



Colleton County Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: December 1, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the news media was notified, and notice was posted 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Call to Order: Chairman Scott Biering called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Chairman Scott Biering, Council Vice-Chairman Bubba Trippe, Councilman Steve Murdaugh via Google Meet, Councilman Johnny Frank, and Councilman Phillip Taylor were present.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Taylor gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: Councilman Trippe made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

Awards and Recognitions: Council presented Chief Barry McRoy with an award in honor of his 34 years of exemplary service and leadership with the Colleton County Fire Service.

Public Comment: (3 minutes per person/max time 20 minutes)

Felicia Johnson expressed concern with a dangerous ditch near her house, the need for a speed limit reduction in her neighborhood, and issues at a four-way stop sign. Chairman Biering stated that those issues will have to be handled by SC DOT.

Lynn Strobel thanked Chief Barry McRoy for his hard work and dedication to the Colleton County Fire Service and introduced Sharon Witken, who invited Council to attend the school celebration on December 16, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center.

Administrator's Briefing: Administrator Higgs briefed council on the status of the Comprehensive Plan update, a contract with AirMedCare as a benefit to employees, and various CPST projects (Cottageville, Veteran's Park, Coroner's facility, Johnsville Community Center, and Edisto Beach).

New Business

- a. **Resolution 25-R-68 – To Authorize the County Administrator to Expend Funds for the Colleton County Sheriff’s Office for E911 Backup Battery, Colleton County Sheriff’s Office Dispatch Backup Battery, and Colleton County Sheriff’s Office CPR Training Course:** Councilman Trippe made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Frank. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. **Resolution 25-R-69 – To Abandon Maintenance of Certain Roads on Property Owned by Weyerhaeuser Forest Holdings, Inc. “WFHI”:** Councilman Trippe made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Frank. Discussion followed. The motion carried unanimously.

- c. **Resolution 25-R-70 – To Form a Partnership with the SC Department of Natural Resources to Assist with the Removal of Derelict and Abandoned Vessels per South Carolina Code of Laws – Article 2, Chapter 21, Title 50 – “Abandoned Vessels, Derelict Vessels, and Sunken Vessels”:** Councilman Frank made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Trippe. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session: Councilman Trippe made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the following topic:

- a. Matters Concerning Economic Development – Project Triple Play, Project Badger, Project Boulder, Project Blue Belle

The motion was seconded by Councilman Frank. The motion carried unanimously.


No action was taken during Executive Session.

Adjournment: Councilman Trippe made a motion to return to public session and adjourn, seconded by Councilman Frank. The motion carried unanimously.

COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL


By: Scott Biering, Chairman

ATTEST:


Martha B. Thompson, Clerk to Council

Approved: 1/5/26



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