

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL, THURSDAY,  
MARCH 19, 2026, 9:00 A.M., COUNTY COMPLEX, 180 NORTH IRBY STREET,  
ROOM 803, FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**PRESENT:**

Jerry W. Yarborough, Jr., Chairman  
C. William Schofield, Vice-Chairman  
Waymon Mumford, Secretary/Chaplain  
Stoney C. Moore, Council Member  
Andrew Rodgers, Jr., Council Member  
Willard Dorriety, Jr., Council Member  
Jason M. Springs, Council Member  
Dr. Alphonso Bradley, Council Member  
Kent C. Caudle, Council Member  
Kevin Yokim, County Administrator  
D. Malloy McEachin, County Attorney  
Hope M. Jones, Clerk to Council

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Shannon Munoz, Deputy Administrator of Administration  
Chief Billy Dillon, Fire Chief  
Scott Tanner, Deputy Administrator of Operations  
Reggie Sanders, Director of GIS  
Carleton Snow, Director of Information Technology  
Barrott Dowdy, Director of EMS  
Mitch Fulmore, Deputy Administrator of Public Safety  
Felicia Simon, Register of Deeds  
Kristy Burch, Director of Emergency Management  
Nathan Dawsey, Director of Parks & Recreation  
Andrew Stout, Director of the Museum  
Steve Allen, Director of Public Works  
Tenae Reeves, Director of Human Resources  
Doris Poulas, Clerk of Court  
Sheriff T. J. Joye  
Chief Deputy Tommy Sullivan, Sheriff's Office  
Chief Worrell, West Florence Fire Department  
Deirdre Weaver-Currier, Post & Courier Editor

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the March 17, 2026, edition of the **MORNING NEWS**. In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, copies of the meeting Agenda were provided to members of the media, members of the public requesting copies, posted in the lobby of the County Complex, provided for



posting at the Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Public Library, all branch libraries, and on the County's website ([www.florenceco.org](http://www.florenceco.org)). The Council meeting was made available via live stream at [www.florenceco.org](http://www.florenceco.org). The video is archived on the County website.

**CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION/PLEDGE/WELCOME:**

Chairman Yarborough called the meeting to order, and Secretary/Chaplain Mumford provided the invocation, and Vice-Chairman Schofield led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2026, REGULAR MEETING**

Council Is Requested To Approve The Minutes Of The February 19, 2026, Regular Meeting Of The County Council. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Councilman Caudle seconded, which was approved unanimously by members present.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Council Held Public Hearings To Receive Public Input With Regard To The Following:

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-2025/26**

A Resolution To Authorize The Lease Of Property Identified As Florence County Tax Map #00298-31-010, Forty Dollars (\$40.00) Per Acre Of Agricultural Land For Forty-Two (42) Acres Equaling The Total Of Annual Rent Of One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$1,680.00) Due And Payable On December 31, 2026.

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-2025/26**

A Resolution To Authorize The Lease Of Property Identified As Florence County Tax Map #00306-01-042 At Thirty-Five Dollars (\$35.00) Per Acre Of Agricultural Land For Fifty-Nine (59) Acres Equaling The Total Of Annual Rent Of Two Thousand Sixty-Five Dollars (\$2,065.00) Due And Payable On December 31, 2026.

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-2025/26**

A Resolution To Authorize The Lease Of Property Identified As Florence County Tax Map #00306-01-042, At Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) Per Acre Of Agricultural Land For One Hundred Twelve (112) Acres Equaling The Total Of Annual Rent Of One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$1,680.00) Due And Payable On December 31, 2026.

**ORDINANCE NO. 41-2025/26**

An Ordinance To Create The Florence City-County Convention And Visitors Commission To Provide For The Operation Of The Florence Convention And Visitors Bureau To Include Provisions For Commission Organization And Funding And Other Matters Related Thereto.



**APPEARANCES:**

**RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES**

Council Is Requested To Recognize The Employees Who Have Diligently Served The Citizens Of Florence County For 20, 25, 30, And 35 Years In The Following Departments: Clerk of Court, EMS, Emergency Management, Magistrate, And Treasurer Departments. Mr. Yokim made the presentation to the employees.

**NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**

New Life Christian Fellowship Church Requests To Appear Before Council To Present A Proposal For The Development Of An Outdoor Basketball Court To Serve The Brookgreen Community Of Florence. Mr. Sammy Davis and Mr. Eric Coit made the presentation.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Public Services & County Planning:** Councilman Caudle stated the Committee will meet after the Council meeting.

**Agriculture, Forestry, Military Affairs & Intergovernmental Relations (City-County Committee):** Vice-Chair Schofield stated he is awaiting confirmation from the City of Florence on a date for the next meeting.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

**DISABILITY AND SPECIAL NEEDS**

The Clerk published the title of the Proclamation. A Proclamation To Proclaim The Month Of March 2026 As Disabilities Awareness Month. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Councilman Caudle seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by the members present. Councilman Dorriety published the Proclamation in its entirety and presented the framed Proclamation.

**NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK**

The Clerk published the title of the Proclamation. A Proclamation To Proclaim The Week Of April 12-18, 2026 As National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Councilman Caudle made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by the members present. Councilman Springs presented the framed Proclamation.

**RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITIONS:**

**FLORENCE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

The Clerk published the Resolution of Recognition in its entirety. A Resolution Of Recognition To Recognize The Girls' Basketball Team As The 2025 SCISA 3A State Basketball Champions. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Councilman Moore seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by the members present. Chairman Yarborough presented the framed Resolution of Recognition.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

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Councilman Dorriety seconded. Mr. Yokim stated that Florence County is the owner of the property identified as Florence County Tax Map #00306-01-042. Florence County is willing to enter into a lease agreement with Clint Moore. The lease is for a year, \$15 per acre for one hundred twelve acres. The Lessee shall make all necessary repairs to the field roads at their expense during the lease term. The motion was approved unanimously by the members present. Councilman Moore recused himself from the vote. (The recusal form is attached.)

**RESOLUTION NO. 27-2025/26**

The Clerk published the title of the Resolution. A Resolution Providing For An Amendment To The Fee Agreement With Cheney Bros., Inc., As To Eligible Years For Infrastructure Credits And To Provide An Economic Development Grant To Cheney Bros., Inc., Related To Project Longshot II, And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Councilman Rodgers seconded. Mr. Yokim stated that Florence County entered a fee agreement in March 2022 with Cheney Brothers, Inc. for a project by the Company to construct and operate a distribution center in the business park known as Commerce City East (known as Project Longshot I). The Fee Agreement anticipated an investment of at least \$59,500,000 and the creation of at least 320 full-time jobs for Project Longshot I, and the fee agreement provided for Infrastructure Credit. The Fee Agreement anticipated that Project Longshot I would commence operations in 2025 and provided for a schedule of Infrastructure Credits to begin in 2025. The Fee Agreement recognized that the commencement of operations might be delayed and provided that the Company could request, and the County would give due consideration to adjust the schedule of Infrastructure Credits so as to align with the actual commencement of operations. The Company has increased the size of the project and invested in excess of \$108,000,000, and total new full-time jobs are anticipated to exceed 350, and the project will commence operations in 2026 (the additional investment and jobs collectively known as "Project Longshot II"). Based on the additional investment of over \$48,000,000 above the amount anticipated in the Fee Agreement, the County desires to provide a cash grant of \$150,000 for reimbursement of eligible infrastructure costs. The motion was approved unanimously by the members present.

**RESOLUTION NO. 28-2025/26**

The Clerk published the title of the Resolution. A Resolution Designating April 2026 As Fair Housing Month. Councilman Bradley made the motion, and Councilman Springs seconded. Mr. Yokim stated that Florence County desires that all its citizens be afforded the opportunity to a safe, decent, and sound living environment. Florence County rejects discrimination based on race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability, and/or familial status in the sale, rental, or provision of other housing services. The State of South Carolina enacted the South Carolina Fair Housing Law in 1989. April is recognized nationally as Fair Housing Month. The motion was approved unanimously by the members present.



