



**Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting**  
**Monday, May 12, 2025**  
**6:00 PM**

**Council Chambers, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, SC 29102**

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**Those in attendance:**

Chairman John E. Johnson III  
Councilman Billy G. Richardson  
Councilman W.J. Frierson, Sr.  
Deputy Administrator Sharmane Y. Anderson

Vice Chairman John P. Coker  
Councilman Kurtis W. Rodine  
Administrator Lynden D. Anthony  
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

**Absent: None**

**Press in attendance:** None

**Others in attendance included:**

Chuck Dukes	Marie Dukes	Darlene Moore	Susie Murray	Annie Robinson
Kathleen Gibson	George E. Frierson, III	Clara Nelson	KJ Hall	Kirk Hall
Bobbie Hall	Maureen Calvo	Jose Calvo	Enoch Nelson	John Bruffey
Nena Bruffey	Mike Streath	Terrey Streath	Angle S. Reed	Laura Thomas
David Woods, Jr.	Eliza Reid	Ed Gamble	Dwight Stewart	Tammy Hicks
Larry Johnson, Jr.	Sylvia Witherspoon	Jacqueline Blackwell	Shanta Brangman	Cynthia Henry
Will Buyck	Willie Briggs	Debra Billie	Patricia Pringle	Wendy Housel
Franklin Colclough, Jr.		And other Clarendon County Residents		

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm by welcoming everyone. Councilman Frierson led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Rodine, the Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Agenda for the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting for May 12, 2025.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Frierson, the Council voted Unanimous Approval to the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting, which was held on Monday, April 14, 2025, and the minutes for the Budget Workshop, which was held on Monday, April 18, 2025.

**3. Service Awards**

Prior to the business session of the Regular Council meeting, Leonard Lowery, HR Director, Chairman Johnson, and Administrator Anthony presented service awards to 4 employees for May:

Kirk Hall	5 years	Mackenzie Chappell	10 years
Crystal Miller	5 years	Abony Leeper-Parker	15 years

Chairman Johnson thanked everyone for their years of service to Clarendon County.

**4. Public Comments**

- **Mr. George Frierson** – This past weekend, there was a restoration project for the old Pleasant Grove School to restore the building as it was. Rainbow Lane Road is a state road, and the previous administration

signed into law a law to repair bridges and roads. Mr. Frierson completed his comments by recognizing three fallen soldiers from Clarendon County who were all born in May:

- PFC Jessie James Pearson, Davis Station, SC - May 9, 2044 - November 7, 1967
- Corporal Charles Russell Gates, Turbeville, SC -May 25, 1949 – January 23, 1969
- PFC Isiah Truman Stukes, Summerton, SC – January 7, 1649 – May 12, 1969

He asked all veterans to please stand and salute the fallen soldiers from Clarendon County.

- **Mr. Willie T. Briggs** – reminded everyone about the NAACP celebration weekend, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>. He stated that after the parade on Saturday, there would be a festival on Railroad Avenue and a bus tour. He stated that the guest speaker for Saturday night, which will be held at the Matrix, will be Billy Jean Shaw, and the guest speaker for the Sunday service, which will be held at Liberty Hill, will be Judge F. Renee' Gaters. He asked everyone to please support the NAACP and the Pearson Foundation, which gives out scholarships to high school students.
- **Mrs. Kathleen Gibson** – Speaking on behalf of the Fire Fighters and EMS. Yesterday, a lady collapsed at church, and it took EMS a long time to get there. She is now lying in a hospital in Florence, bleeding on the brain, and fighting for her life. Please look among your funds and stop looking at the dollar signs, and let's save some lives. I beg of you to please fund EMS and our firefighters. Let's hold on to the firefighters and EMS workers who are knowledgeable and have the capabilities. So, when you go into your session, please look out for the people who put you in office.
  - Councilman Richardson asked Administrator Anthony to look into this situation to see why it took the ambulance so long to get there. Was it a scheduling issue or a staffing issue?

