



COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

County Council Chambers, Old Jail Building
109 Benson Street, 2nd Floor Walterboro, SC 29488
Monday, November 3, 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) Special Meeting, October 3, 2025
 - b) Regular Meeting, October 6, 2025
 - c) Special Meeting, October 23, 2025
 6. **Awards and Recognitions**
 - a) Proclamation for Colleton County Council's Recognition and Appreciation of Mayor William T. (Bill) Young, Jr., for his Many Years of Service to the City of Walterboro.
 - b) Award Honoring Carla Harvey for Nine Years of Service as the Engineer for Colleton County.
 7. **Appearances & Public Presentation**
 8. **Public Comments (3 minutes per person/max time 20 min.)**
 9. **Administrator's Briefing**
 10. **Public Hearing**
 - a) 3rd Reading Ordinance 25-O-9, To Amend Title 6, Animals, Section 6.04.050 Enforcement, of the Colleton County Code of Ordinance, to Provide Greater Authority to Animal Service Officers.
 11. **Old Business**
 - a) 3rd Reading Ordinance 25-O-9, To Amend Title 6, Animals, Section 6.04.050 Enforcement, of the Colleton County Code of Ordinance, to Provide Greater Authority to Animal Service Officers.
 - b) 2nd Reading Ordinance 25-O-11, An Ordinance 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 a Company known to the County as Project Quail with respect to Certain Property located in the County, Whereby such Property will be Subject
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to Certain Payments In Lieu of Taxes, Including the Provision of Certain Special Source Credits; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

- c) 2nd Reading, Ordinance 25-O-12, Authorizing the Amendment of the Agreement for Development for Joint County Industrial Park by and between Colleton County, South Carolina and Charleston County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Jointly Owned and Operated Industrial/Business Park, so as to Include Additional Property Located in Colleton County as Part of the Park; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

12. **New Business**

- a) Resolution 25-R-65, To Approve a Joint Use Agreement between Colleton County and Ruffin High School owned by Siwel d/b/a Aspire2Inspire for Recreation Improvements.
- b) Resolution 25-R-66, To Authorize the Expenditure of Funds Related to Special Projects as Recommended by the Colleton County Accommodations Tax Committee from the State Accommodations Tax Fund – Fund 152 During the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026 and Other Matters Related Thereto.
- c) Resolution 25-R-67, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies.

13. **Council Time**

14. **Executive Session***

- a) Matters Concerning Economic Development
 - 1. Project Reward
 - 2. Project Waterfall
 - 3. Project Jupiter
 - 4. Project Cast
- b) Personnel matter related to the Office of County Administrator
- c) Personnel matter related to Fire-Rescue

14. Items discussed in Executive Session

15. Adjournment

Colleton County Council will hold a regular meeting on Monday November 3, 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



**COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Friday, October 3, 2025, at 10:00 AM**

1. Call to Order

Chairman Scott Biering called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Roll Call

Chairman Scott Biering, Council Vice-Chairman Bubba Trippe, Councilman Steve Murdaugh, Councilman Johnny Frank, Councilman Phillip Taylor were in attendance.

4. Approval of Agenda

Vice-Chairman Trippe made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Executive Session*

Councilman Taylor made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the following items listed below. Councilman Frank seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

- a) Matters Concerning Economic Development;
 - Project Boulder
 - Project Fanatic
 - Project Quail
 - Project Badger
 - Project Triple Play

Councilman Murdaugh made a motion to exit Executive Session. Councilman Frank seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. 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.

7. **Adjournment**

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

This 3rd day of October 2025

Scott Biering, Chairman

ATTEST:

Danielle Murdaugh, Clerk to Council



**COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 6, 2025, at 6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

Chairman Scott Biering called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

Chairman Scott Biering, Council Vice-Chairman Bubba Trippe, Councilman Steve Murdaugh, Councilman Phillip Taylor, Councilman Johnny Frank were in attendance.

3. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Council Vice-Chairman Bubba Trippe gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda

Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Vice-Chairman Trippe, and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes

a) Regular Meeting, September 8, 2025

Councilman Frank moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 8, 2025. The motion was seconded by Council Vice-Chairman Trippe and the motion carried unanimously.

b) Special Meeting, September 12, 2025

Councilman Frank moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 12, 2025. The motion was seconded by Council Vice-Chairman Trippe and the motion carried unanimously.

c) Special Meeting, September 19, 2025

Councilman Frank moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 19, 2025. The motion was seconded by Council Vice-Chairman Trippe and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Awards and Recognitions

- a) Proclaiming October 2025 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Colleton County

Chairman Biering read the Proclamation, into the record: Proclaiming October 2025 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Colleton County. Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the Proclamation. The motion was seconded by Council Vice-Chairman Trippe, and the motion carried unanimously.

- b) Proclaiming October 2025 as Head Start Awareness and Weatherization Month in Colleton County

Chairman Biering read the Proclamation into the record: Proclaiming October 2025 as Head Start Awareness and Weatherization Month in Colleton County. Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the Proclamation. The motion was seconded by Council Vice-Chairman Trippe, and the motion carried unanimously.

Council Vice-Chairman Trippe commended the agency on all their hard work, not just with the Head Start program but with the citizens all over the County.

- c) Award Honoring Jon Carpenter for Nine Years of Service as the Colleton County Finance Director.

Council awarded Jon Carpenter with a plaque for his nine years as the Finance Director of Colleton County. Council Vice-Chairman Trippe expressed his appreciation to Jon for everything that he has done for the County and that he will be missed. Councilman Murdaugh advised that he has had the privilege of working with Jon throughout his whole tenure with Colleton County, and since Jon became Finance Director, the County has received the Caffer Award each year. Which is not an easy accomplishment, it takes a great deal of effort, Council Murdaugh expressed. Councilman Murdaugh praised him as being the best Finance Director during his tenure, and said he was sorry to see him go, and that the County is indebted to him for keeping the financial house order. Councilman Murdaugh wished him well at his new position. Councilman Taylor commended Jon on the phenomenal work he has done for the County. He will be missed. Councilman Taylor wished him well and thanked him for the support he has given the County for so many years.

7. Appearances & Public Presentations

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

Felicia Johnson raised concerns about an unresolved ditch project causing dangerous water accumulation and the need for a lower speed limit and better stop sign enforcement on Robertson Boulevard. She emphasized the dangers posed by speeding vehicles and expressed frustration over the lack of progress on the ditch.

Kathy Hires addressed issues with irresponsible dog owners in their neighborhood, detailing instances where dogs running at large created unsafe conditions and violated ordinances. She

highlighted a loophole in the current ordinance where summons cannot be issued if incidents are more than six months apart, advocating for its revision.

David Leclerc and Donna Gregoire, both residents on Weeks Lane, requested gravel to repair the muddy and pothole-ridden road, citing dust issues, wear and tear on vehicles and safety concerns. Bryce Whitney also voiced agreement with the need for road improvements.

Cathy Sturgis expressed strong concerns about Ordinance 25-0-10, which amends land management to include data centers, noting the lack of maximum size requirements in the ordinance. She highlighted the environmental destructiveness of data centers due to high water usage and tree removal. Sturgis argued against such vanity projects, citing potential negative impacts on the community and minimal job creation.

9. Administrator's Briefing

Administrator Thomas Higgs provided an update on the County's Comprehensive Plan, announcing the launch of a website for public participation.

Chairman Biering echoed the Administrator, stating that Council voted on the Comprehensive Plan earlier in the year. Chairman Biering emphasized the importance of citizen input for the county's future development and growth.

10. Public Hearing

Chairman Biering advised that there were no items for Public Hearing.

11. Old Business

- a) 2nd Reading Ordinance 25-O-9, To Amend Title 6, Animals, Section 6.04.050 Enforcement, of the Colleton County Code of Ordinance, to Provide Greater Authority to Animal Service Officers.

