

BEAUFORT COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (BCTC)

MEETING MINUTES

FROM JANUARY 21, 2026

The regular meeting of the Beaufort County Transportation Committee (BCTC) was held on January 21, 2026 in the County Council Chambers, hosted by Beaufort County's County Channel.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kraig Gordon (Chairman), Arthur Handman (Vice Chairman), Tim Newman, Craig Forrest, Clarence Daniel, Charles Perry, Paul Manning, Jim Backer, and Virginia Kozak

MEMBERS ABSENT (EXCUSED): John Glover and David Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT (UNEXCUSED): None

MEMBERS TARDY: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan Bauer, Director
Chris DiJulio-Cook, Business Manager
Rusty Bratz, Transportation Construction Manager
Pamela Bernard, Project Manager II
Jared Fralix, Assistant County Administrator
Council Member Anna Maria Tabernik
Tracy Brewer, SCDOT

Notification. A recording of this meeting is available from the Beaufort County's County Channel. PowerPoint presentations provided to the BCTC are also available from the Beaufort County Engineering Department.

1. **Call to Order & Members Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Gordon and an attendance roll call was taken.
2. **CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call**
 - A. **Introductions**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
4. **Approval of Minutes.** *A motion to approve the meeting minutes from the November 19, 2025 CTC Meeting was made by Ginny Kozak and seconded by Jim Backer. The vote was unanimous.*

PUBLIC COMMENT (TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY) *No public comment*

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. SCDOT DISTRICT PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Tracy Brewton, SCDOT Resident Construction Engineer
Mr. Brewton reviewed the project slides and provided updates

B. CTC RESURFACING AND PRESERVATION PROJECTS (Years 8 & 9)

Mr. Rusty Bratz, Transportation Construction Manager
Mr. Bratz gave updates on the Resurfacing and Preservation projects.

C. SCDOT SECONDARY ROADS 0/500 ADT AND 500/2000 ADT UPDATE

Mr. Rusty Bratz, Transportation Construction Manager
Rusty stated it is out for bid and will close on January 22nd.

D. DIRT ROAD PAVING UPDATE

Mr. Rusty Bratz, Transportation Construction Manager
Mr. Bratz reviewed the status of the dirt road paving.

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E. HILTON HEAD BRIDGES UPDATE

Mr. Jared Fralix, PE, Assistant County Administrator

In Mr. Fralix's absence, Bryan gave an update on the Hilton Head Bridges Project.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. BEAUFORT COUNTY ROAD ANALYSIS UPDATE (Years 10-20)

Ms. Pamela Bernard, PE, Project Manager II

Pamela showed a timeline and updated the committee on the pavement evaluation.

B. BEAUFORT COUNTY PAVING SUMMARY (Years 2016-2026)

Mr. Rusty Bratz, Transportation Construction Manager

Chairman Gordon spoke on behalf of Rusty and gave a breakdown of the number of roads the County has touched over the past ten years.

C. BEAUFORT COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mr. Kraig Gordon, Chairman

Mr. Gordon explained that moving forward, the Transportation Plan would contain only a single year and not roll over between two years, for simplification purposes. Ginny Kozak made a motion to approve the 2026 Transportation Plan. Mr. Charles Perry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER

Mr. Kraig Gordon, Chairman

Mr. Gordon asked for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Daniel nominated Mr. Gordon to continue in his role as Chair. Arthur Handman seconded it. The decision was unanimous. Chairman Gordon then reappointed Mr. Handman as Vice Chairman and David Johnson as Treasurer. Ms. Kozak made the motion for the reappointments, and Jim Backer seconded. The vote on the reappointments was unanimous.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. CURRENT FUND STATUS

Mr. David Johnson

In Mr. Johnson's absence, Mrs. DiJulio-Cook went over the funding spreadsheet.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT (TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY) No public comments

9. CHAIRMAN COMMENTS

Mr. Kraig Gordon, Chairman

Chairman Gordon thanked everyone for their support and trust in his role as Chairman.

10. ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:25 p.m. The next regular meeting of the BCTC will be held on March 18, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. in County Council Chambers.