

Intergovernmental Luncheon Agenda*

Friday, November 4, 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 – Brian Carnes, Vice-Chair, County Council
4. Approval of the Minutes from the August 12, 2022, Intergovernmental Luncheon Meeting – pgs. 3-8
5. Discussion / Action Items
 - a. Growth Management:
 1. Growth and Development Data – *Rox Burhans, Development Services Director, Lancaster County*
 2. Growth and Future Projects – *“Flip” Hutfles, City Administrator, City of Lancaster*
 3. Capacity and Growth – *Dr. Jonathan Phipps, Superintendent, Lancaster County School District*
 4. Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Update – *Mayor Sean Corcoran, Town of Van Wyck*
 - b. 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 Richie Yow, South Carolina House District 53; Honorable Penry Gustafson, South Carolina State Senator, District 27; and Honorable Michael Johnson, South Carolina State Senator, District 16.*
 - c. Community Roundtable/Jurisdictional Update – *Chair or Administrator/Superintendent - 2-minute update for each Agency*
 - d. Announcement of next Intergovernmental Meeting Dates for 2023: (1) February 3, 2023; (2) May 5, 2023; (3) August 11, 2023; and (4) November 3, 2023. – *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, Terry Graham, Steve Harper, Charlene McGriff, and Billy Mosteller. Council Member Larry Honeycutt was absent. Lancaster County government staff also present at the meeting were Dennis Marstall, County Administrator; John Bodner, Assistant 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 Tyrom Faulkner, Margaret Gamble, Brad Small and Melvin Stroble, Sr. Board of Trustee Members Ken Buck, Janice Dabney, and Bobby Parker were absent. Lancaster County School District staff also present at the meeting were Dr. Jonathan Phipps, Superintendent; and Bryan Vaughn, Safety and Communications Director. A quorum of the Lancaster County School District Board of Trustee Members was present for the meeting.

Lancaster City Council Members Jackie Harris, Octavia Jones, Tomonica Marsh, Ronnie Sowell, Hazel Taylor, and Mayor T. Alston DeVenny were present for the meeting. City Council Member Kenneth Hood was absent. Lancaster City staff also present at the meeting were Steven "Flip" Hutfles, City Administrator; and Tracy Rabon, City Clerk. A quorum of the Lancaster City Council was present for the meeting.

Heath Springs Town Council Members Peggy Bowers Hopkins, Vincent Webb, and Mayor Pro Tem Iva Lee Drakeford and Mayor Eddie Moore were present for the meeting. Town Council Member Deborah Truesdale was absent. Heath Springs Town staff also present at the meeting were Jason Truesdale, Town Administrator; and Wanda Kilpatrick, Town Clerk. A quorum of the Heath Springs Town Council was present for 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, Danny Williams, and Mayor Mark Dorman 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 Stuart Graham was present for the meeting. Van Wyck Council Members Bob Doster, Xavier Kee, Cassandra Watkins, and Mayor Sean Corcoran were absent. Van Wyck Town staff also present at the meeting were Janice Grubbs, Van Wyck Town Treasurer; and Crissy Laviolette, Municipal Clerk. 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; Honorable Richie Yow, South Carolina House District 53; and Honorable Penry Gustafson, South Carolina Senate District 27. Others present for the meeting were Randy Imler, Executive Director, Catawba Regional Council of Governments; Christine Schwartz and Tyler Lewis from the Catawba Regional Council of Governments; 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.

Call to Order

Steve Harper called the Intergovernmental Luncheon meeting to order at approximately 12:00 p.m.

Welcome And Recognition

Steve Harper welcomed everyone to the Intergovernmental Luncheon meeting.

Invocation

Honorable Eddie Moore led the Invocation.

Approval of the Minutes from the May 6, 2022, Intergovernmental Luncheon Meeting

Jackie Harris moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Iva Lee Drakeford. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Discussion / Action Items

Federal and State Grant Funding Opportunities

Randy Imler, Executive Director with the Catawba Regional Council of Governments, provided an overview of federal and State grant funding opportunities. He provided attendees the following handouts: (1) a three-page handout entitled "SC Office of Resilience ARPA-funded Stormwater Infrastructure Program," and that handout is attached as Schedule A to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office; and (2) a two-page handout entitled "South Carolina Infrastructure Investment Program," and that handout is attached as Schedule B to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office. He reviewed a power point presentation entitled "Catawba Regional Council of Governments for the Lancaster County Intergovernmental Luncheon August 12, 2022," and that presentation is attached as Schedule C to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office.

There were no questions from the audience after the review of the power point presentation.

Lancaster County Schools Safety Plans and Opening Issues

Dr. Jonathan Phipps, Superintendent of the Lancaster County Schools, explained that the first day of school was Monday, August 15, 2022. He noted that the District was excited but has encountered challenges leading up to opening day, as they always do. He explained that one of the biggest challenges for this school year was filling teacher vacancies. He explained that the District has had to be creative to meet that challenge and has been recruiting heavily. He introduced Bryan Vaughn, Lancaster County School District's Safety and Communications Director, and noted that he would speak about school safety and traffic.

Bryan Vaughn explained that the Lancaster County Schools had a full scale mock active shooter drill at Indian Land High School about two weeks ago. He noted that the Sheriff's Department, EMS, fire, Coroner's Office, and the City Police Department all participated in the drill, and they all came together to discuss what steps would be needed in such an emergency. He also explained that another training for principles was coming up and that this training was being sponsored by the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED). He noted that the District was working hard to foster good relationships with all emergency services agencies. He further explained that the District was reviewing with teachers the need to keep doors locked, to keep corridors closed and to focus on prevention.