Council Vice-Chairman Trippe moved to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 25-O-9, To Amend Title 6, Animals, Section 6.04.050 Enforcement, of the Colleton County Code of Ordinance, to Provide Greater Authority to Animal Service Officers. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Murdaugh suggested further amendments to expand the definition of a dangerous/vicious animal to include threats to other animals and to require animal control officers to pick up animals running at large or issue citations.

- b) 2nd Reading Ordinance 25-O-10, To Amend Title 14-Land Management, Article 14.04-6.040 to add the definition "Data Center", Article 14.08-2 Zoning District Regulations and Article 14.08-3 Conditional Uses, of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances.

Council Vice-Chairman Trippe moved to approve 2nd Reading on Ordinance 25-O-10, To Amend Title 14-Land Management, Article 14.04-6.040 to add the definition “Data Center”, Article 14.08-2 Zoning District Regulations and Article 14.08-3 Conditional Uses, of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frank. The motion carried unanimously.

12. New Business

- a) Ordinance 25-O-11, By Title Only, An Ordinance 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 a Company known to the County as Project Quail with respect to Certain Property located 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.

Councilman Taylor moved to approve 1st Reading on Ordinance 25-O-11, By Title Only, An Ordinance 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 a Company known to the County as Project Quail with respect to Certain Property located 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. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frank. The motion carried unanimously.

- b) Ordinance 25-O-12, By Title Only, Authorizing the Amendment of the Agreement for Development for Joint County Industrial Park by and between Colleton County, South Carolina and Charleston County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Jointly Owned and Operated Industrial/Business Park, so as to Include Additional Property Located in Colleton County as Part of the Park; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

Councilman Taylor moved to approve 1st Reading on Ordinance 25-O-12, By Title Only, Authorizing the Amendment of the Agreement for Development for Joint County Industrial Park by and between Colleton County, South Carolina and Charleston County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Jointly Owned and Operated Industrial/Business Park, so as to Include Additional Property Located in Colleton County as Part of the Park; and Other Matters Related Thereto. The motion was seconded by Council Vice-Chairman Trippe. The motion carried unanimously.

- c) Resolution 25-R-61, To Approve Purchase of a John Deere 544 P-Tier Wheel Loader for the Solid Waste Transfer Station.

Councilman Frank moved to approve Resolution 25-R-61, To Approve Purchase of a John Deere 544 P-Tier Wheel Loader for the Solid Waste Transfer Station. The motion was seconded by Council Vice-Chairman Trippe, and the motion carried unanimously.

- d) Resolution 25-R-62, To Declare Surplus Equipment and to Authorize the Trade in Accordance with County Policy.

Councilman Frank moved to approve Resolution 25-R-62, To Declare Surplus Equipment and to Authorize the Trade in Accordance with County Policy. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the motion carried unanimously.

- e) Resolution 25-R-63, To Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Various Grants for FY26.

Councilman Taylor moved to approve Resolution 25-R-63, To Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Various Grants for FY26. The motion was seconded by Council Vice-Chairman Trippe, and the motion carried unanimously.

- f) Resolution 25-R-64, To Approve the County's Sponsoring and Providing the Local Match for a PARD Grant for Multiple Recreation Improvements throughout the County.

Councilman Taylor moved to approve Resolution 25-R-64, To Approve the County's Sponsoring and Providing the Local Match for a PARD Grant for Multiple Recreation Improvements throughout the County. The motion was seconded by Council Vice-Chairman Trippe, and the motion carried unanimously.

13. **Council Time**

There were no items discussed during Council time.

14. **Executive Session***

Council Vice-Chairman Trippe made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the following items listed below. Councilman Frank seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

- a) Personnel Matters related to Fire-Rescue
- b) Contractual Issues Related to Governmental Affairs Services
- c) Personnel and Contractual Matters related to the Office of County Administrator
- d) Legal Opioid Litigation Settlement Update

Councilman Taylor made a motion to exit Executive Session. Council Vice-Chairman Trippe seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

15. **Items discussed in Executive Session**

Chairman Biering advised that items discussed in Executive Session were, personnel matters related to Fire-Rescue, contractual issues related to governmental affairs services, personnel and contractual matters related to the Office of the County Administrator, and the legal opioid litigation settlement update.

