

Regular County Council Meeting

October 12, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

411 Sunset Drive

Manning, SC 29102



Clarendon County Council Regular Monthly Meeting
Agenda - Monday, October 12, 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**
October 12, 2026, Regular County Council Meeting Agenda.
5. **Approval of Minutes**
Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, September 14, 2026.
6. **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.
7. **Proclamation**
A Proclamation Proclaiming October 2026 As Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Clarendon County, South Carolina.
8. **Request - Clarendon County School District -Mr. Donald Davis**
9. **Lease Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding**
Lease Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between South Carolina Public Service Authority and Clarendon County.
10. **Ordinance 2026-16**
Consideration of the Third and Final 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.
11. **Ordinance 2026-17**
Consideration of the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2026-17 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY OF CLARENDON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.
~~OTHER LAND USE OR DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS FOR DATA CENTERS AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS.~~
12. **Ordinance 2026-20 (Title Only)**
Consideration of the First Reading of Ordinance 2026-20 – An ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN USER FEES FOR THE CLARENDON COUNTY AIRPORT AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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- 13. Finance Report – Nelson Gibbons, Finance Director**
- 14. Administrator’s Report –Walt Ackerman, County Administrator**
- 15. Chairman’s Report – Jay Johnson, Chairman of County Council**
- 16. Adjournment**

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CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC AND MEDIA NOTIFICATION

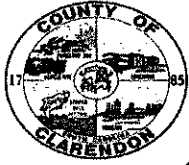
I, Dorothy M. Levy, Clerk to Clarendon County Council, Manning, South Carolina, do hereby certify that public and media notification of the Clarendon County Council Meeting for October 12, 2026, 2026, was given prior thereto by the following means:

PUBLIC NOTIFIED	MANNER NOTIFIED		DATE NOTIFIED
YES	Agenda posted at Clarendon County Administration Building, Public Library, and Clarendon County Website		October 9, 2026
MEDIA NOTIFIED	MANNER NOTIFIED		DATE NOTIFIED
YES	Agenda emailed to The MANNING TIMES, THE ITEM, AND THE FLORENCE MORNING NEWS		October 9, 2026
PUBLIC HEARING	ADVERTISED	MANNER NOTIFIED	DATE NOTIFIED
NO	NO	N/A	

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy M. Levy
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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: The Item, Alaysha Maple

Others in attendance included:

Terrain Blackwell	George Frierson	Chuck Dukes	Marie Dukes	Debra Hanna
Amanda Ridgeway	Pam Price	Elaine Woods	Skip Osborne	Legear McCabe
Nicole Bailey	Larry Johnson	Glynn Bethune	Linda Lemon	Kyle Mere
Mina True Love	L. Johnson	Kim Coker	Paige DuBose	Willie Briggs
Victor Saucedo	Patricia Pringle	Tamilla Green	Monica Malen	Sunday Santigo
Jacqueline Blackwell	William Hyland	Louise Frazier	Philip Frazier	Wendy Lynch
Mary Cooper	D. L. King	James O' Hara	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 approving the Agenda for September 14, 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 for the following meetings:

The Regular Council Meeting that was held on August 10, 2026
The Special Called Council Meeting that was held on August 24, 2026
The Special Called Council Meeting that was held on September 1, 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 September.

Kenneth Clark	5 years	Janie M. Lawson	5 years
Chance T. Welch	5 years	Leroy Todd	10 years
Hunter Denny	5 years		

4. Public Comments:

Terrain Blackwell – began by stating that he is the son of Coroner Jacqueline Blackwell. He stated that he advocated for this community and challenge things that he believes needed to be changed and work to make sure that Clarendon County is better. He continued that he understands that Clarendon County has a responsibility to protect taxpayers by controlling spending and maintaining a healthy fund balance. Mr.

Blackwell continued by stating that he was not saying that every department should have everything that they request, but he was asking the Council to look at the department where a woman has been a trailblazer for the county. He stated that when Law Enforcement crime increases, we do not task them to keep the same budget as the years before, we increase the funding and we increase the officers. We make sure that they have enough resources. He continued by stating that the Coroner office handles both administration work and being in the field with all of the death that's happening in Clarendon County. He concluded by stating that the budget that was cut from the Coroner's office was a big help and that could have been used to help with the administration. He asked are we funding the Coroner's Office according to the responsibility of the workload and he stated that he needs County Council to show that they support the Coroner's Office.