**RESOLUTION NO. 29-2025/26**

The Clerk published the title of the Resolution. A Resolution Designating Specific Individual Projects To Be Funded From CPST III Excess Pursuant To Section 2.02 of Ordinance 16-2023/24. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Councilman Rodgers seconded. Mr. Yokim stated that Florence County adopted Ordinance 16-2023/24 on November 16, 2023. Section 2.02 of Ordinance 16-2023/24 is for the Designation of Specific Projects and within the project categories set forth in Section. 2.01(a)-(g), Council shall by resolution from time to time designate the specific individual projects to be funded from CPSTIII Excess. This resolution approves sixteen new CPSTIII-A projects (\$1,623,118) and eight new CPSTIII-B projects (\$605,212). This resolution also reduces two CPSTIII-A projects (\$293,597) due to cost savings once bids were received. The motion was approved unanimously by the members present.

**ORDINANCES IN POSITION:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 71-2024/25 THIRD READING DEFERRED**

An Ordinance Authorizing The Purchase Of Certain Real Property From The City Of Johnsonville, South Carolina, Comprising The City Hall Building Of The City Of Johnsonville, South Carolina, And The Sale Of Such Building To Florence County School District Five, South Carolina Under An Installment Purchase Agreement Between Florence County, South Carolina, And Florence County School District Five, South Carolina, And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

**ORDINANCE NO. 38-2025/26 SECOND READING DEFERRED**

An Ordinance To Create A Class Of Property Defined As A Chronic Nuisance Property, To Provide Certain Remedies Including Civil Fines, And Other Matters Related Thereto.

**ORDINANCE NO. 41-2025/26 SECOND READING**

The Clerk published the title of the ordinance. An Ordinance To Create The Florence City-County Convention And Visitors Commission To Provide For The Operation Of The Florence Convention And Visitors Bureau To Include Provisions For Commission Organization And Funding And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Moore made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. Mr. Yokim stated that, under the current organizational structure, the CVB operates as a division of Pee Dee Tourism. When it was originally established, the CVB had only one employee; however, it has since grown to a staff of five to six employees. He explained that Pee Dee Tourism no longer wishes to maintain the CVB as a division, including responsibility for payroll and other administrative functions. As a result, the CVB has approached both the County and the City of Florence to explore an alternative governance structure. Mr. Yokim noted that, under Pee Dee Tourism, CVB employees are classified as state employees with state benefits, and they wish to retain that status. After consulting with legal counsel, representatives from the City of Florence, and the CVB, it was determined that the only viable option to accomplish this is to establish



a commission. The proposed commission would consist of seven members and would serve as the governing body for the CVB. He emphasized that this change would affect only the governance structure, while the CVB's functions and operations would remain the same. He further explained that both the City and the County provide funding to the CVB from two separate sources derived from the 2% state accommodations tax. By state law, 30% of these funds must be allocated to the DMO (Destination Marketing Organization), and both entities designate the CVB as their DMO. Each year, the City and the County also administer an application process for the remaining 65% of the funds. Committees appointed by each Council review applications and make recommendations on how the funds should be distributed, with a significant portion typically awarded to the CVB. Mr. Yokim added that the City provides approximately two-thirds of the CVB's funding. The proposed commission would be composed of four members appointed by the City and three members appointed by the County. The motion was approved unanimously on the second reading of the ordinance by the members present.

**ORDINANCE NO. 42-2025/26 INTRODUCTION**

The Clerk published the title of the Ordinance. An Ordinance To Change The Zoning Designation From R-5, Multi-Family Residential District To B-3, General Commercial District For The Property Located At 118 Third Loop Road, Florence, SC, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map Number 00151, Block 01, Parcel 015; And Other Matters Related Thereto. (Planning Commission Approved 6 to 0; Council District 5)

**ORDINANCE NO. 43-2025/26 INTRODUCTION**

The Clerk published the title of the Ordinance. An Ordinance To Change The Zoning Designation For Properties In Group One Of The Highway 76 Corridor Study On West Palmetto Street From Unzoned. This Amendment Shall Apply To The Following Properties As They Are Reflected On The Tax Maps As: 01012-01-004, 01012-01-008, 01012-01-015, 01012-01-016, 01012-01-240; And Other Matters Related Thereto. (Planning Commission Approved 7 to 0; Council District 9)

