

Council Members

District 1: Stuart Graham
District 2: Charlene McGriff
District 3: Billy Mosteller, Vice Chair
District 4: Jose Luis
District 5: Steve Harper
District 6: Bryant Neal, Secretary
District 7: Brian Carnes, Chair

**County Administrator**

Dennis E. Marstall

County Attorney

Ginny L. Merck-Dupont

Clerk to Council

Sherrie Simpson

**August 11, 2025
6:00 PM**

LANCASTER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING, 101 NORTH MAIN STREET, LANCASTER, SC 29720

MINUTES

Council Members Present: Steve Harper, Bryant Neal, Brian Carnes, Billy Mosteller, Charlene McGriff, Jose Luis, Stuart Graham.

Staff Members/Others Present: Dennis Marstall, County Administrator; Ginny Merck-Dupont, County Attorney; Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council; Stephany Snowden, Deputy County Administrator; Sabrena Harris, Chief Financial Officer; Jamie Privuznak, Budget Director; April Williams, Planning Director; Brian Fulk, Economic Development Director; Jenna Woods, Communications and Marketing Director; Clay Catoe, Emergency Medical Services Director; the press; various elected officials; various Department Heads; various employees; and citizens.

A quorum of Lancaster County Council was present for 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. The PowerPoint presentation utilized during the meeting is attached to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office.

Call to Order Regular Meeting - Chairman Brian Carnes

Chairman Brian Carnes called the regular meeting of County Council to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Welcome and Recognition - Chairman Brian Carnes

Chairman Brian Carnes welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation - Council Member Steve Harper

Steve Harper led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and delivered the Invocation.

Approval of the Agenda

Charlene McGriff moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Steve Harper. The motion Passed by a vote of 7-0.

Citizens Comments

The following citizens signed up for and spoke during Citizen Comments:

1. Geoff Larson, Indian Land, SC, spoke regarding a development on Barberville Road and was concerned that the developer was not following the County's Unified Development Ordinance ("UDO").
2. Jeannine Clifton, Indian Land, SC, spoke regarding a development on Barberville Road and expressed concerns with the development plan.
3. Ann Gebel, Indian Land, SC, spoke regarding a development on Barberville Road and expressed disappointment with County Administration and Planning staff.
4. Ken Beck, Indian Land, SC, thanked the Sheriff's Office for the event they hosted in Sun City on human trafficking. Mr. Beck provided a copy of The Lancaster News article that highlighted the event. A copy of the article is attached as Schedule A to the minutes.
5. Bruce Cohen, Indian Land, SC, spoke regarding impact fees and suggested the Lancaster County follow what Lexington County does.

The following citizens submitted electronic, written comments for Citizen Comments, of which Council received a physical copy at their seats and which was acknowledged during the meeting by Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council:

1. Jennifer Sabatino, Van Wyck, SC, wrote in opposition of agenda items **10a.** and **10b.** A copy of her comments is attached as Schedule B to the minutes.

Consent Agenda

Billy Mosteller moved to approve Consent Agenda Item **6a.**, **6b.**, **6c.**, **6d.**, and **6e.** [which are the same as Item **a.**, **b.**, **c.**, **d.**, and **e.** listed below]. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. The motion to approve the Consent Agenda Passed by a vote of 7-0.

- a. Approval of Minutes from the July 21, 2025, County Council Regular Meeting**
- b. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1967**
Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Lancaster County Code Related To The Residency Requirement For Certain Leadership Positions - *Postponed at the June 9, 2025, County Council Meeting. Passed 7-0 at the July 21, 2025, County Council Meeting. - Dennis Marstall*
- c. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1977**
Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of Lancaster County To Rezone 9.18 Acres Of Property (TMS# 0069-00-047.00), Located On Potter Road, Lancaster, South Carolina, From RN, Rural Neighborhood District, To INS, Institutional District. - *Planning Department Case Number: RZ-2025-0857. The Planning Commission recommended approval by unanimous vote and the Planning staff also recommended approval of the rezoning request. Passed 7-0 at the July 21, 2025, County Council Meeting. - April Williams*
- d. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1978**
Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of Lancaster County To Rezone Approximately 0.44 Acres Of Property (TMS# 0081O-0C-014.00), Located On Phil Thurman Drive, Lancaster, South Carolina, From GB, General Business District, To MDR, Medium Density Residential District. - *Planning*

