



**York County
County Council
Minutes
November 10, 2025**

Council Workshop

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

6:00 PM

Call to Order

Christi Cox, Chairwoman

Council members present were Tom Audette, Andy Litten, Tommy Adkins, Christi Cox, Watts Huckabee and Debi Cloninger. Council member William "Bump" Roddey was absent.

Staff present were County Manager, Josh Edwards, Assistant County Manager, Tom Couch, Lisa Hagood, Ron Pompey and Katherine Jones.

New Business

1. Update from staff regarding Capital Projects

County Manager, Josh Edwards opened the meeting and introduced County Engineer, Lisa Hagood.

Lisa Hagood reviewed the 15 active capital projects that value over \$50M

- Coroner's Facility
- Sheriff District 3
- Moss Justice Center
- Animal Control/Shelter
- Catawba Bend Preserve
- Field Day Park x2
- Worth Mountain Park
- Woodend Park

A few projects are still in the very early planning phases (2 fire departments, 2 planning projects and BLW Parks)

Tom Couch presented information regarding the Animal Control/Shelter Facility. Mr. Couch explained that staff will not exceed the \$20M budget. Mr. Couch also reported that the location of the facility has not been determined at this time.

Mr. Couch presented information on the Capital Improvement Plan and how we are using it going forward. It was explained that this is a multi-year planning tool with a 5-6 year schedule,

making sure that most critical projects are funded first and managing complex projects crossing fiscal years.

Mr. Couch explained that the major focus would be expansions/renovations/upgrades and infrastructure, facilities, utilities and parks.

Council members requested that all presentations be sent to them in advance of the meetings/workshops. They would also like budget timelines as well. This will help Council members make sure that projects are on time and on budget.

2. Update from staff regarding Parks and Recreation

Katherine Jones, Parks and Recreation Director, presented an update on the Parks and Recreation Department.

Administrative Update:

- Hired Deputy Director and Office Manager
- Two full-time employees successfully obtained their certified Parks and Recreation Professional Exam
- One full-time employee successfully passed their Certified Playground Safety Inspector Exam
- Received three grants over the past year equaling \$800,000 — all for shovel-ready projects at Catawba Bend Preserve.

Park Events Update:

- Allison Creek Park, Fall Fest — over 300 attendees
- Ebenezer Park - Halloween Event and Movie Night
- BLW Naked Goat Market - Market event in October
- Field Day Park — Halloween Event with several upcoming events in December

Ms. Jones reported that there is a lot of activity coming up at Field Day Park and Catawba Bend Preserve:

- FDP: 5,700 cars came to the park during one week in October using a traffic counter
- FDP: Pickleball membership provides an opportunity to reserve courts, tax district residents membership at no cost, and out-of-tax district membership for a fee.
- CBP: Setting up park store, maintaining picnic tree grove areas, removal of dead trees, trail maintenance & upkeep, signage, developing interpretative programs
- CBP: accessible in early 2026: Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays; will offer guided hikes and interpretative activities as staffing allows
- CBP: October 2026 Community Celebration Plan on the day of the County Cross Country Meet, dedication of the Cross Country Course Finish Line, mountain bike park

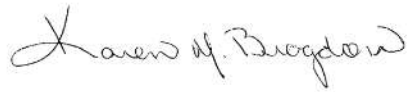
and disc golf course will be open and operational.

Executive Session

Matters for consideration following Executive Session

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Karen M. Brogdon".

Karen M. Brogdon, Clerk to Council