**ORDINANCE NO. 44-2025/26 INTRODUCTION**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 45-2025/26 INTRODUCTION**

The Clerk published the title of the Ordinance. An Ordinance To Change The Zoning Designation For Properties In Group One Of The Highway 76 Corridor Study On East Palmetto Street From Unzoned. This Amendment Shall Apply To The Following Properties As They Are Reflected On The Tax Maps As: 90152-01-011, 90155-01-003, 90155-01-005, 90155-01-006, 90155-01-007, 90155-01-008, 90155-01-009, 90155-02-002, 90155-02-003, 90155-02-004, 90155-02-005, 90155-02-007, 90155-02-009, 90155-02-010, 90155-02-011, 90155-02-012, 90155-02-013, 90155-02-014, 90155-02-015, 90155-02-016, 90155-02-017; And Other Matters Related Thereto. (Planning Commission Approved 7 to 0; Council District 7)

**ORDINANCE NO. 46-2025/26 INTRODUCTION**

The Clerk published the title of the Ordinance. An Ordinance To Change The Zoning Designation For Properties In Group One Of The Highway 76 Corridor Study On East Palmetto Street From Unzoned. This Amendment Shall Apply To The Following Properties As They Are Reflected On The Tax Maps As: 90152-01-018, 90152-01-019, 90152-01-020, 90152-01-022, 90152-01-025, 90152-01-027; And Other Matters Related Thereto. (Planning Commission Approved 7 to 0; Council District 7)

**ORDINANCE NO. 47-2025/26 INTRODUCTION**

The Clerk published the title of the Ordinance. An Ordinance To Change The Zoning Designation For Properties In Group Eight Of The East Highway 76 Gateway Study From Unzoned. Furthermore, The Requirements Of Florence County Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 30, Zoning Ordinance, Article II. – Zoning District Regulations, Division 7, Corridor Overlay District, Shall Apply To All Properties Included In This Amendment That Lay Within Five Hundred Feet (500’) Of The Corridor. Any Parcel That Extends Beyond 500’ From The Corridor Shall Be Wholly Covered By The Overlay District If The Outer Area Is Twenty Percent (20%) Or Less Of The Total Parcel Size. This Measurement Shall Be Taken From The Roads Edge, Or Curb, And Extend Landwards. This Amendment Shall Apply To The Following Properties As They Are Reflected On The Tax Maps As: 90155-01-001, 90155-02-018, 90155-02-019, 90155-02-020; And Other Matters Related Thereto. (Planning Commission Approved 7 to 0; Council District 7)

**ORDINANCE NO. 48-2025/26 INTRODUCTION**

The Clerk published the title of the Ordinance. An Ordinance To Provide Pursuant To Section 4-10-340(C)(3) Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, As Amended, For The Expenditure Of Excess Funds Derived From The Capital Project Sales Tax Imposed In Florence County Pursuant To Article 3 Of Chapter 10 Of Title 4 Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, As Amended, And A Referendum Held In Florence County On November 3, 2020, To Specify The Purposes For Which Such Expenditure Will Be Made, And Other Matters Relating Thereto.



Chairman Yarborough declared the ordinances introduced.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:**

No appointments were made.

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL:**

Mr. Yokim provided updates on projects.

**CPST III:**

**District 1** – Wallace Street is under contract, and construction is being scheduled. Construction is underway for Maxie Thomas Road.

**District 2** – All District 2 CPST III projects are complete.

**District 3** – The remaining projects are currently being reviewed and scheduled for future delivery by Davis & Floyd.

**District 4** - The Deer Road water line extension is almost complete.

**District 5** – Bid 51-24/25 includes four dirt-to-pave roads currently under construction: Eagerton, Park, Kerris Lane, and Karisma Rd.

**District 6** –Construction for Swamp Fox Dr., Jamestown Road (including Jamestown Cemetery Road portion) is underway, and the pipework portion is complete.

**District 7** - The Oakland Avenue sidewalk project (from Coker St. to E. Old Marion Hwy) is in the construction document phase, and drainage design is advancing.

**District 8** – Projects are being scheduled for future delivery.

**District 9** – Bid 56-24/25 was approved in July, and construction is substantially complete for resurfacing the following roads: Bryson Dr., Coventry Ln., Left Bank Dr., Mockingbird Cir., Lakeshore Dr., and Parkland Dr.

