

Regular County Council Meeting

September 14, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

411 Sunset Drive

Manning, SC 29102



**Clarendon County Council Regular Monthly Meeting
Agenda - Monday, September 14, 2026 - 6:00 pm
Clarendon County Council, Council Chamber
411 Sunset Drive, Manning, SC 29102**

1. Introductory Remarks
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
September 14, 2026, Regular County Council Meeting Agenda.
5. Approval of Minutes
Approval of the Minutes for the Following Meetings:
 - Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, August 10, 2026
 - Special Called Council Meeting held on Monday, August 24, 2026
 - Special Called Council Meeting held on Tuesday, September 1, 2026
6. Service Awards Recognition – Leonard Lowery, HR Director
7. Public Comments (Total of five (5) available speaking spots, three (3) minutes per speaker)
You must sign in with the Clerk before the meeting begins.
8. Authorization to place an honorary sign honoring the Alcolu Native, Hallow Wilson.
9. Resolutions
 - Resolution 2026-05 – A Resolution Adopting the Clarendon County Public Facility Naming Policy and Authorizing the County Administrator to Administer the Policy.
 - A Resolution Naming the Clarendon County Animal Control Facility as the A.C. English Animal Control Facility in Honor of the Life and Service of Andrew Carl “A.C.” English, Jr.
 - A Resolution Naming the Clarendon County Public Services Facility as the Reverend W.J. Frierson Public Services Facility in Honor of the Life and Service of Reverend William James “W.J.” Frierson, Sr.
10. Ordinance 2026-11
Consideration of the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2026-11 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING (1) A POLICY REGARDING REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC RECORDS UNDER THE SOUTH CAROLINA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT; (2) A FEE SCHEDULE FOR RESPONDING TO REQUESTS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT; AND (3) OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.
11. Public Hearing – Ordinance 2026-13
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CLARENDON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2025-07, WHICH APPROVED AND ADOPTED THE FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 BUDGET FOR CLARENDON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA.
12. Ordinance 2026-13
Consideration of the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2026-13 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CLARENDON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2025-07, WHICH APPROVED AND

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ADOPTED THE FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 BUDGET FOR CLARENDON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

13. Ordinance 2026-14

Consideration of the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2026-14 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027, OF THE REDUCTION IN THE TAXABLE VALUE OF BOATS, WATERCRAFT, AND AFFIXED OUTBOARD MOTORS BY FORTY-TWO AND 86/100 PERCENT AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 12-37-220(B)(54) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

14. Public Hearing – Ordinance 2026-16

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CLARENDON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK MASTER AGREEMENT AND ESTABLISH THAT CERTAIN QUALIFYING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS SHALL CONTRIBUTE TWENTY PERCENT (20%) OF COUNTY PROPERTY TAX REVENUES TO THE CLARENDON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE FUND, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH PROJECT RECEIVES A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT, SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT, OR OTHER COUNTY INCENTIVE.

15. Ordinance 2026-16

Consideration of the Second Reading of Ordinance 2026-16 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CLARENDON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK MASTER AGREEMENT AND ESTABLISH THAT CERTAIN QUALIFYING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS SHALL CONTRIBUTE TWENTY PERCENT (20%) OF COUNTY PROPERTY TAX REVENUES TO THE CLARENDON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE FUND, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH PROJECT RECEIVES A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT, SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT, OR OTHER COUNTY INCENTIVE.

16. Public Hearing – Ordinance 2026-17

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY OF CLARENDON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

17. Ordinance 2026-17

Consideration of the Second Reading of Ordinance 2026-17 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY OF CLARENDON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

18. Public Hearing – Ordinance 2026-18

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON THE CONSIDERATION AND ISSUANCE OF ALL OTHER LAND USE OR DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS FOR DATA CENTERS AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS.

19. Ordinance 2026-18

Consideration of the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2026-18 - AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON THE CONSIDERATION AND ISSUANCE OF ALL OTHER LAND USE OR DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS FOR DATA CENTERS AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS.

20. Public Hearing – Ordinance 2026-19

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An ORDINANCE POSTPONING THE QUADRENNIAL REASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

21. Ordinance 2026-19

Consideration of the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2026-19 – An ORDINANCE POSTPONING THE QUADRENNIAL REASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

22. Finance Report – Nelson Gibbons, Finance Director

23. Administrator's Report –Walt Ackerman, County Administrator

24. Chairman's Report – Jay Johnson, Chairman of County Council

25. Adjournment

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC AND MEDIA NOTIFICATION

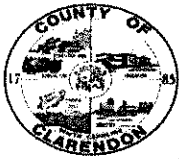
I, Dorothy M. Levy, Clerk to Clarendon County Council, Manning, South Carolina, do hereby certify that public and media notification of the Clarendon County Council Meeting for September 14, 2026, was given prior thereto by the following means:

PUBLIC NOTIFIED	MANNER NOTIFIED		DATE NOTIFIED
YES	Agenda posted at Clarendon County Administration Building, Public Library, and Clarendon County Website		September 11, 2026
MEDIA NOTIFIED	MANNER NOTIFIED		DATE NOTIFIED
YES	Agenda emailed to The MANNING TIMES, THE ITEM, AND THE FLORENCE MORNING NEWS		September 11, 2026
PUBLIC HEARING	ADVERTISED	MANNER NOTIFIED	DATE NOTIFIED
YES	YES	THE ITEM	August 08, 2026 August 29, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting
Monday, August 10, 2026
6:00 PM

Council Chambers, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, SC 29102

Those in attendance:

Chairman John E. Johnson III
Councilman Billy G. Richardson
Councilwoman Delaney K. Frierson
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Vice Chairman John P. Coker
Councilman Kurtis W. Rodine
Administrator Walt Ackerman

Press in attendance: None

Others in attendance included:

Elaine Wood	Jacob Evans	Skip Osborne	Bessie Harvin	George Frierson
Donald Ricks	Tyra Johnson	Rosa Epps	Matt Chapman	Angel S. Reed
Kimberly Herbert	Patricia Sanford	Patricia Pringle	David Woods, Jr.	
Jacqueline Blackwell	And other Clarendon County Residents			

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited in unison.

1. Approval of the Agenda

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Rodine, the Council voted unanimously approving the Agenda for August 10, 2026, Regular Scheduled Council Meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman Rodine and seconded by Councilman Richardson, the Council voted unanimously approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 13, 2026.

3. Service Awards Recognition

Prior to the business session of the Regular Council meeting, Leonard Lowery, HR Director, presented service awards to five employees for August.

Braxton Murray	10 years	Susan Thomas	5 years
Joseph Coffey	10 years	Jonathan Coker	20 years
Amy Land	15 years		

4. Public Comments:

Ray Evans, Chairman of Pleasant Grove Restoration Project – stated that he is requesting approval for an honorary sign honoring Harold Wilson. He was born in Alcolu, attended Pleasant Grove School, and served 21 years in the United States Navy. He brought recognition to South Carolina and our nation. He competed along with the nation's finest wrestlers as well as in the United States Olympic Trials. He represented the United States in International Wrestling Competitions when African Americans' Athletes were limited. With all of his accomplishments, many people in our area have never heard his story. He concluded by respectfully asking the Council to approve an honorary sign honoring Harold Wilson.

Elaine Wood – she stated that she did some research and has concerns about Data Centers, the electricity use, the water use, and the loud noise they produce. She continued by stating that they cause wells to dry up.

She stated that the Data Centers are producing things that we should not be breathing. She's asking the Council to look into this.

- **Councilman Rodine** stated that the Data Centers are inside a building, they recycle their own water, and the noise is low because they are inside a concrete building. He continued by stating that Data Centers will not affect us in any way.
- **Vice Chairman Coker** stated that data centers use less power than some of the Industrial Plants now. He continued by stating that we are putting in a moratorium to stop data centers from coming into the County, not the Industrial Park.
- **Chairman Johnson** stated that the Industrial Park is zoned for Data Centers. He stated that if a Data Center meets all of the requirements, it does not have to come before the Council.
- **Elaine Woods** – asked how data centers got in the County if no one knew anything about it.
- **Vice Chairman Coker** stated that Data Centers are listed as a warehouse, the Industrial Park is zoned for that, and the Council cannot stop that.

