.00	\$110.00
\$16,001.00 - \$17,000.00	\$115.00
\$17,001.00 - \$18,000.00	\$120.00
\$18,001.00 - \$19,000.00	\$125.00
\$19,001.00 - \$20,000.00	\$130.00

\$20,001.00 - \$21,000.00	\$135.00
\$21,001.00 - \$22,000.00	\$140.00
\$22,001.00 - \$23,000.00	\$145.00
\$23,001.00 - \$24,000.00	\$150.00
\$24,001.00 - \$25,000.00	\$155.00
\$25,001.00 - \$26,000.00	\$160.00
\$26,001.00 - \$27,000.00	\$165.00
\$27,001.00 - \$28,000.00	\$170.00
\$28,001.00 - \$29,000.00	\$175.00
\$29,001.00 - \$30,000.00	\$180.00
\$30,001.00 - \$31,000.00	\$185.00
\$31,001.00 - \$32,000.00	\$190.00
\$32,001.00 - \$33,000.00	\$195.00
\$33,001.00 - \$34,000.00	\$200.00
\$34,001.00 - \$35,000.00	\$205.00
\$35,001.00 - \$36,000.00	\$210.00
\$36,001.00 - \$37,000.00	\$215.00
\$37,001.00 - \$38,000.00	\$220.00
\$38,001.00 - \$39,000.00	\$225.00
\$39,001.00 - \$40,000.00	\$230.00
\$40,001.00 - \$41,000.00	\$235.00
\$41,001.00 - \$42,000.00	\$240.00
\$42,001.00 - \$43,000.00	\$245.00
\$43,001.00 - \$44,000.00	\$250.00
\$44,001.00 - \$45,000.00	\$255.00
\$45,001.00 - \$46,000.00	\$260.00
\$46,001.00 - \$47,000.00	\$265.00
\$47,001.00 - \$48,000.00	\$270.00
\$48,001.00 - \$49,000.00	\$275.00
\$49,001.00 - \$50,000.00	\$280.00
\$50,001.00 - \$100,000.00	\$505.00
\$100,001.00 - \$500,000.00	\$1,805.00
\$500,001.00 - \$1,000,000.00	\$3,055.00
\$1,000,001.00 and Over	\$2.35/1,000
EXAMPLE - \$1.8 Mill. Parkers Conv. Store - B.P.+ P. R. =	\$7,402.50
<b>Miscellaneous Permit/License Fees</b>	
Plan Review Fees are 50% of the Bldg. Permit Fees	YES
Building w/out a Bldg. Permit Fee – Double Permit Fee	YES
General Inspection Fees Covered by Bldg. Permit Fee	YES
Re-inspection Fee	\$50.00
Permit Renewal Fees = ½ of Original Bldg. Permit Fee	YES
Electrical Service Fee - 100 Amp./200 Amp. Plus	\$40/\$50
Residential Zoning Permit Fee	\$40.00
Nonresidential Zoning Permit Fee	\$75.00

Sign Permit Fee (Per Sign Face)	\$75.00
Demolition Permit Fee	\$50.00
Gas Permit Fee	\$50.00
Manufactured Home Permit Fee	\$100.00
Trailer/Camper/R.V Initial & Annual Lic. Fee	\$200.00
Contractor License Fee (Resident)	\$50.00
Contractor License Fee (Non-Resident)	\$100.00
Building Investigation Fee	\$50.00
Electrical Investigation Fee	\$50.00
Gas Pressure Test Fee	\$50.00
Zoning Verif. Letter & M.H. De-title Letter	\$20.00
Flood Zone Review Fee (1 Lot Comm. & Resid.)	\$40.00
Flood Zone Review Fee (Subdivision/Comm.)	\$40+\$5/Lot
Street Renaming	\$150.00
<b>Appeals, Variances &amp; Zoning Amendments</b>	
Construction Appeals	\$150.00
Zoning Special Exceptions	\$200.00
Zoning Variances	\$200.00
Rezoning Amendments	\$200.00
Zoning Appeals	\$150.00
<b>Subdivision Plats</b>	
1 Lot	\$35.00
2 to 15 Lots	\$50+\$5/Lot
16 to 25 Lots	\$75+\$5/Lot
26 to 50 Lots	\$100+\$5/Lot
51 to 100 Lots	\$125+\$5/Lot
100 Plus Lots	\$150+\$5/Lot
Preliminary Plat Administrative Fee	\$175.00
Final Plat Administrative Fee	\$100.00
<b>Photocopy Fees</b>	
Letter Size Documents/Page	\$0.25/Sht.
Legal Size Documents/Page	\$0.25/Sht.
Individual FEMA Flood Panels/Complete Set	Not available.
Land Development Regulations	\$40.00
County Comprehensive Plan	\$70.00

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Chief Financial Officer before June 30<sup>th</sup> each fiscal year for inclusion in the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 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. TRANSFER OF COLLETON COMMERCE CENTER PARCELS TO CCEDC ONE, INC.**

The property located at 100 Crescent Way, Walterboro, SC 29488, having TMS numbers 097-00-00-060, 097-00-00-061, and 097-00-00-051 to be transferred from Colleton County to the Colleton County Economic Development One, Inc. for use in promoting economic development. The transfer shall be a conveyance in fee simple for five dollars. The County Administrator is hereby authorized to sign all deeds, contracts, and any other documents necessary to affect this transfer.