Department Case Number: RZ-2025-1016. The Planning Commission recommended approval by unanimous vote; however, the Planning staff has a neutral recommendation regarding this rezoning request. Passed 7-0 at the July 21, 2025, County Council Meeting. - April Williams

e. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1979

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Unified Development Ordinance (“UDO”) Chapter 7, Section 7.2.4 Off Street Loading And Parking Requirements, To Extend The Ability To Use Off-Site Parking Options Between 600 – 1200 Ft From A Business With Certain Conditions Met. - Planning Department Case Number: TA-2024-0344. The Planning Commission recommended approval by unanimous vote and the Planning staff also recommended approval of this text amendment. Passed 7-0 at the July 21, 2025, County Council Meeting. - Allison Hardin

Non-Consent Agenda

a. Resolution 1298-R2025

Resolution Title: A Resolution To Approve The Settlement With Defendant Sandoz. Inc. And The South Carolina Opioid Settlement Allocation Agreement As Amended. - Dennis Marstall

Charlene McGriff moved to approve Resolution 1298-R2025. Seconded by Bryant Neal.

Dennis Marstall explained that the Resolution was for the County to express their interest in participating in the settlement aimed to help with specific targeted impacts of opioid abdication in the community.

Resolution 1298-R2025 Passed by a vote of 7-0.

b. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1980

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Adopt Amended Policies Related To Travel Reimbursement And Performance Evaluation Included In The Lancaster County Personnel Policies And Procedures In Accordance With Lancaster County Code, Chapter 2, Article IV, Relating To The Lancaster County Personnel Policy. - Passed 7-0 at the July 21, 2025, County Council Meeting. - Sabrena Harris

Steve Harper moved to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1980. Seconded by Charlene McGriff.

Sabrena Harris reviewed the proposed Ordinance and noted no changes since the 1st Reading of the Ordinance.

There was no discussion from Council. The 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1980 Passed by a vote of 7-0.

c. 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1981

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Authorize The Execution And Delivery Of One Or More Amendments To The Installment Purchase And Use Agreement And The Base Lease And Conveyance Agreement Each Between Lancaster County, South Carolina, And Lancaster County Public Facilities Corporation; And To Provide For Other Matters Relating Thereto - Dennis Marstall

Charlene McGriff moved to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1981. Seconded by Billy Mosteller.

Dennis Marstall explained that the Ordinance was to call out that 5 of the 64 acres for the Detention Center was no longer part of the Detention Center project, and it would be used for the Coroner's Office.

There was no discussion from Council. The 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1981 Passed by a vote of 7-0.

d. 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1982

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance 2015-1346, Related To A Development Agreement Between Lancaster County And UHF Development Group, LLC., Also Known As PDD-26, "Collins Road Site" To Realign Density And Lot Lines Between Villages F And H, And To Amend Section 17(B) Regarding Parking. And Other Matters Related Thereto. - April Williams

Jose Luis moved to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1982. Seconded by Bryant Neal.

April Williams reviewed the proposed amendment via the County's PowerPoint presentation and explained that the applicant requested two amendments to the "controlling ordinance" for the development: (1) to adjust the lot lines and density of Village F and Village H of the Master Plan; and (2) to amend the language in Section 17 regarding parking. Ms. Williams reviewed Planning staff's concerns with the applicant's requests regarding parking. Alaina Kiewit with St. John Properties reviewed a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted the project. A copy of the PowerPoint is attached as Schedule C to the minutes. Council and staff discussed in depth what uses would be allowed in the flex space, what the conflict of uses was, and staff's concerns regarding parking and enforcement of parking requirements. Steve Harper requested that clarity be provided at the 2nd Reading of the Ordinance that highlighted what the applicant was disputing and what uses the applicant wanted to see noted as allowable uses.

There was no further discussion from Council. The 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1982 Passed by a vote of 7-0.

Discussion and Action Items

a. Receive Information and Take Desired Action Regarding Appointments and/or Re-Appointments to Various Boards and Commissions - Sherrie Simpson

1. Current Board/Commission Vacancies

3. Upcoming Board/Commission Expirations

1. Sherrie Simpson explained that the current list of Board and Commission vacancies was included in the agenda packet.
2. Sherrie Simpson explained that the list of upcoming Board and Commission expirations was included in the agenda packet.

Annual Report(s) from Boards and Commissions

a. Historical Commission Annual Report to Council

Sherrie Simpson explained that the Historical Commission submitted their annual report for Council's review, and there was no action needed.