George Frierson – began by stating that he was glad that the Media is here tonight so that they can report what happened at the meeting. He continued by stating that the Coroner's mother, Ms. Henrietta Blackwell is his birthday buddy. He further stated that he was born on the same day that Brown versus the Board of Education was argued before the United Supreme Court. He stated that the song writer Barry White was born in September 1944 in Galveston, Texas.

5. Authorization to place an honorary sign honoring Hallow Wilson, An Alcolu Native

Administrator Ackerman stated that at the last meeting, Mr. Howard Wilson gave a lot of details on Mr. Hallow Wilson. He was a military veteran, a boxer, and he did a lot of wonderful things. He stated that they wanted to place an honorary sign on the road, they would not be changing the road name.

On motion by Councilman Rodine and seconded by Councilman Richardson, the Council voted unanimously approving the honorary sign honoring Mr. Hallow Wilson.

6. Resolutions

Administrator Ackerman presented the Council with Resolution 2026-05 – A Resolution Adopting the Clarendon County Facility Naming Policy and Authorizing the County Administrator to Administer the Policy. He stated that we will not name a facility after someone until they are deceased.

On motion by Vice Chairman Coker and seconded by Councilman Richardson, the Council voted unanimously approving Resolution 2026-05, a Resolution Adopting the Clarendon County Facility Naming Policy and Authorizing the County Administrator to Administer the Policy.

On motion by Councilman Rodine and seconded by Councilman Richardson, the Council voted unanimously approving 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.

On motion by Vice Chairman Coker and seconded by Councilman Richardson, the Council voted unanimously approving 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.

7. Ordinance 2026-11

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Rodine, the Council voted unanimously approving the Third and Final 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.

8. Public Hearing for Ordinance 2026-13

Chairman Johnson stated that the Public Hearing for 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.

The Public Hearing began at 6:23 pm.

Administrator Ackerman stated that we are proposing an Ordinance that will take some of our excess we have leftover from FY2025/2026 and use it to fund a portion of our upcoming Debt Service needs, which will allow us to lower our debt service millage and also to fund future capital project needs, which would offset the need to borrow money and ultimately lower taxes in the long run. We will also use some of the existing fund balance to pay a portion of the new fire truck for the Fire Department. By using this excess, this would offset the need to borrow money.

Patricia Pringle – she stated that since we have an excess of funds, I would like to ask Council to consider refunding the Coroner's Budget.

George Frierson – he asked would the school district benefit from the excess or help road fees.

Chairman Johnson – stated that the excess funds are already appropriated to pay for the Fire Truck.

Rev. David Woods, Jr. – asked the Council to think about the job that the Coroner's does. If someone dies in Remini and someone passed away on the other side of the county, the Coroner is only one person and only has one person to help her, she cannot be in two places at the same time. He asked would the Council consider increasing her budget or give her back what was taking from her. He continued by stating that none of us in here knows what it takes to be a coroner. He continued by stating that the Bible tells us not to muzzle the ox. What that means is that if you got an ox working in the field, don't hold him back, let him do the job and give him what is needed to do the job. He continued by stating that our Coroner is a great Coroner and she is doing a great job so don't muzzle her from doing her job.

Kathleen Lawson Gibson – stated that if you can't give her all that was taken, give her some of it back because none of us can do what she does. So, find it in your heart to give her more money.

Tamera Graham – one of my family members lost his position in the Coroner's office and he has a family that he is struggling to feed. He moved on after his position was cut and it was paid for by the state. Let's think about that. Let's think about how families are fed.

Sunday Santiago – I am a resident here of Manning and I own a small business. He said when you vote on the decision, is there a way you can make the information public so that everyone can see exactly why they are not getting what they asked for and is there a way that the public can actually see why this is happening.

Vice Chairman Coker – the information was public; we made our decision based on county size and population.

Terrain Blackwell - It is the Council's responsibility to set the budget. Do not trade compassion, the people are best for Clarendon County not the Fire truck.

Willie Briggs – stated that the budget should be printed out in black and white and let everyone see it.

Victor Aldo – stated that he is fairly new to Clarendon County and he understand that the budget has been passed. He stated that there are things that we need to consider with the fire truck. Our firefighters are trained EMTs as accidents increase on I-95, fire trucks can be a benefit because those firefighters are trained EMTs and they don't just respond to fires. They are equipped to respond to tragedies, so let's take that into consideration.