Chairman Biering advised that no action was taken during Executive Session.

16. **Adjournment**

Councilman Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Vice-Chairman Trippe seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

https://www.youtube.com/live/bcMRBPnxNTQ?si=jwDq_CtkWtbvzmRW

This 6th day of October 2025

Scott Biering, Chairman

ATTEST:

Danielle Murdaugh, Clerk to Council



**COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL
PROJECT BRIDGE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 5:30 PM**

1. Call to Order

Chairman Scott Biering called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

Chairman Scott Biering, Council Vice-Chairman Bubba Trippe, Councilman Steve Murdaugh, Councilman Phillip Taylor, Councilman Johnny Frank were in attendance.

3. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Agenda

Council Vice-Chairman Trippe made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frank, and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion of Matters Concerning Economic Development; Project Bridge

Citizens from the Colleton County community came together for an event that was sponsored by Dominion Energy SC, Santee Cooper along with Elba Express to discuss the proposed natural gas pipeline project in Canadys. Elba Express also discussed that surveys would have to be completed, and that the purpose is to help determine the route of the natural gas pipeline.

Councilman Murdaugh spoke to the citizens about how important this project is to our county, and how by taking this step forward we are securing our county's energy future and economic growth. That sometimes change is hard, but sometimes change is for the best. The floor was then open for the citizens to ask questions. All questions were answered.

6. Adjournment

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

[Signature Page to Follow]

This 23rd day of October 2025

Scott Biering, Chairman

ATTEST:

Danielle Murdaugh, Clerk to Council



**Proclamation for Colleton County Council's Recognition and Appreciation of
Mayor William T. (Bill) Young, Jr. for his Many Years of Service to the City of Walterboro**

WHEREAS, William T. (Bill) Young, Jr. has faithfully served the City of Walterboro for over three decades, beginning with his election to the City Council in 1989 and continuing through four distinguished terms as Mayor, having been sworn in as Mayor in January 2009; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Young's long-standing commitment to public service includes five consecutive terms on City Council, three terms as Mayor Pro-tem, and sixteen years as the City's Budget Chairman, exemplifying steady leadership, integrity, and fiscal responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Young has represented the City of Walterboro with distinction on the Lowcountry Council of Governments, serving on its Transportation Committee, Executive Committee, and as Board Chairman; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Young has contributed tirelessly to numerous community boards and initiatives, including his service as City Council's liaison to the Friends of the Great Swamp Sanctuary Committee, Chairman of the Walterboro-Colleton Airport Commission, Chairman of the Walterboro Tourism Commission, and as a member of the Colleton County Economic Alliance and founding board member of The Colleton Center; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Young is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and The Citadel, as well as the South Carolina Municipal Association's Institute of Government and Advanced Institute, and is a Riley Fellow through the Diversity Leaders Initiative at the Riley Institute at Furman University; and

WHEREAS, his statewide leadership was recognized through his election as President of the South Carolina Municipal Association from 2015 to 2016, representing all 270 municipalities across the state; and

WHEREAS, before his political service, Mayor Young devoted 32 years to education as the beloved band director for Walterboro Schools, where under his leadership, the band achieved 9 State Championships, 13 consecutive Lower State Championships, and performed in prestigious national events including the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, the Tournament of Roses Parade, and a Presidential Inaugural Parade; and

WHEREAS, his profound impact on music education is immortalized through his induction into the South Carolina Band Directors Hall of Fame and the SC Music Educators Hall of Fame, as well as having the band field at Colleton County High School named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding civic contributions, Mayor Young was named South Carolina's Outstanding Young Educator by the SC Jaycees and awarded the Order of the Silver Crescent in 2005 for his service and leadership on behalf of the citizens of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, since his retirement from education in 2005, he has continued to serve the community in real estate and remains an active member and Elder at Bethel Presbyterian Church, alongside his beloved wife Janice, a retired early childhood educator; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Young leaves a legacy of exceptional leadership, tireless dedication, and unwavering love for the City of Walterboro, having inspired generations through both education and public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Colleton County Council does hereby honor and recognize **Mayor William T. “Bill” Young, Jr.** upon the occasion of his retirement, with heartfelt gratitude for his extraordinary contributions, steadfast service, and enduring commitment to the betterment of this city and its people.