## 5. Fair Housing Resolution

Administrator Anthony presented the Council with a Resolution declaring April as Fair Housing Month in Clarendon County.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Coker, Council voted unanimously Approval of the Resolution declaring the Month of April as Fair Housing Month in Clarendon County.

## 6. Requests:

- Administrator Anthony presented the Council with a request to participate in a Class Action Suit on Ultra-Processed Foods. He stated that there is a large amount of chemicals used in the processing, which creates health problems.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Rodine, the Council voted unanimously to approve the request to participate in the Class Action Lawsuit on Ultra-Processed Foods.

- Administrator Anthony presented the Council with a request to participate in a Class Action lawsuit on Insulin Pricing. He stated that because of the cost of producing Insulin, the price has gone up.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Frierson, the Council voted unanimously to approve the request to participate in the Class Action Lawsuit on Insulin Pricing.

## 7. Intra-governmental Memorandum of Agreement

Administrator Anthony presented the Council with an Intra-governmental Memorandum of Agreement between Clarendon County and the Central Carolina Technical College Scholarship Program.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Frierson, the Council voted unanimously to approve an Intra-governmental Memorandum of Agreement between Clarendon County and the Central Carolina Technical College Scholarship Program

## 8. Clarendon County Transportation Committee (CTC)

Chairman Johnson asked for a motion to go into the Clarendon County Transportation Committee meeting.

On motion by Councilman Frierson and seconded by Councilman Richardson, the Council voted unanimously to go into the Clarendon County Transportation Committee meeting. Vice Chairman Coker recused himself.

- Administrator Anthony requested authorization to resurface SR 260 (from McDowell St. down to Setter St.) in an amount not to exceed \$925,000.

On motion by Councilman Rodine and seconded by Councilman Richardson, the Council voted unanimously approval to the request to resurface SR 260 in an amount not to exceed \$925,000.

- Administrator Anthony requested authorization to fund a new road named Hilliard Way, in memory of Tim Hilliard, in an amount not to exceed \$236,000.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Frierson, Council voted unanimous approval authorizing the funds for a new road named Hilliard Way, in memory of Tim Hilliard, in an amount not to exceed \$236,000.

- Administrator Anthony presented the Council with a request to authorize funding for drainage repairs for Hudson Road, Padgett Highway, David Chalmers Road, and Deal Street in an amount not to exceed \$435,000.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Frierson, the Council voted unanimously approval authorizing the funds for drainage repairs for Hudson Road, Padgett Highway, David Chalmers Road, and Deal Street in an amount not to exceed \$435,000.

Chairman Johnson asked for a motion to end the Clarendon County Transportation Committee Meeting and to return to the Regular Council Meeting.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Rodine, the Council voted unanimously approval to end the Clarendon County Transportation Committee Meeting and to go back into the Regular Council Meeting. The CTC ended at 6:34 pm.

## 9. Request

Administrator Anthony presented the Council with a request authorizing the acceptance of the following roadways into the Clarendon County Road System:

- Huggins Hill Subdivision
  - Hardy Drive
  - Mulligan Drive
  - Caddle Lane
  - Birdie Court
- Deercreek – George Pointe Subdivision
  - Deercreek Drive (portion)
  - Wild Turkey Way
  - Wood Duck Court
  - Back Nine Drive (portion)

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Frierson, the Council voted unanimous approval to accept the following roadways into the Clarendon County Road System: Huggins Hill Subdivision: Hardy Drive, Mulligan Drive, Caddle Lane, Birdie Court. Deercreek -George Pointe Subdivision: A portion of Deercreek Drive, Wild Turkey Way, Wood Duck Court, and a portion of Back Nine Drive.

## **10. Ordinance 2025-01**

Consideration was given to the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2025-01 – An Ordinance Adopting a Three-Month Moratorium on the Acceptance of Applications for Tiny-Home Subdivisions to Approve for an Immediate Effective Date.

On motion by Councilman Rodine and seconded by Councilman Richardson, the Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2025-01 – An Ordinance Adopting a Three-Month Moratorium on the Acceptance of Applications for Tiny-Home Subdivisions to Approve for an Immediate Effective Date.

