

Intergovernmental Luncheon Amended Agenda*

Friday, August 12, 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 Eddie Moore, Mayor, Town of Heath Springs
4. Approval of the Minutes from the May 6, 2022, Intergovernmental Luncheon Meeting – pgs. 2-6
5. Discussion / Action Items
 - a. Federal and State Grant Funding Opportunities – *Randy Imler, Executive Director, Catawba Regional Council of Governments*
 - b. Lancaster County Schools Safety Plans and Opening Issues – *Dr. Jonathan Phipps, Superintendent, Lancaster County Schools*
 - c. Legislative Update – *Honorable Brandon Newton, South Carolina State House Representative, District 45, and Delegation Chair; Honorable Sandy McGarry, South Carolina State House Representative, District 44; Honorable Penry Gustafson, South Carolina State Senator, District 27; and Honorable Michael Johnson, South Carolina State Senator, District 16.*
 - d. Community Roundtable/Jurisdictional Update – *Chair or Administrator/Superintendent - 2 minute update for each Agency*
 - e. Announcement of next Intergovernmental Meeting Date (November 4, 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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Lancaster County Council Members present were Allen Blackmon, Brian Carnes, Steve Harper, and Billy Mosteller. Council Members Terry Graham, Larry Honeycutt, and Charlene McGriff were absent. Lancaster County government staff also present at the meeting were Dennis Marstall, County Administrator; 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 Janice Dabney, Tyrom Faulkner, Brad Small and Melvin Stroble, Sr. Board of Trustee Members Ken Buck, Margaret Gamble, and Bobby Parker were absent. Lancaster County School District staff also present at the meeting were Lydia Quinn, Director, Human Resources and Chief Operations Office; Jennifer White, Chief Financial Officer; Michelle Craig, Public Information Specialist; 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 Member Ronnie Sowell was present for the meeting. City Council Members Octavia Jones, Jackie Harris, Kenneth Hood, Gonzie Mackey and Hazel Taylor were absent. Lancaster City staff also present at the meeting were Mayor T. Alston DeVenny; and Steven "Flip" Hutfles, City Administrator. The City Council *did not* have a quorum in attendance at the meeting.

Heath Springs Town Council Member Peggy Bowers was present for the meeting. Town Council Members Deborah Truesdale, Tameka Morrow, Joey Plyler and Mayor Pro Tem Iva Lee Drakeford were absent. Heath Springs Town staff also present at the meeting were 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.

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

Van Wyck Town Council Member Bob Doster was present for the meeting. Van Wyck Council Members Stuart Graham, Xavier Kee and Cassandra Watkins were absent. There were not any Van Wyck Town staff present at the meeting. The Van Wyck Town Council *did not* have a quorum in attendance at the meeting.

The following members of the Lancaster Delegation were present for the meeting: Honorable Brandon Newton, South Carolina House District 45; Honorable Sandy McGarry, South Carolina House District 44; and Honorable Michael Johnson, South Carolina Senate 16. Others present for the meeting were Brad Bucy, District Manager for the Lancaster County Water and Sewer District; the press; and citizens.

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, on the county website, and at the Historic Courthouse the required length of time.

Welcome And Recognition

Steve Harper welcomed everyone to the Intergovernmental Luncheon meeting. He explained that since everyone had on nametags that he was not going to ask people to introduce themselves.

Invocation

Honorable Melvin Stroble, Sr. led the Invocation.

Approval of the Minutes from the February 2, 2022 Intergovernmental Luncheon Meeting

Brian Carnes moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Alston DeVenny. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Discussion / Action Items

Master Plan Overview from the Lancaster County Water and Sewer District

Brad Bucy, District Manager for the Lancaster County Water and Sewer District, provided an update on the District's master plan via a power point presentation entitled "Lancaster County Intergovernmental Luncheon Wastewater Master Planning and Capacity Discussion" and that power point is attached as Schedule A to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office.

Brad Bucy answered questions concerning the possible effects of New Indy's plant on the Lancaster County Water and Sewer District and whether there would be any water restrictions now that the new Lancaster County Water and Sewer reservoir is open.