Adopted this 3rd day of November, 2025.

ATTEST: _____
Danielle Murdaugh, Clerk to Council

BY: _____
Scott Biering, Chairman

Sponsor(s)	: County Council
First Reading	: September 8, 2025
Committee Referral	: N/A
Committee Consideration Date	: N/A
Committee Recommendation	: N/A
Second Reading	: October 6, 2025
Public Hearing	: November 3, 2025
Third Reading	: November 3, 2025
Effective Date	: Immediately

I, Danielle Murdaugh,
Council Clerk, certify that this
Ordinance was advertised for
Public Hearing on 10/16/25

ORDINANCE NO. 25-O-09

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[An Ordinance to Amend Title 6, Animals, Section 6.04.050 Enforcement, of the Colleton County Code of Ordinance, to Provide Greater Authority to Animal Service Officers.]

WHEREAS, the Colleton County Council recognizes the need for effective enforcement of animal control laws in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of residents and animals within the community; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds it necessary to clarify and expand the authority of Animal Control Officers to ensure compliance with Title 6 of the Colleton County Code;

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

Section 1. Amendment

Title 6, Animals, Section 6.04.050 Enforcement, Subsection E, of the Colleton County Code of Ordinance is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

6.04.050 Enforcement

- e) When a pet or animal is found in a condition which evidences a first-time violation of this chapter, the animal control officer may issue a Notice of Violation to its owner, if known, or in the alternative issue a summons to the owner to appear in magistrates court.

If the officer issues a notice of violation, the owner shall then have a minimum of 24 hours to correct the violation. If the owner does not correct or remedy the first-time violation within the given time period to the satisfaction of the animal control officer, the animal control officer may issue a summons to such person, and the matter shall be heard before a magistrate. However, nothing in this chapter shall limit an animal control officer from taking immediate action as described in subsection (F) of this section when it is deemed to be in the best interest of the pet or animal or the community at large.

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.

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

Effective Date: The effective date of this Ordinance shall be upon final reading and approval as prescribed by law.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon 3rd reading by County Council, on the 3rd day of November 2025

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk

Scott Biering, Chairman

Approved as to Form
Sean Thornton, County Attorney

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:

Sponsor(s): County Council
First Reading: October 6, 2025
Committee Referral: N/A
Committee Consideration Date: N/A
Committee Recommendation: N/A
Second Reading: November 3, 2025
Public Hearing:
Third Reading:
Effective Date: Immediately

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

ORDINANCE 25-O-11

COUNCIL- ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[An Ordinance 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 a Company known to the County as Project Quail with respect to Certain Property located 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 industrial 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, a company known to the County as Project Quail (the “Company”) is considering an industrial development at a site located in the County for the acquisition of land and the construction and installation of buildings, improvements, fixtures, machinery, equipment, furnishings and other real and/or tangible personal property (the “Project”); 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 a joint county industrial and business park

such that the Project will receive the benefits of the Multi-County Park Act; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to enter into a FILOT Agreement with the Company, as the Company has expressed its intent to the County to make a capital investment in the County (i.e., the Project); and

WHEREAS, the County has made specific proposals, including proposals to offer certain economic development incentives set forth herein, for the purpose of inducing the Company to invest its funds to acquire and equip the Project (the “Incentives”); and

WHEREAS, the County has caused to be prepared and presented to this meeting the form of the FILOT 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 serve the purposes and in all respects conform to the provisions and requirements of the FILOT Act and the Special Source Revenue 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. Pursuant to the authority of the FILOT Act, the Project is hereby designated as “economic development property” under the FILOT Act and there is hereby authorized a fee-in-lieu of taxes arrangement with the Company for a term of thirty (30) years, which will provide FILOT Payments to be made with respect to the Project based upon a 6% assessment ratio, an initial millage rate of 0.36069 mills, and including Special Source Revenue Credits in the amount

of 25% for Years 1-7 (as defined in the FILOT Agreement), all as more fully set forth in the FILOT Agreement by and between the Company and the County (the "FILOT Agreement").

