

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

November 24, 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, Jose Luis, Stuart Graham.

Council Members Absent: Charlene McGriff.

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; Allison Hardin, Development Services Director; April Williams, Planning Director; Tracy Rabon, Procurement Director; Clay Catoe, Emergency Medical Services Director; Sheriff Barry Faile; 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 Lancaster County Council meeting 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 Stuart Graham

Stuart Graham led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and delivered the Invocation.

Approval of the Agenda

Jose Luis moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Steve Harper. The motion Passed by a

vote of 6-0; Absent: McGriff.

Citizens Comments

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

1. April Williams spoke on behalf of Kathy Hurley, Lancaster, SC, and explained that she was available for questions once agenda item **8g.** was brought forward.
2. Libby Sweatt-Lambert, Lancaster, SC, explained that letters regarding zoning items were not being delivered to her P.O. Box, and also requested something in writing explaining the decision on the residential moratorium boundaries and to implement a second moratorium from Highway 5 to Shiloh Unity Road.
3. Joey Byrd, Jefferson, SC, explained that he was attending on behalf of the Haile Gold Mine if Council had any questions once agenda item **8a.** was brought forward.
4. Jeannine Clifton, Indian Land, SC, expressed concerns regarding a commercial development on Barberville Road and their non-compliance with the County's Unified Development Ordinance ("UDO").
5. Jane Alford, Fort Mill, SC, highlighted the Lancaster County Arts Council's future projects and events in December.

The following citizens submitted electronic, written comments for Citizen Comments: None.

Special Presentations

a. Accreditation of the Lancaster County Sheriff's Department - Presented by Chief Watts, Chairman, South Carolina Law Enforcement Accreditation Council

Chief Watts, the Chairman of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Accreditation Council, announced that the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office had successfully completed the accreditation assessment process for state accreditation and was unanimously approved by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Accreditation Council. Chief Watts recognized Sergeant Andrew Gillespie for his diligence and dedication, and also recognized Sheriff Faile for his dedication to excellence and professionalism in South Carolina Law Enforcement, and awarded him with a Certificate of Accreditation.

b. Recognition of Three EMS Competition Teams - Clay Catoe, Director of EMS

Clay Catoe recognized three competition teams. The first group had graduated from the Lancaster County EMS high school program, who were now both employed full-time with Lancaster County EMS. This group placed fourth in the Paramedic Savers Competition. The second group placed first in the Carolina Competition. The third group placed first in the Pee Dee Carolina Pines Regional EMS Symposium.

c. Recognition of Employee of the Quarter - 2025 - 3rd Quarter - Presented by County Administrator Dennis Marstall

Dennis Marstall recognized each employee of the quarter nominee via the County's PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Marstall announced that the employee of the quarter for the General Services Division was Jennifer Ritz and the employee of the quarter for the Public Safety Division was Brittany Morgan.

Consent Agenda

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

- a. **Approval of Minutes from the November 10, 2025, County Council Regular Meeting**
- b. **2nd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1999**
Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of Lancaster County To Rezone Approximately One Acre (p/o TM# 0049-00-097.00), Which Is Located At 2339 Charlotte Highway, From The General Business (GB) District To The Low Density Residential (LDR) District - *Planning Department Case Number: RZ-2025-1864. The Planning Commission recommended approval by unanimous vote and the Planning staff also recommended approval of the rezoning. Passed 7-0 at the November 10, 2025, County Council Meeting. - April Williams*
- c. **2nd Reading of Ordinance 2025-2003**
Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance 2021-1787, Related To A Roundabout Agreement Between Lancaster County And Provident Bayard, LLC., And Subsequently Transferred To KB Homes Palmetto, Inc. To Add A Fifth Roundabout Amendment And To Attach Roundabout Amendments One, Two, Three And Four, And Other Matters Related Thereto. - *Passed 7-0 at the November 10, 2025, County Council Meeting. - April Williams*

Non-Consent Agenda

- a. **Resolution 1312-R2025**
Resolution Title: A Resolution To Approve The Removal And Relocation Of An Abandoned Cemetery. - *Dennis Marstall*

Bryant Neal moved to approve Resolution 1312-R2025. Seconded by Steve Harper.

Dennis Marstall explained that the expanded Haile Gold Mine project site would disturb the abandoned Hilton Family Cemetery, so Haile Gold Mine was requesting that the cemetery be relocated to the new Haile Goldmine Cemetery located east of Ernest Scott Road.