He explained that recent laws have also helped with safety; such as, mandated treatment/evaluation teams when students have been expelled and sending students to mental health counseling if needed. He also explained the process of what happens when a threat is made by a student. He discussed the importance of building relationships with students.

He noted that due to the large numbers of citizens that use the facilities, that the District has really focused on having good policies that keep their buildings safe and their events safe. He noted that the District has moved to a clear bag policy for events. He also explained that they use metal detectors for all big events.

He explained that, overall, he felt like the County schools were safe. He discussed the challenges of having a School Resource Officer (SRO) in every school but explained that the District was working towards that goal. There were no questions from the audience after the presentation.

Legislative Update

Honorable Brandon Newton, South Carolina House District 45 and Delegation Chair, provided a legislative update. He introduced the County's Delegation: Honorable Sandy McGarry, South Carolina State House Representative, District 44; Honorable Richie Yow, South Carolina State House Representative, District 53; and Honorable Penry Gustafson, South Carolina State Senator, District 27. He briefly reviewed highlights of the State budget and reminded everyone that, in South Carolina, the State budget is law. He noted that the local government fund was fully funded. He explained that the budget provided \$275 million worth of new recurring funds in the K – 12 system across the State. He also explained that the State is not telling the local Boards how to spend that money, except for the minimum starting salary for teachers. He noted that an additional one-time allotment of \$250 million was put into the County Transportation Committee (CTC) programs, which will more than double each County's yearly allotment. He explained that this funding would mean that Lancaster County's CTC would receive approximately \$7 million. He also noted that the State passed a budget proviso allowing County's to go ahead and use their excess (capital project) sales tax (CPST) funds for roads now rather than having to roll them over into the next sales tax. He further noted that \$590 million was put into the State's reserve funds. Also, he explained the return-to-work policy for retired police that was updated for the State.

He reviewed other legislative topics of interest such as, the road fee and the changes in the election process because of the election bill. He explained early voting and absentee voting.

Steve Harper thanked the local delegation for the additional funding for the new regional park for ball fields. Brandon Newton noted that Heath Springs also received grant funding for a park and that the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office received funding for upgrades to the Department's shooting range. He also briefly reviewed possible changes to the run-off process for elections.

Sandy McGarry thanked all her constituents.

Richie Yow explained that he was excited to serve on the Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) Committee and he thanked Sandy McGarry for her service to Lancaster County.

Penry Gustafson briefly reviewed the boundaries for redistricting for the State representative seats.

Community Roundtable/Jurisdictional Update

Mayor Alston DeVenny provided a jurisdictional update for the City of Lancaster. He explained that the City continues to increase their tax revenues. He further explained that there was low unemployment in the City. He noted that there was a lot of development interest in the downtown area and the surrounding areas of the town. He discussed the challenges of the homeless population. He noted that the City did a nationwide search for the Police Chief. He reviewed some of the recent economic investments in the City, such as Circle K, the Arras Foundation, the remodeling of the CVS building, the remodeling of the Comporium building and the new wing of the Cultural Arts Center building. He requested funds from the County for the paving of roads in the City.

Mayor Eddie Moore provided a jurisdictional update for the Town of Heath Springs. He explained that there would be a ribbon cutting for the new Heath Springs' soccer complex on August 31, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. He invited everyone to attend, and he thanked County Council for providing the complex in Heath Springs.

There was no jurisdictional update from the Town of Kershaw.

Stuart Graham, Town of Van Wyck Council Member, provided a jurisdictional update for the Town of Van Wyck. He noted that the biggest item the Council has been working on is their new Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). He explained that it would be presented to the Town on August 24, 2022. He also noted that the Town was turning 5 years old and would have a celebration on August 27, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

There was no update from the Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees.

Dennis Marstall, County Administrator, provided a jurisdictional update for Lancaster County. He explained that the new fiscal budget had no tax increase except for a small one for the debt service fund. He explained that the Council approved approximately 30 new positions in the budget. He also explained that the County was enlarging the Parks and Recreation staffing due to the new facilities coming online. He noted that Council funded a strategic plan in the budget. He explained that it would be a consultant led strategic plan process that would take the recent Comprehensive Plan into consideration. He further explained that the County was still working on their American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and noted that the County received about \$19 million. He further noted that Council recently approved ARPA funds for a small mass transport bus for EMS and made a small allocation to the Council on Aging. He stated that the County would be focusing on grant opportunities for stormwater projects and noted that Old Bailes Road/culvert was re-opening after being closed for stormwater work. He also introduced new Assistant County Administrator, John Bodner. He explained that Council approved a new Airport Terminal in the budget and he noted that the County was continuing to work on the regional park. He also explained that staff would be reviewing internal guidelines for the new Centers for Disease Control (CDC) protocols for COVID. He noted that the CTC would be meeting this coming Thursday and noted that the

County is continuing to have discussions regarding fire districts/services for the County. He explained that the County has had a request for the Indian Land and Pleasant Valley Fire Districts to merge. He discussed the possibility of increases for fire fees and the possibility of millage for fire services. Lastly, he noted that the Harrisburg Soccer Complex ribbon cutting would be on August 24th and that the Heath Springs Soccer Complex ribbon cutting would be on August 31st. He explained that the Indian Land Recreation Center renovations were moving forward and noted that the County hoped to have a grand opening for that facility sometime in September.

Announcement of next Intergovernmental Meeting Date (November 4, 2022)

Steve Harper announced that the next Intergovernmental meeting would be held on November 4, 2022.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Intergovernmental Luncheon meeting adjourned at approximately 1:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sherrie Simpson
Clerk to Council,
Lancaster County

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