



**York County
County Council
Minutes
April 8, 2025**

Regular Meeting

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

6:00 PM

Call to Order

Christi Cox, Chairwoman

New Business

1. Budget Follow Up

Budget Director, Trish Startup, presented information on the budget process and the next steps.

- The County Manager will provide the FY26 budget presentation to Council on April 21st.
- 1st reading of the budget - May 5th
- Public hearing and outside agency requests - May 13th.

Discussions were held regarding items that were addressed at the Budget Retreat:

PSC 911 Consultant - Assistant County Manager, David Garner, explained that the consultant is in the proposed budget and the RFP will be ready to submit as soon as the budget is approved.

Fee Schedule/Landfill Tipping Fees - Assistant County Manager, Kevin Madden reported that the fee schedule and tipping fees (currently below market price) will be added to the proposed budget.

Water & Sewer Customer Map - Assistant County Manager, David Garner, informed Council that the maps do exist. However, they are password-protected and staff would like to work with the Council to determine exactly what they would like to see on the maps.

Roads Maps - Staff are currently working to develop road maps by layering in gravel roads and DOT roads. Interactive maps can also be created but will take longer to complete. Completed maps will be shared with the Council.

Discussions were held regarding budget opportunities:

Future Capital Projects (Discussed at Retreat) - presented in the budget guidelines that have been

provided to Council

Economic Development Fund Project

- Council member Watts Huckabee requested that the funding for the Ag Facility come from the 1420 account and not the Economic Development funds
- The majority of Council did not have a preference on where the funding comes from.
- Staff will determine the best account the funds should be distributed from.

Parks Funding (HEP Recommendation):

- Dissolve Unincorporated Tax
- Countywide Park Tax of 1.5 mills
- Integrate/develop needs-based capital or registrant stipends for municipalities
- Invest the remaining funds in the Bethel-Lake Wylie tax district into Woodend, subject to financial guidelines and restrictions for the use of those funds.
 - Parks Funding - 3 phases
 - Address immediate needs (FY25)
 - Determine plan to fund current capital and operations (FY26)
 - Future parks

Council Additional Items

2. Economic Development Vision Update and Discussion

Economic Development Director, Mitch Miller, provided information regarding the Economic Development Vision Update.

Discussion Points

- Timeline - Past, Present and Future - Mr. Miller provided a history of Economic Development in York County.
- What the Data Shows - Mr. Miller reported that from 2022 to 2023, employment in York County grew at a rate of 2.11%, from 142k to 145k employees. The industries with the best median earnings in 2023 are Finance & Insurance, & Real Estate, Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting, & Mining.
- Survey Results - Mr. Miller provided the survey results that Council members participated in.
- Key Corridor - Vision - Mr. Miller showed maps of individual areas (Council Districts) in the County and asked each Council member what they would like to see in their area.
 - Council member Tom Audette stated that he would like to see multi-county industrial parks and mixed-use parks. Emphasis on the small business program.

- Connection with trails or bicycle paths.
- Council member Watts Huckabee stated that the area around the Catawba River is a natural asset. Planning for the future around the Broad River. Preserving green space. Encouraging agriculture. Town centers are needed. Industrial parks that meet the needs of employers and employees of today.
- Council member William "Bump" Roddey stated that the Southside of Rock Hill is open for business as there is plenty of land available. Mr. Roddey would also like to see parks in his District.
- Chairwoman Christi Cox would like to determine ways to partner with and have discussions with property owners in the Southside area. Multi-county industrial parks are needed in the Southside as well. Utilize the I-77 corridor from the Southside.
- Council member Tommy Adkins stated that he would like the land preserved.
- Council member Andy Litten stated that he would like to see local commercial hubs and industrial hubs with manufacturing, walkable town centers. Mr. Litten also stated that he would like to have a well-thought-out plan in place.
- Council member Debi Cloninger stated that land preservation is important.

Executive Session

N/A

Matters for consideration following Executive Session

Adjourn

Passed	Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0
MOVANT:	Ansel Watts Huckabee Sr
SECOND:	Tom Audette
AYES:	Tom Audette, Andy Litten, Tommy Adkins, William Bump Roddey, Christi Cox, Ansel Watts Huckabee Sr, Debi Cloninger
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	
RECUSED:	None

Motion to Adjourn



Karen M. Brogdon, Clerk to Council