Master Plan Overview from the City of Lancaster regarding Water and Sewer Infrastructure

Steven "Flip" Hutfles, Lancaster City Administrator, explained that the City of Lancaster has a good partnership with the Lancaster County Water and Sewer District. He explained that the City was working on a water and sewer master plan. In regard to planning, he explained that they were looking at lines that had possible insufficient capacity and their possible effect on economic development and that they were looking at the need for future lift stations and/ additional water towers. He noted that they wanted to stay ahead of new growth. Also, he noted that the City was developing a prioritization plan, which would help in making decisions about what needs to be addressed. Also, he noted that the City was working on a master plan for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and how the City should allocate resources in order to decrease operation and maintenance costs while also looking at expansion.

Legislative Update

Honorable Brandon Newton, South Carolina House District 45, provided a legislative update. He explained that there was still time left in the legislative session and, therefore, the State budget effects were unknown at this point. He further explained that there were tax cut plans in both the House and the Senate; however, he noted that the plans brought forth were very different. He discussed some of the possible plans' elements that might effect counties and municipalities.

He discussed redistricting and stated that he did not think that any major elections bill would pass this year. He explained that the new maps for the house districts in Lancaster County would be very different from how they currently looked.

2022 Elections Overview

Mary Ann Hudson, Director of Voter Registration, explained that they were trying to share upcoming changes regarding voting. She noted that the State has absentee voting but *not* early voting. She reviewed the handout entitled "Voter registration and Elections Office Dates to Remember" and that handout is attached as Schedule B to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office. She also reviewed the handout entitled "Voting Absentee" and that handout is

attached as Schedule C to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office. She noted that the easiest way to vote this year would be in person.

She explained that the Voter Registration office desperately needed poll workers and asked that if anyone knew someone who would be interested in working the polls to please refer them to her office. She reviewed the polling locations via a handout entitled "All Voting Precincts Will Be Open From 7:00AM-7:00PM On All Elections" and that handout is attached as Schedule D to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office. She further noted that Voter Registration has a call center on election day where citizens can call to find out any information they need in regards to voting.

She explained that they were currently dealing with public distrust regarding voting. In order to help with misinformation in regard to voting, she provided a handout entitled "South Carolina Elections Accurate. Secure. Accessible. Credible." and that handout is attached as Schedule E to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office.

Alston DeVenny, Mayor for the City of Lancaster, explained that he thought elections were better and more secure today and that he would like to see early voting for citizens. Mary Ann Hudson explained that the location for Lancaster East was moved due to increased American with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility, public bathroom availability, and curbside voting availability. There was a discussion regarding the push for municipal elections to be held in odd number years.

Community Roundtable/Jurisdictional Update

There was no jurisdictional update from the Town of Van Wyck.

Mayor Eddie Moore provided a jurisdictional update for the Town of Heath Springs. He explained that they were excited about the new County soccer complex in Heath Springs. Jason Truesdale, Town Administrator, thanked everyone that worked on the Town park project.

Lydia Quinn, Lancaster County School District Human Resources and Chief Operations Office Director, provided a jurisdictional update for the School District. She noted the School District was currently working on their capital improvement plan and priorities. She noted that they were looking at growth and at athletic facilities. Jennifer White, Chief Financial Officer, explained that the District would be spending some of their COVID funding on learning loss and that they hoped their summer programs would address some of the learning loss. She also noted that they were looking at facility improvements, such as flooring and HVACs.

Mayor Alston DeVenny provided a jurisdictional update for the City of Lancaster. He explained that the City has more new building starting and that they had new subdivisions being started. He noted that the Main Street properties have tax credits available and that they have people actively looking at those properties for redevelopment. He thanked the Lancaster County Water and Sewer District for providing services for the Gallo economic development project. He further noted that the upcoming challenges for the City would be keeping their employee base, especially law enforcement, due to their budget.

Steve Harper, County Council Chair, provided a jurisdictional update for Lancaster County. He also noted that the County was currently working on their budget. He noted that the County had growing revenues but also growing needs. He discussed the challenges in regard to pay and compensation for employees. He explained that the County was trying to get their wages up and to retain law enforcement employees. He explained that the County was also working on their Comprehensive Plan. He further explained that the County was starting the planning for the regional park and discussed other recreational projects. He noted that there were opportunities for the various agencies to work together, especially in regards to recreation.

There was no jurisdictional update from the Town of Kershaw.

Announcement of next Intergovernmental Meeting Date (August 12, 2022)

Steve Harper announced that the next Intergovernmental meeting would be held on August 12, 2022.

Adjournment

Melvin Stroble moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Tyrom Faulkner. There being no further business, the Intergovernmental Luncheon meeting adjourned at approximately 1:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sherrie Simpson
Clerk to Council,
Lancaster County