



COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

County Council Chambers, Old Jail Building
109 Benson Street, 2nd Floor Walterboro, SC 29488
Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
4. **Approval of Agenda**
5. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a) Regular Meeting, July 8, 2025
 - b) Special Meeting, July 16, 2025
 - c) Special Meeting July 30, 2025
6. **Awards and Recognitions**
 - a) Proclamation; Recognizing the Outstanding Service of Colleton County Fire-Rescue, Colleton County Sheriff's Office, South Carolina Highway Patrol, Other First Responders and Hospital Staff in Response to the Tragic Accident on Interstate 95
7. **Appearances & Public Presentation**
 - a) Community Innovations; Shiela Keaise; Colleton Voice-Winners
8. **Public Comments (3 minutes per person/max time 20 min.)**
9. **Administrator's Briefing**
10. **Public Hearing**
 - a) 3rd Reading Ordinance 25-O-07, Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax and Special Source Credit Agreement by and Between Colleton County, South Carolina and Banks Construction Company (Which was Previously Known to the County as Project Star) with respect to certain Economic Development Property in the County, Whereby Such Property will be Subject to Certain Payments in Lieu of Taxes, Including the Provision of Certain Special Source Credits; and Others Matters Related Thereto.

11. **Old Business**

- a) 3rd Reading Ordinance 25-O-06, To Amend Title 10 - Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 10.04 Truck and Bus Restrictions, of the Colleton County Code of Laws to Prohibit No Through Traffic on Approved Colleton County Roads.
- b) 3rd Reading Ordinance 25-O-07, Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax and Special Source Credit Agreement by and Between Colleton County, South Carolina and Banks Construction Company (Which was Previously Known to the County as Project Star) with respect to certain Economic Development Property in the County, Whereby Such Property will be Subject to Certain Payments in Lieu of Taxes, Including the Provision of Certain Special Source Credits; and Others Matters Related Thereto.

11. **New Business**

- a) Resolution 25-R-47, To Change the Regular County Council Meeting Date to the First Monday of Each Month
- b) Resolution 25-R-48, To Approve a Joint Use Agreement between Colleton County and the Ruffin Community Center for Recreation Improvements
- c) Resolution 25-R-49, To Approve a Joint Use Agreement between Colleton County and the Cottageville Community Center for Recreation Improvements
- d) Resolution 25-R-50, To Declare Surplus Equipment and to Authorize the Sale in Accordance with County Policy
- e) Resolution 25-R-51, To Approve the Purchase of a 2026 Kenworth Roll-Off Container Truck for the Solid Waste C&D Landfill
- f) Resolution 25-R-52, To Approve Appointment to the Lowcountry Workforce Board
- g) Resolution 25-R-53, To Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Various Grants for FY 25-26
- h) Resolution 25-R-54, To Authorize the Acceptance and Budgeting of Funds for the School Resource Officer Grant Received for FY 25-26 by the Colleton County Sheriff's Office

12. Items for Information and Public Record

13. Council Time

14. **Executive Session**
 - a) Matters Concerning Economic Development
 1. Project Fanatic
 2. Project Craft
 3. Project Badger
 4. Project Quail
 5. FILOT Fees
 - b) Personnel and Contractual Matter related to the Office of County Administrator
15. Items discussed in Executive Session
16. Adjournment
17. Informal Meeting of the Whole

Colleton County Council will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 6:00 pm. The public will be able to stream the meeting from a link on the County's home page or by going to www.colletoncounty.org/live.

The following statement is provided in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act: Subsequent to Executive Session, County Council may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session upon return to open session

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.

Chairman Scott Biering called the meeting to order with Council Members Steve Murdaugh, Phillip Taylor, Bubba Trippe and Johnny Frank were in attendance.

Others Included: Thomas Higgs, Meagan Utsey, Sean Thornton, Jon Carpenter, Barry McRoy, Carla Harvey, Donna Lamb, Brantley Strickland, Susan Keith, Rebecca Hamilton, Marc Filion, Ann Filion, Carl Coffin, Clarence Wiggins, Colette Bailey, Royce Herndon, Therdore Reed, Henry Cohen

Councilman Biering gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Biering congratulated Councilman Murdaugh on his new role as Chairman of the Southern Carolina Regional Development Alliance Board of Directors.

