



Board of Elections and Registration *Beaufort County, South Carolina*



Executive Director's Report

July 21, 2010

Meeting of the

Beaufort County
Board of Elections and Registration



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Report Items

- Petition summary
- Extension office plans
- EURL update
- Budget
- Stipend
- Bluffton municipal election case discussion
 - Possible Executive Session under 30-4-70(a)(1)



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Petition Summary

Office	Petitioner(s)	
Treasurer	Douglas Henderson	
School Board 1	Steven P. Morello	
School Board 2	Julie C. Bell	
School Board 5	Faye Alston	Michael F. Rivers, Sr. (I)
School Board 7	Bill Evans Terry Thomas	Verna L. Pringle-Holmes Robert White
School Board 8	Herbert Burnes, Jr. (I)	
School Board 9	Ronald Speaks (I)	
School Board 11	Fred Washington, Jr. (I)	
Beaufort Soil and Water Conservation District	Luke Inabinett (I)	Ross M. Sanders, Jr. (I)

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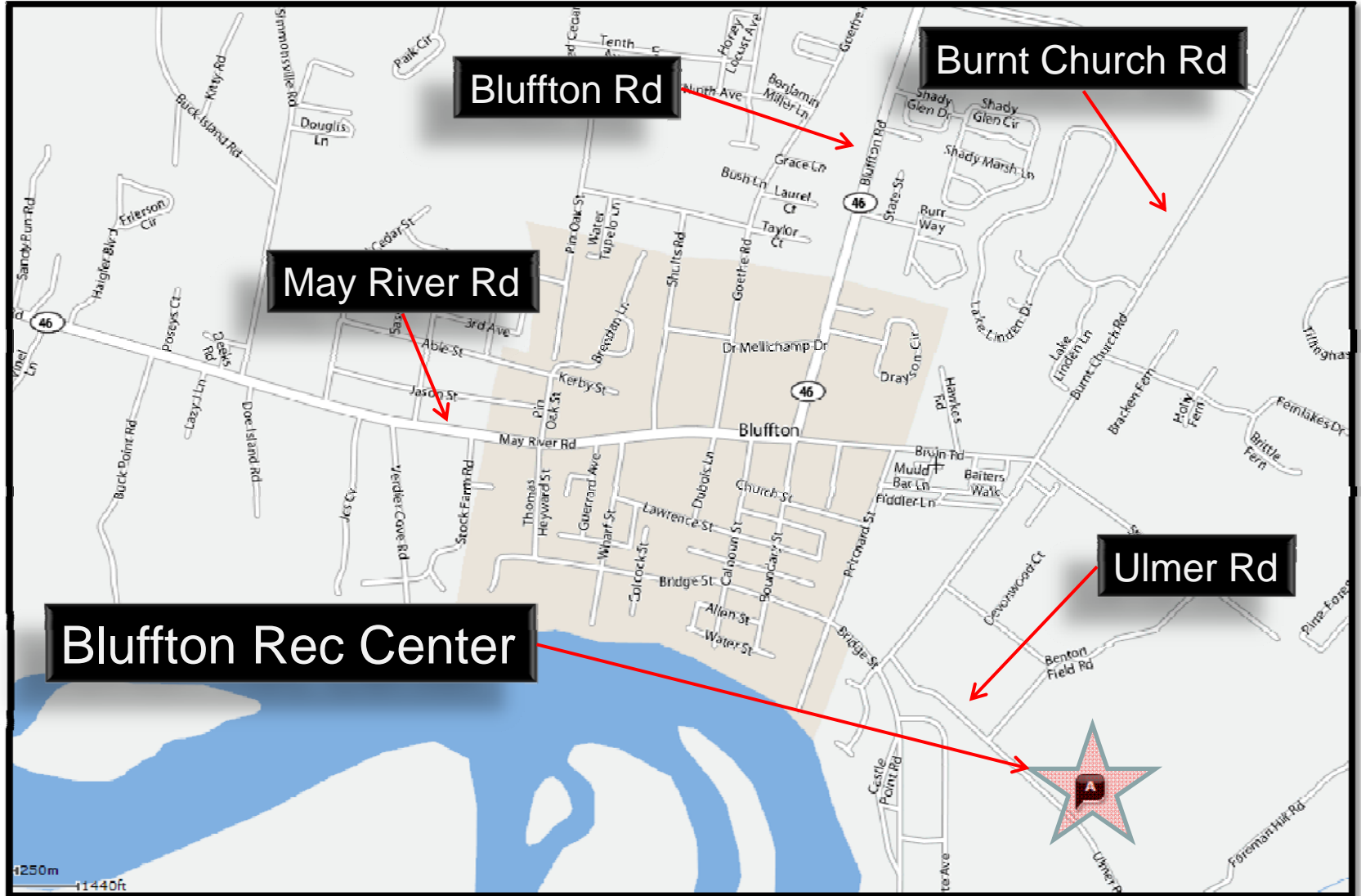
Extension Office