There was no discussion from Council. Resolution 1312-R2025 Passed by a vote of 6-0; Absent: McGriff.

- b. **3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1993**
Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 2025-1971, Relating To The Appropriation Of Funds And The Approval Of A Detailed Budget For Lancaster County For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025 And Ending June 30, 2026 (FY2025-2026), To Further Provide For Revenues And Expenditures During The Fiscal Year; And To Provide For Matters Related Thereto. - *Passed 7-0 at the October 13, 2025, County Council Meeting. Passed 7-0 at the October 27, 2025, County Council Meeting. Public Hearing held at the November 10, 2025, County Council Meeting But 3rd Reading Postponed To November 24, 2025. - Jamie Privuznak*

Jose Luis moved to approve the 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1993. Seconded by Billy Mosteller.

Jamie Privuznak reviewed the proposed budget amendment and noted no changes since the 2nd Reading of the Ordinance. Dennis Marstall stated that the contract for the cardiac monitors had been reviewed by the County Attorney. Ginny Merck-Dupont stated that she would approve the contract with reservations.

There was no further discussion. The 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1993 Passed by a vote of 6-0; Absent: McGriff.

c. Public Hearing and 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1995

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of Lancaster County To Rezone Approximately 59.14 Acres (TM# 0057-00-041.00), Which Is Located At 5294 Pageland Highway, From The Rural Neighborhood (RN) District To The Argicultural Residential (AR) District. - Planning Department Case Number: RZ-2025-2080. The Planning Commission recommended approval by unanimous vote of 7-0 and the Planning staff also recommended approval of the rezoning request. Passed 7-0 at the October 27, 2025, County Council Meeting. Passed 7-0 at the November 10, 2025, County Council Meeting. - April Williams

Brian Carnes opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2025-1995 at approximately 6:35 p.m. He noted that no one signed up to speak at the Public Hearing for the Ordinance. There were approximately 30 citizens, including staff members, in attendance during the Public Hearing for this Ordinance. The following speakers came forward to make comments or sent in written comments regarding the Ordinance: None. Brian Carnes closed the Public Hearing at approximately 6:35 p.m.

April Williams noted no changes since the 2nd Reading of the Ordinance.

Stuart Graham moved to approve the 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1995. Seconded by Steve Harper.

There was no discussion from Council. The 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1995 Passed by a vote of 6-0; Absent: McGriff.

d. 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1996

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Lancaster County Code Related To Rules And Regulations For Lancaster County Parks And Recreation Areas/Facilities. - Passed 7-0 at the October 27, 2025, County Council Meeting. Passed 7-0 at the November 10, 2025, County Council Meeting. - Dennis Marstall

Jose Luis moved to approve the 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1996. Seconded by Billy Mosteller.

Dennis Marstall reviewed the proposed rules and regulations and noted that the Sheriff's Office had reviewed them.

There was no discussion from Council. The 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1996 Passed by a vote of 6-0; Absent: McGriff.

e. 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1997

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Lancaster County Code, Chapter 6, Article I Related To The Animal Enforcement Provisions. - Passed 7-0 at the October 27, 2025, County Council Meeting. Passed 7-0 at the November 10, 2025, County Council Meeting. - Dennis Marstall

Steve Harper moved to approve the 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1997. Seconded by Jose Luis.

Dennis Marstall reviewed the proposed code amendment.

Jose Luis moved to amend the Ordinance to strike the revisions that were in Section 6-8 and Section 6-9. Seconded by Stuart Graham. There was no discussion from Council. The amendment Passed by a vote of 6-0; Absent: McGriff.

There was no further discussion from Council. The 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1997 Passed, as amended, by a vote of 6-0; Absent: McGriff.

f. Public Hearing and 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1998

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 2021-1770, The Terms Of Which Created The Van Wyck Fire Protection District, In Order To Expand Funding Authority And Clarify Certain Governance Functions; And Other Matters Relating Thereto. - Passed 7-0 at the October 27, 2025, County Council Meeting. Passed 7-0 at the November 10, 2025, County Council Meeting. - Dennis Marstall

Brian Carnes opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2025-1998 at approximately 6:40 p.m. He noted that no one signed up to speak at the Public Hearing for the Ordinance. There were approximately 30 citizens, including staff members, in attendance during the Public Hearing for this Ordinance. The following speakers came forward to make comments or sent in written comments regarding the Ordinance: None. Brian Carnes closed the Public Hearing at approximately 6:40 p.m.