Status of Items Tabled, Recommitted, Deferred or Held

There was no discussion regarding the status of any tabled, recommitted, deferred or held items.

a. POSTPONED AT APPLICANT'S REQUEST - Public Hearing and 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1972

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Approve The Request Of Old Hickory Hill, LLC To Amend The Future Land Use Map Contained In The Lancaster County, South Carolina Comprehensive Plan 2040, Changing The Future Land Use Designation For Their Property Located On Old Hickory Rd From Rural To Growth (TMS # 0045-00-004.00 And 0045-00-004.02). - Planning Department Case Number: CP-2024-0367. The Planning Commission recommended denial by unanimous vote and the Planning staff did not have a recommendation. Public Hearing and 1st Reading Postponed Until the July 21, 2025, County Council Meeting by Unanimous Vote at the May 27, 2025, County Council Meeting. Postponed at Applicant's Request on July 15, 2025. - April Williams

b. POSTPONED AT APPLICANT'S REQUEST - Public Hearing and 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1976

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of Lancaster County To Rezone 159.64 Acres Located Off Old Hickory Road (TM# 0045-00-004.00), From RN, Rural Neighborhood District, To MDR, Medium Density Residential District. - Planning Department Case Number: RZ-2024-0367. The Planning Commission recommended denial by unanimous vote and the Planning staff also recommended denial of the rezoning request. Postponed at Applicant's Request on July 15, 2025. - April Williams

Executive Session

a. One Item:

1. Receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a potential contractual matter related to Impact Fees.

Brian Carnes stated that he needed a motion to go into Executive Session for the receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a potential contractual matter related to Impact Fees. Jose Luis stated that he so moved. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. The motion to go into Executive Session Passed by a vote of 7-0. At approximately 6:55 p.m., Council went into Executive Session.

Items Requiring a Vote Following Executive Session

Council came out of Executive Session and Brian Carnes called the Council meeting back to order at approximately 7:21 p.m. Charlene McGriff moved to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Jose Luis. The motion to come out of Executive Session Passed by a vote of 7-0.

Upon returning to open session, Ginny Merck-Dupont stated that Council met in Executive Session for the receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a potential contractual matter related to Impact Fees. She stated that during Executive Session, no motions were made, and no votes were taken.

Adjournment

Steve Harper moved to adjourn the Council meeting. There being no further business to discuss, the regular meeting of Council adjourned at approximately 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lauren Hill

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Deputy Clerk to Council

Approved by Council on August 25, 2025.

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Bryant Neal, Secretary

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City Council green-lights Ellen Dean revitalization



This is the current state of the Ellen Dean Hotel building.

BY MANDY CATOE
CORRESPONDENT

City Council unanimously passed a resolution at its July 22 meeting that will make possible the restoration of the Ellen Dean Hotel, one of the town's trademark buildings. The vote was 5 — 0. Councilors Kenny Hood and Hazel Taylor were absent.

The resolution will certify the Ellen Dean property located at 113 — 141 North White Street as an abandoned building site according to the Abandoned Building Revitalization Act. The act was passed in 1976 to create an incentive for the

rehabilitation, renovation, and redevelopment of abandoned buildings in South Carolina.



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Alize Thomas, city marketing and development manager, said "Certification by council will help open the door for significant private investment and bring new life to a long-vacant historic property in the heart of downtown Lancaster."

The city's formal certification of the historic property as abandoned is a critical step that will ensure developers and investors have access to tax credits.

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Kershaw administrator resigning position

