

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN CLARENDON COUNTY AND CLARENDON NEWSPAPERS, INC. REGARDING THE COUNTY ARCHIVES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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 and maintains historic books, personal papers, maps, photos, newspapers and County-related memorabilia (the "*Archives*") and provides public access to the Archives for research and other purposes. The County wishes to relocate the Archives from their current location.

(b) Clarendon Newspapers, Inc., otherwise known as the Manning Times (the "*Company*"), owns and operates out of office space located at 230 E. Boyce Street, Manning, South Carolina (the "*Premises*") and has excess space in which the Archives may be safely stored, maintained, and made available to the public during certain hours.

(c) The Company has agreed to allow the County to store the Archives in certain space within the Premises and, in consideration therefor, the County has agreed to make certain improvements to the Premises to ensure that the Archives are stored in a safe and secure location.

(d) The County and the Company desire to enter into an agreement (the "*Agreement*") providing for the foregoing purposes.

Section 2 Approval of Agreement. The form of the Agreement, as attached to this Resolution as **Exhibit A** (the "*Agreement*"), is hereby approved, and the County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the same. The County Administrator is further authorized to approve such revisions to the Agreement as are necessary to effect the transactions contemplated thereby and that the County Administrator determines, with the advice of the County Attorney, are not materially adverse to the County, and the County Administrator's execution and delivery of the final form of the Agreement shall serve as conclusive evidence of the County Council's approval thereof.

Section 3 Cost of Improvements; Further Action. The County Council hereby approves and authorizes the expenditure of approximately \$12,000 for the improvement of the Premises to provide a safe and secure location for the storage of the Archives. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to take such actions as are necessary to effect such improvements. The County Administrator is further authorized to take such additional action as he may determine is necessary or convenient to carry out the transactions contemplated hereby.

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

DONE AND RESOLVED in a meeting duly assembled this 13th day of April 2026.



ATTEST:


Dorothy M. Levy, Clerk to Council


John E. Johnson III, Chairman

Exhibit A
Form of Agreement