- Location: Bluffton Recreation Center
- Target date for opening: September 1, 2010
- Site advantages
 - ✓ Location
 - ✓ Parking
 - ✓ Layout
- Hours to be determined
- Status: Working with Facilities on modifications needed for move-in
- DOJ package transmitted July 14, 2010





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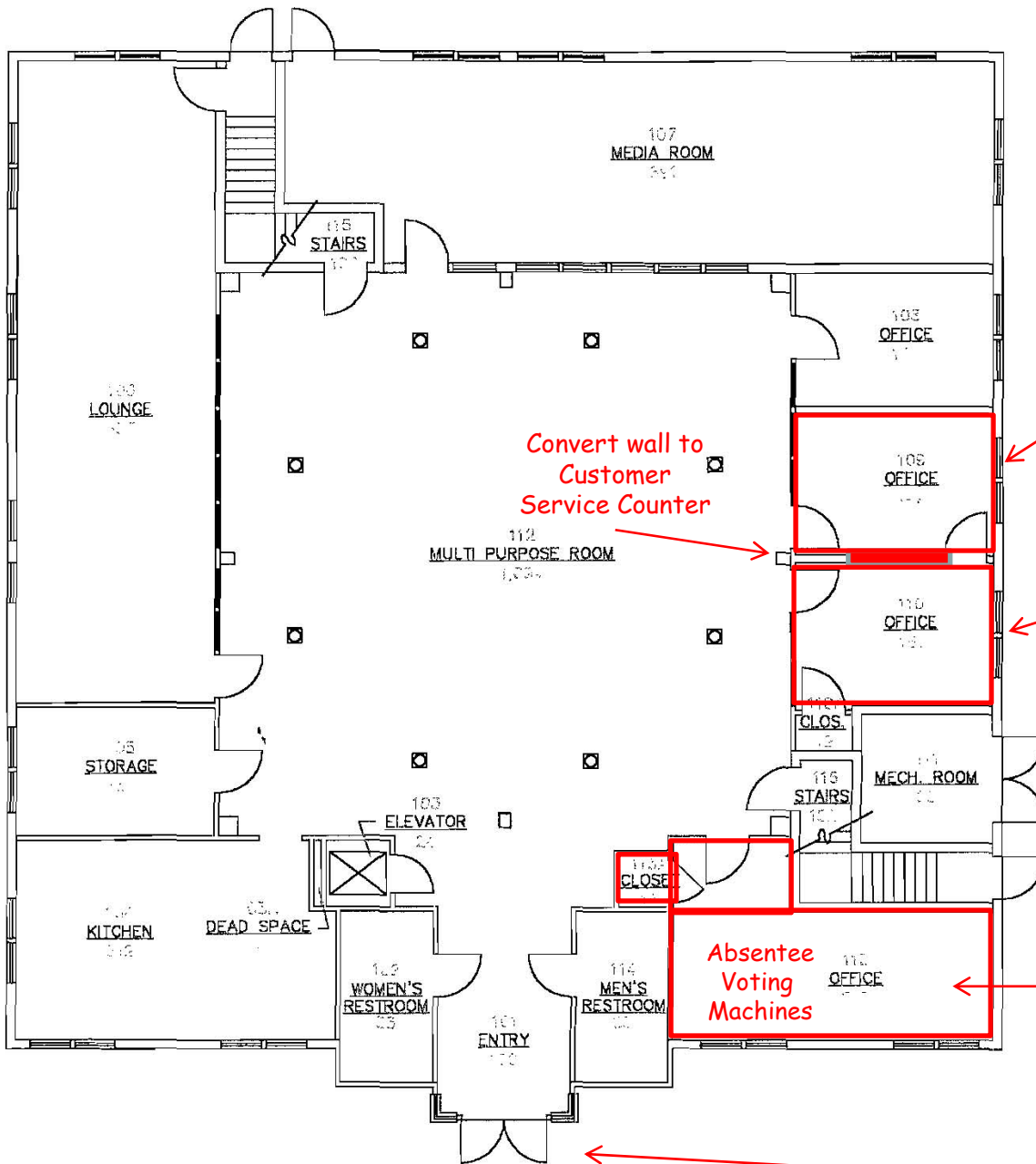
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Customer Service
Waiting Area