Approval of Agenda

Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Murdaugh and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting, June 3, 2025

Councilman Taylor moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 3, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilman Murdaugh and the motion carried unanimously.

Budget Work Session, May 29, 2025

Councilman Taylor moved to approve the minutes of the Budget Work Session held on May 29, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilman Murdaugh and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Health and Safety Committee, June 24, 2025

Councilman Trippe moved to approve the minutes of the Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting held on June 24, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor and the motion passed with a 4 vote (Councilman Murdaugh abstain from the vote as he was not present at the meeting).

Councilman Murdaugh asked to have the presentation that was presented by Animal Service Director Laura Clark sent over to him.

Special Meeting, June 25, 2025

Councilman Taylor moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on June 25, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilman Murdaugh and the motion carried unanimously.

Awards and Recognitions

Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Colleton County.

Councilman Biering read the letter from the GFOA awarding an Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Colleton County. Councilman Murdaugh recognized Jon and everyone involved. This marks the 11th consecutive year the County has received the award, highlighting the finance department's significant accomplishment and transparent financial reporting.

Appearances & Public Presentation

Pathway Community Foundation-Ayinde Simon-Virtually

Ayinde Simon and Kevin Fomengia from Pathway Community Foundation presented their HBCU Smart Cities program, which aims to create smart city applications by engaging HBCU students to solve critical community issues like transportation, public safety, waste management, water management, and sustainability. The program, which has been operating for three years and is in its first year in South Carolina, focuses on building tangible products and expanding the R&D capacity of municipalities. The South Carolina Smart Cities Program challenges communities to create a smart city application leveraging IoT, AI, machine learning and other emerging technologies. The program encourages student developers, entrepreneurs, designers, and engineers to develop tech solutions that solve real-world problems.

Public Comments (3 minutes per person/max time 20 min.)

Rebecca Hamilton shared her experience regarding an incident in Cottageville where she tried to report a dog in distress and was subsequently denied the opportunity to respond to public accusations made against her by the Cottageville Police Chief at a Town Council Meeting. She advocated for fairness, truth, and accountability in public service, emphasizing that citizens, regardless of their residence within or outside town limits, should have the right to speak when public officials discuss them in public forums.

Administrator's Briefing

County Administrator Thomas Higgs did not have anything to share at his Administrator's Briefing.

Public Hearing

Councilman Trippe made a motion to open Public Hearing. Councilman Murdaugh second the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Biering opening the floor for the public to speak on; Ordinance 25-O-06, To Amend Title 10 - Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 10.04 Truck and Bus Restrictions, of the Colleton County Code of Laws to Prohibit No Through Traffic on Approved Colleton County Roads. No comments were made.

Councilman Trippe made a motion to close Public Hearing. Councilman Murdaugh second the motion, and the motion carried unanimously

Old Business

2nd Reading Ordinance 25-O-07, Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax and Special Source Credit Agreement by and Between Colleton County, South Carolina and Banks Construction Company (Which was Previously Known to the County as Project Star) with respect to certain Economic Development Property in the County, Whereby Such Property will be Subject to Certain Payments in Lieu of Taxes, Including the Provision of Certain Special Source Credits; and Others Matters Related Thereto.

Councilman Murdaugh moved to approve 2nd Reading Ordinance 25-O-07, Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax and Special Source Credit Agreement by and Between Colleton County, South Carolina and Banks Construction Company (Which was Previously Known to the County as Project Star) with respect to certain Economic Development Property in the County, Whereby Such Property will be Subject to Certain Payments in Lieu of Taxes, Including the Provision of Certain Special Source Credits; and Others Matters Related Thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Murdaugh asked that Council be provided with a break down of the fees at the 3rd reading.

2nd Reading Ordinance 25-O-06, To Amend Title 10 - Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 10.04 Truck and Bus Restrictions, of the Colleton County Code of Laws to Prohibit No Through Traffic on Approved Colleton County Roads.

