



**York County
County Council
Minutes
March 22, 2025**

Council Workshop

**York County Government Center
6 South Congress Street
York, SC 29745**

8:00 AM

Call to Order, Christi Cox, Chairwoman

New Business

1. Breakfast and Key FY 26 Budget Area Discussion

- Parks
- Roads

County Manager, Josh Edwards, introduced the discussion regarding Premier Parks.

Allison Creek Park	7 FTE	Projected FY26: \$680K	No capital projects at this time
Ebenezer Park	9 FTE	Projected FY 26: \$1.4M	Phase II capital renovations wrapping up, reopening May 2025
Nanny's Mountain	N/A	Projected FY26: \$4K	Potential PARD grant application for Shelter roof replacement and additional trails
Worth Mountain	N/A	Projected FY26: \$650K	Equestrian Trail Project: RFP's under evaluation now
Field Day Park	4 FTE	Projected FY26: \$2.1M	Capital expansion (\$1.7M) - 6 pickle ball courts, new restroom & maintenance building, more batting cages Current feasibility study of additional 19 acres.
Bethel/Lake Wylie Parks (Woodend,	3 FTE	Projected FY26: \$1.6M	HEP Committee currently discussing

Thistle, and Goat Farm)			parks master plan recommendations
Catawba Bend Preserve Phase I	6 FTE	Projected FY26: \$3M	Capital Projects: gatehouse, trailhead bathroom, parking, park road, lower dam repairs, first mile of greenway. 2 grant-related projects: disc golf course, mountain bike trails

Assistant County Manager, Kevin Madden, explained the Parks Funding.

Recreation Tax

1.5mills generates approximately \$1,650,000.

FY 2025 difference comes from the remaining fund balance.

Management recommends dissolving the recreation tax and using the funds for funding our own parks. Chairman of the Health and Environmental Protection Committee, Andy Litten said that the Committee members would discuss this option and others further.

Council members would like to have Woodend Park accessible to the public as quickly as possible. Staff will research ways to find funding to create minimal accessibility.

Assistant County Manager, Tom Couch provided information on the Roads and Quality Infrastructure Goal.

- Update road rating for County roads
 - Anticipate completion at the end of April
- County-wide map of all projects
 - Draft interactive map in place
 - Coordinating with SCDOT on their projects
- Assess inspection practices
 - Public Works has requested a Transportation Inspector position in FY 26.

District	SCDOT Centerline Miles	YC Centerline Miles	YC Average Road Rating (2022)
1	39	75	72
2	162	133	54
3	461	154	50
4	123	10	63
5	316	73	57
6	128	43	61

7	94	40	65
Total	1323	528	59

Road Ratings

- York County
 - Road ratings are based on pavement quality (0-100).
 - C-Fund requests rate additional variables, such as connectivity, homes, and schools.
- SCDOT
 - Formula-based rating with several variables
 - 70% of the score is based on volume, pavement quality, and roughness.
 - 30% is made up of other factors such as safety.
- Quality Infrastructure Goal
 - Need recurring funding each year to establish a paving program
 - Roads would be determined by Engineering and Public Works.
 - Public Works to pave some roads in house and Engineering to bid out roads
 - Use different treatments depending on the condition of the road (reclamation, mill and fill, preservation)
- Funding
- C-Funds
 - York County receives approximately \$7.5million annually
- County Road Paving (Capital Maintenance Fund)
 - Amounts vary annually (\$0-\$2million annually)
 - Public Works completes some roads in house
 - Engineering bids out remaining work
- Cost to pave 1 mile
 - Reclamation: \$750K-\$900K
 - Mill and Fill: \$500K-\$650K
 - Preservation: \$100K-\$300K

York County In House Projects

Fiscal Year	# Roads / # Miles	Our Cost	Contractor Cost
2022	8 Roads / 1.58 miles	\$348,225	\$1,108,821
2023	7 Roads / 1.48 miles	\$343,803	\$1,040,060
2024	7 Roads / 2.40 miles	\$716,274	\$1,690,962
Cost Per Mile		\$257,553	\$702,240

2. Follow-up discussion from Budget Workshop on March 11, 2025

Council and Management held a follow-up discussion on topics discussed at the Workshop.

Legislative Liaison: \$100,000 will be in the County Manager's budget

Schools Ag Facility: Currently, the schools have raised \$4.3M of the \$5.5M budget. School Districts are committing \$320K. The remaining need is \$880K. The County can provide for this need.

Solid Waste Management Plan - Management does not see this as a need currently.

Town Centers: Allison Creek, Baxter Village and Southbridge Community Center Node are not at a point where we should fund a plan at this time. Management can research having someone in-house to proceed with this.

Stormwater (Regent Park): Management reported that staff are currently wrapping up the study. \$2.5M is what the engineer recommends for the HOA to remove their culvert. Management suggests waiting until the study is final and letting the community and neighborhood hear the recommendations. If the culvert is not removed, then the County can explore options. Council may need to consider a stormwater fee at some point.

3. Council Committee Roundtable and Strategic Plan Follow Up

Chairwoman Cox stated that she would like to have another retreat at the SCAC event in August. Staff can explore options.

Chairwoman Cox also stated that she would like to hold another Delegation event somewhere in the September timeframe.

Council would like to increase the support for York County Forever. York County Forever also needs to make themselves more known to the community.

Executive Session

Matters for consideration following Executive Session

Adjourn

There being no further discussions, the meeting adjourned.

Karen M. Brogdon, Clerk to Council