## **11. Ordinance 2025-02**

Consideration was given to the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2025-02 – An Ordinance Approving A Development Agreement Concerning the Deer Creek at Wyboo Development, Authorizing the Execution thereof, and Other Matters Relating Thereto.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Rodine, the Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2025-02 - An Ordinance Approving a Development Agreement Concerning the Deer Creek at Wyboo Development, Authorizing the Execution thereof, and Other Matters Relating Thereto.

## **12. Ordinance 2025-03**

Consideration was given to the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-03 – An Ordinance to Authorize the Transfer of Real Property Owned by Clarendon County, South Carolina, and Identified as Clarendon County Tax Map Parcel No.:147-00-03-020-00. He stated that this parcel of land is in the Lizzie Creek Area.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Coker, the Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2025-03 - An Ordinance to Authorize the Transfer of Real Property Owned by Clarendon County, South Carolina, and Identified as Clarendon County Tax Map Parcel No.:147-00-03-020-00.

## **13. Ordinance 2025-04**

Consideration was given to the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2025-04 – An Ordinance Authorizing, Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as Amended, The Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes and Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement by and Between Clarendon County, South Carolina, and Project Boun Giorno, Acting for Itself, One or More Current Or Future Affiliates and Other Project Companies (Collectively, “Company”); Providing for a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Incentive; Providing for a Special Source Revenue Credit; Designating the Property of the Project as Subject to a Multi-County Industrial Park Arrangement; Acknowledging the Execution and Delivery of One or More Grant Agreement(s) and the Related Grant(s); Acknowledging the Execution and Delivery of a Purchase and Sale Agreement and the Related Real Property Transfer; and Providing for Other Related Matters.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Coker, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2025-04 – An Ordinance Authorizing, Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as Amended, The Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes and Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement by and Between Clarendon County, South Carolina, and Project Boun Giorno, Acting for Itself, One or More Current Or Future Affiliates and Other Project Companies (Collectively, “Company”); Providing for a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Incentive; Providing for a Special Source Revenue Credit; Designating the Property of the Project as Subject to a Multi-County Industrial Park Arrangement; Acknowledging the Execution and Delivery of One or More Grant Agreement(s) and

the Related Grant(s); Acknowledging the Execution and Delivery of a Purchase and Sale Agreement and the Related Real Property Transfer; and Providing for Other Related Matters.

#### **14. Ordinance 2025-05**

Consideration was given to the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2025-05 – An Ordinance to Provide for the Control and Regulation of Animals in Clarendon County and Other Related Matters.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Rodine, the Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2025-05 - An Ordinance to Provide for the Control and Regulation of Animals in Clarendon County and Other Related Matters.

#### **15. Ordinance 2025-06**

Consideration was given to the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2025-06 - An Ordinance to Provide for Noise Control in the Unincorporated areas of Clarendon County; and to Provide for Penalties Thereof

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Coker, the Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2025-06 - An Ordinance to Provide for Noise Control in the Unincorporated areas of Clarendon County; and to Provide for Penalties Thereof

#### **16. Presentation of Proposed FY2025-2026 Budget – Tammy Rodvansky**

Ms. Tammy Rodvansky, CFO, began her presentation by stating that in the two weeks since our Budget Workshop, you have had an opportunity to review the proposed budget and have asked a lot of questions as to its details. Before I touch on a few of the changes, let me say that the General Fund budget we are presenting this evening has a deficit of \$155,825.

##### **General Fund:**

After consulting with you and under your instructions, the following changes have been made to the General Fund budget since the workshop two weeks ago, reducing the deficit from \$505,505 to the current \$155,825:

Under the Agencies, we have removed the new request from the State Mental Health Division. We have reduced the supplemental appropriation to both the Solicitor’s office and the office of the Public Defender to a 5% increase over the current year. The \$100,000 appropriation requested for Central Carolina Technical College (CCTC) has been reduced to \$30,000.

The request for an additional Deputy Coroner and the Coroner's request for a salary increase have been removed, as well as the Coroner's vehicle request.

We have reduced revenue by \$13,870 (Turbeville Law Enforcement). And the Sheriff reduced his budget by \$50,000.