Councilman Murdaugh moved to approve 2nd Reading Ordinance 25-O-06, To Amend Title 10 - Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 10.04 Truck and Bus Restrictions, of the Colleton County Code of Laws to Prohibit No Through Traffic on Approved Colleton County Roads. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Resolution 25-R-35, To Award the Contract for Planning Services for the County's Comprehensive Plan Update

Councilman Taylor moved to approve Resolution 25-R-35, To Award the Contract for Planning Services for the County's Comprehensive Plan Update. The motion was seconded by Councilman

Trippe. Discussion was held by Council to look at completing phase one of the plan. Council also spoke on adding an additional two drop-in meetings to the cost.

Councilman Taylor withdrew his original motion and made a motion to amend Resolution 25-R-35, To Award the Contract for Planning Services for the County's Comprehensive Plan Update; to include only the Comprehensive Plan update with two additional drop-meetings with a cost not to exceed \$73,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frank. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 25-R-41, Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Not Exceeding \$2,500,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes in Anticipation of the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds of Colleton County, South Carolina; and Others Matters Related Thereto.

Councilman Murdaugh moved to approve Resolution 25-R-41, Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Not Exceeding \$2,500,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes in Anticipation of the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds of Colleton County, South Carolina; and Others Matters Related Thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously

Resolution 25-R-42, To Award the Contract for Engineering Services for the Water and Wastewater Utility Feasibility Evaluation for Colleton County to Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co.

Councilman Trippe moved to approve Resolution 25-R-42, To Award the Contract for Engineering Services for the Water and Wastewater Utility Feasibility Evaluation for Colleton County to Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 25-R-43, To Declare Surplus Equipment and to Authorize the Sale in Accordance with County Policy

Councilman Murdaugh moved to approve Resolution 25-R-43, To Declare Surplus Equipment and to Authorize the Sale in Accordance with County Policy. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 25-R-44, To Authorize the Waiver of Various Fees for the Summer 2025 Jerusalem Project Home Repair Program

Councilman Frank moved to approve Resolution 25-R-44, To Authorize the Waiver of Various Fees for the Summer 2025 Jerusalem Project Home Repair Program. The motion was seconded by Councilman Murdaugh. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 25-R-46, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies

Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the following by acclamation, the motion was seconded by Councilman Frank; Colleton County Board of Assessment Appeals; Calvin Bailey and Ryan Crosby, Colleton County Recreation Commission; Clarence Wiggins and Colleton County Edisto River Canoe and Kayak Trail; Ian Dillinger. The motion carried unanimously.

Items for Information and Public Record

Councilman Biering advised there were no items for information and public record on the agenda.

Council Time

Councilman Murdaugh reviewed the FoCCAS (Friends of Colleton County Animal Shelter) Annual Report provided to Council by the Animal Service Director Laura Clark.

Executive Session

Councilman Taylor made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss the following: Matters Concerning Economic Development is relation to Project Fanatic, Project Craft, Project Badger, Project Montreal, Project Ricochet, Project Triple Play and Personnel and Contractual Matter related to the Office of County Administrator. Councilman Trippe seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Items discussed in Executive Session

Economic Development Director Brantley Strickland along with Project Manager Donna Lamb appeared before Council to discuss matters concerning Economic Development.

Councilman Biering advised that no action was taken during Executive Session

Adjournment

Councilman Trippe moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Frank seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously

Informal Meeting of the Whole

The full County Council meeting is available at the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/CnD6Dekj90E?si=rqzWjm55l71DQZGP>

This 8th day of July 2025.

Scott Biering, Chairman

ATTEST:

Danielle Murdaugh, Clerk to Council



**COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 10:00am**

Chairman Scott Biering called the meeting to order with Council Members Steve Murdaugh, Phillip Taylor, Bubba Trippe, and Johnny Frank were in attendance.

Councilman Phillip Taylor gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frank and the motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Councilman Taylor made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Economic Development Update-Project Ricochet. Councilman Frank seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Taylor moved to exit Executive Session, Councilman Frank seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

Adjournment

Councilman Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Trippe seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

This 16th day of July 2025.

Scott Biering, Chairman

ATTEST:

Danielle Murdaugh, Clerk to Council



**COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at 6:00pm**

Chairman Scott Biering called the meeting to order with Council Members Steve Murdaugh, Phillip Taylor, Bubba Trippe, and Johnny Frank were in attendance.