George Frierson – began by stating that tomorrow is election day and his voting precinct, which is in Sardinia, has been consolidated with another voting precinct, and he has a problem with that. He stated that there was a gentleman born in 1882, whose name was Robert Brown Elliott. He was one of two blacks that have served during the Reconstruction Era as the Speaker of the House, and he also served as the Attorney General of the State of South Carolina. He concluded by asking what is the Role of Government. He stated that the Role of Government is to provide services and protect the people.

5. Utility Easement and Right of Way

Administrator Ackerman presented the Council with a Utility Easement and Right of Way to install power. He stated that this would be for the new well and pump station, and control center at the Davis Station Water Tower. He continued by stating that this probably should have been done a year ago, but now they are ready to put power in, and they need permission to run power across that property.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Coker, the Council voted unanimously approving the Utility Easement and Right of Way.

Administrator Ackerman stated that there will be a need for another Easement for Duke Progress Energy for the new Fleet Services Building, Public Works, and Animal Control Center. He stated that we've already run the conduit and we just need the authorization to put the line through it.

On motion by Vice Chairman Coker and seconded by Councilwoman Frierson, the Council voted unanimously approving the Utility Easement and Right of Way for Duke Progress Energy.

6. Ordinance 2026-10

On motion by Councilman Rodine and seconded by Vice Chairman Coker, the Council voted unanimously approving the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2026-10 - An Ordinance of the County Council of Clarendon County, South Carolina to Amend the County's Official Zoning Map Designation for Tax Map Parcel #239-00-05-003-00; From Industrial II (IND II) to Agriculture II (AGII) and providing an effective date.

7. Public Hearing for Ordinance 2026-11

Chairman Johnson stated that the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2026-11 - An Ordinance Adopting (1) Policy Regarding Requests for Public Records under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act; (2) A fee schedule for responding to requests under the Freedom of Information Act; and (3) Other Matters Related Thereto is now open.

The Public Hearing opened at 6:27 pm. Chairman Johnson asked if there were any comments on this Ordinance.

- **Roger Jowers** – stated that FOIA is an acronym for Freedom of Information Act, not Fee for Information Act. He stated that he proposes that, since you're going to pass this, at least post any requests and answers on the County Website so that if someone else has the same request for information, they will be able to go on that Website and see that information without having to pay for it the second time.
- **Patricia Pringle** – stated that she would like to get a summary of the difference in the policy that we just passed. I would also like a breakdown of the fees.
 - Chairman Johnson stated that we did not pass the policy earlier; it was on the agenda, but we voted to not move forward with it at that time. He concluded by stating that this is State Law that every county has to have a four-year policy, and we are adopting the policy that the state has in place. This is something that we do not want to do; it's mandatory for the County.

The public hearing closed at 6:30 pm.

8. Ordinance 2026-11

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Rodine, the Council voted unanimously approving the Second Reading of Ordinance 2026-11 - An Ordinance Adopting (1) Policy Regarding Requests for Public Records under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act; (2) A fee schedule for responding to requests under the Freedom of Information Act; and (3) Other Matters Related Thereto.

9. Ordinance 2026-13

Administrator Ackerman stated that we found ourselves in a position due to some cost-saving measures in the latter half of Fiscal Year 2025/2026. We're going to have a small surplus in the General Fund balance this year. Instead of the original budget actually anticipating spending \$1.5 million dollars out of Fund Balance, we're going to have a little bit of surplus money that would normally go back into Fund Balance this year. We would like to take a portion of that surplus, \$200,000, and move it into our debt service fund. He stated that this would prevent us from the need to increase debt service millage. He concluded by stating that we would like to take the remaining balance and move it over into our Capital Projects Fund.

On motion by Vice Chairman Coker and seconded by Councilman Rodine, the Council voted unanimously approving the Second Reading of Ordinance 2026-13 - An Ordinance to Amend Clarendon County Ordinance No. 2025-07, Which Approved and adopted the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget for Clarendon County, South Carolina.

10. Public Hearing for Ordinance 2026-14

Chairman Johnson stated that the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2026-14 - An Ordinance to Provide for the Implementation, Effective January 1, 2027, of the Reduction in the Taxable Value of Boats, Watercraft, and Affixed Outboard Motors by Forty-Two and 86/100 Percent as Authorized by Section 12-37-220(B)(54) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as Amended; and Other Matters Related Thereto is now open.

The Public Hearing opened at 6:33 pm. Chairman Johnson asked if there were any comments on this Ordinance.

- Councilman Rodine – stated that for anyone who doesn't know what that means, it's basically what's going to happen is that we are going to stop the taxes for people that own boat motors; you have to pay taxes on the boat, not the motor. He concluded that currently the assessment rate for boats and motors is 10.5%. It will go down to 6%, and the state mandated that we do that over a three-year period.
- Administrator Ackerman - stated that we are in a position this year with the budget to where we could go ahead and take that hit in year one and go ahead and give that benefit to the taxpayers who own boats. We will go from 10.5% down to 6% in year one.

The public hearing closed at 6:35 pm.

11. Ordinance 2026-14

On motion by Councilman Rodine and seconded by Vice Chairman Coker, the Council voted unanimously approving the Second Reading of Ordinance 2026-14 - An Ordinance to Provide for the Implementation, Effective January 1, 2027, of the Reduction in the Taxable Value of Boats, Watercraft, and Affixed Outboard Motors by Forty-Two and 86/100 Percent as Authorized by Section 12-37-220(B)(54) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as Amended; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

12. Ordinance 2026-15

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Coker, the Council voted unanimously approving the Second Reading of Ordinance 2026-15 – An Ordinance to Amend the Property Tax Millage Rates as Adopted as Part of the FY 2026/2027 Budget.

13. Ordinance 2026-16

Administrator Ackerman presented the Council with Ordinance 2026-16 – An Ordinance to Amend the Clarendon County Industrial Park Master Agreement and Establish that Certain Qualifying Economic Development Projects shall Contribute Twenty Percent (20%) of County Property Tax Revenues to the Clarendon County Economic Development Infrastructure Fund, Regardless of Whether such Project Receives a Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes Agreement, Special Source Revenue Credit, or other County Incentive. He stated that it was adopted back in 2017 to provide funding for our Economic Development activities by taking a portion of the tax money from these new industries because that's basically what it was at the time. With this money, we can go out and do advertising and site development to attract new businesses and industries.

On motion by Councilman Rodine and seconded by Councilman Richardson, the Council voted unanimously approving the First Reading of Ordinance 2026-16 - An Ordinance to Amend the Clarendon County Industrial Park Master Agreement and Establish that Certain Qualifying Economic Development Projects shall Contribute Twenty Percent (20%) of County Property Tax Revenues to the Clarendon County Economic Development Infrastructure Fund, Regardless of Whether such Project Receives a Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes Agreement, Special Source Revenue Credit, or other County Incentive.

14. Ordinance 2026-17

Chairman Johnson presented the Council with Ordinance 2026-17 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Conveyance of Real Property of Clarendon County, South Carolina, and Other Matters Related Thereto.

Administrator Ackerman asked if anyone is familiar with the new park project that the City of Manning is doing, which is right next to Voter Registration and Election. He stated that the big empty lot to the right of the building is where the City of Manning is building a park. As a part of that construction, they realized they needed a little more property.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Rodine, the Council voted unanimously approving the First Reading of Ordinance 2026-17 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Conveyance of Real Property of Clarendon County, South Carolina, and Other Matters Related Thereto.

15. Ordinance 2026-18

Chairman Johnson presented the Council with Ordinance 2026-18 – An Ordinance Imposing a Moratorium on the Consideration and Issuance of all Other Land Use or Development Approvals for Data Centers and Battery Energy Storage Systems.

George Kosinski stated that you can read a lot of information about Data Centers on the internet. A lot of information that goes out on these different search engines is put out by the Chinese Government and that has been

verified. The reason why the Chinese Government is doing this is that they do not want these Data Centers in the United States. They want to capture all of that in China. China wants to keep the United States behind in Technology so they can steal more of our ideas and patents. A lot of the false information is put out by China. He stated that there are some things that we can't control. He stated that electricity is one of the things that we can't control because it is produced by Santee Cooper and Santee Electric. He stated that we can't control water. An average home with four people living there can use 300 gallons of water a day; it takes around 16,000 gallons to fill up a swimming pool, and on average, a golf course uses anywhere from 300,000 to one million gallons of water a day.

