

BEAUFORT COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (BCTC)

MEETING MINUTES

FROM MARCH 18, 2026

The regular meeting of the Beaufort County Transportation Committee (BCTC) was held on March 18, 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, David Johnson and Virginia Kozak

MEMBERS ABSENT (EXCUSED): Jim Backer

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
Tracy Brewer, SCDOT
Stephanie Rossi, LCOG
Libby Gordon, Interested Citizen
Jason Ferrell, Blythe Construction
Jay Thompson, ICE
Wei Johnson, Engineer Infrastructure – Consulting
Mike Healy, SCDOT
Shawn Epps, HDR
Laurie Francis, Sr. Administrative Specialist

Notification. A recording of this meeting is available from 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 January 21, 2026, and February 25, 2026, CTC Meetings were motioned by David Johnson and seconded by Clarence Daniels; the approval 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

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Mr. Rusty Bratz, Transportation Construction Manager
Rusty stated it was out for bid and closed on January 22nd.

D. DIRT ROAD PAVING UPDATE

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

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.

F. BEAUFORT COUNTY ROAD ANALYSIS UPDATE (Years 10 – 20)

Ms. Pamela Bernard, PE, Project Manager II
Ms. Bernard reviewed the status of the road analysis update.

G. BEAUFORT COUNTY PAVING SUMMARY

Mr. Jay Thompson, Infrastructure Consulting and Engineering
Mr. Thompson reviewed the status of the paving summary and its process going forward.

6. NEW BUSINESS

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

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

B. BLUFFTON PARKWAY CEI CHANGE ORDER REQUEST

Mr. Rusty Bratz and Mr. Jason Ferrell, Blythe Construction
Mr. Bratz discussed the details of why the change order was requested.
Mr. Ferrell was present to answer questions on behalf of Blythe Construction.
The change order was motioned by Ginny Kozak and seconded by David Johnson; the approval vote was unanimous.

C. TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mr. Kraig Gordon, Chairman
Mr. Gordon advised that he would be running for County Council, district 8.

7. TREASURERS REPORT

A. CURRENT FUND STATUS

Mr. David Johnson
Mr. Johnson reviewed the treasure's report 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 5:03 p.m. The next regular meeting of the BCTC will be held on May 20, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in County Council Chambers.