Others in Attendance: Thomas Higgs, Sean Thornton and Fred Williams

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

Approval of Agenda

Councilman Murdaugh made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor and the motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Councilman Trippe made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Contractual Matter related to the Office of County Administrator. Councilman Frank seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Trippe moved to exit Executive Session, Councilman Frank seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

Adjournment

Councilman Murdaugh moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Trippe seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

This 30th day of July 2025.

Scott Biering, Chairman

ATTEST:

Danielle Murdaugh, Clerk to Council



Proclamation

Recognizing the Outstanding Service of Colleton County Fire-Rescue, Colleton County Sheriff's Office, South Carolina Highway Patrol, Other First Responders and Hospital Staff in Response to the Tragic Accident on Interstate 95

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2025, a tragic accident occurred on Interstate 95 near the 40-mile marker southbound, resulting in critical injuries, loss of life, and life-threatening situations that required immediate and coordinated emergency response; and

WHEREAS, Colleton County Fire-Rescue, the Colleton County Sheriff's Office, the South Carolina Highway Patrol, 911 dispatchers, and numerous other first responders arrived promptly and acted with professionalism, courage, and compassion during an incredibly challenging and emotional scene; and

WHEREAS, these first responders worked tirelessly to stabilize victims, control traffic, secure the area, conduct investigations, and ensure public safety amid chaotic and heartbreaking circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the dedication of local hospital staff including doctors, nurses, emergency department personnel, and support staff was critical in providing lifesaving treatment, comfort, and care to the injured, many of whom were in urgent or critical condition; and

WHEREAS, the unified response among emergency services and healthcare workers reflects the highest standards of commitment, teamwork, and service to our community; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that we publicly express our deepest gratitude and respect to these heroes for their extraordinary efforts during one of the most difficult incidents our county has faced;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that on behalf of the Colleton Council and all our citizens, do hereby issue this **Proclamation of Recognition** and extend our deepest gratitude to all Colleton County Fire-Rescue Personnel, Colleton County Sheriff's Office Personnel, South Carolina Highway Patrol Officers, 911 Dispatchers, Hospital Staff, First Responders and all supporting emergency responders who played a vital role in the response to the tragic accident on Interstate 95 on July 22, 2025

FURTHER, let this Proclamation serve as a lasting tribute to their courage, professionalism, teamwork and dedication to saving lives and protecting our community.

Adopted this 12th day of August 2025.

ATTEST: _____
Danielle Murdaugh, Clerk to Council

BY: _____
Scott Biering, Chairman

Sponsor(s) : County Council
First Reading : June 3, 2025
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A
Second Reading : July 8, 2025
Public Hearing : July 8, 2025
Third Reading : August 12, 2025
Effective Date : Immediately

I, Danielle Murdaugh,
Council Clerk, certify that this
Ordinance was advertised for
Public Hearing on June 12, 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-O-06

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[To Amend Title 10 - Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 10.04 Truck and Bus Restrictions, of the Colleton County Code of Laws to Prohibit No Through Traffic on Approved Colleton County Roads.]

WHEREAS, South Carolina Code 56-5-4210 allows restrictions on loads and weights and speed limits for certain roads and highways under the jurisdiction of local authorities when necessary to provide for the public safety and convenience on certain roads and highways; and

WHEREAS, Colleton County Council seeks to regulate through truck traffic on certain roads within Colleton County, upon approval of the South Carolina Department of Transportation, allowing for public safety and convenient travel along such roadways; and

THROUGH TRUCK ROUTES

WHEREAS, the following, words, terms and phrases, shall have the meanings ascribed to them, except where the context clearly indicated a different meaning; and

- a) *Person* means any individual, or agent, servant, employee, or owner of a corporation or other business entity, driving or operating a truck as defined in this section, within the County of Colleton.
- b) *Truck* means any commercially regulated vehicle as defined herein which is designed, used, or maintained for the transportation of material or property. It does not include non-commercially regulated vehicles.
 - i. The term "non-commercially regulated vehicles" (light trucks) means personal pickup trucks and passenger vans, as well as church, school, and public buses.
 - ii. The term "commercially regulated vehicles" (medium and heavy trucks) means any vehicle having more than two axles or six wheels.