Stuart Graham moved to approve the 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1998. Seconded by Bryant Neal.

Dennis Marstall explained that the proposed ordinance would allow district fees collected to be used for operating personnel expenditures, and would also clarify that the Van Wyck Fire Chief would be a non-voting member on the Van Wyck Fire District Protection Board.

There was no discussion from Council. The 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1998 Passed by a vote of 6-0; Absent: McGriff.

g. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2025-2000

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of Lancaster County To Rezone Approximately 24.1 Acres (TM#s 0103-00-018.00, 0103-00-018.03 And 0103-00-018.04), Which Is Located On Red Hill Road, From The Low Density Residential (LDR) District To The Rural Residential (RR) District - Planning Department Case Number: RZ-2025-1834. The Planning Commission recommended approval by a vote of 6-0 and the Planning staff also recommended approval of the rezoning request. Passed 6-1 at the November 10, 2025, County Council Meeting

(Billy Mosteller Opposed). - April Williams

Steve Harper moved to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2025-2000. Seconded by Jose Luis.

April Williams explained that when the proposed Ordinance was drafted, the incorrect zoning classification was transposed (Rural Neighborhood instead of Rural Residential), but all information in the agenda packets and what was presented at the 1st Reading of the Ordinance was correct, and there had been no changes made since. Ms. Williams further explained that the applicant clarified to staff that there would not be any livestock on the property, and also noted that a mobile home park or anything of the nature would not be allowed in the zoning district. Billy Mosteller explained that he was concerned about putting a Rural Residential (RR) zoning district in the middle of neighborhoods zoned Low Density Residential (LDR).

There was no further discussion from Council. The 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2025-2000 Passed by a vote of 5-1; Ayes: Harper, Neal, Carnes, Luis, Graham; Nays: Mosteller; Absent: McGriff.

h. 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-2005

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Rescind Policies Related To Telecommuting And Remote Work 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. - Dennis Marstall

Bryant Neal moved to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-2005. Seconded by Steve Harper.

Dennis Marstall explained that after some Council members had expressed concerns regarding the use and approvals of remote work for certain County staff members, the County Administrator had rescinded the remote work approvals effective December 8, 2025.

There was no discussion from Council. The 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-2005 Passed by a vote of 6-0; Absent: McGriff.

Discussion and Action Items

a. Receive Information and Take Desired Action Regarding Commissioning of Code Enforcement Officers - Dennis Marstall

Dennis Marstall explained that he was recommending the following County employees for appointment and commissioning as enforcement officers: Jacky Steen, Gregg Neal, Cheyanne Booth, Alan Williams, Andy Rowe, Robert Lloyd, and Shannon Catoe.

Jose Luis moved to approve the recommended appointees. Seconded by Billy Mosteller. There was no discussion from Council. The motion Passed by a vote of 6-0; Absent: McGriff.

b. Receive Information and Take Desired Action Regarding Adding Financial Documents to the County Website - Dennis Marstall

Dennis Marstall explained that Council had expressed interest in adding the County's financial documents to the County's website for transparency, specifically the checkbook ledger and P-card transactions. Sabrena Harris reviewed the County's PowerPoint presentation, which

highlighted staff's plan to launch a transparency initiative. Steve Harper requested that the checks and P-card purchases be identified by department, not by employee name(s), but to include Council member names on reports if there were any purchases. Jose Luis requested that the P-card purchases include an itemization of what was purchased and what they were for. Ms. Harris stated that staff intended to launch phase 1 in February 2026, which would reflect reports from January 2026.

c. Adoption of the 2026 Calendars for Council Meetings, Board and Commission Meetings, Advisory Board Meetings and the County Holiday Schedule - *Sherrie Simpson*

Jose Luis moved to approve the 2026 calendar for Council meetings, Board and Commission meetings, Advisory Board meetings, and the County holiday schedule. Seconded by Steve Harper. There was no discussion from Council. The motion Passed by a vote of 6-0; Absent: McGriff.