Mr. Kosinski further stated that there are ten Data Centers in South Carolina, and one of them is on Highway 52 in Goose Creek, which has been there for 25 years, and it is called Google. He continued by stating that there is a 300,000 square foot Data Center in Myrtle Beach called DC Blocks, which is right next to a residential neighborhood. He concluded by stating that we can control where the Data Centers are located; that's why we are talking about a Moratorium tonight. We do not want Data Centers in our backyards or to use farmland.

- Councilman Richardson asked if they are asking for any incentive.
- George Kosinski responded by saying no; they are paying for all of their infrastructure.
- Administrator Ackerman stated that the building is already paid for.
- A citizen asked if they are looking at a Data Center for Alcolu.
- Administrator Ackerman stated that we are not actively pursuing Data Centers; they are pursuing us.
- Angel Reed asked what are the positive things about the project.
- George Kosinski responded by stating that the Data Center will use 8,000 gallons of water a day.
- Councilwoman Frierson asked if we are getting a Data Center, how are the job advertised.
- George Kosinski responded by stating that when they have the meeting he will find out.

On motion by Councilman Rodine and seconded by Councilman Richardson, the Council voted unanimously approving the First Reading of Ordinance 2026-18 - An Ordinance Imposing a Moratorium on the Consideration and Issuance of all Other Land Use or Development Approvals for Data Centers and Battery Energy Storage Systems.

16. Finance Report

Nelson Gibbons, Finance Director, began his report by stating that he has a detailed breakdown of what has changed since the original budget book was distributed. The first was our salary and related expenses that we increased.

- **The General Fund** - we had expenses of approximately 3.2 million for July 2026, which is 10% of the budget. Revenue figures were not available yet.
- **Weldon Auditorium** – there was no report for the Weldon Auditorium.
- **The Water and Sewer Department** – operating income remained positive.
- **The C-Fund Program** - for the month ending July 31, 2026. The C-Fund program beginning with a cash balance was just over \$6.8 million with a little over \$4.2 million uncommitted.
- **Fire Rescue** – revenues were \$930,000, which is about 9% of the budget.

17. Administrator's Report

Administrator Ackerman began his report by thanking all of Council for finding the time to attend the annual training conference hosted by the SC Association of Counties. Taking advantage of training opportunities is vital to the continuing growth and development of your knowledge and understanding of legal considerations, planning needs, economic data, and a host of other issues that must be considered as you perform the oftentimes thankless task of being a Council Member for Clarendon County. Please know that your hard work and dedication do not go unnoticed.

The Archives preservation and relocation project is nearly complete. All but a few of the records and items have been relocated to their new temporary home, and scanning of documents is well underway. Once digitized, the records will be made available to the public through our website.

Many of our capital projects have made tremendous strides towards completion over the last month. One notable change is the EOC/Dispatch facility. The following is a listing of the most active capital projects, including a summary of their status. Special thanks to Hunter Denny for compiling the summaries.

✓ **Facilities:**

- **EOC/Dispatch Communications Center** – Design and Engineering by Caplea Coe Architects, Inc. Construction by Pyramid Contracting with a base bid of \$9,044,848.00. Pyramid's subcontractor continues installing roofing and metal studs. Rough ins for electrical, plumbing, and HVAC are currently underway. Duke Power is working on providing service to the front of the building and secondary power from the rear of the Sheriff's office. A meeting is scheduled to determine the path for the main power. Pyramid Construction will demo and repair a section of asphalt to install communication lines and Power. Completion Date 12/18/2026.
- **SCIIP PHASE V** – Engineering by Alliance with Adam Hogan managing. AC Schultes is complete. Pittsburg Tank is complete. B&B Construction has a base bid of \$996,249. Barwick Plumbing has stalled all the piping to service the tank and wellhouse. The building pad has been formed, and they are installing electrical conduit and piping before it is poured. They should finish that part next week and begin framing the building in a week or two. Substantial completion 10/1/2026, and the final completion 11/1/2026.
- **Public Works/Fleet Maintenance (PW/FM)/Animal Control (AC) Facility** –Hawkins and Kolb contract NTE 5.2 MD. Overhead inspections are complete in the public works building. Conduit will be installed next week for main power. The site work for parking lots and roads will begin shortly after. Animal Control Building: the contractors are continuing to work on electricity, plumbing, and the gates for kennels. Contractor is projecting to have the PW project finished by August/Sept. Contact Completion date 11/24/2026.
- **Turbeville Library** –Project funded by the S. C. Legislature and the Doctors Bruce & Lee Foundation. Chamber & Associates has a base bid of \$2,750,000. Chambers has received the metal studs and will begin framing the first part of August. David Dixon and his team are ready to begin the ordering process for the furniture and shelving. We have moved the fire lane over to avoid the fire vault and will need to revise the plans for SCDOT and allow them to enter onto Smith St. Completion date TBD.
- **Newman Branch Clearing Beaver Dams and Restoring Flow** – We received \$950K for this project. The project has been awarded to Ecological Associates, Inc. They are still trapping and continuing to maintain the stream and removing Dams. We are waiting for permits from the Army Corps of Engineers. Completion date extending to 01/27/2027.
- **JC Britton Park** – Congressman Clyburn's office approved a \$1 million grant. A development team has been organized to work on the design of the project, and they have several ideas as follows. Pickle Ball courts, Tennis Courts, and New Track Lighting. New Restrooms will be near the courts. Also adding additional Parking. We are currently waiting for funding. Completion date TBD
- **The Patriot Road Well Infrastructure** - Connecting the water systems through the first water and installing an elevated 250,000-gal tank. We have been approved for \$3,857,000 from Senator Lindsey Graham's office for this project. We are currently waiting for funding. Completion date TBD
- **Sheriff's Building at Manning Firing Range** – The one-time appropriation of \$373,819 allowed for protective riot gear, moving target system, and new building. An estimated balance of \$178,233 for the building. The concrete slab is complete. We have ordered the building and are waiting for delivery. Completion date TBD.

- Drainage Projects-Hudson Road and Deal Street need to obtain easements.

18. Chairman's Report

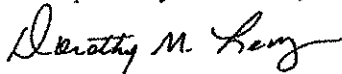
Chairman Johnson stated that Clarendon County is heading in the right direction, and not everybody agrees with the decisions the Council makes. He concluded by stating that the Council researches everything and does not make hasty decisions on anything that we do regarding the future of our County.

19. Adjourn

Chairman Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting.

On motion by Councilman Rodine and seconded by Councilman Richardson, the Council voted unanimously in approval to adjourn the regularly scheduled Council Meeting. The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council, CCC



Clarendon County Special Called Council Meeting
Monday, August 24, 2026
6:00 PM

Council Chambers, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, SC 29102

Those in attendance:

Chairman John E. Johnson III
Councilman Billy G. Richardson
Administrator Walt Ackerman

Vice Chairman John P. Coker
Councilwoman Delaney K. Frierson
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Absent: Councilman Kurtis W. Rodine

Press in Attendance: Manning Times, Melissa McCoy

Others in attendance included:

Alice D. Wearing	Donald Ricks	Terry Streath	Mike Streath	Kimberly Herbert
Breanna Hodge	Josephine Paul	Allen Paul	Laura Thomas	Tiger Thomas
Kathleen Gibson	Lucille Richburg	D. Helmes	Tamilla Green	David Woods, Jr.
Melissa McCoy	Patricia Sanford	Joe Pedalino	Fawn Pedalino	Debra Billie
Larry Johnson	Angel S. Reed	John Hives	Lynn Hives	Patricia Pringle
Michael Wiggins	Jenny Wiggins	Johnny Wilson	Heather Branham	Michele Demery
Danniel Demery	Sylvia Witherspoon	Connie Pace	Victor Saucedo	Ben Boaz
Dave Dymond	Linda Dymond	And other Clarendon County Residents		

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited in unison.

1. Approval of the Agenda

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Coker, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Agenda for the August 24, 2026, Special Called Council Meeting.