**Other CPST III Construction Projects:**

**CPSTIII Timmons ville:** Keith St., E. Clifford, 5th St., N. Pickney, and Bowman Circle are under contract.

**CPST III-A:**

**District 1** - The remaining portion of N. Floyd is under construction.

**District 2** – Construction for First Ave is being scheduled.

**District 3** – Sopkin and Harlee Blvd will be bid out in the spring.

**District 4** – Lynches River Park Access improvement contract has been executed, and construction should begin within a few weeks. Sparks will be added to an existing bid via change order.

**District 5** – Bid 10-25/26 is under construction and consists of the following roads: S. Railroad Avenue, Branch Rd., and Hewitt Cemetery Rd. East Industrial Park Blvd. was added via resolution at the November Council meeting.

**District 6** – Dempsy, Ard, and Atlas were bid with several other roads, and the bids will be received in March 2026.



**District 7** – Construction on McMillan Lane and Quail Arbor Circle has begun. Tara Village drainage improvements are being reviewed by engineers. E. Siesta Drive’s scope may be reduced since piping, and a portion of paving has occurred. The engineers are clarifying the new scope.

**District 8** – Windsor Forest Drive will be bid out in March.

**Montclair Way** - The appraisal is complete, and the project can be bid in March. The SCDOT Encroachment Permit has been approved. Nesbit completed the ROW survey plat. USACE approval has been granted. Alliance updated its design to include a traffic signal.

**Municipal** projects for Johnsonville, Scranton, Coward, & Pamplico are currently being reimbursed as invoices are received.

According to CPST III Engineer Todd Warren, 267 of 346 Road District projects have been completed, and 26 roads are under construction.

**Departments:**

**Operations:**

**Water and Sewer Authority Study:** Conducted a meeting with Kimley-Horn and water and sewer providers to provide a briefing on the Florence County Water and Sewer Authority Feasibility Study-- Providers are now providing data to Kimley-Horn, who need to complete the study—initial findings are expected within the next couple of months.

**Public Works:**

- Public Works representatives met with Greg Raines for a site visit for the proposed marksmanship academy project at the old County landfill. (District 6)
- Public Works assisted Florence County Economic Development in staking a proposed roadway off Atkinson Road at Florence County Industrial Park West (District 4).

**Planning & Zoning Building:**

**FLATS:** FLATS I-95/327 Interchange Study on Thursday, March 12, 2026, FLATS hosted a second public meeting, drop-in, at the Country Club of SC, from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM. Illustrations of differing concepts will be provided to the public.

**EMS:** Pee Dee Regional EMS has one paramedic class currently in session and one that just completed. Florence County EMS has 4 new paramedics from the recently completed class. Paramedics Brooke Jordan, Shane Kester, Asha Doughty, and Anna Howell have successfully completed their National Registry testing.

**Museum:**

- Floor installation finalized March 20. Exhibit casework and objects to be installed March 23 –27.
- Water quality results from Ervin Engineering are to be completed in the week of the 16th to file an insurance claim for damaged boilers. Coordinating replacement with building architects.

- Ervin Engineering is working on the water pressure issue in the building.

### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

Monthly Financial Reports Are Provided To Council For The Fiscal Year 2026 Through January 31, 2026, As An Item For The Record.

### **CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT DEFERRED**

Council Is Asked To Enter Into A Contractual Agreement Between Florence County And Textron Financial Corporation.

### **DECLARATION OF SURPLUS**

Council Is Asked To Approve The Declaration Of Two Freightliner Dump Trucks, One (1) John Deere Bunker Rake Tractor, Three (3) John Deere Misc. Equipment, One (1) Tiger Mulching Mower Head, And One (1) Tiger Bush Hog Mower As Surplus Property For Disposal Through Public Internet Auction Via GovDeals or GovWorld. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Councilman Rodgers seconded. Mr. Yokim stated that attached is a unit listing recommended for surplus by the using department. The units are obsolete to the using department. Disposal will not impact ongoing operations. Florence County Code requires County Council approval for the disposal of surplus property. Disposal by internet auction is efficient and requires significantly less staff time/coordination than other public offer methods. The motion was approved unanimously by the members present.