After these changes and modifications to anticipated revenue sources, our current General Fund Revenue is \$31,819,700. As I stated at the budget workshop, we are recommending an increase to the LOST Credit of an additional \$200,000, bringing the total credit to \$4.6 million. Expenses are at \$31, 975,525 resulting in a deficit of \$155,825. We will present a balanced general fund budget at our June Council meeting.

- The Library fund is balanced, with a 2-mill reduction.
- The Weldon Auditorium and the Water System are submitting balanced budgets.
- Fire Rescue fund has a balanced budget with zero growth in the millage rate.

- This year, we have two (2) separate borrowing requests.
  - The first is a lease purchase issuance in January- March 2026 in the amount of \$700,000 to acquire a new fire engine/pumper; a five (5) year lease.
  - Lastly, we have the General Obligation issuance associated with the debt service requirements on the Courthouse and the 2022 Facilities Corp IPRB projects, to close in February of 2026.

In summary, we're looking at a preliminary General Fund budget that has a deficit of \$155,825, and all other Funds and the Enterprise Funds are balanced. We will present a balanced general fund budget at our June Council meeting.

**17. Public Hearing – Ordinance 2025-07**

Chairman Johnson stated that the public hearing is now open for Ordinance 2025-07 - An Ordinance to provide for a Levy of Taxes for County Purposes of Clarendon County, SC., for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025 and Ending June 30, 2026, to Direct the Expenditures of said Taxes and Other Funds for Clarendon County, and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto Including the Administrative Accountability Procedures to be followed during Implementation of the Budget (Operating and Capital) for Clarendon County for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025 and Ending June 30, 2026. The public hearing opened at 6:45 pm.

- **Marie Hardy-Duke:** stated that there was an incident in Turbeville, and the ambulance was one minute away, but it took them 22 minutes to get there, which was a critical incident. I have some concerns that I need answered. The website states that there are frozen positions in Fire Rescue, and there are not enough people to man the stations. There is a discrepancy between what is being told and the truth. Many positions do not exist. Can the director of Fire Rescue hire people without going through Administration?
- **Vice Chairman Coker** - replied by stating that Fire Rescue hires the best quality person for the position.
- **Marie Hardy-Duke:** We are training people to go to other counties. It is hard to attract people when they go to the personnel person, and that person does not know what their salary will be. She continued by giving the starting salaries for the surrounding counties for certain positions compared to Clarendon County pay:

	<b>Paramedic</b>	<b>Paramedic Dual Cert.</b>	<b>Adv. EMT</b>	<b>EMT</b>
<b>Clarendon</b>	<b>\$43,796</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>	<b>\$36,031</b>	<b>\$34,315</b>
<b>Williamsburg</b>	<b>\$58,300</b>		<b>\$53,000</b>	<b>\$48,600</b>
<b>Sumter</b>	<b>\$51,000-\$71,000</b>		<b>\$41,000-\$60,000</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>
<b>Orangeburg</b>	<b>\$69,450</b>		<b>\$41,400</b>	<b>\$40,200</b>

- **Marie Hardy-Duke**-Clarendon County Fire Rescue personnel are dual-certified, but the other counties do not have dual-certified personnel. Our EMS personnel need an increase; they are up at 1 am, and I understand the software is out-of-date, and we have to come up to these other counties. The turnover rate is due to money, long hours, and they are tired. What is this Council going to do to support the staff? Their budget has a zero increase, but everything that is being purchased is going up. You need to cut somewhere else, not Fire Rescue.
- **Vice Chairman Coker** stated that we are not cutting Fire or EMS, and the taxes went up without increasing the millage rate.
- **Chairman Johnson** stated that the positions that are frozen were not done by this council.
- **Marie Hardy-Duke** – Something has to be done.
- **Azalee Billy** – She wants to thank her team that is supporting her and for how they handle everything with grace. Everything is very organized, professional, and I want to thank you for supporting her.
- **Willie Briggs** – The \$60 solid waste fee that was approved years ago, why is there a \$60 waste fee, and where is that money going at the present time?
- **Councilman Richardson** responded by stating that the fee is used to offset the cost of solid waste disposal. The contract price keeps going up.
- **Willie Briggs** – What is the \$60 fee?

- **Councilman Richardson** - Waste Management recycles all waste, they pick up all of the trash for the County, and dispose of it.
- **Willie Briggs** – Why is it being charged from the beginning? When he is asked, he can't answer it.
- **Administrator Anthony** – The contract with Waste Management still has two years on it. The cost of transporting and disposing of all of the household waste for the county. It costs around 2.4 million dollars to dispose of household waste. It's becoming more and more expensive to dispose of household waste. Clarendon County was one of the last counties in the state of South Carolina to implement a solid waste fee.
- **Vice Chairman Coker** – Household garbage cannot go in the landfill, Waste Management disposes of it on Highway 601 and that is why it costs so much to dispose of it.
- **Patricia Pringle** – The boat reduction deal, is the county going to reduce our budget by 50%?
- **Tammy Rodvansky**- We will be putting that back into the budget to get a balanced budget.
- **Angel Reed** – asking Council to reconsider the Coroner's office full-time administrative position. Also, the County proposed a 1% sales tax, will that be something that we can consider in the future.
- **Administrator Anthony** – as of this evening, the position for the Coroner's office has been modified from a part-time position to a full-time position.
- **Lee Mahoney** – We are going through a hard time. All surrounding counties get paid more than we are, and we still manage to maintain a lot of our employees because they want to be here. It's hard to recruit employees when they don't know how they are being paid. Our pay structure, the hours, and the rates do not match up. I don't know where this comes from, but if I were you, this is where I would start.
- **Councilman Rodine** – We have discussed this already, and this is a project of our discussion.
- **Vice Chairman Coker** - asked Administrator Anthony to look into that.

Chairman Johnson stated that if there were any other comments, hearing none, the Public hearing closed at 7:16 pm.

## 18. Ordinance 2025-07

Consideration was given to the Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-07 – An Ordinance to provide for a Levy of Taxes for County Purposes of Clarendon County, SC., for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025 and Ending June 30, 2026, to Direct the Expenditures of said Taxes and Other Funds for Clarendon County, and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto Including the Administrative Accountability Procedures to be followed during Implementation of the Budget (Operating and Capital) for Clarendon County for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025 and Ending June 30, 2026.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Frierson, the Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-07 -An Ordinance to provide for a Levy of Taxes for County Purposes of Clarendon County, SC., for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025 and Ending June 30, 2026, to Direct the Expenditures of said Taxes and Other Funds for Clarendon County, and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto Including the Administrative Accountability Procedures to be followed during Implementation of the Budget (Operating and Capital) for Clarendon County for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025 and Ending June 30, 2026.

## 19. Ordinance 2025-08

Ms. Tabitha Hanna, Director of Planning, presented the Council with Ordinance 2025-08 – An Ordinance Amending the Clarendon County Unified Development Code Regarding the Regulation of Tiny Homes and Other Matters Relating Thereto. She stated that Tiny Homes have grown and have reduced housing costs. They are 400 square feet or less; there can be up to 4 Tiny Homes per acre of land without public sewer, and 17 Tiny Homes per acre with public sewer, and must have two parking spaces.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Frierson, Council voted unanimous Approval to the First Reading of Ordinance 2025-08 – An Ordinance Amending the Clarendon County Unified Development Code Regarding the Regulation of Tiny Homes and Other Matters Relating Thereto.