2. Ordinance 2026-18

Chairman Johnson stated that we have the Second Reading of Ordinance 2026-18 – an Ordinance Imposing a Moratorium on the Consideration and Issuance of all Other Land Use or Development Approvals for Data Centers and Battery Energy Storage Systems.

Vice Chairman Coker stated that he would like to comment and try his best to explain why this Moratorium is taking place. He stated that the way the Planning Department works is that if you walk into Planning to get a permit to build a 3100 square foot house and it meets all of the criteria for that zoning, then you will be issued a permit to build the house. If it meets all of the criteria, it does not have to go through the Council or the Planning Commission Board.

He continued by stating that right now, the way it's set up, a Data Center is listed as storage for data (warehouse). If someone walks into the Planning Commission Department on any General Commercial Property for a permit, they will be given a permit. It does not have to go through the Council, the Administrator, or the Planning Commission Board because it meets all of the criteria. Vice Chairman Coker continued by stating that the Moratorium is to prevent a Data Center from coming into your backyard or using farmland.

He concluded by stating that if someone requests a permit from the Planning Committee, they must have a legal reason to turn them down. This Moratorium has nothing to do with the Data Center that has already submitted an application. We cannot stop that. The Data Center company did not say that they are coming here; they are waiting

for information from the power company. If the power company says that they can supply the power, the Data Center will be built.

Chairman Johnson stated that the Public Hearing will be held at Third Reading on September 14, 2026.

On motion by Vice Chairman Coker and seconded by Councilman Richardson, the Council voted unanimously approving the Second Reading of Ordinance 2026-18 - An Ordinance Imposing a Moratorium on the Consideration and Issuance of all Other Land Use or Development Approvals for Data Centers and Battery Energy Storage Systems.

3. Ordinance 2026-19

Administrator Ackerman presented the Council with Ordinance 2026-19 – An Ordinance Postponing the Quadrennial Reassessment of Property and Other Matters Related Thereto. He continued by stating that this Ordinance will put the reassessment of property off until next year by state law. He continued by stating that we are required to do a reassessment every five years unless there is a reason to postpone. As you all are aware, we have hired a new Assessor this year, and there are several new members on her staff. They are working tirelessly to get everything in order. He continued by stating that they had to make a lot of changes to the software system that they use.

Administrator Ackerman concluded by stating that by postponing the property reassessment for a year, it will give the assessor's office more time to make sure everything is equalized and the values are perfect. Your tax notice should be the same as last year unless you made some improvements.

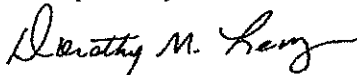
On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Coker, the Council voted unanimously approving the First Reading of Ordinance 2026-19 - An Ordinance Postponing the Quadrennial Reassessment of Property and Other Matters Related Thereto.

4. Adjourn

Chairman Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Coker, the Council voted unanimously in approval to adjourn the special called Council Meeting. The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council, CCC



**Clarendon County Special Called Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 1, 2026
6:00 PM**

Council Chambers, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, SC 29102

Those in attendance:

Chairman John E. Johnson III
Councilman Billy G. Richardson
Administrator Walt Ackerman

Vice Chairman John P. Coker
Councilwoman Delaney K. Frierson
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Absent: None

Press in Attendance: None

Others in attendance included:

Patricia Pringle Donna Prince Jane Lambert And other Clarendon County Residents

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited in unison.

1. Approval of the Agenda

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Coker, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Agenda for the September 1, 2026, Special Called Council Meeting.

2. Ordinance 2026-19

On motion by Vice Chairman Coker and seconded by Councilman Rodine, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2026-19 - An Ordinance Postponing the Quadrennial Reassessment of Property and Other Matters Related Thereto.

3. Adjourn

Chairman Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting.

On motion by Councilwoman Frierson and seconded by Councilman Richardson, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the special called Council Meeting. The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council, CCC

 Outlook

Re: Honorary sign design Hallow Wilson

From PLEASANT GROVE SCHOOL <hpgschool12@gmail.com>

Date Thu 8/20/2026 12:02 PM

To Walt Ackerman <walt.ackerman@clarendoncountygov.org>

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Mr. Ackerman,

I would like to inform you that I have communicated with the Department of Transportation (DOT) regarding the honorary sign for Hallow Wilson.

They have confirmed that it is permissible to install an additional sign pole, provided it is located past 37½ feet from the center line of Route 301.

Thank You

On Tue, Aug 18, 2026 at 10:49 AM Walt Ackerman <walt.ackerman@clarendoncountygov.org> wrote:

Thank you. I am working with our Public works folks to figure out the right of way situation on Magnolia. For purposes of maximizing public view, I still think you will need to work with DOT and get authorization to put a sign in the 301 right of way.

Walt Ackerman

Clarendon County Administrator

From: PLEASANT GROVE SCHOOL <hpgschool12@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2026 9:28 AM

To: Walt Ackerman <walt.ackerman@clarendoncountygov.org>

Subject: Honorary sign design Hallow Wilson

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Dear Mr. Ackerman,

Attached are the requested photos of the street signs.

***** Honorary *****
Hallow Wilson way

6"x 30"

RESOLUTION NO. 05

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CLARENDON COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITY NAMING POLICY AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ADMINISTER THE POLICY

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the County Council of Clarendon County (the "**County Council**"), the governing body of Clarendon County, South Carolina (the "**County**"), in a meeting duly assembled as follows:

Section 1 Findings. The County Council hereby makes the following findings of fact in connection with the adoption of this Resolution (this "**Resolution**"):

(a) The County owns, operates, maintains, and periodically constructs or acquires buildings, facilities, structures, rooms, grounds, parks and other recreational spaces and buildings, roads, or other public improvements that serve the residents of Clarendon County (generally, a "**Public Facility**"); and

(b) From time to time, County Council may wish to name or dedicate a Public Facility in honor of an individual whose life, character, and service to Clarendon County merit lasting public recognition; and

(c) County Council finds that the naming of a Public Facility is an act of enduring public significance that should be conferred deliberately, consistently, and in accordance with uniform standards; and

(d) County Council further finds that the honor of naming a Public Facility for an individual is most fittingly reserved for those who are deceased; and

(e) County Council desires to adopt a uniform policy governing the naming of Public Facilities that limits eligibility to individuals who have passed away and that establishes a process for the consideration and approval of such namings.

Section 2 Naming Policy. The County Council hereby adopts the following Clarendon County Public Facility Naming Policy (the "**Policy**"):

(a) *Application.* This Policy applies to the naming of any Public Facility for or in honor of any individual. This Policy does not govern names of Public Facilities derived from a geographic location, historical designation, or any functional description that does not involve a particular individual.

(b) *Eligibility.* No Public Facility shall be named for or in honor of an individual unless that individual is deceased as of the date County Council acts to approve such naming. This limitation is a mandatory condition of eligibility and may not be waived except through the amendment of this Policy by County Council.

(c) *Approval by County Council.* The naming of a Public Facility in honor of an individual shall be effected only by resolution duly adopted by County Council.

Section 3 Administration of Policy. The County Administrator, or his designee, is authorized to administer the Policy; receive and review proposals to name Public Facilities; coordinate with affected County departments and agencies regarding the naming of Public Facilities; and make recommendations to County Council in accordance with the Policy.

Section 4 Effective Date. This Resolution is effective upon the adoption thereof.

DONE AND RESOLVED in a meeting duly assembled this 14th day of September 2026.

