

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



Interim County Administrator
Steve Willis

County Attorney
Ginny L. Merck-Dupont

Clerk to Council
Sherrie Simpson

December 10, 2025
4:00 PM

LANCASTER COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
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: Steve Willis, Interim County Administrator; Dennis Marstall; 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; Dr. Kirsten Willis, Planner; Brandon Elliot, Fleet Maintenance 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 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Welcome and Recognition - Chairman Brian Carnes

Chairman Brian Carnes welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation - Billy Mosteller

Billy Mosteller led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and delivered the Invocation.

Approval of the Agenda

Steve Harper moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. The motion

Passed by a vote of 7-0.

Citizens Comments

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

1. Yokima Cureton, Lancaster, SC, expressed her excitement for the proposed Housing Committee and noted that it was much needed in Lancaster County.

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

Discussion and Action Items

a. Update on the Detention Center - *Chad Catledge, Perception Builders*

Chad Catledge provided Council with an update on the Detention Center via the County's PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Catledge noted that the project was approximately 42% complete and was approximately \$37 million into the \$90 million budget. Mr. Catledge reviewed the estimated project schedule and noted that the estimated final completion date was January 2027. Charlene McGriff requested that Council receive a tour of the facility to see the progress that had been made.

b. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update - *Stephany Snowden*

Stephany Snowden provided Council with an update on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that were allocated and committed and noted that the final two ARPA projects (Sheriff Evidence Storage Facility and the new Coroner's Office) were still in the construction process, but would be completed before the December 31, 2026, deadline.

c. Fleet Maintenance / IT Building Update - *Stephany Snowden*

Stephany Snowden provided Council with an update of the Fleet Maintenance / Information Technology (IT) facility via the County's PowerPoint presentation and reviewed the timeline of the project thus far. Ms. Snowden explained that after third party subsurface exploration testing, there were structural concerns with the service bays that may need to be repaired, but the cost of the repairs was unknown at the time. Jose Luis noted that staff needed to revisit the inspection report to see if the report from when the facility was purchased indicated any issues with the vehicle lift(s) and placement. Steve Harper questioned if the Fleet Maintenance Department would have enough space at the facility if the IT Department was housed there, and Brandon Elliot said there would be enough space, but expressed concerns regarding gas / exhaust fumes going into the IT side of the building. Council and staff discussed the building's restrooms, air conditioning units, exhaust fumes, additional internet needs, and an alternate pole barn for Fleet Maintenance. Jose Luis requested a breakdown of the cost delineations from when the building was first to be used for Voter Registration.

d. Proposed Housing Committee Based on Comprehensive Plan Goal - *Dr. Kirsten Willis*

April Williams introduced Dr. Kirsten Willis. Dr. Willis reviewed the proposed Housing Committee via the County's PowerPoint presentation and noted that the Committee was a Countywide goal in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan (LC1.4). Dr. Willis explained that through a housing needs assessment, a Housing Committee could define what affordability or attainability

looks like in Lancaster County. Charlene McGriff thanked Dr. Willis for her report, and stated that if Council were to move forward with a Committee, she would be in favor of Option B of the Committee size and structure (9–13 members; create subcommittees for tasks). Stuart Graham questioned what role the City of Lancaster would play in the Committee, and Dr. Willis noted that Goal 3 of the Housing Committee Packet (found in the agenda packet) lists out potential members, which included government and elected/appointed officials. Mr. Graham explained that the County would need a lot of support from the City of Lancaster in order for the proposed Committee to work, since their municipality would likely be the most impacted.

Adjournment

Bryant Neal moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. The motion Passed by a vote of 7-0.

There being no further business to discuss, the Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at approximately 4:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lauren Hill

Lauren Hill
Deputy Clerk to Council

Approved by Council on January 12, 2026.

Bryant Neal

Bryant Neal, Secretary