## 20. Financial Report

Mrs. Tammy Rodvansky, CFO, began her report by stating the following:

- **The General Fund** expenses were 78% of the Budget. We had Expenditures of \$2,378,742 and Revenue was 3,143,160 for the month ending April 30, 2025.
- **Weldon Auditorium** had Revenue of \$20,750 for the month ending April 30, 2025, and total Expenses were \$129,975. We do supplement Weldon with the Hospitality Fund. The Weldon Auditorium ended the month of April 2025 (after transfers) with a Deficit of \$9,225.
- **Water and Sewer Department** had a total Revenue of \$1,336,772 for the month ending April 30, 2025, and total Expenses were \$818,519. After Depreciation, Bond Interest Expense, and Interest Income, the Water and Sewer Department ended the month of April 2025 with a Net Utility Loss of \$20,633.
- **The C-Fund Program** - for the month ending April 30, 2025, The C-Fund program had a Cash Balance of \$8,363,924, of which \$6,191,514 has been committed to remaining local paving projects and State Proviso Funds. She stated that the C-Fund Program had an Uncommitted Balance of \$2,172,411 as of the end of April 2025.
- **Fire Rescue** – expenses were 78% of the Budget. We had Expenditures of \$7,097,797 and Revenue of \$8,750,197 as of April 30, 2025.

## 21. Administrator’s Report

Administrator Anthony began his report by giving the Council an update on the following:

### ✓ **Facilities:**

**EOC/Communication Center:** The architectural firm and Civil Engineering subcontractors have developed preliminary site plans and an internal layout. The next step in the process is the development of completed plans and specifications for the facility, which should be completed by the end of this month. We hope to be ‘moving dirt’ by the Fall of this year.

**Turbeville Fire Station:** Construction continues at a very brisk pace. We had hopes that the certificate of occupancy (CO) would be issued this month; however, we now have a delay associated with necessary SC Department of Environmental Services (DES) permitting that should be resolved within weeks.

**Public Works, Fleet Maintenance, Animal Control:** The contract with Hawkins & Kolb has been finalized. The buildings have been ordered with final plans and permits to be done by the end of May. We look to start construction in June.

**Davis Station Well and Tank:** Drilling of a test well is completed with final designs submitted to SC DES, and we’re contracted with an above-ground storage tank firm. The 13 miles of additional water mains have been bid out with an intent to award issued. We still need to design and bid out the associated well house for the project site.

**Weldon Auditorium Renovations:** The renovation bid opening occurred with bids coming in greater than our project account. We are discussing the scope of the project.

**Fire Station on MW Rickenbaker Road, Station #10:** With the recent appropriation from the State for a replacement fire station on M.W. Rickenbaker Road, Station #10, the firm of Hawkins and Kolb was awarded the contract, and construction is expected to start in June.

### ✓ **Other:**

**Turbeville Library:** Work is proceeding on the building design and final site plans for submission to both SC DES and SC DOT.

**North Shore Summerton Wastewater Development Project:** Engineering design and site work are moving forward as well with the construction portion of the project to start soon. The Construction portion of the project has been awarded to Barwick Construction.

**Law Enforcement Joint Training Facility:** Bids have been received for the project and they came in greater than our project budget for the building. The facility is being re-evaluated. Work on the actual firing range has begun.

**Newman Branch Restoration Projects:** An Environmental Engineering Firm has been selected, and the scope of project parameters for the Newman branch restoration project is being developed. Beaver removal via trapping has commenced; interesting note, they have also removed several alligators as well.

**SC DOT** – We have been notified by SC DOT that the Georgetown Roadway Safety Project at LMA has been awarded and should commence construction at the end of this school year.

✓ **Recreation:**

- Baseball and softball seasons are currently underway through the end of the month, with All-Star selection and play in June.
- Open basketball at the Community Center has been extremely well-received this last month.

✓ **Miscellaneous:**

- Our offices will be closed this Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Memorial Day.

## 22. Chairman's Report

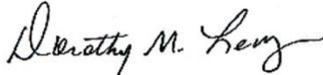
Chairman Johnson stated that he attended the Annual Prayer Breakfast and encouraged everyone to attend the next time because it was a wonderful community event. He stated that he believes that he was speaking for everyone behind the wall, and he does not believe that anyone is doing it for the money. We are trying to do the best for the County and the people of this county. If you have concerns about the county, come and sit down and talk to us. We will listen to what you have to say; we might not agree with you, but we will listen to you.

## 23. Adjourn

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Rodine, the Council voted Unanimous Approval to adjourn the Regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy  
Clerk to Clarendon County Council, CCC