Administrator Ackerman – stated that the original intent was to borrow money, which then would have required additional taxes which would increase the debt service millage on all citizens. He stated that we have enough savings in the Fire Department to pay for the bulk of the firetruck and we want to take a little bit of their fund balance, their savings account money to pay the balance of the firetruck without having to actually borrow money.

Patricia Pringle – stated that she has three people in the Auditor's office and she can't imagine a Coroner's office with only two people to run a 32,000-population county from one end of the county to the other end. She stated that if we have a fatality or mass casualty here, how will the coroner's office handle that if one of the employees is out of sick.

Louise Frazier Meritt – stated that she is a returning resident and she is appalled to ding that funds are not used to help the people as much as she would have expected. She stated that if the Council have already made the decision that the money is going toward the fire truck, then we are wasting our time making comments. She said that she was not saying to get rid of the fire truck, she was saying we need to reconsider a portion of that money go to the Coroner's Office.

Jacqueline Blackwell – stated that the coroner's office budget was \$412,000 last year only because the state mandated they get new walkie talkies and that was across the state. She stated that when there are only two people in the Coroner's office, they are getting burned out. She continued by stating that they get calls all time-of-night, and weekends. She has to do investigations on Sundays. She stated that everyone in the Coroner's office must be trained, she can't just pick up someone off the street and she can't do everything by herself. Ms. Blackwell

continued by stating that the State provides \$35,000 to the Coroner's office and she used that money to hire a transportation person, but since July, she had to hire an outside agency to transport. She concluded by stating that the fire department, EMS, fire rescue, and the sheriff department go out to incidents where there is a death, the coroner's office also go out to those incidents and there is only two people in the department.

Chairman Johnson asked if there were any other comments, hearing none, he stated that the public hearing will close. The Public Hearing closed at 7:11 pm.

9. Ordinance 2026-13

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Coker, the Council voted unanimously approving the Third and Final 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. Ordinance 2026-14

On motion by Vice Chairman Coker and seconded by Councilman Rodine, the Council voted unanimously approving 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.

11. Public Hearing – Ordinance 2026-16

Chairman Johnson stated that the public hearing for 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. The Public Hearing opened at 7:15 pm.

Mina True Love -- stated that she opposes Project 59 and she is new to the county and she wants to know how did we get here? She asked at what point did a company that wants to build a data center gain enough legal rights that were being told there could be consequences for simply saying no. She continued by asking has the people of Clarendon County lost the right to reject this. She stated that she has 25 years' experience in data center as a trainer. She continued by asking why should we accept this data center and we need to fix the law. Do they get special tax exemptions. A Google search stated that there will be 28 permanent jobs but there is no guarantee that those 28 jobs will go to people who even live in this county apart from the maybe the janitor. She stated that if we are taking the risk, we should be seeing the benefits.

Chairman Johnson stated that this comment should have been for the public hearing for Ordinance 2026-17.

Chairman Johnson stated that the public hearing will close. The public hearing closed at 7:26 pm.

12. Ordinance 2026-16

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Coker, the Council voted unanimously approving 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.

13. Public Hearing – Ordinance 2026-17

Chairman Johnson stated that the public hearing for Ordinance 2026-17 – an Ordinance Authorizing the Conveyance of Real Property of Clarendon County, South Carolina, and Other Matters Related Thereto. He stated that the public hearing opened at 7:27 pm.

Chairman Johnson asked if there were any comments on this Ordinance.

Administrator Ackerman stated that the City of Manning started building the park right beside the Old Health Department and a part of the building is on the county land. So, now we are considering conveying the property to the City of Manning.

Chairman Johnson stated that the public hearing will close. The public hearing closed at 7:28 pm.

14. Ordinance 2026-17

On motion by Councilwoman Frierson and seconded by Councilman Richardson, the Council voted unanimously approving 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.

15. Public Hearing – Ordinance 2026-18

Chairman Johnson stated that the public hearing for 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. The public hearing opened at 7:29 pm.

Chairman Johnson asked if there were any comments.

Administrator Ackerman – stated before we get too far into this, this technically has nothing to do with Project 59 and they have not asked for any tax breaks. They have not asked for anything from the county. He stated that this project did not come before the Council for the Council to even vote on it. This is a moratorium that we're trying to put in place to stop and make sure that loophole gets closed and we don't end up in that situation again. As of right now, we are going to stop all applications for Data Center coming in.

Citizen – asked is the Moratorium permanent.

George Kosinski – stated that this moratorium is for six months and nothing else is under consideration.

Citizen – stated that he would like to recommend that the Council take into consideration of our access to clean water, local economic, the local economy depends on it, our residents depend on it, and as well as the wildlife.