WHEREAS, *No Through Truck Route* means certain streets as designated by appropriate signage by the Director of Public Works with approval of the South Carolina Department of Transportation for No Through Truck traffic; and

OBSERVANCE OF TRUCK ROUTES REQUIRED, EXCEPTIONS

WHEREAS, No person shall operate a truck in the commercially regulated vehicle classification over and along a No Through Truck Route established pursuant to this article unless otherwise provided herein; and

The following route shall be designated as a no through truck route:

1. S-15-216 (Dandridge Road)

WHEREAS, Future additions or modifications to the no through truck routes may be established by Resolution approved by County Council; and

WHEREAS, This article does not prohibit: (1) Operation of regulated vehicles that are making pickups, deliveries, or which have other specific business such as being enroute to repairs provided that the driver can show proof of said business through documentation; (2) Authorized emergency vehicles or other vehicles operated by units of federal, state, or local government; or (3) Detoured trucks, on an officially established detour, if such trucks could lawfully be operated upon the street for which the detour is established; (4) Residents that live on Dandridge Road and adjacent side road attached, that operate a commercially regulated vehicle as a job source that park said vehicle at residence; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF COLLETON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA,

1. **Title 10 – Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 10.04 Truck and Bus Restrictions, of the Colleton County Code of Laws, is hereby amended to add the following section:**

Section 10.04.050

- a) All though truck traffic is prohibited on the following road in Colleton County:

1. Dandridge Road, Walterboro, SC

- b) For the purpose of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

1. Truck means any commercially regulated vehicle as defined herein which is designed, used, or maintained for the transportation of material or property. It does not include non-commercially regulated vehicles.
 - a. The term "non-commercially regulated vehicles" (light trucks) means personal pickup trucks and passenger vans, as well as church, school, and public buses.
 - b. The term "commercially regulated vehicles" (medium and heavy trucks) means any vehicle having more than two axles or six wheels.
2. *Through truck traffic* means truck traffic moving from the beginning point of the road to the ending point of the road without stopping.

c) This article does not prohibit:

1. Operation of regulated vehicles that are making pickups, deliveries, or which have other specific business such as being enroute to repairs provided that the driver can show proof of said business through documentation.
2. Authorized emergency vehicles or other vehicles operated by units of federal, state, or local government; or
3. Detoured trucks, on an officially established detour, if such trucks could lawfully be operated upon the street for which the detour is established
4. Residents that live on Dandridge Road and adjacent side road attached, that operate commercially regulated vehicles as a job source that park said vehicle at residence

2. **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the No Through Truck routes shall be clearly posted with appropriate signs along designated streets to control Through Truck operations in accordance with the provisions of this article. Signs shall be approved by the South Carolina Department of Transportation. The signs may use the term "thru" in lieu of "through."

3. **SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

4. **CONFLICT**

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

This Ordinance shall take effect upon third reading by County Council, on the 12th day of August 2025.

[Signature Page to Follow]

Attest:

Signed:

Danielle Murdaugh, Clerk to Council

Scott Biering, Chairman

Approved as to Form
Sean P. Thornton, County Attorney

Council Vote:
Opposed:

First reading: June 3, 2025
Second reading: July 8, 2025
Public hearing: July 8, 2025
Third reading: August 12, 2025

Sponsor(s) : County Council
First Reading : June 3, 2025
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A
Second Reading : July 8, 2025
Public Hearing : August 12, 2025
Third Reading : August 12, 2025
Effective Date : Immediately

I, Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk,
certify that this Ordinance was
advertised for Public Hearing on 07/17/2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-O-07

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AND SPECIAL SOURCE CREDIT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN COLLETON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND BANKS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY (WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AS PROJECT STAR) WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY, WHEREBY SUCH PROPERTY WILL BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE CREDITS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.]