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

- 1. Appointment to the Airport Commission as the District 7 Representative - Gerald Danko as the District 7 Representative on the Airport Commission and, if appointed, he would be serving his first four-year term that would expire on 06/30/2029.**
- 2. Appointment to the Van Wyck Fire Protection District Commission - David (Tony) Carnes to fill an unexpired term that would end on 06/30/2027.**
- 3. Current Board/Commission Vacancies**
- 4. Upcoming Board/Commission Expirations**

1. Sherrie Simpson explained that staff had received an application from Gerald Danko for the District 7 vacancy on the Airport Advisory Commission. Brian Carnes moved to appoint Mr. Danko. Seconded by Steve Harper. There was no discussion from Council. The motion Passed by a vote of 6-0; Absent: McGriff.
2. Brian Carnes recused himself from the Council meeting and stepped out of Council Chambers at approximately 7:13 p.m. A copy of his Statement of Recusal is attached as Schedule A to the minutes. Sherrie Simpson explained that staff had received an application from David (Tony) Carnes for a vacancy on the Van Wyck Fire Protection District Commission. Stuart Graham moved to appoint Mr. Carnes. Seconded by Jose Luis. There was no discussion from Council. The motion Passed by a vote of 5-0-1; Ayes: Harper, Neal, Mosteller, Luis, Graham; Nays: None; Recused: Carnes; Absent: McGriff. Brian Carnes re-entered Council Chambers at approximately 7:15 p.m.
3. Sherrie Simpson explained that the current list of Board and Commission vacancies was included in the agenda packet.
4. Sherrie Simpson explained that the list of upcoming Board and Commission expirations was included in the agenda packet.

Status of Items Tabled, Recommitted, Deferred or Held

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

a. PENDING/SENT TO AD-HOC COMMITTEE - 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1988

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Approve A Development Agreement With AM Group Land Holdings, LLC., In Connection With A Major Subdivision Preliminary Plat SD-2021-0528, Which Proposes A 92-Lot Single-Family Cluster Subdivision Overlay District (CSO) Development, Establishing The Regulations For The Development Of The Property, And Other Matters Related Thereto. - Planning Department Case Number: DA-2025-1506 (and DA-2021-0528). The Planning Commission recommended approval of the request by a vote of 5-1 and the Planning staff recommended conditional approval with the provision that staff edits are included in the Development Agreement. At the October 13, 2025, Council Meeting, the 1st Reading was sent to the Ad-Hoc Development Agreement Committee for Recommendations. - April Williams

b. 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

c. 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

d. HELD - 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2025-2004

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Ordinance Relating To The Appropriation Of Funds And The Approval Of A Detailed Budget For Lancaster County For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025, And Ending June 30, 2026 (FY 2025 - 2026); To Further Provide For Revenues And Expenditures During The Fiscal Year; To Realign The Budget Appropriation In Ordinance No. 2025-1971 For The Purpose Of Establishing A Special Revenue Fund To Account For Department Of Social Services (DSS) Revenues ; And To Provide For Compliance With Federal And State Requirements Governing The Use Of DSS Funds. - Passed 7-0 at the November 10, 2025, County Council Meeting. - Sabrena Harris

e. HELD - 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2025-2007

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Approve The Lease Of Certain Real Property Located At 1228 Colonial Commons Court, Suite 101 To Finding Serenity; And To Authorize County Officials To Take Such Actions As Necessary To Effectuate The

Purposes Of This Ordinance. - Passed 5-1-1 at the November 10, 2025, County Council Meeting (Jose Luis Opposed and Charlene McGriff Recused). - Dennis Marstall

Executive Session

a. Four Items:

- 1. Receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a potential contractual matter relating to an Economic Development Project: Project Alpine 2.***
- 2. Receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a potential contractual matter relating to the EMS Headquarters bay.***
- 3. Receipt and review of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege related to a contractual matter for certain funding provided by the South Carolina Department of Social Services.***
- 4. Discussion of personnel matters pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws 30-4-70(a)(1) related to the County Administrator's office and the County Administrator's Evaluation and Contract.***

Brian Carnes stated that he needed a motion to go into Executive Session for four items: (1) for the receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a potential contractual matter relating to an Economic Development Project: Project Alpine 2; (2) for the receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a potential contractual matter relating to the EMS Headquarters bay; (3) for the receipt and review of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege related to a contractual matter for certain funding provided by the South Carolina Department of Social Services; and (4) for the discussion of personnel matters pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws 30-4-70(a)(1) related to the County Administrator's office and the County Administrator's Evaluation and Contract and to invite Economic Development staff in to discuss the first matter; the Deputy County Administrator in to discuss the second matter; and the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Clerk to Court to discuss the third matter. Bryan Neal stated that he so moved. Seconded by Billy Mosteller. The motion to go into Executive Session Passed by a vote of 6-0; Absent: McGriff. At approximately 7:16 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 8:38 p.m. Jose Luis moved to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Stuart Graham. The motion to come out of Executive Session Passed by a vote of 6-0; Absent: McGriff.