John E. Johnson III, Chairman

ATTEST:

Dorothy M. Levy, Clerk to Council

**A RESOLUTION NAMING THE CLARENDON COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY
AS THE A.C. ENGLISH ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY IN HONOR OF THE LIFE AND
SERVICE OF ANDREW CARL "A.C." ENGLISH, JR.**

WHEREAS, Andrew Carl "A.C." English, Jr., a cherished member of the Clarendon County community, gave the whole of his life to the service of Clarendon County and the people who call it home; and

WHEREAS, after serving his country as an officer in the United States Army, A.C. English returned to Manning and devoted his professional life and career to The Bank of Clarendon, where for more than four decades rising to the position of President and Cashier and continuing his service as a member of its Board of Directors until his passing; and

WHEREAS, A.C. English made his profession a service to his neighbors, tending faithfully to the financial needs of the families and businesses of Clarendon County and earning their lasting trust through his integrity and sound counsel; and

WHEREAS, A.C. English was a leader in his profession and in civic life, serving as President of the Independent Bankers of South Carolina, as a member of the South Carolina Bankers Association, and for five decades in the Manning Rotary Club, which honored him as a Paul Harris Fellow; and

WHEREAS, A.C. English gave generously of his time to the institutions and organizations of this community, serving eleven years as a trustee of Clarendon County School District Two, two as its chairman, and as a trustee of Central Carolina Technical College; and

WHEREAS, answering a call to public service, A.C. English was elected to Clarendon County Council in 2008 and served this county faithfully across four terms until January 2025, guiding the County and its Council with steady and thoughtful leadership; and

WHEREAS, A.C. English was a devoted member of The Presbyterian Church at Manning, where he served as a Deacon and Elder, and a faithful husband, father, and grandfather to the family who survive him; and

WHEREAS, A.C. departed this life on April 19, 2026, leaving to Clarendon County a legacy of service, integrity, and devotion that merits the lasting recognition and gratitude of the County and its citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Council of Clarendon County that the County's Animal Control Facility is hereby named, and shall hereafter be known, as the **A.C. English Animal Control Facility**, in lasting recognition of the life, character, and service of Andrew Carl "A.C." English, Jr. to Clarendon County and its citizens; and be it further resolved that the County shall make provision for suitable signage and dedication in public acknowledgement of his life of service.

DONE AND RESOLVED in a meeting of the County Council of Clarendon County, South Carolina, duly assembled, this 14th day of September 2026.

John E. Johnson III, Chairman

ATTEST:

Dorothy M. Levy, Clerk to Council

A RESOLUTION NAMING THE CLARENDON COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICES FACILITY AS THE REVEREND W.J. FRIERSON PUBLIC SERVICES FACILITY IN HONOR OF THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF REVEREND WILLIAM JAMES “W.J.” FRIERSON, SR.

WHEREAS, Reverend William James “W.J.” Frierson, Sr., a native son of Clarendon County, devoted his life to the service of God and to the people of Clarendon County and its communities; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Frierson answered the call to minister to and shepherd the faithful for many years, including eighteen years as Pastor of Lovely Hill Baptist Church of Holly Hill, offering comfort, guidance, and hope to all who came within his care, and served as a leader in the local church community as Vice-Moderator of the Orangeburg-Calhoun Missionary Baptist Association; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Frierson gave countless hours of his time to serve his home of Clarendon County, serving on Clarendon County Council across eight terms and thirty years, standing throughout as a steadfast and tireless advocate for the citizens of Clarendon County; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Frierson devoted himself to civic and community life as a member of the Manning Branch of the NAACP, a steward of local education through his service on the board of Phoenix Center Charter High School and the School Improvement Council of Clarendon County School District Two; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Frierson’s wisdom and leadership extended beyond the borders of Clarendon County, serving on the State Commission on Judicial Conduct Panel and the Legislative Committee of the South Carolina Association of Counties; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Frierson was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather to the family who survive him, and a beloved friend to countless others throughout Clarendon County; and

WHEREAS, Reverend W.J. Frierson, Sr. made his transition on December 26, 2025, leaving to Clarendon County a legacy of faith, leadership, and unselfish service that merits the lasting recognition and gratitude of the County, its officials, and citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Council of Clarendon County that the County’s Public Services Facility is hereby named, and shall hereafter be known, as the **Reverend W.J. Frierson Public Services Facility**, in lasting recognition of the life, leadership, ministry, and service of Reverend Frierson to Clarendon County and its citizens; and be it further resolved that the County shall make provision for suitable signage and dedication in public acknowledgement of his life of service.

DONE AND RESOLVED in a meeting of the County Council of Clarendon County, South Carolina, duly assembled, this 14th day of September 2026.

John E. Johnson III, Chairman

ATTEST:

Dorothy M. Levy, Clerk to Council

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-11

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING (1) A POLICY REGARDING REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC RECORDS UNDER THE SOUTH CAROLINA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT; (2) A FEE SCHEDULE FOR RESPONDING TO REQUESTS UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT; AND (3) OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the County Council of Clarendon County, South Carolina (the "*Council*"), the governing body of the County of Clarendon, South Carolina (the "*County*"), in a meeting duly assembled as follows:

Section 1 Findings of Fact. The County hereby makes the following findings of fact in connection with the enactment of this ordinance (this "*Ordinance*");

(a) The Council has determined that it is necessary and beneficial to adopt a formal policy regarding requests for access to public records under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, codified at Title 30, Chapter 3 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended ("*FOIA*"), to provide the public and County staff and officials with clear requirements and practices regarding the County's responsibilities under FOIA.

(b) In accordance with FOIA, the Council hereby adopts a schedule of fees and charges to recover the County's costs in responding to requests for public records under FOIA. The Council hereby finds and determines that the fees and charges for staff time do not exceed the prorated hourly salary of the lowest cost employee of the County who has the training necessary to search for requested records, determine if records are responsive to an applicable request under FOIA, and prepare such records for delivery.

Section 2 Adoption of a FOIA Policy. Pursuant to the findings above, the County hereby adopts the County's Policy Regarding Requests for Public Records Under the Freedom of Information Act (the "*FOIA Policy*"). A copy of the FOIA Policy is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. The FOIA Policy includes a form for use by the public in making requests for public records. The County Administrator is hereby authorized to make revisions to or approve revisions of such form from time to time as may be necessary or convenient. The FOIA Policy shall be effective upon the enactment of this Ordinance.

Section 3 Adoption of a Fee Schedule. Pursuant to the findings above, the County hereby adopts a schedule for fees and charges for responding to requests for public records under FOIA, as set forth in **Exhibit B** (the "*Fee Schedule*"). Prior to the enactment of this Ordinance, a public hearing was held in accordance with the provisions of § 6-1-330 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended. The Fee Schedule shall be effective upon the enactment of this Ordinance

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DONE AND ENACTED this ___th day of _____ 2026.

CLARENDON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

[SEAL]

John E. Johnson III, Chairman
County Council of Clarendon County

ATTEST:

Dorothy M. Levy, Clerk to County Council

EXHIBIT A
FOIA POLICY

EXHIBIT B
FEE SCHEDULE

Description	Charge
Minimum charge for costs to respond to a FOIA request	\$5.00 (to be paid upon receipt of records)
Charge per page for hard copy of records	\$0.25 per copy
Charge for staff time to search, retrieve, or redact records	Actual hourly rate of applicable employee(s)
Charge for thumb drive where necessary	Actual cost of media to the County
Deposit for anticipated staff time exceeding 5 hours or costs exceeding \$100	25% of estimated costs

CLARENDON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2026-13

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CLARENDON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2025-07, WHICH APPROVED AND ADOPTED THE FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 BUDGET FOR CLARENDON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, Clarendon County adopted its FY 2025/2026 Budget on June 9, 2025;

WHEREAS, cost saving measures enacted during the budget year resulted in expenditures less than budgeted for FY 2025/26 and has made it necessary for Clarendon County Council to supplement, alter and amend Clarendon County Ordinance 2025-07 to transfer the excess revenue resulting from the reduced expenditures;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED THAT the County Council of Clarendon County, South Carolina, does hereby amend Clarendon County Ordinance No. 2025-07 as reflected below and further approves and authorizes said Amended Supplemental FY 2025/2026 Budget:

1. Clarendon County Council authorizes the amendment of the Clarendon County FY 2025-2026 Budget to include transfers from the General Fund of up to \$700,000. County Administrator or his designee, is authorized to utilize all available sources of revenue, including un-restricted fund balance of the County, to satisfy this authorization.

The transfers will be as follows: \$200,000 to be transferred from the General Fund to the Debt Service fund to reduce the need for an increase in Debt Service tax millage; and up to \$500,000 will be transferred from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund to further reduce the need for an increase in tax millage.