WHEREAS, COLLETON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (the “*County*”), acting by and through its County Council (the “*County Council*”), is authorized and empowered under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 12, Chapter 44 (the “*FILOT Act*”), Title 4, Chapter 1 (the “*Multi-County Park Act*”), and Title 4, Chapter 29, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, to enter into agreements with industry whereby the industry would pay fees-in-lieu-of taxes with respect to qualified projects; to provide infrastructure credits against payment in lieu of taxes for reimbursement in respect of investment in certain infrastructure enhancing the economic development of the County; through all such powers the industrial development of the State of South Carolina (the “*State*”) will be promoted and trade developed by inducing manufacturing and commercial enterprises to locate or remain in the State and thus utilize and employ the manpower, products and resources of the State and benefit the general public welfare of the County by providing services, employment, recreation or other public benefits not otherwise provided locally; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the FILOT Act, and in order to induce investment in the County, the County did previously adopt a resolution on June 3, 2025 related to anticipated investment by Banks Construction Company, a South Carolina corporation (the “*Company*”) (which was known to the County at the time as “*Project Star*”), with respect to the acquisition, construction, and installation of land, buildings, improvements, fixtures, machinery, equipment, furnishings and other real and/or tangible personal property to constitute a new industrial facility in the County (collectively, the “*Project*”); and

WHEREAS, the Company has represented that the Project will involve an investment of approximately \$10,000,000 in the County and the expected creation of approximately 20 new, full-time jobs at the Project, all within the Investment Period (as such term is defined in the hereinafter defined Fee Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined on the basis of the information supplied to it by the Company that the Project would be a “project” and “economic development property” as such terms are defined in the FILOT Act, and that the Project would serve the purposes of the FILOT Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority of Section 4-1-170 of the Multi-County Park Act and Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution, the County intends to cause the Project, to the extent not already therein located, to be placed in the joint county industrial and business park between the County and Hampton County (the “Colleton-Hampton Park”) such that the Project will receive the benefits of the Multi-County Park Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Inducement Agreement, the County has agreed to, among other things, (a) enter into a Fee in Lieu of Tax and Special Source Credit Agreement with the Company (the “*Fee Agreement*”), whereby the County would provide therein for a payment of a fee-in-lieu-of taxes by the Company with respect to the Project, and (b) provide for certain special source credits to be claimed by the Company against its payments of fees-in-lieu-of taxes with respect to the Project pursuant to Section 4-1-175 of the Multi-County Park Act; and

WHEREAS, the County Council has caused to be prepared and presented to this meeting the form of the Fee Agreement which the County proposes to execute and deliver; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the documents above referred to, which are now before this meeting, are in appropriate form and are an appropriate instrument to be executed and delivered or approved by the County for the purposes intended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the County Council as follows:

Section 1. Based on information supplied by the Company, it is hereby found, determined and declared by the County Council, as follows:

(a) The Project will constitute a “project” and “economic development property” as said terms are referred to and defined in the FILOT Act, and the County’s actions herein will subserve the purposes and in all respects conform to the provisions and requirements of the FILOT Act;

(b) The Project is anticipated to benefit the general public welfare of the County by providing services, employment, recreation or other public benefits not otherwise provided locally;

(c) The Project will give rise to no pecuniary liability of the County or any incorporated municipality or a charge against the general credit or taxing power of either;

(d) The purposes to be accomplished by the Project, i.e., economic development, creation of jobs and addition to the tax base of the County, are proper governmental and public purposes; and

(e) The benefits of the Project are anticipated to be greater than the costs.

Section 2. The form, terms and provisions of the Fee Agreement presented to this meeting are hereby approved and all of the terms and provisions thereof are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if the Fee Agreement was set out in this Ordinance in its entirety. The Chairman of County Council or the County Administrator are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute, acknowledge and deliver the Fee Agreement in the name of and on behalf of the County, and the Clerk to County Council is hereby authorized and directed to attest the same, and thereupon to cause the Fee Agreement to be delivered to the Company and cause a copy of the same to be delivered to the Colleton County Auditor, Assessor and Treasurer. The Fee Agreement is to be in substantially the form now before this meeting and hereby approved, or with such minor changes therein as shall be approved by the Chairman of County Council or the County Administrator, upon advice of counsel, their execution thereof to constitute conclusive evidence of their approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form of Fee Agreement now before

this meeting. In addition, County Council approves the amendment of the Colleton-Hampton Park to include the site of the Project therein.

Section 3. The Chairman of County Council, the County Administrator and the Clerk to County Council, for and on behalf of the County, are hereby authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary to effect the execution and delivery of the Fee Agreement and the performance of all obligations of the County thereunder.