Sunday Santiago – asked what existing standards, approvals, conditions, or monitoring requirements govern Project 59 while the data center develops? Another question, if Project 59 materially changes and requires more electric demand, more water usage, building, acreage, or a different cooling system, what would trigger a new county review? He continued by asking if the County is creating stronger protections for the next data center, I want to understand what those protections govern.

Monica Malen -stated that she is in favor of the moratorium and she wants it to pass quickly.

Cheryl Davis – asked the Council, people that do not want the data center, are you willing to fight for the people that voted for you.

Citizen – asked how long have you known this?

George Kosinski – since July 17th

Chairman Johnson asked if there were any other comments. Hearing none, he stated that the public hearing will close. The public hearing closed at 8:30 pm

16. Ordinance 2026-18

On motion by Councilman Rodine and seconded by Vice Chairman Coker, the Council voted unanimously approving 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.

- Patricia Pringle asked that Ordinance 2026-18 be read into the minutes.
- Administrator Ackerman read Ordinance 2026-18 into the minutes.

17. Public Hearing - Ordinance 2026-19

Chairman Johnson stated that the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2026-19 – An Ordinance Postponing the Quadrennia Reassessment of Property and Other Matters Related Thereto. The Public Hearing opened at 8:38 pm.

Chairman Johnson asked if there were any comments. Hearing none, he stated that the public hearing would close. The public hearing closed at 8:39.

18. Ordinance 2026-19

On motion by Councilman Rodine and seconded by Councilman Richardson, the Council voted unanimously approving the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2026-19 - An Ordinance Postponing the Quadrennia Reassessment of Property and Other Matters Related Thereto.

19. Finance Report

Nelson Gibbons, Finance Director, began his report by stating that he wanted to clear up a couple of questions related to Ordinance 2026-13, the Ordinance to amending the budget. Why can't we use the Fire Fund balance to supplement some shortfalls in the general fund. So, to be clear, I want to make sure I get this out there since the Fire Department and that budget is a Special Source Revenue Fund. We have millage that is set and the Tax Revenues that are generated from that millage for the Fire Department and they must be used exclusively for the Fire Department Operations. Those funds cannot be transferred or used to supplement anything. In the event the General Fund has a shortfall in their budget, the Fire Department Revenue absolutely cannot be transferred to supplement and help the General Fund for that reason.

Mr. Gibbons continued by stating that with two months in the Fiscal Year, the General Fund year to date is just over \$972,000. That's 3% of our budget. Expenses for the General Fund year to date are over \$5.6 million.

- **Fire Rescue** – Revenues are just under \$400,000 and Expenses was just over \$1.6 million.
- **Water and Sewer** – Revenues was just under \$300,000 and Operating Expenses was \$172,000.
- **C-Fund** – had an uncommitted Fund Balance of \$4,279,1772 of which \$2,005,999 have been committed to State Roads for this year.

20. Administrator's Report

Administrator Ackerman began his report stating that 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.

Administrator Ackerman stated that 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

✓ **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 working on the roof and plans 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.

- **SCIIP PHASE V** – Engineering by Alliance with Adam Hogan managing. AC Schultes is complete. Pittsburg Tank is complete. B&B Construction is complete. Barwick Plumbing has installed all the piping to service the tank and wellhouse. The 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.
- **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. Aimal 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 have started framing and they are waiting on roof trusses. We have moved the fire lane over to avoid the fire vault, and we have moved the fire land over to avoid the fire vault, and we have received the ok from SCDOT 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 building is up and waiting for funding. Completion date TBD.
- Drainage Projects-Hudson Road and Deal Street need to obtain easements.

21. Chairman’s Report

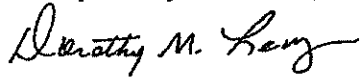
Chairman Johnson stated that the project that everyone is in an uproar about never came before the Council. He wants everyone to know that the Council learned about that project late in the game and he does not know whose fault that was. He continued by stating that the reason the Council did not know about it was because they did not ask for any tax incentive. Chairman Johnson concluded by stating that he can promise everyone that nobody up here is taking any money or getting bribed. He said with this Moratorium, we are trying to do the right thing for the people of Clarendon County. We are trying to put a stop to it until we can research it, study it, and figure out which direction to go.

22. Adjourn

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

On motion by Councilwoman Frierson and seconded by Vice Chairman Coker, the Council voted unanimously In approval to adjourn the regularly scheduled Council Meeting. The Council Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dorothy M. Levy".

Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council, CCC



PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2026 AS "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH" IN CLARENDON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, Clarendon County, South Carolina, recognizes domestic violence as a serious crime that violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity through the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse, including abuse directed toward children and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a learned pattern of behavior in which an abuser may punish a partner for resisting or challenging the abuser's control, causing victims, children, families, friends, and coworkers to suffer as a result of continuous acts of violence and abuse; and

WHEREAS, approximately one in four women and one in seven men have experienced domestic violence in their lifetime, and domestic violence is not confined to any particular group of people, but occurs across all economic, racial, and social backgrounds and is often sustained by societal indifference; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide-ranging, directly affecting individuals, families, and society as a whole, here in Clarendon County, throughout the United States, and around the world; and

WHEREAS, survivors of domestic violence are at the forefront of efforts to bring peace, equality, safety, and dignity to the home and to raise awareness about the devastating effects of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an opportunity to increase public awareness, support survivors, promote prevention and education, and encourage communities to take a stand against domestic violence; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clarendon County Council hereby proclaims the month of October 2026 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Clarendon County, South Carolina, and encourages all citizens, organizations, businesses, and community partners to join together in promoting awareness, prevention, education, and support for survivors of domestic violence as well as creating safe homes and communities where every individual is treated with dignity, respect, equality, and compassion.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 12th day of October, 2026.

Chairman, Clarendon County Council

Clerk to Council

Clarendon County School District

125 N Boundary St, PO Box 1252
Manning, South Carolina 29102

Dr. Shawn Johnson
Superintendent

Ph. (803) 435-4435
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The Clarendon County School District requests an amendment to the Local Option Sales Tax budget to add a line item to replace the septic lift station pumps at Dr. Rose Wilder Elementary School. The lift station requires two pumps that grind septic materials and then pump the water to the road to enter the city sewer system. Both pumps went down, and the septic water was not being sent to the city sewer system. This was an unexpected cost that we hope to add to the Local Option Sales Tax budget upon Clarendon County Council approval. To replace the two pumps, the district was quoted \$26,127.00. We also incurred costs to pump septic water from the lift station to keep the school operational. I will be prepared to present the requested amendment and answer any questions that the County Council may have on the repairs. I appreciate your consideration. Please let me know if you have any further questions, and I will provide as much information as possible.

Respectfully,



Donald Davis

Clarendon County School District
Director of Operations

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ("MOU") is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2026 (the "Effective Date"), by and between CLARENDON COUNTY (the "County") and SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY (the "Authority").

WHEREAS, the County leases from the Authority the site known as John C. Land, III Landing, containing +/- 26.66 acres (the "Landing"), which is located off Greenall Road in Clarendon County, South Carolina pursuant to that certain Lease by and between the County and Authority dated _____, 2026 (the "Lease").

WHEREAS, the County and Authority now wish to fully and formally set forth their mutual understanding of the terms and conditions under which the County will agree to maintain and manage the Landing as it relates to large events.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Term**. This MOU shall remain in effect for the term of the Lease (the "Term") unless sooner terminated as provided herein.
2. **Management Practices**. The parties agree that County shall be obligated to manage Landing to be open to the public; however, the County reserves the right to manage access at its discretion when there are congestion and safety issues involved in hosting a large event so as long as it is temporary in nature and efforts are made to notify the public in advance of potential delays and/or closures.
3. **Termination**. If County fails to comply with its obligations hereunder, Authority will give County written notice of default and County will have 30 days from the date of such notice to cure. If County fails to cure its default, this MOU will automatically terminate, and Authority shall have no further obligations hereunder. If the time frame to cure reasonably takes longer than 30 days, then so long as County is diligently and continuously working towards curing the default, then Authority shall allow County to continue to cure the default. If County fails to cure its default, Authority shall have the right, but not the obligation, to cure the default at its own cost and expense.
4. County agrees that Authority, its employees, agents or contractors, shall not be responsible for any and all liability, damage, expense, claims, liens or judgements, including reasonable attorneys' fees, resulting from injury to person or damage to property resulting from or arising out of the activities of County contemplated in this MOU, its agents, employees, contractors, or invitees, upon the Landing.

5. **Amendment.** This agreement shall not be amended except by instrument in writing signed by the parties.
6. **Governing Law.** This agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of South Carolina.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE Parties have hereunto set their hands and seals as of the day and year first written above.

