

RESOLUTION

Beaufort County Council Goals 2001

WHEREAS, the Beaufort County Council is the duly elected representative body of Beaufort County charged with the responsibility of governing the County in a fair and proactive manner; and

WHEREAS, the Beaufort County Council holds as its vision for the County that "Beaufort County will continue to be one of the most desirable places in the United States to live, work, and enjoy a sense of community in a culturally diverse coastal setting"; and

WHEREAS, the Beaufort County Council, as a collective body, agreed and endorsed the concept of an Annual Planning Meeting where the goals and agenda for the year 2001 would be formulated; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Planning Meeting occurred on March 23 and 24, 2001, and at the planning meeting, following lengthy discussion, the following three top priority goals were adopted by the County Council for 2001:

- The completion and adoption of a Countywide Comprehensive Transportation Plan and Policy that will aggressively address the countywide transportation needs of Beaufort County.
- Formulation, adoption and implementation of an action plan to review and revise Beaufort County's Comprehensive Plan, such revisions to be considered in consultation, and hopefully cooperation, with the municipalities.
- Initiate, undertake, and complete an analysis of whether the citizens of the County will be best served by Beaufort County assuming direction and control of the Beaufort/Jasper Water and Sewer Authority for the planning and delivery of water and sewer service to Beaufort County in the future.

In addition, the following seven goals were adopted as County Council's 2001 high priority items:

- Review and revision of the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance in keeping with the County's continuing need to constantly review and revise its development ordinances.
- Complete the performance audit/management plan with the intention of providing the citizens of this County with more efficient services.
- Receive the stormwater utility plan proposal from the citizens committee, analyze same and implement an appropriate stormwater utility program to address the serious drainage and runoff problems that exist throughout the County.

- Investigate and pursue appropriate alternative forms of revenue for the County, to include a review of existing fees and consideration of new user fees where appropriate.
- Perform an analysis of potentially consolidating emergency medical services and fire districts to determine whether the citizens of the County would be well served by such consolidation and if the analysis is favorable, draft, adopt, and implement a program to begin such consolidation.
- Adopt a plan of action to encourage the opening of a four-year degree-granting branch of the University of South Carolina at New River.
- In compliance with the United States Constitution and the laws of the great State of South Carolina, reapportion the County Council Districts in a fair and equitable manner according to the decennial census figures, existing case law and court precedent.

WHEREAS, the Beaufort County Council is desirous of adopting these goals as County Council's goals and objectives for 2001.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Beaufort County Council hereby adopts the aforementioned "top" and "high" priority goals for 2001 and directs the County Administrator to embrace them as the policy for Beaufort County and to initiate such administrative steps as are appropriate and necessary to bring these goals and objectives to fruition as soon as reasonably possible.

Adopted this 9th day of April, 2001.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

By: 
Thomas C. Taylor, Chairman

ATTEST:


Clerk to Council