Section 4. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be separable and if any section, phrase or provisions shall for any reason be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the sections, phrases and provisions hereunder.

Section 5. All ordinances, resolutions, and parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage by the County Council.

ENACTED in meeting duly assembled this __ day of _____, 2025.

COLLETON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Chairman of County Council

Attest:

Clerk to County Council

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:

First Reading: June 3, 2025
Second Reading: July 8, 2025
Third Reading: August 12, 2025
Public Hearing: August 12, 2025

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF COLLETON

I, the undersigned Clerk to County Council of Colleton County, South Carolina, do hereby certify that attached hereto is a true, accurate and complete copy of an ordinance which was given reading, and received approval, by the County Council at its meetings of June 3, 2025, July 8, 2025, and August 12, 2025, at which meetings a quorum of members of County Council were present and voted, and an original of which ordinance is filed in the permanent records of the County Council.

Danielle Murdaugh Clerk to County Council,
Colleton County, South Carolina

Dated: August 12, 2025

Sponsor(s)	: County Council
Adopted	: August 12, 2025
Committee Referral	: N/A
Committee Consideration Date	: N/A
Committee Recommendation	: N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-47

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[To Change the Regular County Council Meeting Date to the First Monday of Each Month.]

WHEREAS:

1. County Council conducts its regular meetings in accordance with its established bylaws and applicable local and state laws; and
2. County Council finds it necessary and appropriate to revise its regular meeting schedule for improved efficiency and consistency; and
3. The current schedule for regular meetings of County Council has been reviewed; and
4. County Council desires to amend its meeting schedule so that regular meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month, in the interest of consistency and efficiency in governance.

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

1. Effective October 6, 2025, the regular meetings of Colleton County Council shall be held on the first Monday of each month at 6:00pm, unless otherwise publicly noticed in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.
2. All prior resolutions, rules, or procedures in conflict with this resolution are hereby amended accordingly.
3. Notice of this change shall be posted and disseminated as required by law and County policy to ensure public awareness.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk

Scott Biering, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-48

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Approve a Joint Use Agreement between Colleton County and the Ruffin Community Center for Recreation Improvements.]

WHEREAS:

1. County Council deems it to be in the best interest of the Citizens of Colleton County to enter into a Joint Use Agreement for the improvements at the Ruffin Community Center in the Ruffin area; and
2. Because the County neither owns nor has a long-term lease on the property, a Joint Use Agreement with the said Community Center must be included for the funding of any improvements

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

1. The Joint Use Agreement with the Ruffin Community Center, attached and included herein by reference, is hereby approved, and the County Administrator is authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the County pending approval of same by the County Attorney.
2. This Joint Use Agreement is contingent on funds being appropriated through the PARD grant, should the grant not be approved the Joint Use Agreement between the Ruffin Community Center and Colleton County becomes void.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk

Scott Biering, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
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RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-49

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Approve a Joint Use Agreement between Colleton County and the Cottageville Community Center for Recreation Improvements.]

WHEREAS:

1. County Council deems it to be in the best interest of the Citizens of Colleton County to enter into a Joint Use Agreement for the improvements at the Cottageville Community Center in the Cottageville area; and
2. Because the County neither owns nor has a long-term lease on the property, a Joint Use Agreement with the said Community Center must be included for the funding of any improvements.

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

1. The Joint Use Agreement with the Cottageville Community Center, attached and included herein by reference, is hereby approved, and the County Administrator is authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the County pending approval of same by the County Attorney.
2. This Joint Use Agreement is contingent on funds being appropriated through the PARD grant, should the grant not be approved the Joint Use Agreement between the Cottageville Community Center and Colleton County becomes void.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk

Scott Biering, Chairman

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-50

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

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

WHEREAS:

1. The Park and Recreation department has evaluated equipment, and deemed it to be no longer suitable for County operations; and
2. It is recommended that Council declare said equipment surplus and authorize 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 equipment, submitted by the Park and Recreation department, is hereby declared surplus to the needs of the County.

Description	Serial Number
Club Car Golf Cart	JE1607-622134
Club Car Golf Cart	PH0830-934974

2. Said equipment shall be placed for sale or for trade on upgraded equipment or contractual arrangements related to the equipment.