**SECTION 21. 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 22.** All provisions in other County Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 23.** 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:

<b>Official</b>	<b>Seat</b>
Gene Whetsell	Council Seat at Large
Art Williams	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
Ashley Amundson	Probate Judge
Guerry Hill	Sheriff
Becky S. Hill	Treasurer

This Ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2021.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ruth Mayer, Council Clerk

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Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:

OPPOSED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Approved as to Form  
Sean P. Thornton, County Attorney

Sponsor(s) : County Council  
First Reading : April 6, 2021  
Committee Referral : N/A  
Committee Consideration Date : N/A  
Committee Recommendation : N/A  
Second Reading : May 4, 2021  
Public Hearing : June 1, 2021  
Third Reading : June 1, 2021  
Effective Date : Immediately

I, Ruth Mayer,  
Council Clerk, certify that this  
Ordinance was advertised for  
Public Hearing on \_\_\_\_\_.

## ORDINANCE NO. 21-O-06

### COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

**[To Provide for the Sale of Real Property Owned by Colleton County, South Carolina to Mr. James C. Creel for the property identified by TMS No. 065-00-0-084.000 on Rehoboth Road; and Other Matters Relating Thereto.]**

#### WHEREAS:

1. On September 25, 1984, the County purchased the property identified by TMS 065-00-00-084 from Mr. James C. Creel in the amount of \$1,600; and
2. The County no longer has use for said property, and Mr. Creel wishes to regain ownership; and
3. The Council deems it to be in the best interest of the County to provide for the transfer of the real property located on Rehoboth Road, identified by T.M.S. No. 065-00-00-084.000 and containing 0.7 acres +/- to James C. Creel.

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

1. The County of Colleton hereby authorizes the conveyance to James C. Creel the property more fully described in attached Exhibit A for a consideration of One Thousand, Six Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$1,600.00) and other good and valuable consideration, and upon the other terms and conditions as set forth herein.
2. The County Administrator is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed on behalf of the County of Colleton to execute and deliver a deed for the Property pursuant thereto, and to such other documents as may be necessary or desirable in connection with the conveyance of the Property.
3. Conflict:

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

4. Severability:

If any provisions of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect the 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.

Attest:

Signed:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk to Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Approved as to Form  
Sean P. Thornton, County Attorney

Council Vote:  
Opposed:

EXHIBIT A  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Sponsor(s) : County Council  
First Reading : April 6, 2021  
Committee Referral : N/A  
Committee Consideration Date : N/A  
Committee Recommendation : N/A  
Second Reading : June 1, 2021  
Public Hearing : July 27, 2021  
Third Reading : July 27, 2021  
Effective Date : Immediately

I, Ruth Mayer,  
Council Clerk, certify that this  
Ordinance was advertised for  
Public Hearing on \_\_\_\_\_.

## **ORDINANCE NO. 21-O-07**

### **COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY**

**[An Ordinance Granting an Easement to Weyerhaeuser Company on a Portion of Real Property Owned by Colleton County, South Carolina identified by TMS 120-00-00-135.000 and located at 3142 Pierce Road, in Cottageville, Colleton County, SC; Such Easement is to be Used for Access to Property Owned by Weyerhaeuser Company; to Authorize Execution and Recording of the Easement Documents; 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 Weyerhaeuser Company on a portion of property owned by Colleton County, South Carolina identified by TMS 120-00-00-135.000 and located at 3142 Pierce Road, in Cottageville, Colleton County, SC; such easement is to be used for access to property owned by Weyerhaeuser Company.

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

1. The documents attached and included herein by reference grant an Easement to Weyerhaeuser Company on a portion of property owned by Colleton County, South Carolina identified by TMS 120-00-00-135.000 and located at 3142 Pierce Road, in Cottageville, Colleton County, SC; such easement is to be used for access to property owned by Weyerhaeuser Company.
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. Severability:

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.