No reason given for Douglass's departure

BY RACHEL BLACK
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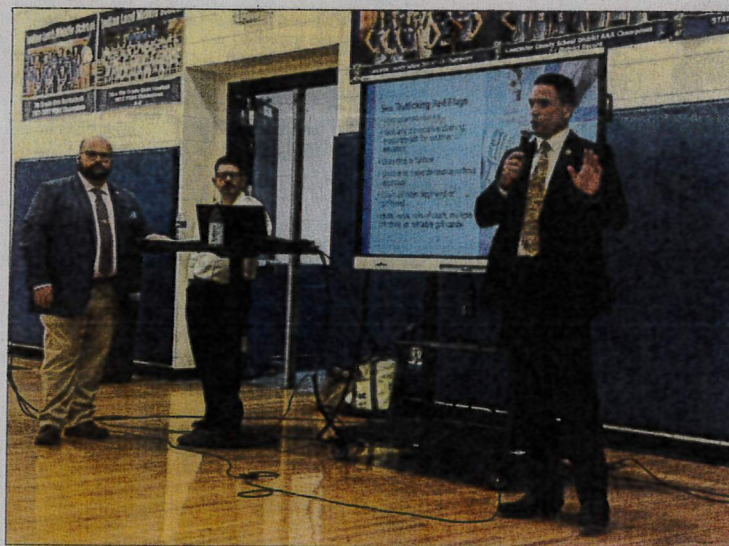
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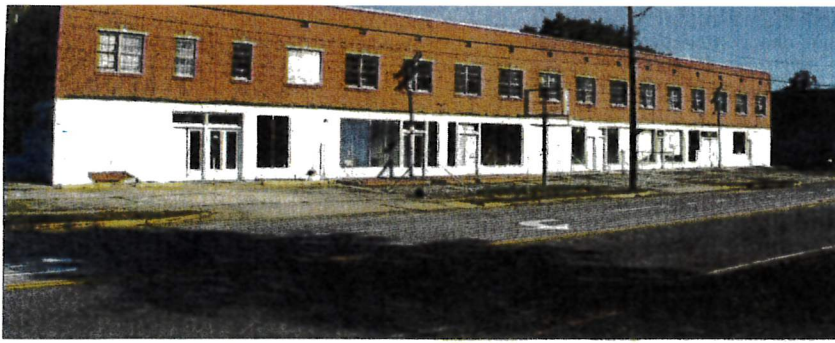
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A Great Falls man was found guilty last week on multiple charges related to a 2021 shooting incident.

Charles Alexander Boulware, 60, of Great Falls, was charged with attempted murder, possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime, and

possession of a weapon by person convicted of a violent felony for the shooting of Johnny Patterson on December 11, 2021.

The trial began last Monday and the jury received the case around 1:00 p.m. on Friday.

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"It's a crime that can happen very personally and very locally," Investigator Shane Black explained. A common myth surrounding human trafficking is that the victims must be transported across borders to be exploited; in reality though, victims can be exploited from within their own home without needing to be moved.

If an individual is being coerced, forced, or exploited with fraud to perform forced labor or commercial sex acts, they are being trafficked. While physical force isn't required to keep a victim from leaving, many victims stay because of psychological reasons; for example, not knowing where to go or if escaping is even possible. Brian Collins

explained that "some victims [make themselves] believe that they deserved what was happening to them."

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Slow down and watch out for manatees

I would say it's just the law of unintended consequences.

My coworker Marissa mentioned recently that she'd seen something online about the "Southern Slow Down," an effort in North Carolina to get motorists to ease off the gas pedal a bit and exercise other road safety measures. I'm certain the effort has been well thought out and people certainly need to be more cautious on the roads. In fact, I learned since that office chat that this is an annual multi-state effort. Remember, though, we are talking about how this plays out in the animated, poop wagon, landfill that is my imagination. In my head, this will lead to some situations officials have not considered. I imagined this initiative being introduced at a press conference.

"So, we'd like to thank all our media partners for being here today. I'm Officer Jimmy Jack, director of Grand Orchestrators Of Bridge, Embankment and Road Safety (GOOBERS) in North Carolina. We are starting a new push to get folks to travel more slowly and safely called the 'Southern Slow Down.' It is sort of like the old Southern 500, except much slower and without people exclusively driving on a big circle where they can only turn left. I'm certainly hoping it involves less beer drinking too. Anyway, we considered lots of different names for this operation. We almost went with 'Slow down, don't make your mama frown,' thinking maybe folks would think of their mom telling them to be safe, but what if your mom nags? Then maybe you just drive faster to spite her, so we went in a different direction. I liked 'Don't drop the hammer or we'll put you in the slammer' but some other folks were partial to 'If you drive too fast, we're gonna bust your...' Anyway, we think we settled on a winner. Any questions?"

"Yes, do you guys have any ulterior motives with this campaign?"

"Look, people are always suspicious. We only care for the safety

of the people out there. Sure, sure...we expect to net gigantic amounts of sweet, delicious ticket fines. It's early in the fiscal year and we'll start with a bang thanks to mountains of luscious, inviting traffic citation money, but, it's the safeness and whatnot we're aiming for."

