

Intergovernmental Luncheon Agenda*

Friday, May 6, 2022

Lancaster County Historic Courthouse
100 North Main Street
Lancaster, SC 29720

1. Call to Order – Steve Harper, Chair, County Council 12:00 p.m.
2. Welcome and Recognition – Steve Harper, Chair, County Council
3. Invocation – Honorable Melvin Stroble, Lancaster County School District Board of Trustee Member
4. Approval of the Minutes from the February 2, 2022 Intergovernmental Luncheon Meeting – pgs. 3-7
5. Discussion / Action Items
 - a. Master Plan Overview from the Lancaster County Water and Sewer District - *Brad Bucy, Director, Lancaster County Water and Sewer*
 - b. Master Plan Overview from the City of Lancaster regarding Water and Sewer Infrastructure – *Steven “Flip” Hutfles, City of Lancaster Administrator*
 - c. Legislative Update – *Honorable Brandon Newton, South Carolina State House Representative*
 - d. 2022 Elections Overview – *Mary Ann Hudson, Director, Lancaster County Voter Registration Office*
 - e. Community Roundtable/Jurisdictional Update – *Chair or Administrator/Superintendent - 2 minute update for each Agency*
 - f. Announcement of next Intergovernmental Meeting Date (August 12, 2022) – *Steve Harper, Chair, County Council*
6. Adjournment

*The Government Agencies being represented at the Intergovernmental Luncheon will be Lancaster County Council, Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees, Lancaster City Council, Heath Springs Town Council, Kershaw Town Council and Van Wyck Town Council

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Governmental Agencies Represented

Lancaster County Council

*Lancaster County School District
Board of Trustees*

Lancaster City Council

Heath Springs Town Council

Kershaw Town Council

Van Wyck Town Council

Minutes of the Intergovernmental Luncheon Meeting

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Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Lancaster County Council Members present were Allen Blackmon, Brian Carnes, Terry Graham, Larry Honeycutt, Charlene McGriff and Billy Mosteller. Council Member Steve Harper was absent. Also present at the meeting were Dennis Marstall, County Administrator; Rox Burhans, Development Services Director; Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council; and Donna Greene, Deputy Clerk to Council. A quorum of Lancaster County Council was present for the meeting.

Lancaster County School District Board of Trustee Members present were Ken Buck, Janice Dabney, Margaret Gamble, Bobby Parker, Brad Small and Melvin Stroble, Sr. Board of Trustee Member Tyrom Faulkner was absent. Also present at the meeting were Dr. Jonathan Phipps, Superintendent; Jennifer White, Chief Financial Officer; and Rachel Bradley, Administrative Assistant. A quorum of the Lancaster County School District Board of Trustee Members was present for the meeting.

Lancaster City Council Members present were Octavia Jones and Ronnie Sowell. City Council Members Jackie Harris, Kenneth Hood, Gonzie Mackey and Hazel Taylor were absent. Also present at the meeting were Mayor T. Alston DeVenny; Steven "Flip" Hutfles, City Administrator; and Tracy Rabon, City Clerk. The City Council *did not* have a quorum in attendance at the meeting.

Heath Springs Town Council Member Tameka Morrow was present for the meeting. Town Council Members Deborah Truesdale, Peggy Bowers, Joey Plyler and Mayor Pro Tem Iva Lee Drakeford were absent. Also present at the meeting was Mayor Eddie Moore; Jason Truesdale, Town Administrator; and Wanda Kilpatrick, Town Clerk. The Heath Springs Town Council *did not* have a quorum in attendance at the meeting.

Kershaw Town Council Member Danny Williams was present for the meeting. Town Council Members John Connell, III, Michael Cook, Bobbie Faulkenberry, Randy Seegars and Harvey Truesdale were absent. Also present at the meeting was Ryan McLemore, Town Administrative. The Kershaw Town Council *did not* have a quorum in attendance at the meeting.

Van Wyck Town Council Member Stuart Graham was present for the meeting. Van Wyck Council Members Bob Doster, Xavier Kee and Cassandra Watkins were absent. Also present at the meeting was Mayor Sean Corcoran and Crissy Laviolette, Municipal Clerk. The Van Wyck Town Council *did not* have a quorum in attendance at the meeting.

The following press were notified of the meeting by e-mail in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act: *The Lancaster News*, *Kershaw News Era*, *The Rock Hill Herald*, Cable News 2, Channel 9, and the local Government Channel. The agenda was posted in the lobby of the County Administration Building and also on the county website the required length of time.

Welcome And Recognition

Brian Carnes welcomed everyone to the first Intergovernmental Luncheon meeting. He explained that the County would be hosting these lunches on a quarterly basis and that the goal of the meetings was enhanced communication.

Invocation

Honorable T. Alston DeVenny led the Invocation.

Discussion / Action Items

Comprehensive Plan Update

Rox Burhans, Development Services Director for Lancaster County, provided an update on the Lancaster 2040 Comprehensive Plan via a ten-page handout and that handout is attached as Schedule A to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office.

Discussion of ARPA Funding/Total Federal Funds Received By Jurisdiction

Dennis Marstall explained that he had been asked what the community had collectively received for American Rescue Plan funding and what the community wanted to achieve with those funds. He explained that he thought that the other governmental agencies would be interested in

knowing how much each jurisdiction in the County had received and their tentative plans for using that funding.

Dennis Marstall, Lancaster County Administrator, explained that Lancaster County would receive a little over \$19 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and that it had allocated \$3,558,796.00 for projects to date. He explained that the County had \$15,478,886 left to spend. He provided a one-page handout entitled "ARPA UPDATE," and that handout is attached as Schedule B to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office. He explained that the County was most likely going to move forward with some Information Technology (IT) projects now because, due to supply chain issues, these projects would not be able to move forward with implementation for approximately six months.