Section 3. The form, terms and provisions of the FILOT 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 FILOT Agreement was set out in this Ordinance in its entirety. The County Administrator is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute, acknowledge and deliver the FILOT 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 FILOT Agreement to be delivered to the Company and cause a copy of the same to be delivered to the Colleton County Auditor and Assessor. The FILOT 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 County Administrator, upon advice of counsel, his execution thereof to constitute conclusive evidence of his approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form of FILOT Agreement now before this meeting.

Section 4. The County Administrator, for and on behalf of the County, is hereby authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary to effect the execution and delivery of the FILOT Agreement and the performance of all obligations of the County thereunder.

Section 5. 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 6. 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 following third reading by the County Council.

ENACTED in meeting duly assembled this ____ day of _____ 2025.

COLLETON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

(SEAL)

Scott Biering
Chairman, Colleton County Council

ATTEST:

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

Sponsor(s): County Council
First Reading: October 6, 2025
Committee Referral: N/A
Committee Consideration Date: N/A
Committee Recommendation: N/A
Second Reading: November 3, 2025
Public Hearing:
Third Reading:
Effective Date: Immediately

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

ORDINANCE 25-O-12

COUNCIL- ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[An Ordinance Authorizing the Amendment of the Agreement for Development for Joint County Industrial Park by and between Colleton County, South Carolina and Charleston County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Jointly Owned and Operated Industrial/Business Park, so as to Include Additional Property Located in Colleton County as Part of the Park; and Other Matters Related Thereto.]

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution and Title 4, Chapter 1, Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (collectively the “Multi-County Park Act”), Colleton County, South Carolina (the “County”) is authorized to jointly develop multicounty parks with counties having contiguous borders with the County, and, in the County’s discretion, include property within the boundaries of such multicounty parks;

WHEREAS, under the authority provided in the Multi-County Park Act, the County created a multicounty park (the “Park”) with Charleston County, South Carolina (“Charleston County”), and entered into that certain Agreement for Development of Joint County Industrial Park between Colleton County, South Carolina and Charleston County, South Carolina, dated as of September 1, 1995, as amended from time to time (the “Park Agreement”);

WHEREAS, Vidal Properties USA, LLC, a South Carolina limited liability company (the “Sponsor”) owns certain property located in Colleton County as more fully described on Exhibit A attached hereto (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Sponsor desires to have the Property added to the Park by amendment of the Park Agreement.

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

Section 1. Inclusion within the Park. The expansion of the Park boundaries to include the Property is authorized and approved. The County Administrator is authorized to execute such documents and take such further actions as may be necessary to complete the expansion of the Park boundaries to include the Property.

Section 2. **Further Assurances.** The County Council confirms the authority of the County Administrator, for and on behalf of the County, to execute such documents and to take such further actions as may be necessary to complete the expansion of the Park boundaries to include the Property. Pursuant to the terms of the Park Agreement governing the Park, the expansion of the Park's boundaries is complete on adoption of this Ordinance by County Council and an approving resolution of Charleston County Council.

Section 3. **Savings Clause.** 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 4. **General Repealer.** Any prior ordinances, resolutions, and parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

Section 5. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage by the County Council after its public hearing and third reading.

ENACTED in meeting duly assembled this ____ day of _____ 2025.