CLARENDON COUNTY

**SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE
AUTHORITY**

By: _____

Its: _____

By: Daniel D. Camp

Its: Senior Director, Real Estate and Camp Hall

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF CLARENDON)

LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS LEASE AGREEMENT (the "Lease"), made and executed this 12th day of October, 2026 (the "Effective Date"), by and between South Carolina Public Service Authority, a body corporate and politic organized and existing pursuant to South Carolina law (hereinafter called "the Authority or "the Lessor"), and Clarendon County Parks and Recreation Department (hereinafter called the "County" or "Lessee"),

WITNESSETH:

That in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to it in hand paid at and before the sealing and delivery hereof (the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged), and in consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinafter set out, the said Authority has granted and leased and by these presents does grant and lease unto the said Clarendon County Parks and Recreation Department, subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, the following described real property ("Premises"), to wit:

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in Clarendon County, South Carolina, known as John C. Land, III Landing, containing +/- 26.66 acres, as shown on a map entitled "A PLAT OF 26.66 ACRES LEASED TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE AND MARINE RESOURCES DEPARTMENT KNOWN AS SENATOR JOHN C. LAND, III BOATING AND SPORTS FISHING FACILITY AT LOG JAM", dated April 30, 1992, which map is attached hereto and made a part of this description by reference.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Premises unto the said Lessee for the full term of forty (40) years, unless terminated as provided for herein; SUBJECT NEVERTHELESS, to the following terms, limitations, conditions, and covenants, to wit:

The Premises and any and all improvements located thereon shall be used exclusively for the construction and operation of recreational facilities for use by the general public and to gain access to Lake Marion, said improvements to consist of multiple lane boat ramps with courtesy docks, paved parking for vehicles and trailers, boating event area, shelter, restrooms, and concession area

1. The County shall submit to the Authority complete plans, specifications and locations of any structures, additional or other improvements to be placed on the Premises and shall obtain a written permit from the Authority prior to the commencement of construction of said improvements.

2. The County agrees to maintain and preserve the Premises and any structures of improvements now or hereafter located thereon in good and proper condition, and shall not permit or suffer any offensive use thereof or any nuisance thereon.
3. The County agrees to pay all basic utilities as it pertains to the property. Upon termination of this agreement the County will immediately vacate the property, leaving the same in good and proper condition.
4. The County agrees to comply at its own expense with all Federal, State and local health and sanitation laws or regulations now or hereafter applicable to the Premises. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the County will dispose of waste and garbage and will maintain sanitary conditions in a good and proper manner. In no case shall waste, sewage or garbage be left on the Premises and County shall maintain sanitary conditions in a good and proper manner. In no case shall waste, sewage or garbage be dumped or drained into Lake Moultrie or any of its tributaries.
5. All use or enjoyment of the property herein described shall be at the entire risk of the County. The Authority reserves full rights to operate its reservoirs, lakes, canals, and power plants in such manner as it may determine and shall not be responsible for any damage whatsoever which the County's facilities may sustain as a result of the construction, operation and maintenance of the Authority's reservoirs, or any other activity conducted by the Authority in connection with the operation of the Santee Cooper Hydroelectric and Navigation Project, including, but not being limited to, damage caused by wave action, floods, erosion, seepage, or any other changes whatsoever in the water level of the reservoirs and canals or their tributaries.
6. The Lessor shall not be liable to County by reason of any injury to person or property, or loss of life or property, suffered or sustained in, upon or about the Premises, the lakes and roadways of the Lessor or any other to which the County may have access hereunder as a result of this Lease, the condition of the area and/or the aforesaid operations of the Lessor. The County shall hold harmless the Lessor from any damages, costs and charges to which the Lessor may be subject or which the Lessor may have to pay by reason or any injury to any person or property, or loss of life or property, suffered or sustained by any person whatsoever while in, upon, or about any of the Premises. County shall, at its own expense, assume the defense of all claims and actions for damages arising out of such injuries which may be brought against the Lessor by third parties and shall pay all judgments that may be rendered on such actions.
7. At its expense and so long as County has or maintains any structures, improvements, presence, or control on or of the Premises, County shall maintain a comprehensive general liability insurance policy, naming Lessor as an additional insured, with combined limits of not less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence and \$2,000,000.00 in the aggregate. If for any reason County's general liability insurance policy is cancelled and a replacement policy is not obtained by County and proof thereof provided to Lessor and/or Lessor's agent, Lessor has the right to procure a general liability insurance policy in Lessee's name in the amount required by Lessor, and Lessor may bill Lessee for the cost thereof. Additionally, if Lessor determines that County's general liability insurance policy is not sufficient, Lessor reserves the right to obtain an additional policy on behalf of County. County shall reimburse Lessor

the cost of any policy obtained pursuant to this Paragraph within thirty (30) days of the policy premium billing date.