5. Conflict:

Provisions in other County Ordinances, Resolutions, policies, or by-laws in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ruth Mayer, Council Clerk

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Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

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Approved as to Form  
Sean Thornton, County Attorney

COUNCIL VOTE:  
OPPOSED:

Sponsor(s): County Council  
First Reading: May 4, 2021  
Committee Referral: N/A  
Committee Consideration Date: N/A  
Committee Recommendation: N/A  
Second Reading: June 1, 2021  
Public Hearing: July 27, 2021  
Third Reading: July 27, 2021  
Effective Date: Immediately

I, \_\_\_\_\_,  
Council Clerk, certify that  
this Ordinance was advertised  
for public hearing on \_\_\_\_\_.

## ORDINANCE NO. 21-O-08

### COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

**[An Ordinance Granting an Easement to Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative on a Portion of Property Owned by Colleton County Located along at 801 N. Lemacks Street in the City of Walterboro, County Colleton, SC, and Identified by TMS No. 163-08-00-027.000; Such Easement is to be Used for the Installation, Operation and Maintenance of a Fiber Distribution Hub within Colleton County, SC; to Authorize Execution and Recording of the Easement Documents; 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 Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative on a portion of property owned by Colleton County located at 801 N. Lemacks Street in the City of Walterboro, Colleton County, SC; such easement is to be used for the installation, operation and maintenance of a fiber distribution hub within Colleton County, SC.

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

1. The documents attached and included herein by reference grant an Easement to Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative on a portion of property owned by Colleton County located 801 N. Lemacks Street in the City of Walterboro, Colleton County, SC to be used for the installation, operation and maintenance of a fiber distribution hub within Colleton County, SC.
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. Severability:

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.

5. Conflict:

Provisions in other County Ordinances, Resolutions, policies, or by-laws in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ruth Mayer, Council Clerk

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Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

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Approved as to Form  
Sean Thornton, County Attorney

COUNCIL VOTE:  
OPPOSED:



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has executed this Durational Right-of-Way Easement as of the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

WITNESSES:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grantor

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF COLLETON

PERSONALLY, appeared before me the undersigned witness and made oath that (s) he saw the within named \_\_\_\_\_ sign, seal and as his/her/its act and deed, deliver the within written Right-of-Way Easement for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and that (s) he with the other witness witnessed the execution thereof.

SWORN to before me this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(L.S.)  
Notary Public for South Carolina  
My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

## EXHIBIT A

Right-Of-Way easement on the property identified as Parcel # 163-08-00-027.000 on the Colleton County Tax Map---801 N. Lemacks Street.

This easement is one hundred fifty feet (150') north of the centerline of Sweat St. and one hundred ninety feet (190') south of the center line of Park Ave. This is an eight foot by eight foot utility easement that parallels North Lemacks Street for the purpose of installing fiber optic data services within the City of Walterboro. A four foot by four foot cabinet will be place on a five foot by five foot concrete underground vault.

Sponsor(s) : County Council  
First Reading : June 1, 2021  
Committee Referral : N/A  
Committee Consideration Date : N/A  
Committee Recommendation : N/A  
Second Reading : July 27, 2021  
Public Hearing : September 7, 2021  
Third Reading : September 7, 2021  
Effective Date : Immediately

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-O-09**

**COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY**

**[Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Heavy Equipment and Vehicles by Colleton County, South Carolina by Lease-Purchase Financing in the Amount Of Not Exceeding \$5,500,000; the Execution and Delivery of Certain Instruments, Including a Lease-Purchase Agreement by Colleton County; and Other Matters Relating Thereto.]**

Sponsor(s) : County Council  
Adopted : June 1, 2021  
Committee Referral : N/A  
Committee Consideration Date : N/A  
Committee Recommendation : N/A

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-R-25**

**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 30 – August 3, 2021; and
3. Staff recommends that County Council hold one meeting on July 27, 2021 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 2021 County Council meeting to July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and hereby cancels the August 2021 County Council meeting.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

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Ruth Mayer, Council Clerk

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Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:

OPPOSED:

Sponsor(s) : County Council  
Adopted : June 1, 2021  
Committee Referral : N/A  
Committee Consideration Date : N/A  
Committee Recommendation : N/A

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-R-26**

**COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY**

**[A Resolution To Designate Innotex Turnout Gear as the Sole Source for the County's Firefighting Gear and to Authorize the Fire-Rescue Commission to Purchase from the Manufacturer's Designated Distributor for a Period Not to Exceed Five (5) Years.]**

**WHEREAS:**

1. Colleton County Fire-Rescue provides all firefighting personnel with specialized protective garments to provide thermal and injury protection; and
2. Construction methods for protective gear vary between manufacturers which creates compatibility and safety issues; and
3. In their Resolution 21-FRCR-002, the Fire-Rescue Commission has recommended that Innotex Turnout Gear be designated as the Sole Source for the County's firefighting Gear.