Admin Work
Stations (2)



Absentee
Voting
Machines

Primary Entrance
Voter Registration



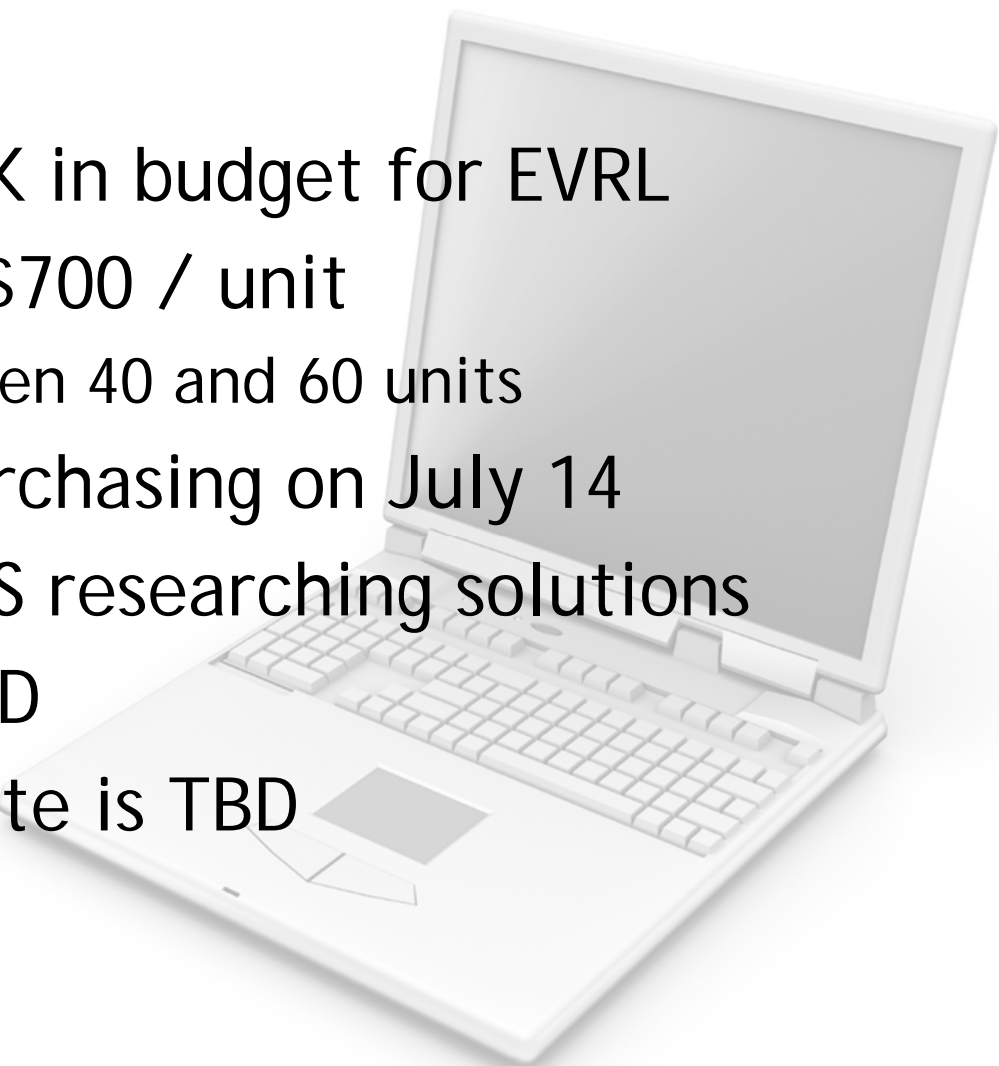
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EVRL