"Officer, it would seem that while encouraging safety is important, concentrating so many officers on enforcing speeding laws might lead to deficiencies in other areas. Can you assure folks that won't be the case?"

"No, I sure can't. Look, I'm just saying that if you want to smuggle a walrus or colony of beavers through the good ol' Tarheel State, next week is the time to do it. We'll be writing tickets, so the illicit water mammal trade is probably going to run wild."

"Are you serious, Officer Jimmy Jack?"

"Absolutely. Look, I can't write 50 tickets a day AND track every dugong and other being run up-and-down I-26. So, all the weirdos who try to sneak giant manatees across state lines in their pants, can rest easy next week. We will be totally and completely preoccupied."

"Sir, I don't mean this to be disrespectful but don't you goobers have anything better to do than write tickets to a fellow who is headed to work to support his family or maybe a fireworks stand to score some M-80s."

"I beg your pardon, sir, but there is nothing better for us GOOBERS to do than enforce safety. Us GOOBERS exist solely to make the roads safer, us GOOBERS spend day and night focusing on this topic... you should be grateful us GOOBERS are on the job, looking out for the public. Where would North Carolina be without an organized, well-funded bunch of GOOBERS running the show?"

"Do you have anything else to say, officer?"

"Just to be safe out there and rest easy knowing that you've got a bunch of GOOBERS on the job, working on your behalf."



TRAVIS JENKINS

A Talent Show with a purpose

ECHO Coalition Youth Talent Show is Aug. 2

BY BRIAN GARNER
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

It's a talent show with a purpose, and there's no Simon. Call it "Chester's Got Talent" if you will.

The ECHO Coalition and Hazel Pittman Center are presenting the 2nd Annual Chester County Youth Talent Show on Aug. 2 at the Chester War Memorial Building. Doors open at noon and the show begins at 1 p.m.

The show description states, "Welcome to the Chester County Youth Talent Show! Join us at The Chester County War Memorial Building on Saturday, August 2nd at 1 p.m. for an afternoon filled with amazing performances. Whether you're a singer, dancer, musician, magician, or comedian, this is your chance to shine on stage. Show off your skills and com-

pete for the title of the most talented performer in Chester County. Don't miss out on the opportunity to showcase your talent or skills and entertain the audience. Get ready to wow the crowd and have a blast at the Chester County Youth Talent Show!

Spectators, join us for a fun-filled day of entertainment and support your youth and be part of an unforgettable event." The Talent Show was the brainchild of Hazel Pittman Prevention Director Melody Reid, who told The N&R she started thinking in 2024 for ways to impact the youth and the community simultaneously.

"I came up with the idea for the showcase because I wanted to encourage our youth and build up their confidence and self-esteem. And learning how to speak in public, improve their communications and perform in

front of an audience was a plus," Reid said.

She said the entrants in last year's showcase might also get the bug and think about a career in entertainment, whether singing, dancing or (as in last year's case) even rapping — tastefully of course.

The showcase also teaches the students and the young adults who participate how to work for a goal and instills discipline in them through those long hours they will practice to shine on the stage.

This year's showcase is no different, said Reid.

"We had such a great turnout last year, I wanted to do it again this year. It was such a benefit to the community, to the youth and the people that were involved. It created a fun, safe place and there was an uplifting atmosphere. I felt like the show helped to

strengthen community ties between youth and adults. The youth were able to showcase their diverse talent and the adults got to appreciate the youth for something positive they could do," Reid said.

Partners the ECHO Coalition, Hazel Pittman Center and Founders are presenting this year's talent showcase again, Reid said.

The talent show is accepting contestants up until Aug. 1, the day before the show, Reid said. Contestants can enter at this link: <https://forms.gle/54xEDoJPZa3jhrb99>. Admission is free and audience members can register at <https://2025ChesterCountyTalentShow.eventbrite.com>.

Contestants are accepted in ages ranging from elementary school level to college and young adult categories.

Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and a Viewer's Choice category.

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Melody Reid

FORUM

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Victims can be recruited from a plethora of locations, including schools, gas stations, large shopping centers, and social media. Shane Black explained that "the biggest [recruitment location] is social media, [a trafficker] can extend their reach through social media; they can

post something and a lot of eyes will see it."

With social media platforms being so accessible, traffickers can easily reach large audiences and target vulnerable individuals. Lt. Aaron Carroll defined vulnerable people as "people with needs... already on drugs, [and/or] have mental health issues, [and/or] they were abused in the past." Once traffickers gain enough trust from

their victim(s), they can change what platform they're communicating on, moving to a social media that deletes messages to avoid leaving breadcrumbs.