If requested by Authority, County shall deliver to Authority certificates of insurance policies duly authenticated by the issuing company. All insurance policies shall be effected under standard form policies from a company or companies licensed to do business in the State of South Carolina and shall name as insured Authority, County and such other persons as may be designated by Authority and/or County, as their interests may appear. All such policies shall be nonassessable and shall contain language, to the extent obtainable, to the effect that (i) any loss shall be payable notwithstanding any act or negligence of Authority or County that might otherwise result in a forfeiture of the insurance, (ii) the policies cannot be canceled or materially changed except after thirty (30) days' notice by the insurer to Authority.

8. The Authority's agents and servants, and any other person specifically authorized by the Authority may enter upon the Premises hereby leased at all times for the Authority's lawful purposes and shall further have the right of entry for the purpose of inspecting the Premises. The Authority's agents and servants shall further have the right (but not the obligation) to conduct any mosquito control activities, floatage removal, aquatic plant control, coppice clearing, erosion control or other similar programs upon the property which may seem advisable to the Authority.
9. The County shall not remove any saw timber, pulpwood or seedlings without the prior approval of the Authority, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. When such approval has been granted, the County agrees to cut such saw timber and pulpwood into standard saw log and pulpwood lengths and notify the Authority that the same is ready to be removed. All such timber and pulpwood shall be and remain the property of the Authority.
10. The County shall not assign or sublet this Agreement in whole or in part or otherwise alienate any rights herein granted without the written consent of the Authority.
11. That in the event of termination is effected, Lessee shall have the right to remove any and all buildings, apparatus and materials supplied by it for the purpose of this lease. Any improvements remaining after the effective date of termination shall become the property of Lessor.
12. The Premises are located within the boundary of Federal Power Commission License 199-S.C., and the use thereof is subject to all present or future lawful requirements, rules and regulations of the Federal Power Commission in accordance with said License, and any and all amendments, modifications or revisions thereof, and any new or replacement licenses. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no use of the leased Premises shall be such as to endanger health, create a nuisance, or otherwise be incompatible with the overall project recreational use of the Santee Cooper Project, License No. 199-S.C., as said project now exists or may be changed in the future in accordance with new amendments, modifications or revisions of the existing license and any new or replacement licenses. All recreational facilities maintained for the use of the public shall be available to all members of the public without regard to race, color, religious creed or national origin.

13. This lease shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their successors and assigns.
14. If County shall default in the performance of the terms, conditions or covenants contained in this lease to be performed or observed by it and County does not remedy such default within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice thereof or, if such default cannot in such period, does not within said thirty (30) day period commence with diligence and dispatch such act or acts as shall be necessary to remedy the default and shall not complete such act or acts within a reasonable time, County shall be in default under this lease and Authority may at any time thereafter, in its sole discretion with or without additional notice and without limiting Authority in the exercise of a right or remedy which Authority may have by reason of such default terminate this lease.
15. The Lessee is subject to all currently existing and subsequently granted easements for roadways and utilities located or to be located on the Leased Premises.
16. For the original term of this Lease and any extensions hereof, the Lessee shall pay promptly all lawful taxes and assessments when due now or hereafter applicable to this Lease, to the Premises and to any real or personal property now or hereafter erected or located on the Premises. The Lessee shall further promptly reimburse the Authority for all such lawful taxes and assessments which the Authority may be required to pay.
17. The Lessor makes no warranty of any nature whatsoever as to its title or rights to any of the Premises, or its suitability for the leased purposes, and only grants the rights set out in this Lease insofar as its titles and rights extend.
18. All notices from the Lessor to the Lessee may be sent by hand delivery, U.S. Mail, a nationally recognized overnight courier service, or electronic mail. Notice is deemed to have been delivered and received when transmitted in a manner set forth herein. Any changes to the notice addresses must be provided by Lessee to Lessor in writing.