2. Clarendon County Council authorizes the amendment of the Clarendon County FY 2025-2026 Budget to include a transfer from the Fire Rescue Fund Balance of up to \$350,000 to correct the budget imbalance caused by the cash purchase of a new fire truck (\$687,733). This purchase was originally budgeted as a capital lease purchase that would have required the borrowing of funds and subsequent increase of debt service millage. County Administrator or his designee, is authorized to utilize all available sources of revenue, including un-restricted fund balance of the County, to satisfy this authorization.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance is adopted this ____ day of _____, 2026.

CLARENDON COUNTY COUNCIL

John E. Johnson, Jr., Chairman

John P. Coker, Vice Chairman

Billy G. Richardson, Council Member

Delaney Kay Frierson, Council Member

Kurtis Rhodine , Council Member

(Seal)
ATTEST

Dorothy Levy, Clerk to Council

READINGS:

First reading: **July 13, 2026**
Public Hearing: **August 10, 2026**
Second reading: **August 10, 2026**
Third reading: **September 14, 2026**

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CLARENDON
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-14**

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027, OF THE REDUCTION IN THE TAXABLE VALUE OF BOATS, WATERCRAFT, AND AFFIXED OUTBOARD MOTORS BY FORTY-TWO AND 75/100 PERCENT AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 12-37-220(B)(38)(b) AND 12-37-220(B)(54) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the County Council of Clarendon County (the "**Council**"), the governing body of Clarendon County, South Carolina (the "**County**"), in a meeting duly assembled as follows:

Section 1. Findings. The Council makes the following findings in connection with the enactment of this Ordinance (this "**Ordinance**"):

(a) The South Carolina General Assembly enacted Act No. 109 of 2026 (H.3858), which amended Section 12-37-220 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, to provide for a reduction in the taxable value of boats, watercraft, and affixed outboard motors.

(b) Pursuant to Section 12-37-220(B)(54), as added by Act No. 109 of 2026, forty-two and 86/100 percent (42.857%) of the fair market value of qualifying watercraft and affixed outboard motors is exempt from property taxation.

(c) The Act provides for phased implementation of the exemption over a three-year period beginning with property tax years after 2026.

(d) The Council finds that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Clarendon County to apply the full exemption authorized by state law beginning with the 2027 property tax year.

(e) The Council further finds that implementation beginning January 1, 2027, will provide tax relief to taxpayers and ensure efficient administration of county tax processes.

Section 2. Implementation of State Exemption. Pursuant to Section 12-37-220(B)(38)(b) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, Clarendon County hereby elects to apply the exemption authorized therein. Effective for **property tax year 2027, beginning January 1, 2027**, forty-two and 75/100 percent (42.75%) of the fair market value of each boat, watercraft, and affixed outboard motor subject to ad valorem taxation in Clarendon County shall be exempt from property taxation. The remaining portion of fair market value shall continue to be subject to taxation in accordance with applicable South Carolina law.

Pursuant to Section 12-37-220(B)(54), as added by Act No. 109 of 2026, forty-two and 86/100 percent (42.8571%) of the fair market value of qualifying watercraft and affixed outboard motors is exempt from property taxation shall apply to any property tax year beginning after January 1, 2029.

Section 3. Administration. The Clarendon County Auditor, Assessor, Treasurer, County Administrator, and all other appropriate County officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to implement this Ordinance and to administer the reduction authorized herein in accordance with applicable South Carolina law.

Section 4. Construction. This Ordinance shall be construed consistently with the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to authorize an exemption greater than that provided by state law.

Section 5. General Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict or inconsistency.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon third and final reading by the Council. The reduction in taxable value approved hereby shall apply beginning with **property tax year 2027**, effective **January 1, 2027**, and shall continue thereafter unless amended or repealed in accordance with applicable law.

DONE AND ORDAINED IN A MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED THIS 14 DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.

CLARENDON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

John E. Johnson III, Chairman

ATTEST:

Dorothy Levy, Clerk to Council

First Reading:	June 13, 2026
Public Hearing:	August 10, 2026
Second Reading:	August 10, 2026
Third Reading:	September 14, 2026

ORDINANCE 2026-16

Draft Ordinance Amendment

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CLARENDON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK MASTER AGREEMENT AND ESTABLISH THAT CERTAIN QUALIFYING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS SHALL CONTRIBUTE TWENTY PERCENT (20%) OF COUNTY PROPERTY TAX REVENUES TO THE CLARENDON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE FUND, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH PROJECT RECEIVES A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT, SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT, OR OTHER COUNTY INCENTIVE.

Section 1. Purpose

To provide a dedicated funding source for future economic development infrastructure by requiring qualifying projects to allocate a portion of County property tax revenues to the Economic Development Infrastructure Fund.

Section 2. Qualifying Projects

A qualifying project shall: Invest at least \$5,000,000 in capital investment; Create at least 15 new full-time permanent jobs; Be located within Clarendon County; and Be approved by Clarendon County Council as an economic development project. **Section 3. Infrastructure Fund Allocation** Twenty percent (20%) of all County ad valorem property tax revenues, Fee-in-Lieu of Taxes revenues, or other County property tax revenues generated by each qualifying project shall be deposited into the Clarendon County Economic Development Infrastructure Fund. This requirement applies whether or not the project receives a FILOT, SSRC, or any other County incentive.

Section 4. Use of Funds

Funds may be used for water, sewer, roads, rail, electric, natural gas, broadband, site preparation, industrial park improvements, utility extensions, and other public infrastructure supporting economic development as approved by County Council.

Section 5. Administration

The County Treasurer and County Auditor shall annually identify the required deposit. The Clarendon County Development Board may recommend expenditures subject to County Council approval.

Section 6. Existing Agreements

This Ordinance shall not impair any agreement executed before its effective date.

Section 7. Applicability

Applies only to projects approved after the effective date.

Section 8. Severability

If any provision is held invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.

Section 9. Effective Date

Effective upon third reading and approval by Clarendon County Council.

Enacted this _____ day of _____, 2026

CLARENDON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Chairman of County Council

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Clerk to County Council

First Reading: August 10, 2026
Public Hearing: September 14, 2026
Second Reading: September 14, 2026
Third and Final Reading: October 12, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-17

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY
OF CLARENDON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND OTHER MATTERS
RELATED THERETO.**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Clarendon County (the "**County Council**"), the governing body of Clarendon County, South Carolina (the "**County**"), as follows:

Section 1 Findings of Fact. The County Council hereby makes the following findings of fact in connection with the enactment of this ordinance (this "**Ordinance**"):

(a) Pursuant to Section 4-9-130 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, the County is authorized to convey real property owned by the County by ordinance of the County Council.

(b) The County owns that certain 0.21-acre parcel of real property (the "**Property**") located at the corner of Keitt Street and Allendale Street within the City of Manning, South Carolina (the "**City**") and identified as parcel "B" on that certain plat prepared by Mathis & Muldrow Land Surveying, Inc. dated as of April 3, 2024, which is attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A.

(c) The City is developing a public park on land adjacent to the Property and has asked that the County convey the Property to the City with nominal consideration so that it may be used as a portion of such park.

(d) The County wishes to convey the Property to the City for use with a portion of such public park, which the County Council has determined will serve a public purpose.

Section 2 Conveyance of Real Property. The County Council hereby authorizes the conveyance of the Property to the City by Quit Claim Deed. The County Administrator is hereby authorized to approve the final form of such Quit Claim Deed, including the final legal description of the Property, as set forth on such Quit Claim Deed, provided that such description substantially conforms to the description of the Property as shown on the plat attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A. The County Administrator is further authorized and directed to execute and deliver such Quit Claim Deed to the City, and to execute and delivery such affidavits, certificates, or other documents as may reasonably be necessary or convenient to carry out the property conveyance authorized hereby.

Section 3 Effective Date. The provisions of this Ordinance shall take effect upon due enactment of this Ordinance following a public hearing.

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DONE AND ORDAINED IN A MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED, this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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CLARENDON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

(SEAL)

John E. Johnson III, Chairman, County Council

ATTEST:

Dorothy M. Levy, Clerk to County Council

First Reading:	<u>August 10, 2026</u>
Second Reading:	_____
Public Hearing:	_____
Third Reading:	_____

EXHIBIT A
PLAT OF PROPERTY

- NOTES:
- 1) THIS DOCUMENT DOES NOT REPRESENT A TITLE EXAMINATION.
 - 2) NOT A VALID DOCUMENT WITHOUT ORIGINAL SIGNATURE AND RAISED EMBOSSED SEAL.