Upon returning to open session, Ginny Merck-Dupont stated that Council met in Executive Session in regard to four items: (1) for the receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a potential contractual matter relating to an Economic Development Project: Project Alpine 2; (2) for the receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a potential contractual matter relating to the EMS Headquarters bay; (3) for the receipt and review of legal advice subject to the attorney-

client privilege related to a contractual matter for certain funding provided by the South Carolina Department of Social Services; and (4) for the discussion of personnel matters pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws 30-4-70(a)(1) related to the County Administrator's office and the County Administrator's Evaluation and Contract. She stated that during Executive Session, no motions were made, and no votes were taken.

Jose Luis made a motion to terminate the County Administrator's existing contract and to authorize the Chairman to enter into negotiations for a new contract with the County Administrator. Seconded by Bryant Neal. There was no discussion from Council. The motion Passed by a vote of 6-0; Absent: McGriff.

Adjournment

Jose Luis moved to adjourn the Council meeting. There being no further business to discuss, the regular meeting of Council adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lauren Hill

Lauren Hill
Deputy Clerk to Council

Approved by Council on December 8, 2025.

Bryant Neal

Bryant Neal, Secretary

Schedule A



Lancaster County, South Carolina

Post Office Box 1809 Lancaster, South Carolina 29721-1809

STATEMENT OF RECUSAL

In accordance with State Code § 8-13-700(b), I hereby abstain from all votes, deliberations, and other action on the following matter(s):

Appointment to Van Wyck Fire Protection District
Commission - David (Tung) Strawn

SECTION 8-13-700. Use of official position or office for financial gain; disclosure of potential conflict of interest.

(B) No public official, public member, or public employee may make, participate in making, or in any way attempt to use his office, membership, or employment to influence a governmental decision in which he, a member of his immediate family, an individual with whom he is associated, or a business with which he is associated has an economic interest. A public official, public member, or public employee who, in the discharge of his official responsibilities, is required to take an action or make a decision which affects an economic interest of himself, a member of his immediate family, an individual with whom he is associated, or a business with which he is associated shall:

- (1) prepare a written statement describing the matter requiring action or decisions and the nature of his potential conflict of interest with respect to the action or decision;
- (2) if the public official is a member of the General Assembly, he shall deliver a copy of the statement to the presiding officer of the appropriate house. The presiding officer shall have the statement printed in the appropriate journal and require that the member of the General Assembly be excused from votes, deliberations, and other action on the matter on which a potential conflict exists;
- (3) if he is a public employee, he shall furnish a copy of the statement to his superior, if any, who shall assign the matter to another employee who does not have a potential conflict of interest. If he has no immediate superior, he shall take the action prescribed by the State Ethics Commission;
- (4) if he is a public official, other than a member of the General Assembly, he shall furnish a copy of the statement to the presiding officer of the governing body of any agency, commission, board, or of any county, municipality, or a political subdivision thereof, on which he serves, who shall cause the statement to be printed in the minutes and require that the member be excused from any votes, deliberations, and other actions on the matter on which the potential conflict of interest exists and shall cause the disqualification and the reasons for it to be noted in the minutes;
- (5) if he is a public member, he shall furnish a copy to the presiding officer of any agency, commission, board, or of any county, municipality, or a political subdivision thereof, on which he serves, who shall cause the statement to be printed in the minutes and shall require that the member be excused from any votes, deliberations, and other actions on the matter on which the potential conflict of interest exists and shall cause such disqualification and the reasons for it to be noted in the minutes.

Reason(s) for Disqualification:

BROTHER BEING APPOINTED TO
BOARD

Name:

BRIAN GARNES Brian Garnes

Date:

11/24/25

, County Council Member