If to County: Clarendon County Parks & Recreation Department
411 Sunset Drive
Manning, SC 29102
Attn: Sharmane Anderson

If to Authority: South Carolina Public Service Authority
One Riverwood Lane
Moncks Corner, SC 29461
Attn: Dan Camp

19. Failure to maintain the Premises in accordance with License 199-SC or any other law or regulation applicable to the Premises is an event of default under the Lease. All recreational facilities maintained for the use of the public shall be available to all members of the public without regard to race, color, sex, religious creed or national origin.
20. This Lease is not assignable without the prior written consent of Lessor, and any attempted assignment or sublease without the consent of Lessor is void.

21. It is agreed and understood that any wells placed on the Premises shall be a minimum of one hundred (100) feet from all potential pollution sources and will adhere to the requirements of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.
22. In the event the Lessor or County commences any proceeding, including litigation, to enforce or interpret the terms of this Lease, the prevailing party in such proceeding shall have and recover from the other party reasonable attorney's fees and costs actually incurred in such proceeding.
23. County, to the fullest extent permitted by law, hereby knowingly, intentionally and voluntarily waives, relinquishes and forever forgoes the right to a trial by jury in any action or proceeding arising out of or in any way related to this Lease, whether sounding in contract, tort, or otherwise, and County agrees that no such action with respect to which a jury trial cannot or has not been waived. This waiver by County of its right to a jury trial is a material inducement for entering into this Lease.
24. This Lease shall be governed by, construed under and interpreted and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of South Carolina. Any action or proceeding brought against any party hereto arising out of or relating to this Lease shall be governed by the laws of the State of South Carolina. Jurisdiction and venue for purposes of this Lease shall be brought and conducted solely within the state and federal courts located in Clarendon County, South Carolina, and County consents to the jurisdiction of and venue in such courts.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be executed and their corporate seals affixed by their proper officers, duly authorized thereunto, in duplicate original, the day and year first above written.

SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY

By _____

Signed, Sealed and Delivered

in the Presence of:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF CLARENDON)

PERSONALLY appeared before me _____ who on oath says that _he saw the within named South Carolina Public Service Authority by J. Martine Watson, its Chief Commercial Officer, sign and seal the within instrument as the act and deed of the said South Carolina Public Service Authority deliver the same and that _he with _____ witnessed the due execution thereof.

SWORN to before me this _____

day of _____, 2026.

_____ (SEAL)

Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: _____

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: August 10, 2026

Second Reading: _____

Public Hearing: _____

Third Reading: _____

EXHIBIT A
PLAT OF PROPERTY

Ordinance 2026-20 – (*TITLE ONLY*)

Consideration of First Reading of Ordinance #2026-20, An Ordinance Amending Certain User Fees for the Clarendon County Airport and Other Matters Related Thereto.

Clarendon County Administrator's Report

October 12, 2026

As you are all aware, we had a terrible vehicle pile-up occur on the I-95 bridge this past month. Remarkably, the end result was not catastrophic. I wanted to thank all of our emergency services personnel for their professionalism, knowledge and world-class response during the incident. Without their actions, along with the tremendous help from other county and state agencies, the situation could have been much worse.

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 complete. We have received the data files and are working to get them on the website for public availability.

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 #67

October 5, 2026

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

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. Rough ins for electrical, plumbing and HVAC are ongoing. We are still working on Change order #18 for the power, comms line and parking lot asphalt demo/patch. 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. The building pad is in and the building is framed. Once the piping and electrical components are installed within the building the siding and roofing will be installed. Substantial completion 10/20/2026, and the final completion 11/15/2026

3. Public Works/Fleet Maintenance (PW/FM)/Animal Control (AC) Facility – Hawkins and Kolb contract NTE 5.2 MD. The PW has passed and received its Certificate of occupancy. They have begun moving lift, Installing fencing and final touches. Once they clean the building, we should be ready to move in.
Animal control Building: the contractors are continuing to work on sealing the floors and final trim outs. 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. The contractor is still working on framing. They are planning to start sheathing at the end of next week and plan to have the roof trusses in two weeks. 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 continuing to maintain the stream and removing Dams. We had a meeting with Nick Roark last week to discuss removing some vegetation between Old Manning Rd and Newman Branch Rd. to help open the channel. 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 now have received two quotes and are waiting for a third on the interior work. Completion date TBD.
9. Drainage Projects-Hudson Road and Deal Street need to obtain easements.

**Clarendon County Council
Regular Council Meeting
Chairman's Report**

Monday, October 12, 2026

October 2026

October 12th - Regular Council Meeting –Council Chambers, 6 pm

October 12th - County Holiday – Columbia Day

October 20th - Domestic Violence Awareness – 6 pm
Unity Christian Church , Alcolu, SC