DATE: APRIL 3, 2024
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 JOB REFERENCE: MM14276
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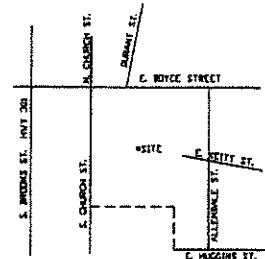
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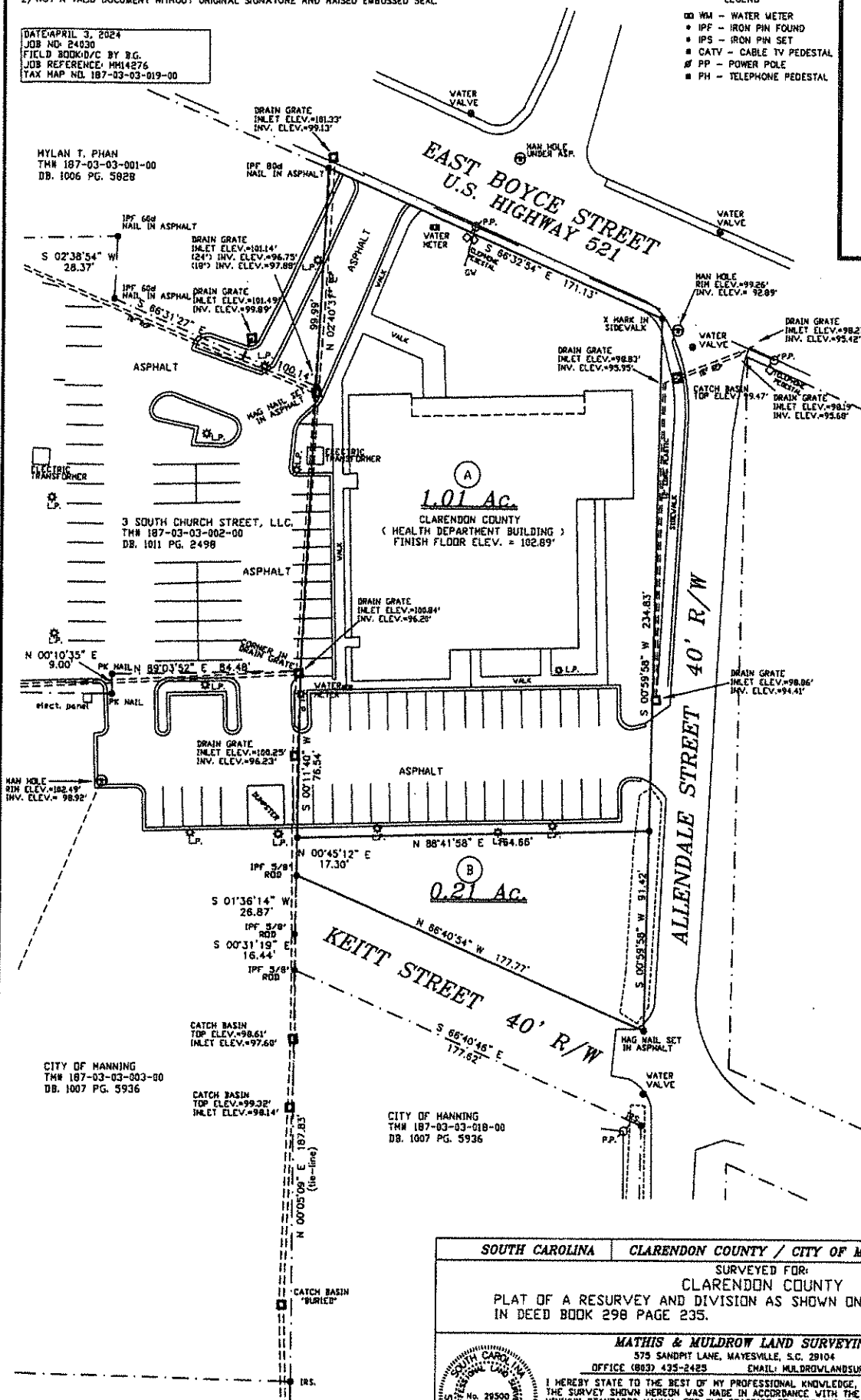
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 - IPF - IRON PIN FOUND
 - IPS - IRON PIN SET
 - CATV - CABLE TV PEDESTAL
 - PP - POWER POLE
 - PH - TELEPHONE PEDESTAL



LOCATION MAP - NOT TO SCALE



0' 30' 60' 90'
 SCALE: 1 INCH = 30 FEET



SOUTH CAROLINA CLARENDON COUNTY / CITY OF MANNING SCHOOL DISTRICT 2

SURVEYED FOR:
 CLARENDON COUNTY
 PLAT OF A RESURVEY AND DIVISION AS SHOWN ON THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED
 IN DEED BOOK 298 PAGE 235.

MATHIS & MULDROW LAND SURVEYING, INC.

575 SANDPIT LANE, WAYNESVILLE, S.C. 29104
 OFFICE (803) 435-2425 EMAIL: MULDROWLANDSURVEYING@GMAIL.COM

I HEREBY STATE TO THE BEST OF MY PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF, THE SURVEY SHOWN HEREON WAS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MINIMUM STANDARDS MANUAL FOR THE PRACTICE OF LAND SURVEYING IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A CLASS 'B' SURVEY AS SPECIFIED THEREIN. ALSO THERE ARE NO ENCROACHMENTS, PROJECTIONS AFFECTING THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN THOSE SHOWN.

IS THIS PROPERTY IN AN F.I.A. DESIGNATED FLOOD HAZARD AREA? NO
 FIRM MAP NUMBER: 45027C0254C EFFECTIVE DATE 8/19/2013



TAX MAP No. 187-03-03-019-00

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-18

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON THE CONSIDERATION AND ISSUANCE OF ALL OTHER LAND USE OR DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS FOR DATA CENTERS AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the County Council of Clarendon County (the "**Council**"), the governing body of the Clarendon County, South Carolina (the "**County**"), as follows:

Section 1 Findings. The Council hereby makes the following findings of fact in connection with the enactment of this ordinance (this "**Ordinance**"):

(a) The Council is empowered pursuant to Section 4-9-25 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, to enact regulations, resolutions, and ordinances not inconsistent with the Constitution and general law of the State of South Carolina (the "**State**"), including the exercise of these powers in relation to health and order in the County or respecting any subject as appears to the Council necessary and proper for the security, general welfare, and convenience of the County or for preserving health, peace, order, and good government therein. The Council is additionally empowered pursuant to Title 6, Chapter 29, Article 5 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "**Act**"), to regulate land use within the County. Pursuant to the Act, the Council has enacted the Clarendon County Unified Development Code (the "**Land Use Code**") which regulates development and land use within the County. Capitalized terms used in this Ordinance and not otherwise defined shall have the meaning or usage given to such term in the Land Use Code.

(b) Table III-3 of the Land Use Code sets forth the various uses that are allowed within the zoning districts defined under the Land Use Code as permitted, conditional, or special exception uses; however, the Land Use Code does not expressly address data centers (a "**Data Center**") or battery energy storage systems (a "**BESS**") as a permitted, conditional, or special exception use in any zoning district.

(c) The County Council finds that Data Centers and BESSs are involve emerging technologies that may present unique planning and public safety issues that require careful evaluation, including but not limited to, fire protection and emergency response capabilities; water availability and consumption; electrical transmission and utility infrastructure; noise impacts; visual impacts; environmental protection; compatibility with adjacent residential, agricultural, commercial, and recreational land uses; traffic impacts during construction and operation; long-term maintenance and decommissioning requirements; and potential impacts on economic development and the Clarendon County Comprehensive Plan (the "**Comprehensive Plan**").