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

The Colleton County Council hereby authorizes the Colleton County Fire-Rescue Commission to purchase firefighting gear from a Sole Source for a period not to exceed five (5) years.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

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Ruth Mayer, Council Clerk

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Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

Sponsor(s) : County Council  
Adopted : June 1, 2021  
Committee Referral : N/A  
Committee Consideration Date : N/A  
Committee Recommendation : N/A

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-R-27**

**COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY**

**[To Authorize a Five-Year Sole Source Purchase Arrangement between Colleton County Fire-Rescue and Holmatro Rescue Tools in Order to Maintain Equipment Standardization]**

**WHEREAS:**

1. County Council previously authorized a sole source purchase arrangement between Colleton County Fire-Rescue and Holmatro Rescue Tools by Resolutions 07-R-69 and 11-R-109; and
2. Resolution 21-FRCR-001 from the Fire-Rescue Commission requests that County Council authorize the sole source purchase arrangement of Holmatro Rescue Tools for an additional five years, based on the standardization of equipment.

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

1. A sole source purchase arrangement between Colleton County Fire-Rescue and Holmatro Rescue Tools in the amount of is hereby authorized.
2. Said designation shall extend for a period not to exceed five years.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ruth Mayer, Council Clerk

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Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:  
OPPOSED:

Sponsor(s) : County Council  
Adopted : June 1, 2021  
Committee Referral : N/A  
Committee Consideration Date : N/A  
Committee Recommendation : N/A

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-R-28**

**COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY**

**[A Resolution to Accept the Grant for the Colleton County Summer Feeding Program for 2021.]**

**WHEREAS:**

1. Colleton County Council deems it to be in the best interest of the County to continue its sponsorship/administration of the Summer Feeding Program with monitored scattered sites, delivered meals, in-house reporting and financial management; and
2. The Summer Feeding Program is in the planning stage now to begin in June of 2021, and is projected to have no local match requirement.

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

1. Acceptance of the SCDSS Summer Feeding Program Grant for FY21 and FY22 for operation of the Colleton County Summer Feeding Program under the sponsorship and administration of the County is hereby approved.
2. The County Administrator is hereby directed to implement the 2021 Summer Feeding Program and to amend the FY21 and FY22 budgets to reflect the appropriations in connection with the grant.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

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Ruth Mayer, Council Clerk

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Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:

OPPOSED:

Sponsor(s) : County Council  
 Adopted : June 1, 2021  
 Committee Referral : N/A  
 Committee Consideration Date : N/A  
 Committee Recommendation : N/A

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-R-29**

**COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY**

**[A Resolution to Declare Surplus Various Vehicles and Equipment and to Authorize Their Sale in Accordance with County Policy.]**

**WHEREAS:**

1. The Facilities Management, Fleet Management and Technology departments have evaluated various vehicles and equipment, and deemed them to be no longer suitable for County operations; and
2. It is recommended that Council declare said vehicles and equipment surplus and authorize their sale or trade on upgraded equipment or contractual arrangements related to the equipment.

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

1. The following vehicles and equipment submitted by the Fleet Management department and the Technology department are hereby declared surplus to the needs of the County.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Serial Number</b>
1996 Chevrolet Bookmobile	1GBKH31NOT3300500
Enclosed metal utility building	Size: 13 feet by 20 feet
Kardex Lektriever File System	Series 2000
HP Laser Jet 9050dn	JPFL73POCJ

2. Said vehicles and equipment shall be placed for sale or for trade on upgraded equipment or contractual arrangements related to the equipment.
3. The proceeds from the sale of the above vehicles and equipment are to go into the Capital Fund – Fund 115.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

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 Ruth Mayer, Council Clerk

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 Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:  
 OPPOSED:

Sponsor(s) : County Council  
Adopted : April 6, 2021  
Committee Referral : N/A  
Committee Consideration Date : N/A  
Committee Recommendation : N/A

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-R-30**

**COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY**

**[To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies and to Authorize the Council Clerk to Advertise Board Vacancies.]**

**WHEREAS:**

1. The Edisto River Canoe and Kayak Trail Committee has two vacancies (one Recreation Commission, one Colleton County Development Board); and Applicants: Ian Dillinger (Recreation)
2. The Colleton Recreation Commission has one vacancy; and Applicant: Clarence Wiggins
3. The Board of Disabilities and Special Needs has one vacancy and needs to be advertised; and
4. 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 Hereby Appoints the following:
  - a. The Edisto River Canoe and Kayak Committee: Ian Dillinger.
  - b. The Colleton Recreation Commission: Clarence Wiggins
2. The Council Clerk is hereby directed to advertise for the vacancy on the Board of Disabilities and Special Needs.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

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Ruth Mayer

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Steven D. Murdaugh