To combat human trafficking, people can educate themselves, donate to or volunteer at local organizations, and call hotlines when they see or suspect trafficking. Organizations like Safe House Project exist to help victims escape

exploitation and begin to heal.

The National Human Trafficking Hotline is 888-373-7888, or 237373 by text.

"The average lifespan of a human trafficking victim is seven years without any outside help," Brian Collins said.

If there is an opportunity for someone to be exploited, someone could always take it; if you see something, say something.

GUILTY

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After several hours of deliberation, the jury returned a verdict of guilty on all charges. The Honorable Robert Hood ordered Boulware taken into custody, however, he delayed sentencing for Boulware until August 25, 2025, based on the late hour of the verdict and to allow the families for both the victim and defendant to come back and provide their respective statements to the court.

Boulware's convictions could net him up to 40 years in prison, with the attempted murder charge carrying a possible sentence of 30 years and each of the

weapons charges carrying the possible penalty of five years each.

Boulware was arrested in December of 2021. According to then-Great Falls Police Chief Jeremy Vinson, officers were called to a Washington St. location regarding a gunshot victim. On arrival, they found a male subject who appeared to have been shot in the head. He was transported by EMS and airlifted to the trauma center with life-threatening injuries.

After speaking with witnesses, Boulware was identified and with the assistance of the

Chester County Sheriff's Office, was located.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy Solicitor Candice Lively and Assistant Solicitor Julia Soprano. The Great Falls Police Department, Chester County Sheriff's

Office, and SLED investigated the case.

Boulware was taken into custody without bond and will be held at the Chester County Detention Center until the date of his sentencing.

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Annual Economic Impact



Sherrie Simpson

Schedule B

From: Jennifer Sabatino [REDACTED]
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Good morning Sheri,

I hope all is well and enjoyed your weekend. Attached below is a submission concerning a few agenda items for tonight's County Council Meeting. I will not be able to attend.

Agenda Item: 10a - Public Hearing and 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1972

Agenda Item: 10b - Public Hearing and 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1976

Comments below are for both 10a and 10b.

Please read/ submit my comments below during the public hearing for both 10a and 10b

Good evening Council Members,

There are approximately 7,000 residential units between Highway 5 and Highway 9 that have already been approved by Lancaster County and the City of Lancaster.

The County EMS Department provides services to both jurisdictions, yet it is already struggling to keep up with current demand. EMS does not have the resources to serve the additional 7,000-plus units south of Highway 75, along with the several thousand more homes being built in the Indian Land Panhandle. This includes the Roselyn 55+ development of approximately 1,860 residences, which is already under construction south of Highway 5.

I live in the Riverchase Estates development, also located south of Highway 5, where approximately another 700 homes are approved to be built in the upcoming Sections 2 and 3. The County fire stations that serve my neighborhood and others between Highway 5 and Highway 9 are staffed entirely by volunteer firefighters. When a 911 call for fire rescue is made, these volunteers must first travel to their station to get the fire trucks before heading to the emergency location.

I witness a complete loss of a home in Riverchase Estates over 3 years ago because fire rescue arrived approximately 25 minutes after the 911 call was placed not due to a lack of dedication, but because our

brave first responders simply don't have the resources they need to do their jobs safely and effectively. They work tirelessly for our communities everyday.

As a nurse practitioner, I am very much aware that our current first responder system is already stretched beyond capacity and a new/ revised emergency response plan is needed with all the exponential growth.

All County First Responder Services including Animal Control, EMS, Fire Rescue, and the Sheriff's Department lack the staffing, funding, and equipment necessary to handle the population we have today, let alone the thousands of additional residential and commercial units already approved, or the new development applications currently under review.

This is a public safety crisis! Before approving further growth, Lancaster County must ensure our EMS, fire, and law enforcement teams are fully staffed, well-equipped, and able to respond efficiently and safely. Without these essential services, approving more development only places our residents and first responders at greater risk.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the County Council members to deny the following rezoning requests:

- Agenda Item 10a – Public Hearing and 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1972
- Agenda Item 10b – Public Hearing and 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1976

Our community's safety cannot be an afterthought anymore nor subjected to retroactive thinking. It must be the priority today!

Thank you for your time and efforts serving our wonderful community.

Respectfully,

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