### **COMPENSATION AND CLASSIFICATION PHASE II**

Council Is Asked To Approve The Compensation And Classification Phase II One Time Employee Longevity Incentive Bonus To Recognize 256 Employees Who Have Served Florence County Ten Years Or Longer Estimated To Cost \$638,236 Including All FICA To Be Effective For April 2026 Payout. Vice-Chair Schofield made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. Mr. Yokim stated that the County recently completed a compensation and classification plan. He noted that some employees who have held the same position for 10 years are earning salaries comparable to those who have been in the role for only one year. Mr. Yokim further explained that he met with the three deputy administrators, the Human Resources Director, and the Finance Director to address this concern. As a result, they are proposing a one-time compensation adjustment for affected employees, based on length of service—beginning at \$1,000 for those with 10 years of service and increasing in five-year increments thereafter. The motion was approved unanimously by the members present.

### **BID NO. 25-25/26**

Council Is Requested To Award Bid No. 25-25/26, CPSTIII Dirt To Pave Projects For Districts 4, 5, And 6 Roads In Florence County To CR Jackson Of Darlington, SC In The Amount Of \$1,448,663.44, To Be Funded From CPSTIII & IIIA Budgeted Funds. Councilman Caudle made the motion, and Councilman Moore seconded. Mr. Yokim



stated that the Bid was advertised in the South Carolina Business Opportunities (SCBO) Newsletter on February 23, 2026, and Bidnet on February 20, 2026. The bid opening was held on March 11, 2026. Three (3) bids were received; two (2) bids were compliant. CR Jackson is the lowest responsible, responsive bidder. Steve Allen, Public Works Director, and J. Mike Simpson Jr., CPSTIII Program Administrator recommend awarding the bid to CR Jackson. The bid expires June 11, 2026. The motion was approved unanimously by the members present.

**RFP NO. 19-25/26**

Council Is Requested To Award RFP No. 19-25/26 Annual Firefighter Physical Examination Services To Fitness Forum Of Florence, SC In The Amount Not To Exceed \$686 For Each Male Firefighter And Firefighter Driver, \$718 For Each Female Firefighter And Firefighter Driver, \$303 For Each Male Driver Operator, \$319 For Each Female Driver Operator, \$283 For Each Male Support Staff And \$299 For Each Female Support Staff From Budgeted Unified Fire District Funds And Authorize The County Administrator To Execute A Contract Pending Successful Negotiations. *(2 Proposals Received)*. Councilman Springs made the motion, and Councilman Rodgers seconded. Mr. Yokim stated that the annual exams are a part of the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) 1582 guidelines. The Unified Fire District averages around 300 total personnel with each of the seven districts having various numbers of personnel making up the total of 300 personnel. RFP No. 19-25/26 was advertised in the South Carolina Business Opportunities (SCBO) newsletter on December 19, 2025. Two (2) proposals were received on January 12, 2026. A selection committee evaluated the proposals and Fitness Forum was selected as the highest ranking responding firm. The evaluation committee included William Dillon, Mitch Fulmore, Eddie Jordan, and Jeff Dennis. Fitness Forum is a local vendor. The contract will be for a period of three (3) years. Council approval includes authorization for the County Administrator to negotiate a final cost and to execute all associated documents and contract agreements to proceed, pending County Attorney review and approval. The motion was approved unanimously by the members present.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**TIMMONSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Council Is Requested To Approve The Expenditure Of Not To Exceed \$13,972.50 From Council Districts 4 And 9 Infrastructure Funding Allocations (\$6,986.25 From Each District) To Purchase Five (5) Pro Intel Core Laptops For The Timmonsville Police Department. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Councilman Moore seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by the members present.

**FLORENCE VETERANS AFFAIRS- ARTIFACTS**

Council Is Requested To Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$10,000.00 From Council District 8 Infrastructure Funding Allocations To Provide Funding For The Installation Of Historical Artifacts, And Phase One Of A Three-Part Landscape Remediation Program At



The Florence Veterans Affairs Facility Located At 707 East National Cemetery Road, Florence, SC 29501. Vice-Chair Schofield made the motion, and Councilman Caudle seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by the members present.