COLLETON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

(SEAL)

Scott Biering
Chairman, Colleton County Council

ATTEST:

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

Sponsor(s)	: County Council
Adopted	: November 3, 2025
Committee Referral	: N/A
Committee Consideration Date	: N/A
Committee Recommendation	: N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-65

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Approve a Joint Use Agreement between Colleton County and Ruffin High School owned by Siwel d/b/a Aspire2Inspire 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 High School 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 Siwel d/b/a Aspire2Inspire owners of Ruffin High School 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 Siwel d/b/a Aspire2Inspire owners of Ruffin High School, 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 Siwel d/b/a Aspire2Inspire owners of Ruffin High School and Colleton County becomes void.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk

Scott Biering, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:

Sponsor(s) : County Council
Adopted : November 3, 2025
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-66

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Authorize the Expenditure of Funds Related to Special Projects as Recommended by the Colleton County Accommodations Tax Committee from the State Accommodations Tax Fund – Fund 152 During the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026 and Other Matters Related Thereto.]

WHEREAS:

1. At the ATAX meeting on October 23, 2025, the Accommodations Tax Committee received eight requests for funding as follows:
 - a. Colleton Museum & Farmers Market— WHAM 2025!, \$50,384
 - b. Colleton Museum and Farmers Market — 250th Commission Self-Guided Revolutionary War Site Tour, \$15,000
 - c. South Carolina Artisans Center— Shop SC Art, \$15,000
 - d. Colleton County Chamber of Commerce— Rack Card with Embedded Dynamic QR Code Link to website, \$10,000
 - e. Colleton County Rice Festival— Travel Ball Tournament, \$15,000
 - f. FestiVELO— FestiVELO XXVII: A Festival of Cycling in the SC Lowcountry, \$33,679.90
 - g. Colleton County — Christmas in the Park, \$40,000
 - h. FRESpace— Environmental Learning Center Transformation, \$42,000
2. The Accommodations Tax Committee voted to recommend approval of the request from the Colleton Museum & Farmers Market— “WHAM 2025!” in the amount of \$20,000, Museum & Farmers Market— “250th Commission Self-Guided Revolutionary War Site Tour” in the amount of \$10,000, South Carolina Artisans Center — “Shop SC Art” in the amount of \$5,000 Colleton County Rice Festival— “Travel Ball Tournament” in the amount of \$10,000, Colleton County— “Christmas in the Park” in the amount of \$20,000, and FRESpace —" Environmental Learning Center Transformation" in the amount of \$2,525.41.

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

1. The Colleton Museum & Farmers Market is hereby appropriated \$20,000 for “WHAM 2025!” from the State Accommodations Tax Fund – Fund 152 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.
2. The Colleton Museum and Farmers Market is hereby appropriated \$10,000 for “250th Commission Self-Guided Revolutionary War Site Tour” from the State Accommodations Tax Fund – Fund 152 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.
3. The South Carolina Artisans Center is hereby appropriated \$5,000 for “Shop SC Art” from the State Accommodations Tax Fund – Fund 152 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

4. The Colleton County Rice Festival is hereby appropriated \$10,000 for “Travel Ball Tournament” from the State Accommodations Tax Fund – Fund 152 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.
5. Colleton County is hereby appropriated \$20,000 for “Christmas in the Park” from the State Accommodations Tax Fund – Fund 152 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.
6. The FRESpace is hereby appropriated \$2,525.41 for “Environmental Learning Center Transformation” from the State Accommodations Tax Fund – Fund 152 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk

Scott Biering, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:

Sponsor(s) : County Council
Adopted : November 3, 2025
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-67

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies.]

WHEREAS:

1. Colleton County Resource and Development Board has one vacancy; and
Applicant: JR Hughes
2. Colleton County Fire-Rescue Commission has three un-expired vacancies that are set to expire in January 2026; and
Applicant: William M. Farish Jr., Lavern C. Polk, Gerald Breland, Jr.
3. The County Council is the appointing authority for Boards.

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

The Council hereby appoints the following:

Colleton County Resource and Development Board: *JR Hughes*

Colleton County Fire Rescue Commission: *William M. Farish Jr. (Re-Appoint; Term expires in January 2026), LaVern C. Polk (Re-Appoint; Term expires in January 2026), Gerald Breland, Jr. (Re-Appoint; Term expires in January 2026).*

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk

Scott Biering, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED: