



**Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting**  
**Monday, January 12, 2026**  
**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  
Administrator Walt Ackerman  
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Vice Chairman John P. Coker  
Councilman Kurtis W. Rodine  
Deputy Administrator Sharmane Y. Anderson

**Absent: None**

**Press in attendance: None**

**Others in attendance included:**

Skippy Osborne	Legear McCabe	Diane Georgia	Kathleen Gibson	Bobby Ridgeway
Marie Hardy Dukes	Charles Dukes	Nate Dyson	Julius Dukes, Jr.	Maureen Calvo
Linda P. Lemon	Jose Calvo	Jolyn Thompson	Delaney K. Frierson	Angel S. Reed
Sylvia Witherspoon	Kimberly Herbert	Susie Murray	Anna Robinson	Debra Billie
Jason Montgomery	Patricia Pringle	David Woods, Jr.	George Frierson	

And other Clarendon County Residents

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. He began acknowledging the passing of Councilman Rev. William James (WJ) Frierson, Sr., and Roxi Miller Mitchum. The Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited in unison.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Coker, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Agenda for the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting for January 12, 2026.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

On motion by Councilman Rodine and seconded by Councilman Richardson, the Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting, which was held on December 8, 2025.

**3. Special Recognition**

On motion by Vice Chairman Coker and seconded by Councilman Rodine, the Council read and presented a Proclamation honoring Councilman William James (WJ) Frierson, Sr., to his wife, Delaney Kay Frierson.

**4. Service Awards**

Prior to the business session of the Regular Council meeting, Leonard Lowery, HR Director, Chairman Johnson, and Administrator Ackerman presented service awards to six (6) employees for December:

Shannon T. Hingst	5 years	Spencether Tindal	5 years
Addison E. Ragland	5 years	Eric L. Champagne	10 years
Jacqueline Blackwell	5 years	John R. Hardy	10 years

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

## 5. Presentation by the American Heart Association

Mr. Walt Ackerman stated that the American Heart Association donated a blood pressure check monitor to Clarendon County, which will be located in the front lobby. He stated that the representative, Christine Darby, is here to answer any questions. He continued by stating that high blood pressure is called the silent killer, and everyone has to stay on top of it. He invited all citizens to stop by and get their blood pressure checked.

- Mrs. Christine Darby stated that this is possible with the sponsorship of the Jr. Chambers of Clarendon County.
- The Jr. Chambers' representative stated that heart disease affects everybody. He stated that the Jr. Chambers are made up of young men under 40 years old. He continued by stating that the Jr. Chambers is a non-profit organization which is an extension of the Chamber of Clarendon County, and all proceeds go back into Clarendon County.
- Mrs. Darby stated that Ms. April Conyers of Fire Rescue will demonstrate how to use the blood pressure monitor machine.

## 6. Public Comments:

Coretta Dingle stated that the Jordan Community would like to partnership with Clarendon County to rehabilitate and repurpose the Old Jordan Elementary School into the Jordan Community Center. She stated that the school was constructed in 1950 as an educational facility. It was recently purchased, and the Jordan Community would like to partner with the County Government in order to transform the school into a Community Center. Currently, the Jordan Community does not have a dedicated community center, and this facility sits minutes away from an airport, the golf community, and Lake Marion. The facility would be able to offer educational facilities, health and fitness amenities, outdoor recreation, and community and event spaces.

Chairman Johnson asked Administrator Ackerman to meet with her after the Council meeting ends.

## 7. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget Schedule

On motion by Councilman Rodine and seconded by Vice President Coker, the Council voted unanimously approving the Budget Schedule for Fiscal Year 2026/2027.

## 8. Resolution 2026-01

On motion by Councilman Rodine and seconded by Vice Chairman Coker, the Council voted unanimously approving a First Amended and Restated Regional Wastewater System Participation Agreement and Other Matters Related Thereto.

## 9. Request

The Clarendon County Chamber of Commerce is requesting \$142,500 from the Hospitality Fund to Support marketing initiatives for the Tourism Department. The Fishing tournaments are nationwide tournaments reaching an estimated 12 million people. People who come to these tournaments eat at our restaurants, stay at our hotels, and shop at our stores. This is an outside tournament, expecting to spend about \$331,000, and they are asking for \$142,500 from our Hospitality Fund.

On motion by Vice Chairman Coker and seconded by Councilman Richardson, the Council voted unanimously in approval of the \$142,500 that was requested by the Chamber of Commerce from the Hospitality Fund.

## 10. Ordinance 2025-15

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Rodine, the Council voted unanimously to the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2025-15 – an Ordinance Authorizing the First Amendment of that Certain Fee In Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement by and Between Clarendon County, South Carolina, and Santee Electric

Cooperative, Inc., relating to, without limitation, the Provision of Special Source Revenue Credits; and providing for other related matters.

### 11. Public Hearing – Ordinance 2025-16

An Ordinance of the County Council of Clarendon County, South Carolina, to Amend the County’s Official Zoning Map Designation for Tax Map Parcel #140-00-04-002-00, from Agriculture II (AG-II) to General Commercial (GC), and Providing an Effective Date.

Chairman Johnson stated that the Public Hearing is open for Ordinance 2025-16. The Public Hearing opened at 6:28 pm. He asked if there were any comments on this Ordinance; hearing none, he stated that the public hearing will now close. The public hearing closed at 6:29 pm.

### 12. Ordinance 2025-16

On motion by Councilman Rodine and seconded by Councilman Richardson, the Council voted unanimous approval to the Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-16, an Ordinance of the County Council of Clarendon County, South Carolina, to Amend the County’s Official Zoning Map Designation for Tax Map Parcel #140-00-04-002-00 Agriculture II (AG-II) to General Commercial (GC) and Providing an Effective Date.

### 13. Ordinance 2026-01

Ms. Tabitha Hanna, Planning Director, presented the Council with Ordinance 2026-01 – An Ordinance of the County Council of Clarendon County, South Carolina to Amend the County’s Official Zoning Map Designation for Tap Map Parcel # 347-00-02-011-00, From Agriculture I (AG-I) to Residential Conservation (RC) and Providing an Effective Date. She stated that this change is consistent with the surrounding area. Ms. Hanna continued by stating that it is now being used for farming, but the owner wants to change it for residential houses.

On motion by Vice Chairman Coker and seconded by Councilman Richardson, the Council voted unanimous approval to the First Reading of Ordinance 2026-01, an Ordinance of the County Council of Clarendon County, South Carolina to Amend the County’s Official Zoning Map Designation for Tap Map Parcel # 347-00-02-011-00, From Agriculture I (AG-I) to Residential Conservation (RC) and Providing an Effective Date.

### 14. Finance Report

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

- **The General Fund** expenses were 55% of the Budget. We had Expenditures of \$2,471,611 and Revenue of \$7,290,271 as of December 31, 2025.
- **Weldon Auditorium** – there was no report for the Weldon because the Weldon is being renovated.
- **The Water and Sewer Department** had a total Revenue of \$805,443 for the month ending December 31, 2025, and total Expenses were \$450,391. After Depreciation, Bond Interest Expense, and Interest Income, the Water and Sewer Department ended the month of December 2025 with a Net Utility Loss of \$16,088.
- **The C-Fund Program** - for the month ending December 31, 2025, The C-Fund program had a Cash Balance of \$8,642,920, of which \$4,825,896 has been committed to remaining local paving projects and State Proviso Funds. She stated that the C-Fund Program had an Uncommitted Balance of \$3,974,468 as of the end of December 2025.
- **Fire Rescue** – expenses were 45% of the Budget. We had Expenditures of \$643,670 and Revenue of \$2,012,906 as of December 31, 2025.

### 15. Administrator’s Report

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

✓ **Facilities:**

- **EOC/Communication Center:** Design and Engineering by Caplea Coe Architects, Inc. Construction by Pyramid Contracting \$9,044,848 base bid. Pyramid’s Subcontractor is still working on the building pad, the parking lot, and site work.

- **SCIIP Phase V:** Engineering by Alliance is in process, with Adam Hogan managing. CO #2 has been approved by AC Schultes to install a well pump. Pittsburg Tank is still erecting the tank. The final well house has been placed out for bid, with a bid opening on January 14, 2026. B&B has finished their portion of the project and will submit a pay app to reduce the retainage.
- **Public Works, Fleet Maintenance, Animal Control:** Hawkins and Kolb have the Public Works building framed, with roofing and siding complete. They will begin framing the interior and start electrical and plumbing. C. Simmons has started with the site work for the road and parking lot
- **Turbeville Library:** Project funded by the S.C. Legislature and the Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation. David Dixon has stated that the Bruce and Lee Foundation has approved the plans. Chamber & Associates has a base bid of \$2,750,000. Discussion for a start date will be based upon the SCDES permit and the County permit.
- **North Shore Summerton Project:** The Development Board is handling engineering through Alliance Consulting Engineering for the project. State Funding of \$700,000 for this project, and the bid came in at \$622,000 with a change order of \$5,200. Barwick Plumbing has installed the wet well. Waiting on electrical components. Pumps for the North Shore and KOA pump stations have been delivered and installed.
- **Clarendon Community Complex Renovations** – Exterior Building Services has started work on the exterior of the building. EBS is working on the north side with tuckpoint. The roofing contractor has installed ladders and will be finished by the end of December. Plasters on the interior of the North and South side walls has been removed and replaced with sheetrock. The ceiling in the foyer will have to be removed and replaced with a drop ceiling.
- **Newman Branch Restoration Projects:** We received \$950,000 for this project. The project has been awarded to Ecological Associates, Inc. They have removed 82 beavers and have a total of 33 dams. They have identified about 6-7 Dams and plan to bring in equipment to remove the Dams. They saw some areas where beavers have returned, and they are going to set traps again. We are waiting for the mechanical clearing permits before we can move the equipment in.
- **Fire Station on MW Rickenbaker Road, Station #10:** We received \$550,000 for this project, and the site has already been obtained by the County. Hawkins and Kolb are waiting for permanent power to the building and a final inspection for the Certificate of Occupancy.
- **2025 Legislative Funding Targets for Capital Projects:** JC Britton Park is adding a Skate/BMX park and enlarging the Building. Our Grant’s Coordinator is submitting this project to Congressman Clyburn, which has been approved and is waiting for funding. We will be resubmitting the Patriot Road Well Infrastructure project (connecting the water systems through the first water and installing an elevated 250,000-gallon tank) to Senator Lindsey Graham in February.
- **Sheriff’s Building at Manning Firing Range** – The one-time appropriation of \$373,819 allowed for protective riot gear, a moving target system, and a new building. Currently, the riot gear and moving target systems are complete. This leaves an estimated balance of \$178,233 for the building. The Sheriff has decided to sub-out each portion of this project to remain under budget.
- **Drainage Projects** – Hudson Road and Deal Street need to obtain easements, and Padgett Highway, David Chalmers Road; the smaller projects are ready for bid.

## 16. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Johnson stated that a special election will be held to fill the vacant seat resulting from the passing of Councilman William (WJ) Frierson. He stated that individuals interested in running for that seat may sign up between January 16, 2026, and January 24, 2026. He concluded by announcing that a program will be held in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, featuring guest speakers Deputy Administrator Sharmane Anderson and former Chairman of the County Council, Dwight Stewart.

## 17. Adjourn

Chairman Johnson stated that we are at the end of our agenda and asked for a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Coker, the Council voted unanimously in approval to adjourn the regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy  
Clerk to Clarendon County Council, CCC