

County: ferry should go to the Authority

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At their April 5 regular meeting, Brunswick County commissioners unanimously approved a resolution supporting acquisition of the Bald Head Island ferry transportation system by the Bald Head Island (BHI) Transportation Authority.

The Authority had sought support from commissioners for its purchase of the system from private owner Bald Head Island Limited LLC, a move contemplated by the state legislature when it enacted the Ferry Transportation Authority Act in 2017.

Over the past four years, the BHI Transportation Authority has engaged in meetings with governmental stakeholders, private businesses, property owners and BHI residents regarding the potential acquisition of the ferry system by the Authority. The system includes the ferry vessels, barge, trams, terminal buildings, parking lots and related assets.

On December 8, 2020, the Authority approved the asset purchase agreement and adopted a findings resolution required as a prerequisite for Local Government Commission (LGC) approval of a bond sale. Then on March 22 of this year, the Village of Bald Head Island expressed to the LGC

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