Jonathan Phipps, Lancaster County School District Superintendent, explained that the School District had received approximately \$25.9 million thus far in ARPA funding. He noted that approximately \$4 million of the funds had been spent thus far. He noted that the funds had mainly been spent on HVAC systems and improving air quality at the schools and on personal protective equipment (PPE). He noted that a portion of the funds had been spent on a parent survey. He explained that the school was being cautious on how funds were spent and that they were ensuring that they followed the final rules issued by the government.

Steven "Flip" Hutfles, Lancaster City Administrator, explained that the City of Lancaster had received approximately \$4.5 million in ARPA funding. He noted that the City was also being cautious in allocating the funds to ensure they were following the final rules. He explained that the staff was currently working on a wish list. He explained that the list would go to Council for discussion. He also noted that the City was running into supply chain issues.

Ryan McLemore, Kershaw Town Administrator, explained that the Town of Kershaw had received approximately \$1.1 million in ARPA funding in the first round. He noted that the Town would be spending the funds on purchasing a new water meter reading system and that they moved on that project pretty quickly due to rising costs and supply chain issues. He noted that they had to do some major upgrades to the sewer plant that were costly. He explained that for the second round of funding, the Town was looking at further upgrades to sewer infrastructure, employee premium pay and possible recreation items.

Jason Truesdale, Heath Springs Town Administrator, explained that the Town of Heath Springs had received approximately a half a million dollars in ARPA funding. He explained that they were in the planning phases but were looking to spend the funds on infrastructure work, adding a pay by phone system for citizens, and possible parks and recreation items. He noted that the Town was currently looking for possible matching funds for projects.

Melvin Stroble, Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees Member, asked the County if they had a plan to provide broad band infrastructure for the County. Dennis Marstall, Lancaster County Administrator, explained that the County was looking to the State to fund that project. However, he noted that he would be meeting with providers to develop a strategy for implementation.

Discussion of Potential Legislative Issues for Upcoming Year for Lancaster County

Dennis Marstall provided and reviewed a four-page handout regarding the South Carolina Association of Counties Policy Position for the upcoming legislative session and that handout is attached as Schedule C to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office. There was no discussion regarding the policy positions.

Review and Input regarding the Lancaster County Prioritized Community Needs

Dennis Marstall, Lancaster County Administrator, explained that the County had to update their Prioritized Community Needs list each year in order to apply for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) funding. He provided a two-page handout entitled "Lancaster County, SC Prioritized Community Needs January 2022" and that handout is attached as Schedule D to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office. He noted that Lancaster County had added homelessness to their list this year. He encouraged the other government agencies to send the County their CDBG prioritized lists to determine if there was overlap on the various lists.

Ryan McLemore, Kershaw Town Administrator, provided a one-page handout entitled "Town of Kershaw Priority Needs List January 2022," which is attached as Schedule E to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office.

There was discussion about potential shared projects including water and sewer infrastructure, sidewalks and the Old Springs Mills site, which is considered a brownfield.

Jurisdiction Update

Brian Carnes, County Council Vice-Chair, provided a jurisdictional update for Lancaster County. He explained that the County has a new County Administrator, Dennis Marstall. He also noted that the County has a new industry relocating to the area and that is Chief Industries. He explained that the County had completed their redistricting plan. He further explained that the County was working on the design phase of a new recreational Regional Park for the County, as well as finalizing work on two new soccer fields. He noted that one was located in Indian Land and the other was located in Heath Springs. He also explained that the County was working on an expansion and renovation project for the Indian Land Recreation Center. He further explained that the County has left over funds from Capital Project Sales #2 and that, per State law, the County can only use the money in a few ways. Lastly, he noted that the County was moving to a \$12.00 per hour minimum wage for employees as of June 1st.

Mayor Alston DeVenny provided a jurisdictional update for the City of Lancaster. He explained that the growth in the County may be new but the infrastructure in the City is old. He explained that unemployment is currently low and he noted that the City property values were up and that the rehabilitation of houses was starting. He explained that the City wanted to enhance the sewer infrastructure for the County because the City has the only sewer plant in the County. He further explained that the City was providing sewer infrastructure for the new Gallo plant. He also noted that the City's sales tax numbers continued to increase each year.

Jonathan Phipps, School Superintendent, provided a jurisdictional update for the School District. He noted that the Board of Trustees just had a Planning Session. He explained that, based on that meeting, the School District would be completing an enrollment study to start addressing growth. Next, he noted that the District would be developing a master list of sports facilities that they would build if they had unlimited resources and how they could address equitable sports facilities throughout the County. He further explained that the District would be working with the Promise Neighborhood on a grant. He stated that the School District was working to stay ahead of the growth curve, as well as dealing with the challenges from COVID.

Ryan McLemore, Town Administrator, provided a jurisdictional update for the Town of Kershaw. He explained that the growth in the County was making its way down to Kershaw. He explained that the First Steps Building should be opening in April of 2022. He also explained that the Town had a Rural Infrastructure Administration (RIA) grant project starting soon. He also explained that the Town was expanding its sewer line through a grant.

Announcement of next Intergovernmental Meeting Date

Brian Carnes announced that the dates for the next Intergovernmental meetings would be May 6, 2022, August 12, 2022, and November 4, 2022.

Brian Carnes reviewed suggestions for future presentations at upcoming meetings: Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, the Solicitor's Office, library services, capital plans for the Lancaster County Water and Sewer District, the Carolina Threadtrail and future planning for the fire districts.

Adjournment

The first Intergovernmental Luncheon meeting adjourned at approximately 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sherrie Simpson
Clerk to Council,
Lancaster County