(d) The County Council is advised by the staff of the County's Planning, Zoning, and Building Department ("**Planning Staff**") that Data Centers and BESSs are sufficiently similar to light industrial uses such that they may reasonably be allowed in the areas of the County zoned Industrial I and Industrial II pursuant to Section 32.04 of the Land Use Code, on a case-by-case basis, to the extent that the specific location of such uses within the Industrial I and Industrial II

zoning districts (i) are consistent with the relevant objectives and policies of the Comprehensive Plan; (ii) do not generate greater off-site impacts than adjacent land uses; and (iii) are substantially similar to the other permitted uses in the Industrial I and Industrial II zoning districts.

(e) To give the Council, the Clarendon County Planning Commission (the “*Planning Commission*”), and Planning Staff adequate time to conduct such a review and consider appropriate amendments to the Land Use Code, the Council has determined that it is appropriate to implement temporary moratoriums (each a “*Moratorium*” and together, the “*Moratoriums*”) on approvals related to (i) the location of Data Centers within all areas of the County other than areas zoned Industrial I or Industrial II; and (ii) the location of BESSs within all areas of the County, all as set forth in greater detail in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

Section 2 Moratorium on Data Center Approvals. By and through the enactment of this Ordinance, the Council hereby imposes the following Moratoriums on the consideration or issuance of any land use or development applications or approvals, as applicable, for the development of Data Centers or BESSs in any area of the County other than areas zoned Industrial I or Industrial II for a period of six months from the date of the enactment of this Ordinance.

Section 3 Recommendations Regarding Data Center Regulations. During the pendency of the Moratoriums, Planning Staff and the Planning Commission are hereby directed to study the areas of the County where Data Centers and BESSs may be appropriate land uses and the conditions under which Data Centers and BESSs may appropriately be developed within such areas. The Planning Commission and County staff are further directed to prepare and recommend appropriate amendments to the Land Use Code and, to the extent necessary, the Comprehensive Plan, concerning Data Centers and BESSs.

Section 4 Moratorium Extension. The Council hereby finds and determines that the Moratoriums imposed hereby, and each of them, may be extended by resolution of the Council.

Section 5 Severability. If any one or more of the provisions of this Ordinance should be contrary to law, then such provision shall be deemed severable from the remaining provisions and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 6 Repealer. All ordinances, resolutions or parts of any ordinances or resolutions inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict or inconsistency. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired or liability incurred, or any cause of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance, except as expressly set forth herein and as may be permitted under State law.

Section 7 Effect. This Ordinance shall be effective upon third and final reading by the Council.

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DONE AND ENACTED IN COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED, this ____th day of
____ 2026.

CLARENDON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

[SEAL]

John E. Johnson, Chairman, County Council

ATTEST:

Dorthy Levy, Clerk to Council

First Reading: August 10, 2026
Public Hearing: _____, 2026
Second Reading: _____, 2026
Third Reading: _____, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-19

**AN ORDINANCE POSTPONING THE QUADRENNIAL REASSESSMENT
OF PROPERTY AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the County Council of Clarendon County (the "*Council*"), the governing body of Clarendon County, South Carolina (the "*County*"), as follows:

Section 1 Findings. The Council hereby makes the following findings of fact in connection with the enactment of this ordinance (this "*Ordinance*"):

(a) Pursuant to Section 12-43-217(A) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended ("*Section 12-43-217*"), once every fifth year the County shall appraise and equalize those properties under its jurisdiction. The County's current quadrennial countywide reassessment is scheduled to occur as of December 31, 2026.

(b) Section 12-43-217(B) authorizes the Council, by ordinance, to postpone the implementation of the Countywide appraisal and equalization program for up to one property tax year.

Section 2 Postponement of Quadrennial Reassessment. Pursuant to Section 12-43-217(B) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, the County's scheduled quadrennial countywide reassessment is hereby postponed for one year. The valuation of property within the County shall be complete by no later than December 31, 2027. The County Assessor and all appropriate County officials are hereby authorized and directed to take such actions as may be necessary to carry out the intent of this Ordinance in accordance with applicable law, including notifying the South Carolina Department of Revenue to the extent required.

Section 3 Repealer. All other ordinances, resolutions or parts of any ordinances or resolutions inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict or inconsistency. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired or liability incurred, or any cause of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance, except as expressly set forth herein and as may be permitted under South Carolina law.

Section 4 Effect. This Ordinance shall be effective upon third and final reading by the Council.

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DONE AND ENACTED IN COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED, this ____ th day of
_____ 2026.

CLARENDON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

[SEAL]

John E. Johnson, Chairman, County Council

ATTEST:

Dorthy Levy, Clerk to Council

First Reading: August 24, 2026
Public Hearing: _____, 2026
Second Reading: _____, 2026
Third Reading: _____, 2026

Clarendon County Administrator's Report

September 14, 2026

We have been extremely busy since our last meeting. Thank you all for your hard work and flexibility as we continue to try and make improvements for our County.

The Archives preservation and relocation project is nearly complete. The records and items have been relocated and are available for public use. The digitization project is nearly complete. We expect to receive the data files any day now. Once received, the records will be made available to the public through our website.

The following is a listing of the most active capital projects including a summary of their status. Special thanks to Hunter Denny for compiling the summaries.

Capital Projects Report #66

August 27, 2026

The Capital Projects Committee met today including Hunter Denny, Walt Ackerman, Tabitha Hanna, Thom Barrineau, Donald Ricks, Billy Timmons, Vickie Williams

Summary of discussion by project follows:

1. EOC/Dispatch Communications Center – Design and Engineering by Caplea Coe Architects, Inc. Construction by Pyramid Contracting with a base bid of \$9,044,848.00. Pyramid's subcontractors Continue working on the roof and plan to install the final metal layer next. Rough ins for electrical, plumbing and HVAC are currently underway. We are still working on Change order #18 for the power, comms line and parking lot asphalt demo/patch. The outside of the building has been sealed with a waterproof sealant. Windows and door installation will begin in the upcoming weeks. We need to approve the plaque for the building. Completion Date 4/15/2027
2. SCIIP PHASE V – Engineering by Alliance with Adam Hogan managing. AC Schultes is complete.
Pittsburg Tank is complete.
B&B Construction is complete.

Barwick Construction had a base bid of \$996,249. Barwick Plumbing has installed all the piping to service the tank and wellhouse. Building pad should be inspected this

week. They should finish that part next week and begin framing the building in a week or two. Substantial completion 10/1/2026, and the final completion 11/1/2026

3. Public Works/Fleet Maintenance (PW/FM)/Animal Control (AC) Facility – Hawkins and Kolb contract NTE 5.2 MD. Waiting on duke for final power. The site work for parking lots and roads has begun and paving should start in a week or two. They are sanding the floors in the front part of the PW and will seal once they are approved. Animal control Building: the contractors are continuing to work on electricity, plumbing, and the gates for kennels. Contractor is projecting to have the PW project finished by August/Sept. Contract Completion date 11/24/2026
4. Turbeville Library –Project funded by the S. C. Legislature and the Doctors Bruce & Lee Foundation. Chamber & Associates has a base bid of \$2,750,000. Chambers has started framing and they are waiting on roof trusses. We have moved the fire lane over to avoid the fire vault, and we have received the ok from SCDOT to enter onto Smith St. Completion date TBD
5. Newman Branch Clearing Beaver Dams and Restoring Flow – We received \$950K for this project. Project has been Awarded to Ecological Associates, Inc. They are still trapping and continuing to maintain the stream and removing Dams. We are waiting for permits from the Army Corps of Engineers. Completion date extending to 01/27/2027.
6. JC Britton Park – Congressman Clyburn's office approved a \$1 million grant. A development team has been organized to work on the design of the project, and they have several ideas as follows. Pickle Ball courts, Tennis Courts and New Track Lighting. New Restrooms will be near the courts. Also adding additional Parking. We are currently waiting for funding. Completion date TBD
7. The Patriot Road Well Infrastructure - Connecting the water systems through the first water and installing an elevated 250,000-gal tank. We have been approved for \$3,857,000 from Senator Lindsey Graham's office for this project. We are currently waiting for funding. Completion date TBD
8. Sheriff's Building at Manning Firing Range. – The one-time appropriation of \$373,819 allowed for protective riot gear, moving target system, and new building. An estimated balance of \$178,233 for the building. The building is up and they are now working on the interior. Completion date TBD.
9. Drainage Projects-Hudson Road and Deal Street need to obtain easements.