**FLORENCE VETERANS AFFAIRS- SIGNAGE**

Council Is Requested To Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$10,000.00 From Council District 8 Infrastructure Funding Allocations To Provide Funding For The Replacement Of Signage At The Florence Veterans Affairs Facility Located At 707 East National Cemetery Road, Florence, SC 29501. Vice-Chair Schofield made the motion, and Councilman Caudle seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by the members present.

**COUNCIL DISTRICT 4**

Council Is Requested To Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$20,000.00 From Council District 4 Infrastructure Funding Allocations To Assist The City Of Florence With Improvements To The City's Soccer Complex. Councilman Moore made the motion, and Councilman Rodgers seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by the members present.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Pursuant To Section 30-4-70 Of The South Carolina Code Of Laws 1976, As Amended, To Discuss Two Contractual Matters. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Councilman Rodgers seconded, which was approved unanimously by the members present.

Chairman Yarborough stated no action was taken in executive session.

The Chair entertained a motion to come back into open session. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Vice-Chair Schofield seconded, which was approved unanimously by the members present.

**MOTION:**


A Motion To Authorize The County Administration To Enter Into Negotiations With Bell Helicopters For The Purchase Or Lease Of A Bell 505 Helicopter. Vice-Chair Schofield made the motion, and Councilman Moore seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by the members present.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before Council, the Chair will entertain a motion to adjourn. Councilman Dorriety made the motion to adjourn, and Councilman Springs seconded, which was approved unanimously.

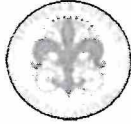


**COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:57 A.M.**

  
WAYMON MUMFORD  
SECRETARY-CHAPLAIN

  
HOPE M. JONES  
CLERK TO COUNCIL





# Florence County Council

## STATEMENT OF RECUSAL

S. C. Code Sec. 8-13-700(B)(4) requires a written statement of a recusal and the reasons therefore. This written recusal must be included in the minutes of the meeting. The minutes must also state the disqualification and the reasons for it to be noted. This written recusal must be delivered to the Chairman of the Council. Sec. 8-13-700(B)(5) "...requires that the member be excused from any votes, deliberations, and other actions on the matter" :

**(Please add agenda item number and description):**

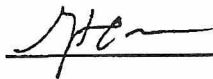
Resolution n/a 26-2025/26

The potential Conflict of Interest of Appearance of Impropriety for which I am recusing myself and abstaining from participation is:

Family Conflict

This document is to be filed as a matter of public record, and is to be included with the official minutes of the County Council meeting at which the matter in question was brought before the Florence County Council.

Respectfully Submitted,



Date: 3-19-26

# PUBLIC HEARING

MARCH 19, 2026

## RESOLUTION NO. 24-2025/26

A Resolution To Authorize The Lease Of Property Identified As Florence County Tax Map #00298-31-010, Forty Dollars (\$40.00) Per Acre Of Agricultural Land For Forty-Two (42) Acres Equaling The Total Of Annual Rent Of One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$1,680.00) Due And Payable On December 31, 2026.

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# PUBLIC HEARING

MARCH 19, 2026

## RESOLUTION NO. 25-2025/26

A Resolution To Authorize The Lease Of Property Identified As Florence County Tax Map #00306-01-042 At Thirty-Five Dollars (\$35.00) Per Acre Of Agricultural Land For Fifty-Nine (59) Acres Equaling The Total Of Annual Rent Of Two Thousand Sixty- Five Dollars (\$2,065.00) Due And Payable On December 31, 2026.

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# PUBLIC HEARING

MARCH 19, 2026

## RESOLUTION NO. 26-2025/26

A Resolution To Authorize The Lease Of Property Identified As Florence County Tax Map #00306-01-042, At Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) Per Acre Of Agricultural Land For One Hundred Twelve (112) Acres Equaling The Total Of Annual Rent Of One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$1,680.00) Due And Payable On December 31, 2026.

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# PUBLIC HEARING

MARCH 19, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 41-2025/26

An Ordinance To Create The Florence City-County Convention And Visitors Commission To Provide For The Operation Of The Florence Convention And Visitors Bureau To Include Provisions For Commission Organization And Funding And Other Matters Related Thereto.

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