- County placed \$30K in budget for EVRL
- Unit cost ~ \$500 - \$700 / unit
 - Should yield between 40 and 60 units
- Met w/ MIS and Purchasing on July 14
- Current status: MIS researching solutions
- Delivery date is TBD
- Implementation date is TBD





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Budget (sans personnel costs and reimbursables)

- Approved budget for FY 2011 = \$218,295
- Initial request = \$319,465
- Major reductions (< \$5K per account) = \$92,950
 - Office space rentals = \$23,550
 - Vehicle & trailer = \$32,500
 - Furniture = \$7,500
 - Maintenance contracts = \$12,000
 - EVRL = \$11,200
 - Printing = \$6,200





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Budget (cont'd)

- Impact of major reductions
 - Office space rentals = None
 - Vehicle & trailer = Minimal; may need additional \$\$ for rental of vehicles
 - Furniture = Minimal; will seek \$\$ to furnish
 - Maintenance contracts = TBD
 - EVRL = reduces number of laptops
 - Printing = Minimal
- Must reduce number attending SCARE conference





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Stipend

- Governor deleted Proviso 79.1 and funds associated with it; as a result, Board member stipends will not be subsidized by State funds
- Stipend is \$375/member per qtr
 - Total annual cost = \$13.5K
- Administration must determine course of action appropriate for Beaufort County
- Polling other counties re: their plans



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Bluffton Municipal Case Recap

- Beaufort County Board ordered a new election at protest hearing on November 7, 2008
- Hamilton and Mitchell appealed
 - Jurisdiction for appeal assumed by SEC
- SEC overturned Beaufort County Board decision to order new election
- Fulgham and Thomas successfully filed petition in SC Supreme Court
 - Decision rendered by Court December 7, 2009
 - SEC decision vacated; case remanded to Circuit Court



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Bluffton Municipal Case...Facts

- ❑ Last standing order is for a new election...in absence of prohibitive action, this should be pursued
- ❑ Case for appeal will not be heard unless it is filed in Beaufort County Circuit Court
- ❑ None of three parties involved have a vested interest in filing for appeal
 - County: Would be filing to have its own decision appealed
 - Fulgham and Thomas: Current standing decision is in their favor...no motivation to appeal
 - Hamilton and Mitchell: As long as there is no new election, they remain sitting members of town council and have no need or interest in seeking appeal



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Bluffton Municipal Case

- Closure on issue is needed
- Recommend establishing a formal Board position on a course of action intended to bring the matter to conclusion
- Possible courses of action:
 - Do nothing
 - File appeal with Beaufort County Circuit Court
 - Proceed with new election, per November 7, 2008 decision at protest hearing



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Misc. Announcements, Questions, Comments

Mid-Year SCARE Conference

- Aug 2, 2010
- 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- HH Marriot Resort & Spa