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Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk

Scott Biering, Chairman

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-51

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Approve the Purchase of a 2026 Kenworth Roll-Off Container Truck for the Solid Waste C&D Landfill.]

WHEREAS:

1. The Solid Waste Department has located a 2026 Kenworth Roll-Off Container Truck at a cost of \$270,125.00, including sales tax, being sold by Worldwide Equipment; and
2. Staff requests that Council authorize the purchase of a 2026 Kenworth Roll-Off Container Truck, at a cost of \$270,125.00, including sales tax, from Worldwide Equipment.

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

1. Colleton County Council hereby approves the purchase of the 2026 Kenworth Roll-Off Container Truck, at a cost of \$270,125.00, including sales tax.
2. Funding for this expenditure is available through the 2024 Lease Purchase – Fund 115.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk

Scott Biering, Chairman

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-52

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[To Approve Appointment to the Lowcountry Workforce Board.]

WHEREAS:

1. One vacancy exists on the Colleton County Lowcountry Workforce Board for a Representative of the Business Sector;
2. The Workforce Development Director recommends that Council approve the reappoint as nominated.
3. Chairman recommends the reappointment of the Representative of the Business Sector through the Lowcountry Workforce Board.

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

1. County Council hereby approves the following reappointment to the Lowcountry Workforce Board:
2. Representative of the Business Sector: Kimberly Alexander, Factory General Manager, The Fuller Pie, LLC

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk

Scott Biering, Chairman

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-53

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Various Grants for FY 25-26]

WHEREAS:

1. The County Budget Ordinance requires a Resolution to record all non-budgeted revenues and non-budgeted grant revenues; and
2. The Colleton County Fire-Rescue Department is the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) related to the receipt of non-budgeted income for FY26 received from the South Carolina Emergency Management Division for FY25 LEMPG Allocations and from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program; and

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

1. County Council hereby authorizes the designation of appropriate general ledger accounts to record revenues and expenditures in the following funds for the grant and unbudgeted revenues for FY26 as listed:
 - a. Fund 156 – Fire-Rescue Fund; South Carolina Emergency Management Division; 2025 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant; \$56,348; match is included in the FY 25-26 budget.
2. The above listed OPRs (Offices of Primary Responsibility) are responsible for preparing any external reports related to said funds, complying with grant terms and conditions, coordinating reimbursement requests with the Finance Department in addition to being the responsible parties for providing copies of external reports to the Finance Office, grant auditors, and to external auditors at the end of FY26 as requested for this grant/non-budgeted revenue received.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk

Scott Biering, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
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RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-54

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Authorize the Acceptance and Budgeting of Funds for the School Resource Officer Grant Received for FY 25-26 by the Colleton County Sheriff's Office.]

WHEREAS:

1. The Colleton County Sheriff's office has been awarded a School Resource Officer grant through the South Carolina Department of Public Health; and
2. The County Budget Ordinance requires a Resolution to record all non-budgeted revenues and non-budgeted grant revenues; and
3. The Colleton County Sheriff's office is deemed the Office of Primary responsibility (OPR) related to the receipt of non-budgeted income for FY26 in the amount of \$713,087.00 (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026); and
4. The grant will provide 100% of the funding for salaries and fringe benefits for seven School Resource Officer positions along with all required equipment to perform such duties; and

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

1. County Council hereby authorizes the designation of appropriate general ledger accounts to record revenue and expenditures in the following funds for the grant received for FY26 as listed:
 - a. Fund 100 – General Fund; \$713,087.00 in revenues from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety; for seven School Resource Officers and equipment.
2. The above listed OPRs (Offices of Primary Responsibility) are responsible for preparing any external reports related to said funds, complying with grant terms and conditions, coordinating reimbursement requests with the Finance Department in addition to being the responsible parties for providing copies of external reports to the Finance Office, grant auditors, and to external auditors at the end of FY26 as requested for this grant/non-budgeted revenue received.
3. Council hereby approves the purchase of equipment, in accordance with the County Procurement Ordinance, and further approves the addition of equipment to the County's insurance policy

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

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk

Scott Biering, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED: