

AGENDA

ITEM # 22



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Administrator's Report March 4, 2024

1. Jasper County Detention Center:
Jasper County and our neighboring counties have been operating our detention centers while making improvements identified in corrective action plans we have established with the SC Department of Corrections (SCDC). SCDC is requiring these corrective action plans because inspections of the facilities resulted in findings that SCDC has determined to be inconsistent with SCDC's minimum standards for operations. We have been making progress in our efforts to complete items listed in our corrective action plan and provided a recent update to SCDC. Details follow this report.
2. Southern Carolina Alliance (SCA):
The 2024 SCA Strategic Plan (adopted on Feb. 27) follows this report.
3. Planning and Building Services:
2023 Year End Planning and Building Services reports follow this report.
4. Finance and Procurement Matters:
Ms. Burgess has a need to update the Council on recent procurement activity resulting in bid rejection.

The County Administrator's Progress Report and any miscellaneous correspondence, agendas, and minutes follow this report.



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February 9, 2024

VIA Electronic Mail Delivery

Mr. Rodney B. Pigford, Branch Chief of Inspections
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Re: Jasper County Detention Center

Dear Mr. Pigford:

Thank you for forwarding the letter of consolidated report on November 13, 2023 summarizing your findings. Jasper County submits the enclosed Corrective Action Plan Update. I will be distributing your correspondence and inspection report package as well as our corrective action plan to each member of the Jasper County Council for their review and understanding.

Jasper County staff appreciates your report and guidance. We will continue to address and remedy the deficiencies and violations not ready resolved. Should you need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Andrew P. Fulghum, ICMA-CM

Encl: Jasper County Corrective Action Plan – June 7, 2023

Cc: Mr. L Martin Sauls, IV, Chairman, Jasper County Council
Mr. Arthur Benjamin, Director, Jasper County Detention Center

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Corrective Action Plan

June 7, 2023

The Jasper County Detention Center has been persistently working to resolve the violations from the most recent inspection report conducted by the South Carolina Department of Corrections. While we were able to bring resolution to most of the citations, some were due to reasons beyond our control.

1020-Administration/Management:

Findings: The facility was non-compliance with yearly visit from the Jasper County governing body, circuit court judges, magistrates, and other interested parties, to examine the facility's condition, the treatment of inmates, and the programs available to inmates.

Response: Currently, all visits with public entities and governing bodies have continued as virtual visits due to Covid-19 cases within the facility.

1021 – Manual of Policies and Procedures:

Findings: The facility was found to be non-compliant with providing a policy and procedure review/revision coversheet or similar document for examination during each inspection going forward.

Response: On May 6, 2022, the Jasper County Detention Center opted into a Service Agreement with Moseley Architect to research, review, revise, and develop policies and procedures and related documents and materials. Policies have been updated effective October 2023.

1022 – Emergency Pre-Planning:

Findings: The facility was found to be non-compliant with providing additional written emergency procedures and training for extinguishing requirements of the kitchen hood system.

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Response: The Jasper County Detention Center reviewed, revised, and implemented the Emergency Preparedness and Response (Chapter 1000: Policy No: 1007.0) effective September 29, 2023. Evacuation Plans and Routes. A copy of the policy is available and accessible via Power DMS.

1031- Number of Personnel:

Findings: The facility was found to be non-compliant with inadequate staff coverage on every post and to conduct the necessary support functions during all hours of operation, causing excessive overtime.

Response: The County has made efforts to recruit additional staff for the Detention Center by utilizing advertisements on billboards, news outlets (WTOC), and flyers. The County has also increased salaries and added a sign-on bonus to make salaries more competitive.

Response: A meeting has been arranged for Jail Administrator and County Administrator to discuss the results of said inspection and at this time the Jail Administrator will request a staffing analysis to attain compliance with this Standard and to be more efficient with personnel management.

1034 - Pre-Service Training:

Findings: The facility inspection report revealed that more pre-service training was needed for all staff.

Response: A 40-hour Pre-Service Training is required and provided by Training Coordinator, Lieutenant Herbert Alston, for all new hires on the first week of employment. I have attached a copy of the Pre-Service Training Schedule that is adhered to. A copy of the training schedule and courses are available as needed.

Kitchen staff and detention staff have completed extinguishing requirements for the kitchen hood system. Training was provided by Jasper Co. Emergency Services and Pye Barker Fire & Safety in June 2023.

1035 – In-Service Training:

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Findings: The facility inspection report revealed that staff members interviewed were unable to fully explain and identify all the components of the key inventory log.

Response: Currently a key control log, and chart has been placed in Central Control and all newly hired staff will undergo training on how to identify and properly log all keys. Also, as an alternative the Detention Center has been looking into a Key Control Management Solution by KeyTracer.

Findings: It was also determined that facility staff were also in need of additional training in emergency procedures concerning the extinguishing requirements for the kitchen hood system.

Response: A mandatory training has been scheduled for June 2, 2023, by Pye Barker Fire & Safety to provide training for all staff to include the kitchen staff regarding the extinguishing requirements for the kitchen hood system.

1062- Less Lethal Devices:

Findings: The facility was unable to provide documentation/ inventory logs, and inspection sheets of all chemical agents or less lethal devices within the facility.

Response: A inventory log has been developed and all chemical agents and/or less lethal devices within the facility will be inspected and inventoried. We are also working on hiring more staff to focus on Equipment Inventory as well as Key Control.

1063-Key Control:

Findings: The facility was not in compliance with key control at the time of inspection. Several keys were identifiable and some new keys that had been incorporated had not yet been marked.

Response: Keys are currently being identified and inventoried. During the time of inspection, the Maintenance Personnel was out for an extended period. Also, as an alternative the Detention Center has been looking into a Key Control Management Solution by Key Tracer. We have also been upgrading locks so that we are able to identify unmarked keys through Cornerstone.

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1065 – Facility Security:

Findings: During the last inspection a few intercom stations were inoperable due to missing the assembly and having bare wires exposed.

Response: The facility requested in FY 2023-2024 budget to upgrade current intercom system due to system being outdated and multiple areas no longer working. A proposal from Securitas has been presented to the County Administrator and funds have been reserved, we are awaiting final approval from the County Council.

1081 – Classification Plan:

Findings: Based upon the physical plant design, this facility is limited in its capability to adequately separate the sentenced and pretrial female population as required. Further exacerbating this situation, it was also noted that the number of women detained frequently exceeds the total rated capacity within their current living area.

Response: Due to the current floor plan of the facility, we are unable to provide any corrective action currently. This has been notated and will be discussed at the next meeting to discuss extension to facility.

1082 – Classification Categories:

Findings: As already pointed out in this report, the facility does not provide for the separate management of sentenced and pre-trial female population.

Response: Due to the current floor plan of the facility, we are unable to provide any corrective action currently. This has been notated and will be discussed at the next meeting to discuss extension to facility.

1094 – Females:

Findings: The facility is unable to provide sentenced female inmates with the same rights and privileges as are possible for sentenced male inmates. Because the women are all housed together at this facility, it is not feasible to make significant accommodations for those who have been sentenced. The options are even further limited because there is frequently overcrowding with the female population.

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2012 – Rated Capacity:

Findings: The facility has added a total of twelve (12) “overflow” beds. Six (6) of them are inside Bravo-2. Although this may have been a reasonable temporary measure at the time to deal with an overcrowding issue, it does not change the actual rated capacity and has not been approved for permanence.

A multipurpose room next to the booking area was also being used as an “overflow” berthing unit. This area has been housing up to nine (9) pre-trial male inmates. Showers were being provided in the booking area, and toilet facilities were accessible only in a staff restroom in the hallway. This location is neither rated nor can it be approved for inmate living space without requesting and receiving a thorough plans review and demonstrating compliance with each applicable Standard.

Response: Due to the facility’s current floor plan not having accommodations for a quarantine area the multipurpose room was being utilized as a Covid-19 quarantine area for all incoming inmates to keep separate from housed inmates. We are currently working on ceasing the use of this area and opening it back up for programs due to the most recent National Emergency Covid-19 declarations that expired on May 11, 2023. Covid-19 testing of all incoming inmates is no longer required as a mass practice, nor the quarantine of asymptomatic individuals.

2014-2 – Fire Codes:

Findings: Please refer to the report from the Deputy State Fire Marshal’s report on fire code violations noted during the inspection.

Response: A copy of the Fire Marshal inspection report attached to Narrative Report was for Union County. Unable to provide response at this time due to not having Fire Marshal’s report.

2014-3 – Design for Separation:

Findings: As stated already in this report, sentenced female inmates are not being separated and managed as they should be. As also noted in this report,

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some male inmates are now being housed in a multipurpose room which was not designed for living space.

Response: Due to the current floor plan of the facility, we are unable to provide any corrective action currently. This has been notated and will be discussed at the next meeting to discuss extension to facility.

2014-12 – Intake Area:

Findings: Adequate space and security for the interview room requirement is not available due to physical plant limitations.

Response: Due to the current floor plan of the facility, we are unable to provide any corrective action currently. This has been notated and will be discussed at the next meeting to discuss extension to facility.

2014 – 27 – Multipurpose Room:

Findings: A multipurpose room next to the booking area is used for housing when necessary. This area is not rated or approved for inmate housing without a complete plans review demonstrating compliance with each applicable Standard.

Response: Due to the current floor plan of the facility, we are unable to provide any corrective action currently. This has been notated and will be discussed at the next meeting to discuss extension to facility.

2014 – 40 – Maintenance:

Findings: Several ceiling tiles throughout the facility need to be replaced or to be repaired. This includes soiled, broken, and missing tiles.

The ceilings need to be repainted in areas soiled from water or peeling paint damage.

Shower areas as well as “wet” areas in the kitchen need to be cleaned and/or painted more frequently with attention to detail for the removal of mildew growth/evidence.

Several intercoms throughout the facility do not operate correctly, which includes those cells in B-2.

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Alpha -1 showers appear not to be vented correctly, based upon the observance of condensation/debris accumulating on the ceiling/walls.

Plumbing issues- Several plumbing issues are ongoing throughout the facility. The facility needs to survey wet areas and other areas of concern then contact the appropriate vendor for resolution.

Roof leaks – the facility has been experiencing chronic roof leaks that need to be resolved.

Kitchen floor drains need to be evaluated and repaired so that they will not back up and provide correct flow.

Response: Jasper County Public Works has been contacted regarding ceiling tiles, showers, bathrooms, and roof leaks. County's Public works has coordinated with RS Andrews and other vendors to identify and resolve the above issues.

RS Andrews and Public Works have been notified regarding plumbing and kitchen drain issues. The plumbing and kitchen drain issues as mentioned in the FY 2022-2023 and FY 2023-2024 budget has been an ongoing situation and will require some extensive work to bring resolution.

The intercom system the facility requested in FY 2023-2024 budget to upgrade current intercom system due to system being outdated and multiple areas no longer working. A proposal from Securitas has been presented to the County Administrator and funds have been reserved, we are awaiting final approval from the County Council.

Alpha – 1 Showers not being vented correctly are due to the current plan for the facility. Upon approval we will reach out to Howell and Chase to research the problem.

2015 – Living Units – Non – Direct Supervision Facilities Since July 1980.

Findings: Based on overcrowding in housing units Alpha 1 and Bravo 1, the facility is not in compliance with the above Standards.

Response: Due to the current floor plan of the facility, we are unable to provide any corrective action currently. This has been notated and will be discussed at the next meeting to discuss extension to facility.

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3001 – General Requirements:

Findings: Sanitation levels within this facility need to be improved in order to promote good health and a sense of wellbeing for the inmates and staff.

Evidence of mold and mildew was present in the housing units, the kitchen, ceiling tiles, and shower areas.

The showers are in need of a good scouring. They need to be thoroughly cleaned with a disinfectant solution to absolve, retard, and remove the mold and mildew buildup.

General sanitation levels in each of the housing units and cells need to be improved.

Response: Sanitation levels have been improved throughout the facility, areas were cleaned thoroughly and even painted. Mildew remover has been purchased for daily use to minimize any risk of mildew. We have also reached out to vendors regarding renovations to the floors.

3002 – Equipment:

Findings: Although containers were being provided for the collection and storage of trash, the lids were missing from some of the receptacles.

Response: Staff have been informed that all containers/ receptacles throughout the facility need to be always covered.

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Dear County Leaders:

Please see the attached 2024 SCA Strategic Plan which was adopted today.

Thank you for your time and assistance in developing and updating this plan.

Sincerely,

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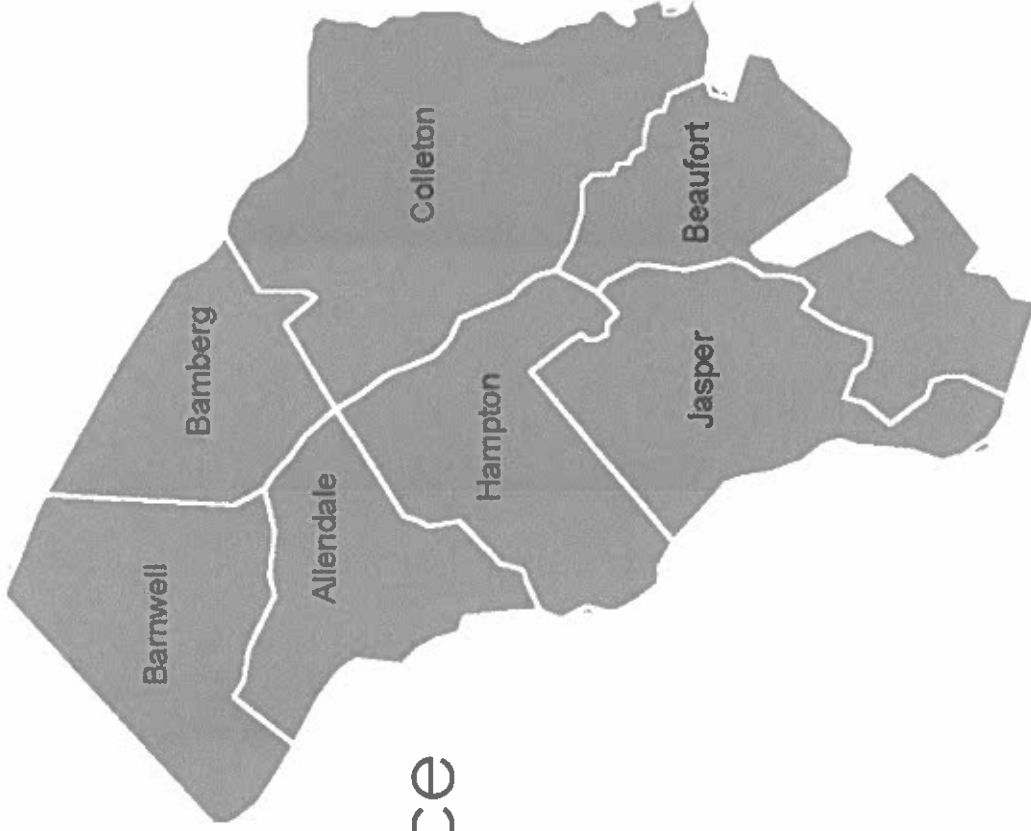
**2024 Strategic Plan
Board of Directors Meeting**
February 27, 2024

REGIONAL COUNTY LEADER COLLABORATION

County Leader Meetings Held in 2023

- **Strategic Planning/Washington DC Prep**
 - Feb. 7, Walterboro/Feb. 8, Barnwell
- **Washington DC Trip** March 6-7
 - Meetings with 7 Congressional Delegates/4 Federal Agencies
- **Strategy meetings**, March 28, April 4, Columbia
- **Washington Delegation Follow Up** meeting, April 19, Hampton
- **County Leaders**, May 11, Beaufort
- **County Leaders**, July 13, Barnwell
- **SCA Workforce Education Summit**, September 14, Hampton
- **SCA Energy Summit**, November 16, Hampton

Southern Carolina Alliance Regional Priorities



THREE REGIONAL PRIORITIES



SCA REGIONAL LOGISTICS PARK

I-95 CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT

SRS MEGA-SITE & SCAT PARK EXPANSION





SCA REGIONAL LOGISTICS PARK

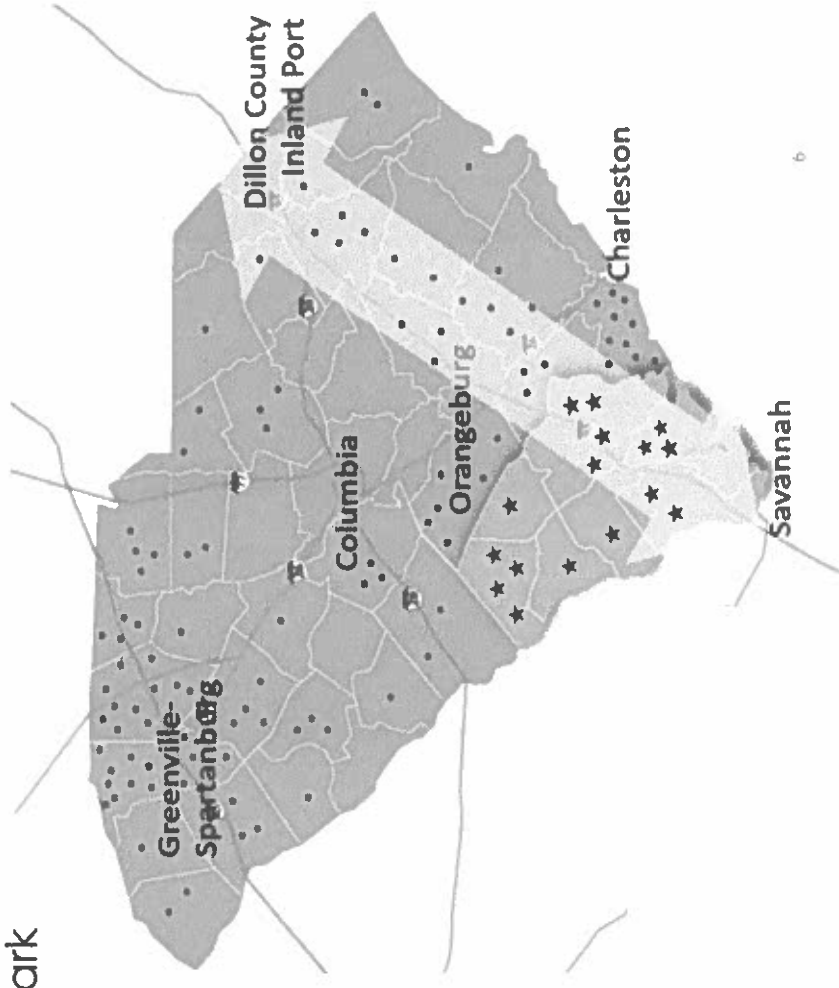
- Construction & operation of state-of-the-art Logistics Park
- 1,400+ acre site on north bank of Savannah River in Jasper County
- Increase region's capacity to handle forecasted needs
- Minimize future operational limitations at existing ports at Charleston and Savannah
- Thousands of direct, permanent jobs and future development opportunities

I-95 CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT

- Transform “Corridor of Shame” into “Corridor of Innovation”
- I-95 in South Carolina borders some of the Nation’s poorest counties
- Key access point for SCA Regional Logistics Park
- Boost growth of existing aerospace and automotive industries
- Proximity to key military installations
- Provides access to skilled, trained workforce and highly desirable residential communities

Funds Needed:

- Infrastructure Development



SRS LAND TRANSFER

Two Requests:

- SRS Mega-Site Parcel
- SCAT Park Expansion



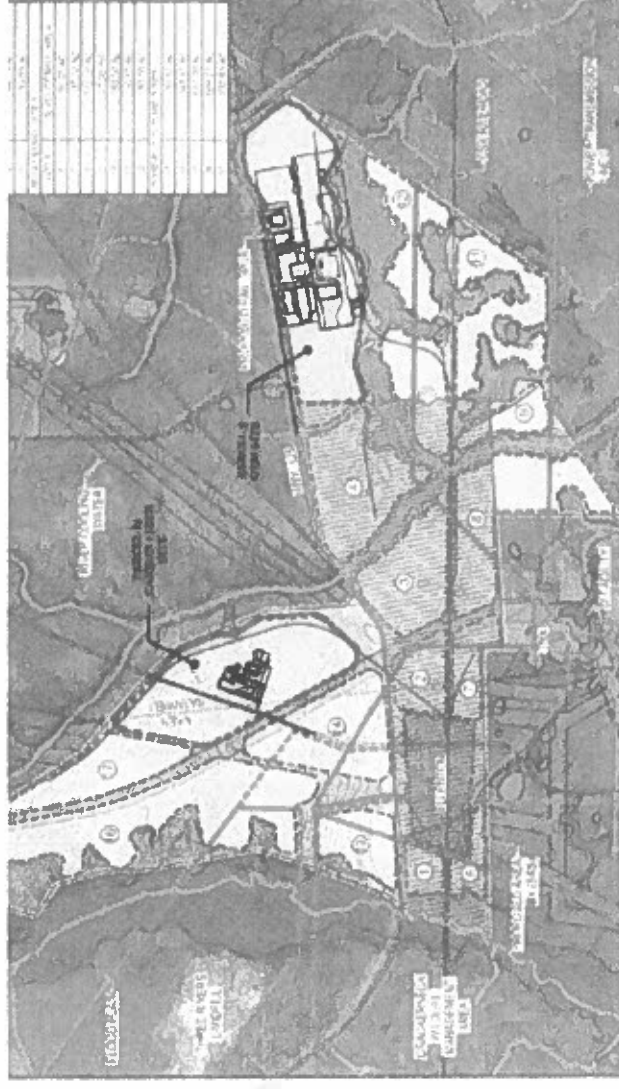
SRS LAND TRANSFER

MEGA-INDUSTRIAL SITE

- Transfer 1,500 acres of SRS land to State for mega-industrial park
- Targeted land is in D Area, former Heavy Water Plant location
- Most of 310-square-mile site is buffer, not operations
- Attract businesses with synergy with SRS facilities

Funds Needed:

- Complete due diligence on land proposed for transfer



SRS LAND TRANSFER



SOUTH CAROLINA ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY PARK EXPANSION

- Transfer 300 acres of SRS property south of the Barnwell gate
- Expands 1 600-acre SCAT Park land and amenities
- Strengthens synergistic ties with Savannah River National Laboratory
- Potentially host SRS-related activities

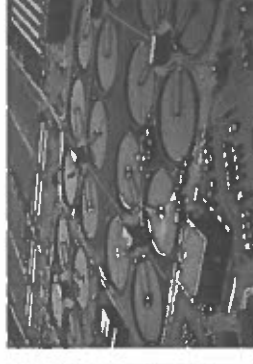
Funds Needed:

- Relocate SRS Barnwell Gate
- Complete due diligence on land proposed for transfer



REGIONAL NEEDS TO SUPPORT PRIORITIES

- Roads and Infrastructure, including water and sewer systems and broadband
- Education & Technical Training
 - Allendale, Colleton Workforce Centers
 - Hardeeville Training Center
 - Technical Colleges and Universities
 - SC Dept of Employment & Workforce
 - Workforce Investment Act
- Product Development
- Housing
- Increased Industrial Energy Capability
- Grant Identification & Application Preparation



\$1.56 billion

Announced
Investment
Since January
2020



Jobs Coming
Into Our Communities



5,488 New Jobs Announced Since Pandemic Began

REGIONAL WORKFORCE TRAINING INITIATIVES

- Funding Applications for Training
 - EDA Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant for Technical Training at Allendale, Colleton and Hardeeville Training Centers
 - DOE-EM Grant for Allendale Barnwell Training Center renovation and equipment \$2M
 - SC Nexus Tech Hub includes Allendale, Bamberg and Barnwell Counties - Identifying workforce development projects
 - Partnerships with USC Salkehatchie, Denmark Technical College, Lowcountry Technical College, SC Department of Employment and Workforce, Lower Savannah COG, Lowcountry COG, SC Technical College System, readySC, and others



REGIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

- Barnwell County Retail Strategies contract to attract retail to Barnwell, Blackville and Williston
- Downtown Strategies program to develop 5-year plan for Bamberg and Blackville (USDA grant funded)
- Housing Development
- Community Infrastructure Projects
- Partnerships with SRSCRO, SRNL, SCDEW

Southern Carolina Alliance County Priorities

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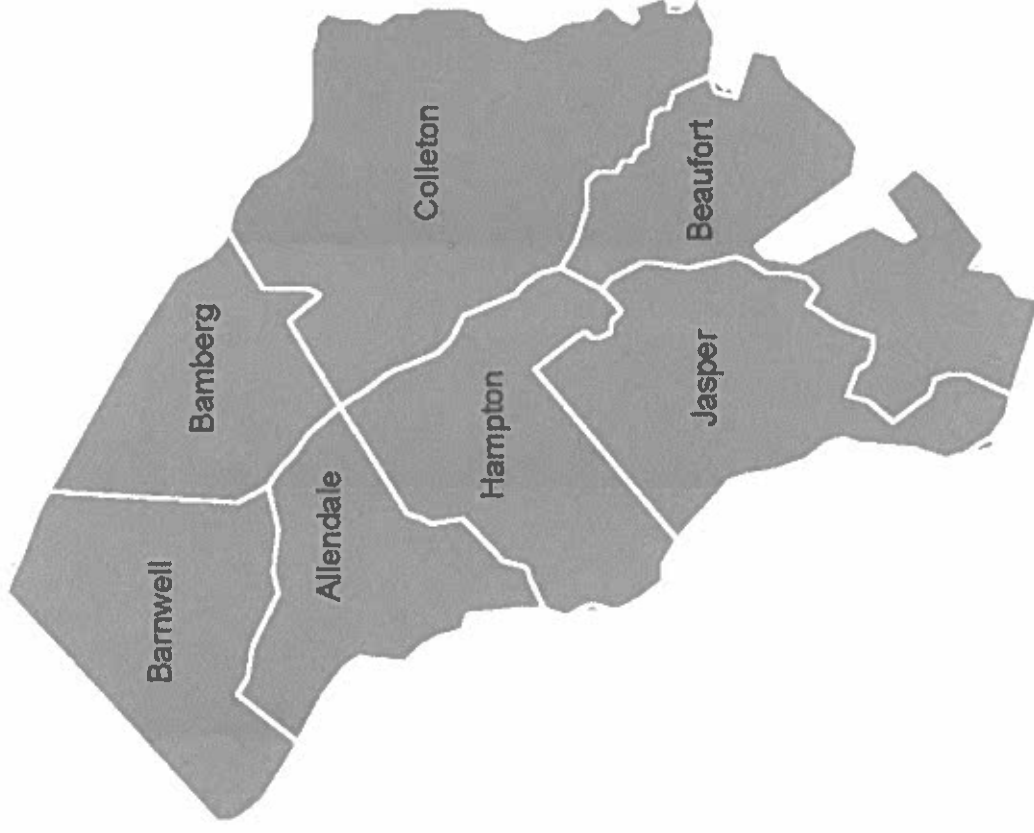
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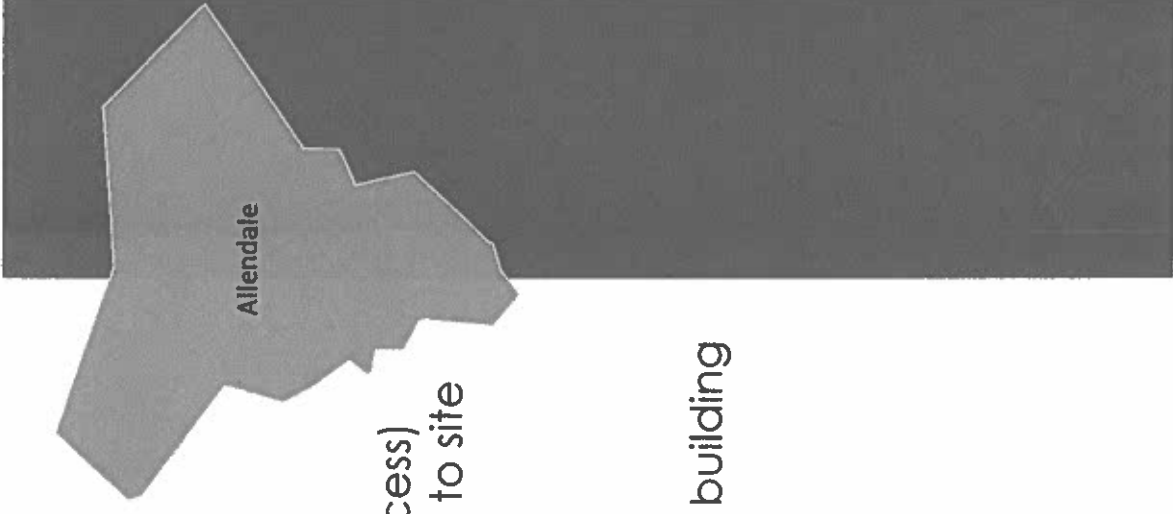
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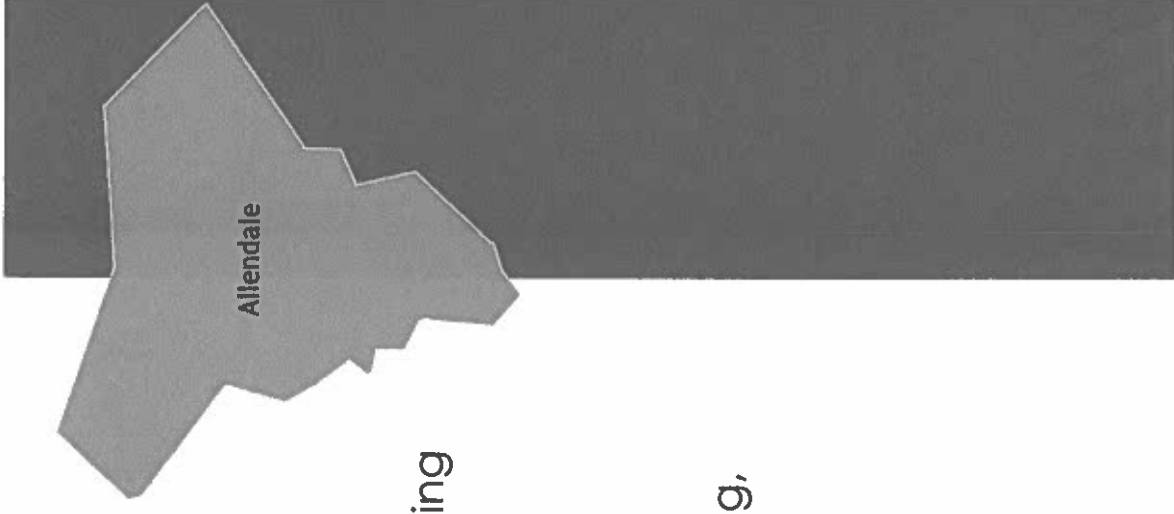


ALLENDALE COUNTY



Recent Successes

- Received funding for water and sewer regionalization study (in process)
 - Received funding for design & construction of water and sewer to site (following above study)
- Palmetto Sites designation for Walker's Road site in process
- Completed Point Salkehatchie Industrial Park 50K sq. ft. speculative building
- Received Allendale County Keep America Beautiful certification

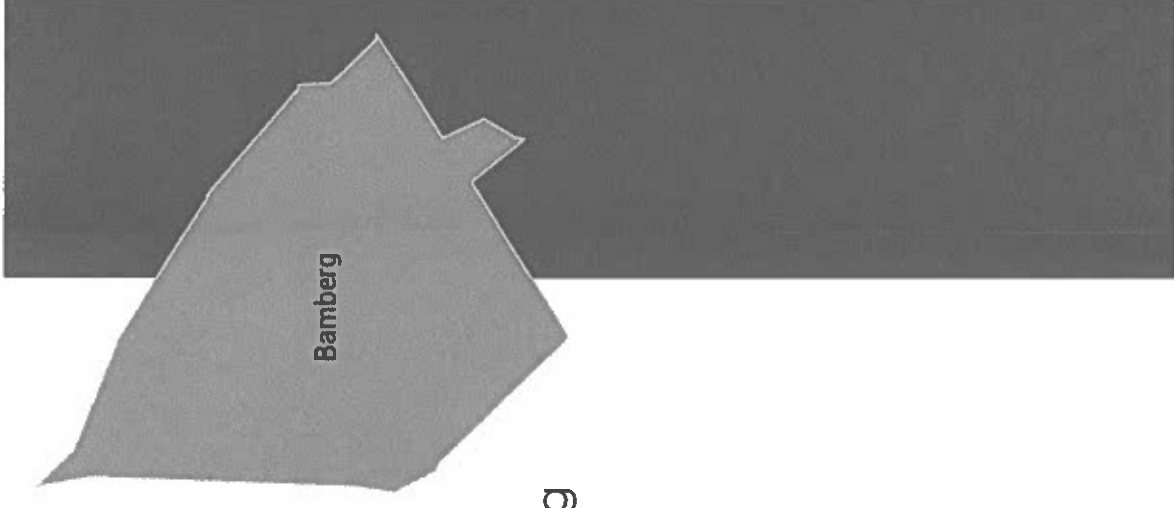


2024 Priorities

- Secure funding to develop state-of-the-art regional Technical Training Complex at the Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center in Fairfax
 - Grant Applications in process:
 - EDA grant to fund tuition for 2-year program
 - DOE-EM grant to fund facility renovation (parking lot, lighting, HVAC, classroom equipment, etc.)
 - SC Nexus regional grant funding collaboration
- Consolidate infrastructure and other entities



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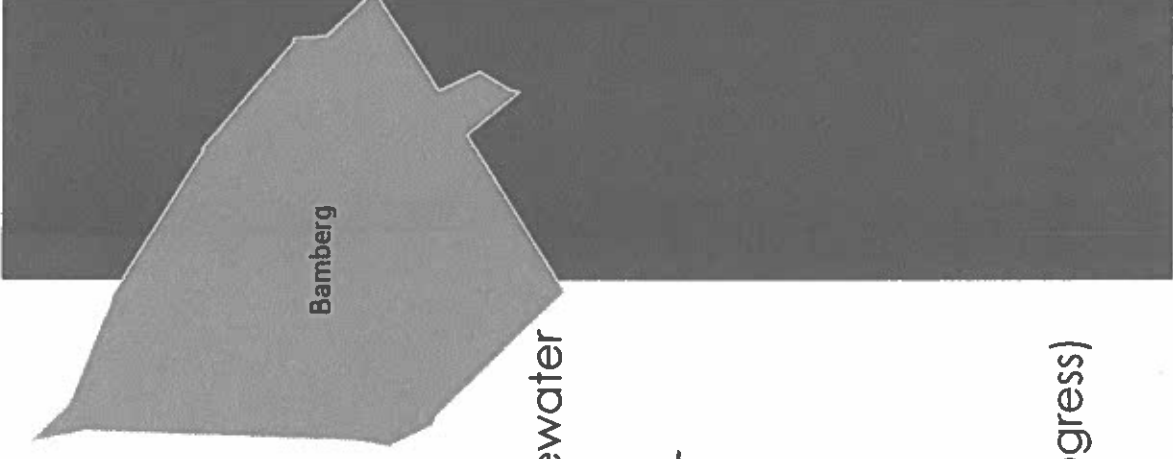


Recent Successes

- 158-acre Wolf Industrial Site near Denmark purchase complete
 - Palmetto Sites designation in process
- Received funding to build second 50,000 square-foot spec building at CrossRhodes Park
 - Completed RFQ process – selected architect



BAMBERG COUNTY



2024 Priorities

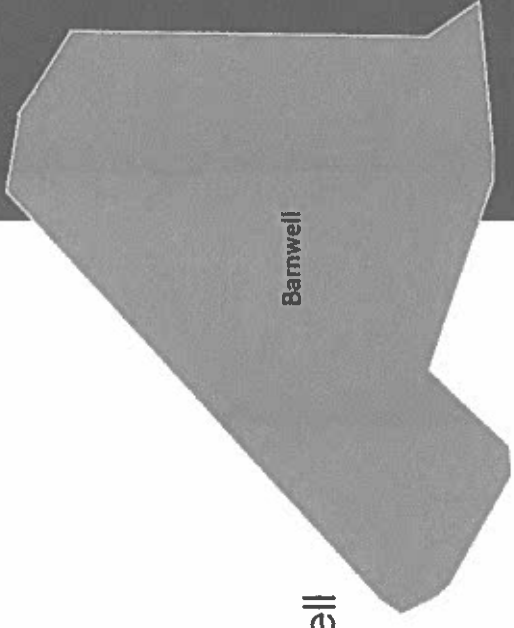
- Infrastructure needed for Wolf Industrial Site: water/sewer/rail
- Modernize existing Denmark water system (new well under design) and construct new elevated tank (need funding) to provide adequate system pressures for industrial users – ongoing
- Replace Denmark Sewer Treatment - Received \$4,441,250 for wastewater improvements – ongoing
- Build second 50,000 square-foot spec building at CrossRhodes Park – \$4M in SRS plutonium money approved
- County/regional water/sewer assessment
- Trucking thoroughfares – Widen Highways 78, 321, 301
- Develop Veterans National Cemetery
- Create broadband access for every household in the county (in progress)



BARNWELL COUNTY

Recent Successes

- Received \$5.2 million and \$500K to upgrade City of Barnwell Water system
- Received \$10.5M to connect SCAT Park to City of Barnwell sewer system - underway
- SCAT Park Expansion in progress with DOE
- Received Barnwell County Keep America Beautiful certification

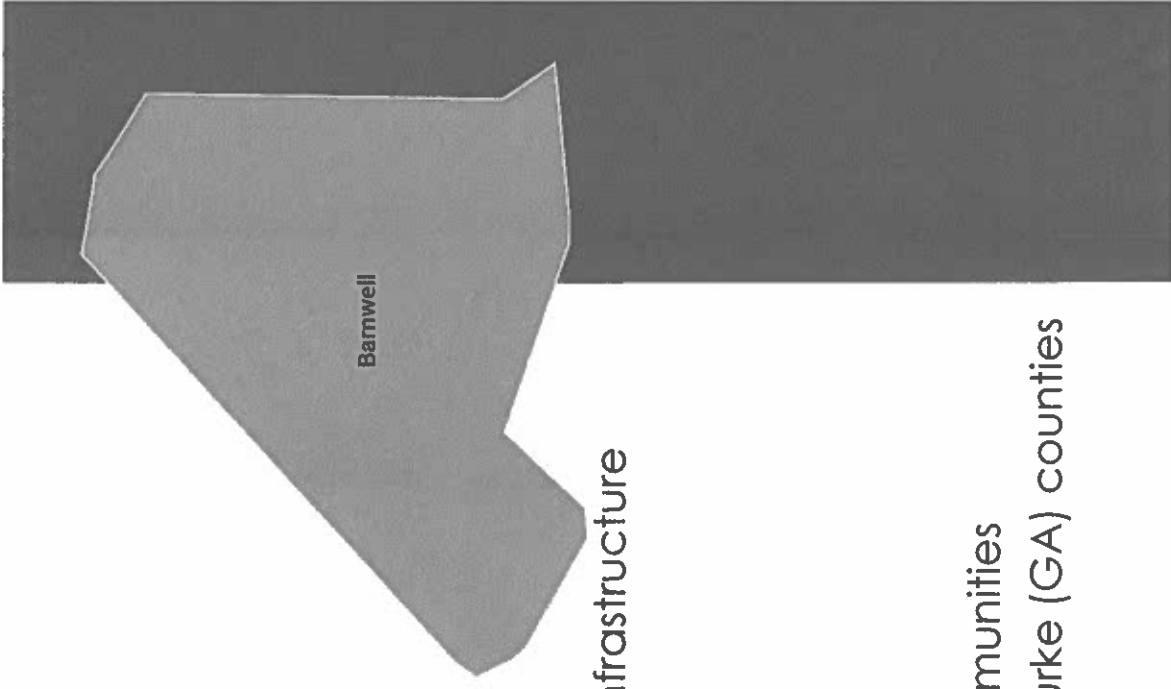


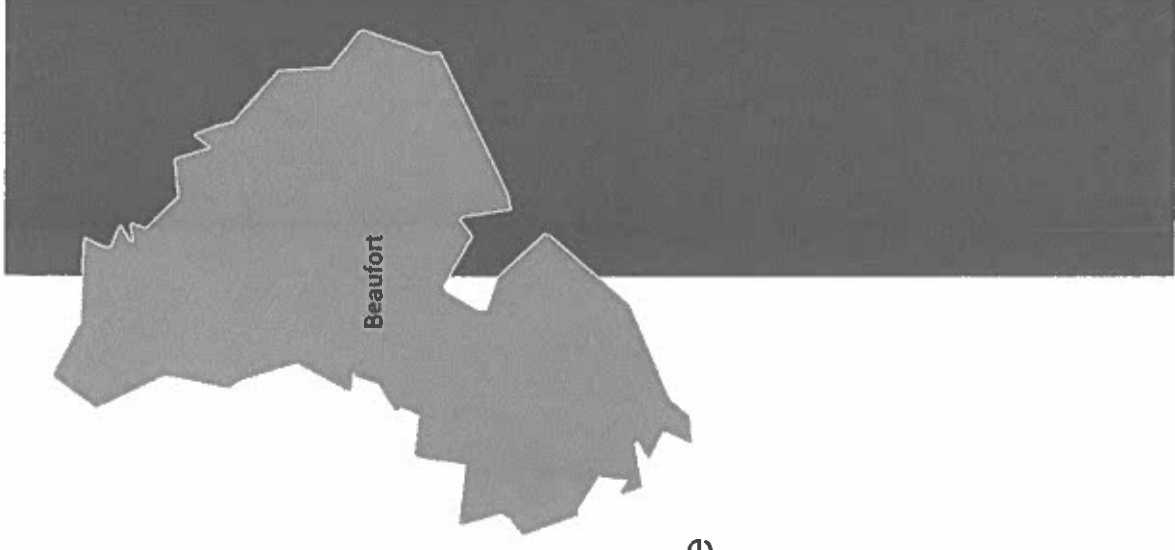


BARNWELL COUNTY

2024 Priorities

- Upgrade City of Barnwell Water system
- Connect SCAT Park to City of Barnwell sewer system
- Work with DOE to expand SCAT Park
 - Relocate SRS gate
 - Due diligence for design & construction of initial park infrastructure
 - Assist with needed infrastructure
- PILT payment guarantee for 20 years
- NNSA Skills training grant (\$2M)
- Regional emergency operations center
- DOE requirement for SRS contractors to locate in host communities
- Investigate possibility of a bridge between Barnwell and Burke (GA) counties to enhance access to job opportunities and tourism



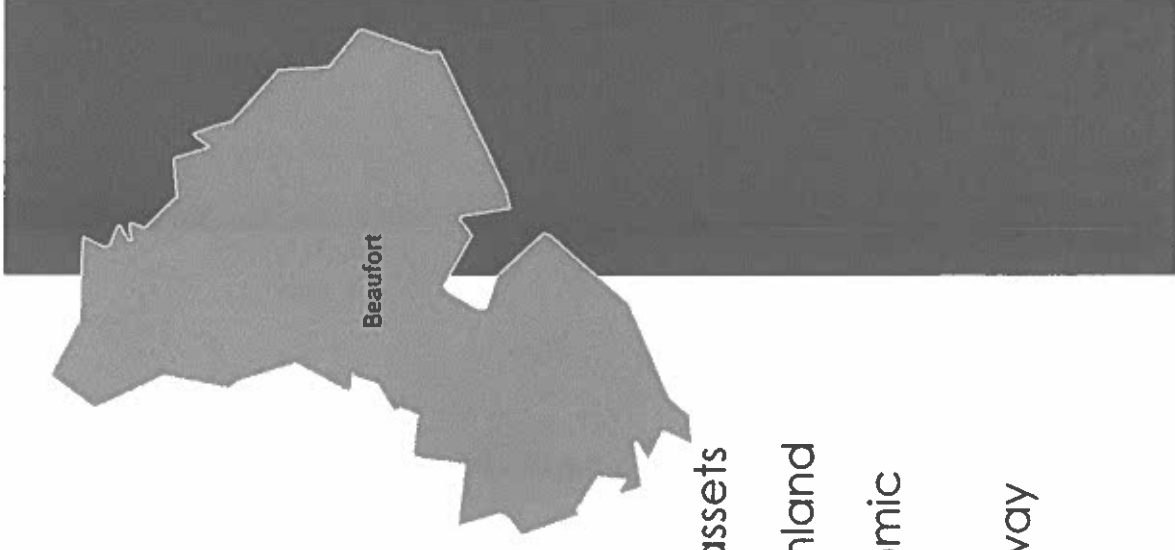


Recent Successes

- Lobeco area is in the process of being established as a potential industrial site
- The Southern Carolina Landing Pad in downtown Beaufort continues to assist international companies such as SkyDrive, an eVTOL aircraft company, which is interested in entering the U.S. and South Carolina markets for the first time. Landing Pad companies receive 90 days free office space and no-cost introductory services in legal, tax, accounting, human resources, engineering, construction, trade and ports.



BEAUFORT COUNTY



2024 Priorities

- Lobeco industrial site – 1) Clean up site, 2) Purchase property
- Beaufort Naval Hospital redevelopment continued communication with stakeholders
- Develop South Coast Cyber Center: USC-Beaufort and SRS
- Maintain and expand Marine Corps operations
- Forge public/private partnerships; maximize underused DOD assets
- Complete design to replace Hilton Head Island bridge to mainland
- Assist in development of multi-county park to advance economic opportunities
- Implement multi-county referendum to address needed highway repairs

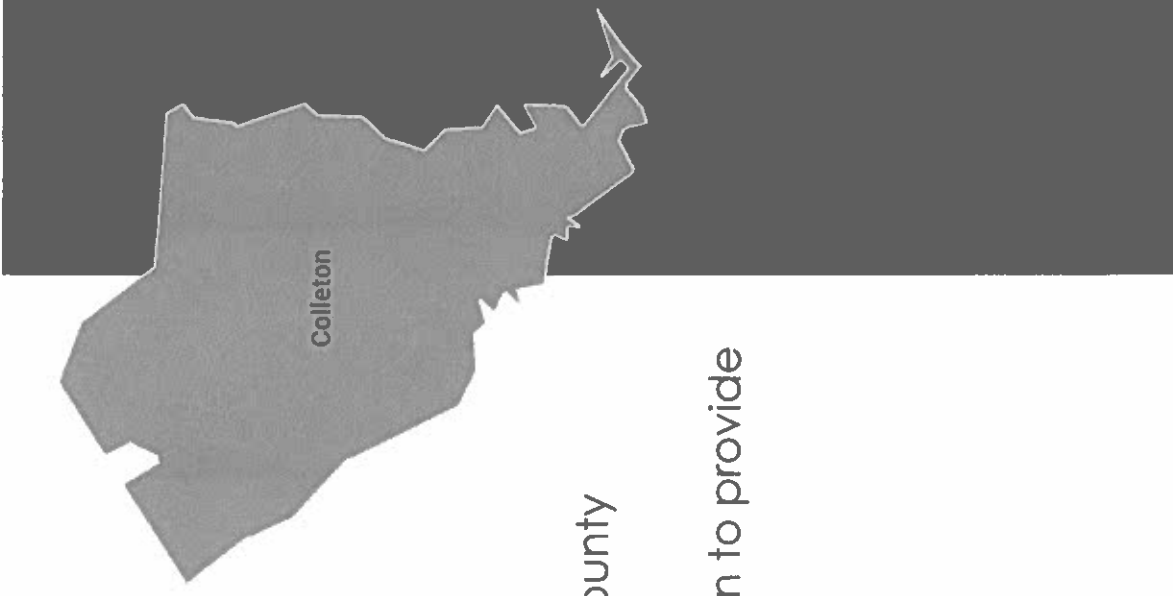


COLLETON COUNTY

Recent Successes

- EDA grant submitted to construct sewer extension at Colleton Mega Site and Stokes Tract
- Grant received to construct sewer extensions near Colleton Mega Site
- Received \$1.3M in SRS Plutonium funds to assist with construction of a 100,000 square-foot spec building at Colleton County Commerce Center



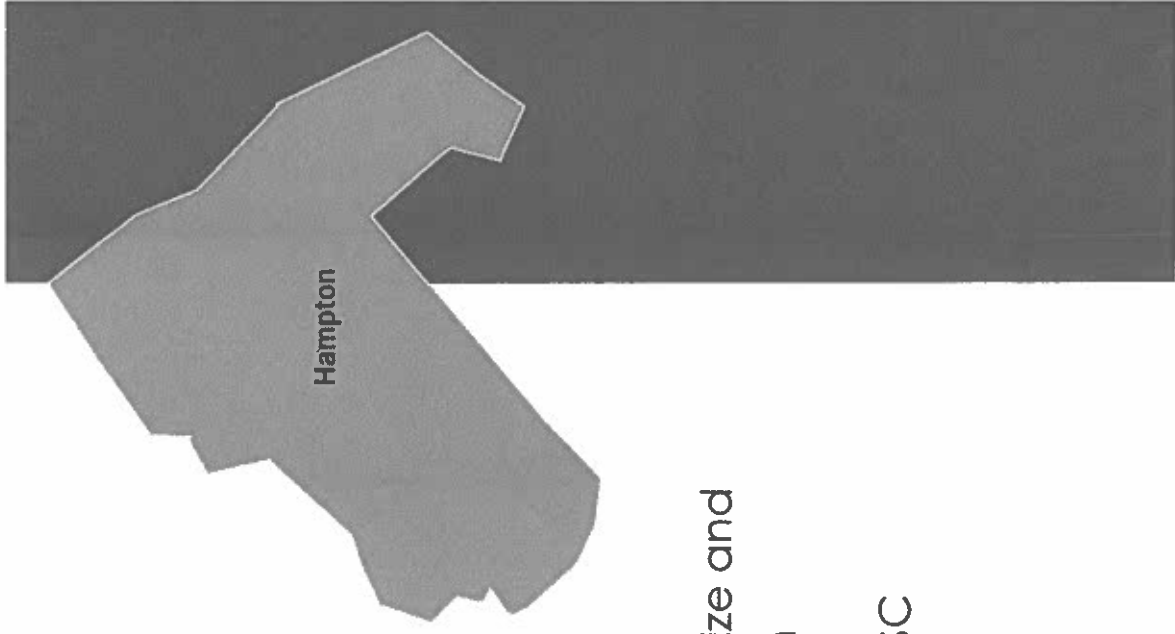


2024 Priorities

- Construct sewer extension at Colleton Mega Site
- Construct both water and sewer extensions at Stokes Tract
- Construct a 100,000 square-foot spec building at Colleton County Commerce Center
- Continue to investigate connecting CSX and Norfolk Southern to provide dual rail in Colleton
- Continue to provide support for new Charter School



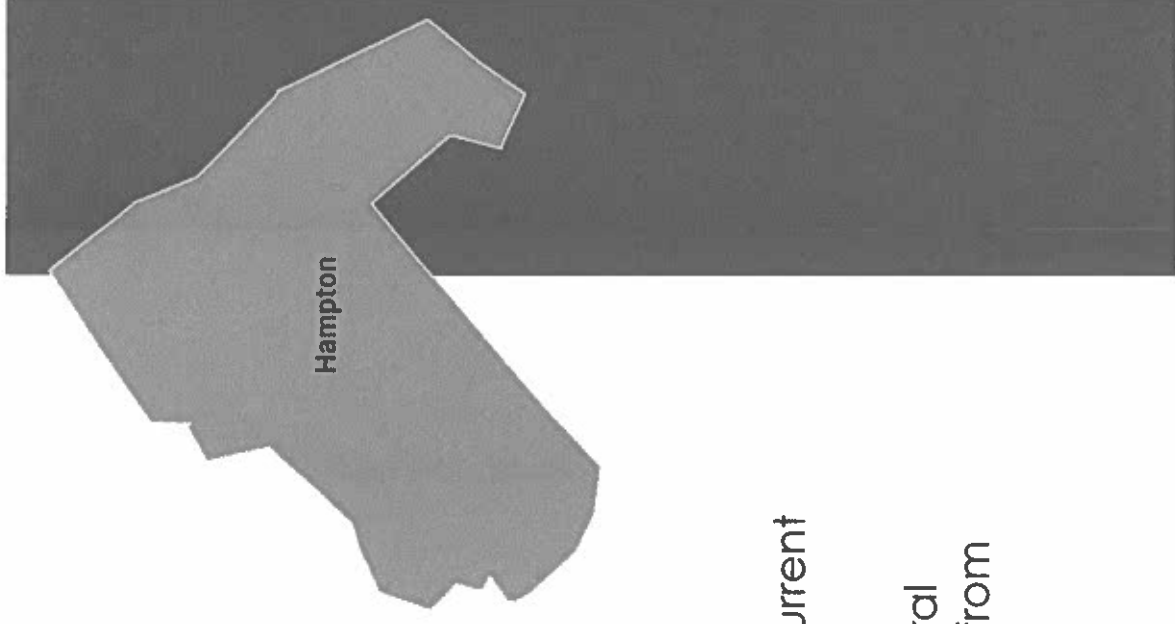
HAMPTON COUNTY



Recent Successes

- Received \$750K in funding and in process of improving the safety and function of rail crossings at South Carolina Industrial Campus – currently in design
- Received \$4.4M in funding to extend water and wastewater mains within SCIC to serve planned and future projects – currently in design
- Lowcountry Regional Water System received \$10M to modernize and improve in Hampton County infrastructure – currently in design
- Received funding to purchase 450 acres of land adjacent to SC Industrial Campus - closing scheduled

HAMPTON COUNTY



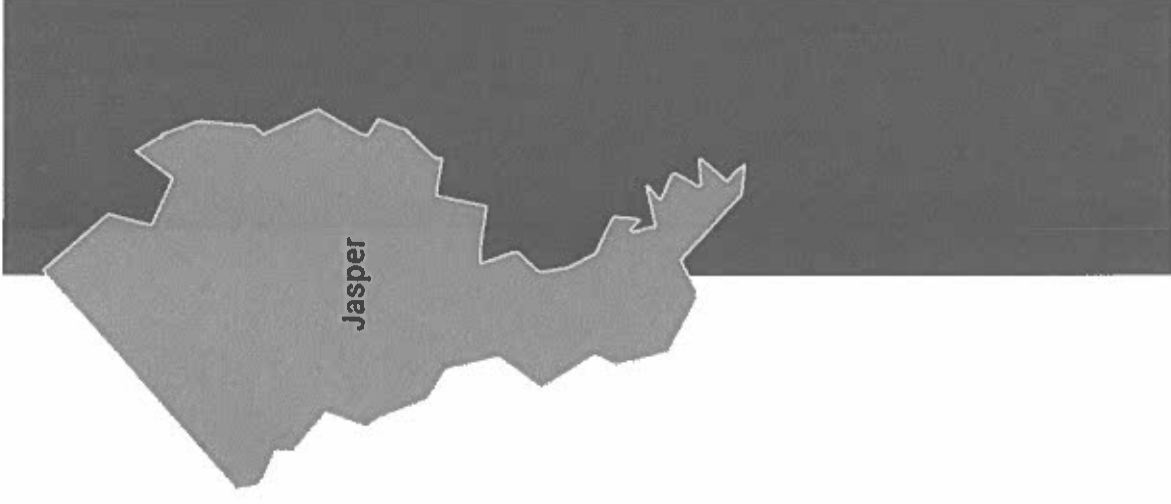
2024 Priorities

- Construct a new wastewater treatment facility in Hampton County
- Water/sewer infrastructure for new Hampton High School
- Extend rail service within SCIC Park by 1.5 miles
- Construct a 50k sq. ft. speculative building at SCIC Park
- Workforce Skills Training: Build skills training upgrades to meet current needs and future requirements of advanced manufacturers
- Ag Research and Development: Support funding for agricultural research and development and specific educational support from Clemson University



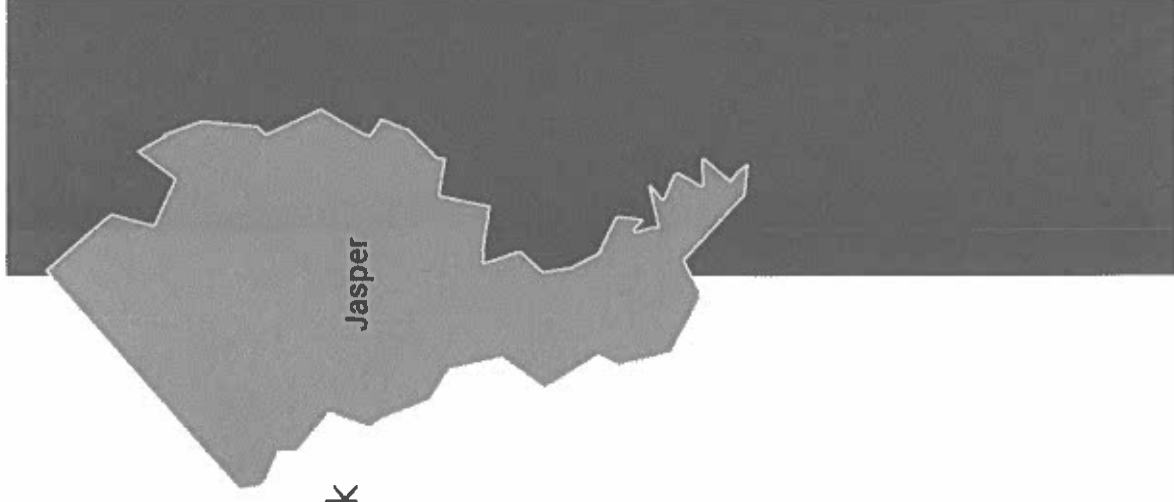
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2024 Priorities

- Develop Point South Commerce Center road infrastructure
Construct new entrance road
- Purchase five acres at PointSouth to partner with developer for spec building
- Beaufort-Jasper water system new regional sewer pump station and force main to existing treatment plant
- Extend sewer service to Levy community
- Continue development of infrastructure for Regional Logistics Park
- Utility extensions along Medical Center Drive at Exit 8 on I 95



Recent Successes

- Groundbreaking ceremony held for the new Freedom Industrial Park in Hardeeville, where 6 buildings totaling 213,000 square feet will be constructed just off US Hwy 17 and I-95
- Beaufort Jasper Water System received funds to connect existing water main around Sherwood treatment plant – in design process
- Received funds to develop entrance road to Sherwood Tract – currently in design

**Jasper County Planning and Zoning
Year End Report January - December 2023**

	Quantity	Fee Amount
Major Site Plan - Gillisonville Lakes, Quality Beverage, Telfair Track, Citadel Storage, Seaport Container Storage, Bishop of Charleston, Bailey Park, CSP, BJWSA, Alligator Alley, John Paul II, Auto Nation Genesis	12	\$ 72,864.36
Minor Site Plan - Bryan Mine, Refuel Yemassee	2	\$ 1,300.00
Major Subdivision - Oyster Park	1	\$ 2,600.00
Master Plan - Next Chapter Neighborhood	1	\$ 1,804.60
Exempt Plat Fees -	106	\$ 3,440.00
Tree Clearing -	3	\$ 325.00
Zoning Certificate -	80	\$ 2,900.00
Zoning Letter -	11	\$ 825.00
Zoning Map Amendment -	6	\$ 1,100.00
Variance -	2	\$ 300.00
Zoning Permit -	263	\$ 32,625.00
Publication -	8	\$ 900.00
*Review Fee - Gillisonville Lakes, Quality Beverage, Telfair Track, Citadel Self Storage, Seaport Container Storage, Bishop of Charleston, Next Chapter Neighborhood, Refuel Yemassee, BJWSA, BJWSA, Alligator Alley, John Paul II	12	\$ 82,500.00
*3% Site Inspection - Master Steel Shop, Concrete Placement Services, Argent Self Storage, Speedway Boulevard Warehouse, BJWSA, Centerpoint Storage, Gateway Supply, Hazzard Creek	8	\$ 109,876.65
10% Site Restoration Guarantee - Argent Self Storage, Hazzard Creek	2	\$ 70,892.80

**A. Total Escrow Fees Collected for Consultant
(*3% Site Inspection Fees + *Review Fees) \$ 192,376.65**

B. 10% Site Restoration Guarantee \$ 70,892.80

C. All Other Fees (Admin Fees) \$ 120,983.96

REVENUE TOTAL (A+B+C) \$ 384,253.41

**Jasper County Building Permitting
Year End 2023**

New Single Family	Permits Issued	Category	Permit Fee	Reported Value
	75		\$ 174,301.50	\$ 20,509,622.00
Duplexes 12 Bldgs 24 Units	Permits Issued	Category	Permit Fee	Reported Value
	12		\$ 40,438.53	\$ 5,034,024.00
Quadplexes 8 Bldgs 32 Units	Permits Issued	Category	Permit Fee	Reported Value
	32		\$ 3,200.00	\$ 4,040,000.00
New Commercial	Permits Issued	Category	Permit Fee	Reported Value
	12		\$ 206,930.00	\$ 28,287,629.00
Existing Commercial Improvements	Permits Issued	Category	Permit Fee	Reported Value
	1	Upfit	\$ 2,910.00	\$ 138,000.00
	1	Mechanical	\$ 402.00	\$ 11,921.90
	0	Solar Panels	\$ -	\$ -
	0	Porch	\$ -	\$ -
	0	Shed	\$ -	\$ -
	0	Garage	\$ -	\$ -
	4	Renovation	\$ 19,587.00	\$ 1,176,000.00
	1	Addition	\$ 13,000.00	\$ -
	0	Carport	\$ -	\$ -
	2	Repair	\$ 426.00	\$ 16,300.00
	24	Electrical	\$ 18,484.00	\$ 1,150,238.00
	0	Re-roof	\$ -	\$ -
	7	Cell Tower - Upgrade	\$ 4,996.00	\$ 172,000.00
	0	Fire Sprinkler	\$ -	\$ -
	0	Generator	\$ -	\$ -
40	Total	\$ 59,805.00	\$ 2,664,459.90	
Existing Residential Improvements	Permits Issued	Category	Permit Fee	Reported Value
	6	Remodel	\$ 3,736.00	\$ 352,125.00
	25	Shed	\$ 8,792.00	\$ 610,895.00
	1	Fence	\$ 50.00	\$ 5,000.00
	3	Porch	\$ 449.00	\$ 27,000.00
	1	MBH Storage	\$ 50.00	\$ 500.00
	6	Garage	\$ 4,692.00	\$ 397,551.00
	10	Pole Barn	\$ 5,850.00	\$ 521,300.00
	5	Carport	\$ 1,201.00	\$ 84,980.00
	7	Addition	\$ 5,731.00	\$ 545,351.00
	14	Alteration	\$ 2,915.00	\$ 193,482.00
	66	Repair	\$ 14,561.02	\$ 999,996.64
	93	Electrical	\$ 6,160.50	\$ 122,343.00
	5	Mechanical	\$ 889.72	\$ 59,433.00
	2	Gazebo	\$ 579.00	\$ 35,000.00
	1	Mailbox Kiosk	\$ 155.00	\$ 9,800.00
	6	Generator	\$ 1,255.34	\$ 79,065.00
	11	Solar Panels	\$ 6,738.00	\$ 500,329.00
	9	Pool	\$ 5,929.00	\$ 578,566.00
271	Total	\$ 69,733.58	\$ 5,122,716.64	

**Jasper County Building Permitting
Year End 2023**

Mobile Homes	Permits Issued	Category	Permit Fee	
	127		\$ 21,000.00	
Other	Permits Issued	Category	Permit Fee	Reported Value
	14	COC	\$ 700.00	
	1	Sign	\$ 594.00	
	11	Certificate of Occupancy	\$ 600.00	
	20	Demolition	\$ 1,769.00	
	71	Re-Inspection	\$ 4,400.00	
	0	Overage	\$ 93.00	
	1	Reimburse	\$ (275.00)	
	0	Deposit Slips	\$ (132.83)	
	0	CC Processing Fees	\$ (661.05)	
	0	Bank Fees	\$ (12.00)	
	118	Total	\$ 7,075.12	\$ -
	655	Grand Total	\$ 579,283.73	\$ 65,658,451.54

**Jasper County Building Department
Year End Summary 2023**

Type of Permit	Permits Issued	Permit Fee	Reported Value
New Single Family	75	\$ 174,301.50	\$ 20,509,622.00
Duplexes 12 Bldgs 24 Units	12	\$ 40,438.53	\$ 5,034,024.00
Quadplexes 8 Bldgs 32 Units	32	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 4,040,000.00
New Commercial	12	\$ 206,930.00	\$ 28,287,629.00
Commercial Improvements	40	\$ 59,805.00	\$ 2,664,459.90
Residential Improvements	271	\$ 69,733.58	\$ 5,122,716.64
Mobile Homes	127	\$ 21,000.00	\$ -
Other	118	\$ 7,075.12	\$ -
Total	687	\$582,483.73	\$65,658,451.54

**Jasper County Building Department
Year End Summary for 2020**

Type of Permit	Permits Issued	Permit Fee	Reported Value
New Single Family	116	\$ 273,869.16	\$ 30,183,735.00
New Multi Family	0	-	-
New Commercial	7	\$ 58,243.50	\$ 5,819,467.58
Commercial Improvements	44	\$ 38,916.50	\$ 1,751,095.00
Residential Improvements	231	\$ 55,000.12	\$ 3,915,470.00
Mobile Homes	89	\$ 8,900.00	
Total	487	\$ 434,929.28	\$ 41,669,767.58

**Jasper County Building Department
Year End Summary 2021**

Type of Permit	Permits Issued	Permit Fee	Reported Value
New Single Family	51	\$ 133,676.29	\$ 15,960,597.50
New Multi Family	0	-	-
New Commercial	12	\$ 175,715.00	\$ 13,807,144.00
Commercial Improvements	59	\$ 62,711.33	\$ 3,937,851.00
Residential Improvements	290	\$ 65,796.30	\$ 4,596,781.60
Mobile Homes	96	\$ 9,600.00	
Total	508	\$ 447,498.92	\$ 38,302,374.10

**Jasper County Building Department
Year End Summary 2022**

Type of Permit	Permits Issued	Permit Fee	Reported Value
New Single Family	58	\$ 98,427.10	\$ 11,651,660.00
New Multi Family	8	\$ 62,400.98	\$ 8,996,139.00
New Commercial	2	\$ 4,285.00	\$ 189,000.00
Commercial Improvements	62	\$ 121,718.00	\$ 8,646,032.25
Residential Improvements	294	\$ 66,905.18	\$ 4,793,171.08
Mobile Homes	113	\$ 11,200.00	
Total	537	\$ 364,936.26	\$ 34,276,002.33

**Jasper County Building Department
Year End Summary 2023**

Type of Permit	Permits Issued	Permit Fee	Reported Value
New Single Family	75	\$ 174,301.50	\$ 20,509,622.00
New Multi Family	44	\$ 43,638.53	\$ 9,074,024.00
New Commercial	12	\$ 206,930.00	\$ 28,287,629.00
Commercial Improvements	40	\$ 59,805.00	\$ 2,664,459.90
Residential Improvements	271	\$ 69,733.58	\$ 5,122,716.64
Mobile Homes	127	\$ 21,000.00	
Total	569	\$ 575,408.61	\$ 65,658,451.54



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Tisha L. Williams
Executive Assistant

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Progress Report February 6, 2024 – March 4, 2024

1. Tax Software Meeting:

Organized and attended meeting with Auditor, Treasurer, tax software provider, economic development consultant, and County staff on Feb. 12 to discuss property tax, MID, FILOT, MCIP, and TIF billing, collections, and distributions.

2. Animal Shelter:

Met with members of the Jasper Animal Rescue Mission (JARM) Board of Directors, JARM staff, Beaufort County staff, and Jasper County staff on Feb. 12 to review status of operations and discuss the need for expanded shelter infrastructure, services, ordinances, and enforcement. Met with Beaufort County and Jasper County staff on Feb. 28 to prepare legislative request for assistance.

3. South Carolina Aviation Association (SCAA):

Attended annual conference in Myrtle Beach, SC Feb. 13-16.

4. Exit 3:

Received, reviewed, and approved escrow payment request #11. Scheduled to attend “Exit 3 Lead Group” meeting on March 6.

5. Proposed Transportation Sales Tax with Greenbelt Element:

Met with The Trust for Public Land (TPL) staff on Feb. 20. Assembled notes and chronology for Feb. 22 Joint Council Workshop.

6. SC Association of Counties (SCAC):

Attended Counties Connect Conference in Columbia, SC February 20-21.

7. Affordable Housing:

Met with Beaufort Jasper Housing Trust representative for Jasper County and County staff on Feb. 29 to discuss status of initiatives.

8. Various Development Projects:

Attended meetings with County staff, SCA staff, and outside counsel on Feb. 7, 14, and 28 to discuss active economic development projects.

9. Other Meetings/Events Attended or Scheduled to Attend:

Joint Council Workshop on Feb. 22, and Beaufort Jasper Housing Trust Board meeting on Feb. 26.



Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, February 26, 2024 at 10:00am

AGENDA

Call Meeting To Order

- Introductions

Dick Stewart

Approval of Minutes

- 1-22-24 and 1-31-24 Board of Directors Meeting

Dixie Lanier

Financial Report January 2024

Michelle Gaston

Nominating Committee Report

- Board Job Description Approval
- Nominees
- Minutes from 2-15-24 Meeting

Matt Garnes

SC Housing Presentation at 11:00am

Steve Clements, Director of Single-Family Programs

Marni Holloway, Deputy Director of Programs

Richard Hutto, Exec. Director

Development Committee Report

- Minutes from 2-13-24 Meeting

Wendy Zara

Homebuyer Assistance RFP

Dana Totman

Home Repair RFP

Dana Totman

Interim Executive Director Report

Dana Totman

Other Business

Executive Director Search Committee Report

- Minutes from 2-12-24 Meeting

Matt Davis

Adjourn

Dick Stewart

**Ridgeland Aviation Community Association (RACA)
Ridgeland – Claude Dean Airport (3J1)
224 Airport Road
Ridgeland, SC 29936**

January 31, 2024

To:

Mr. Michael Skinner
Treasurer, Jasper County Commission
P.O. Box 722
Ridgeland, SC 29936

Cc:

Mr. Marty Sauls
Chairman, Jasper County Council
P.O. Box 1417
Ridgeland, SC 29936

Cc:

Mr Andrew Fulghum
Administrator, Jasper County Administration
P.O. Box 1149
Ridgeland, SC 29936

Subject: SkyBlue Aviation LLC

Dear Mr. Skinner;

Please initiate an investigation of the Ridgeland – Claude Dean Airport Manager's failure to comply with Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grant Assurances, specifically the Airport Manager's policy of not depositing the checks received from nearly every hangar-owner since 2018.

The Ridgeland Aviation Community Association (RACA) has filed a complaint with the FAA regarding this issue; however, the Association believes the public interest is best served if your office conducts a separate investigation to determine the current state of financial affairs at the airport. A copy of the Association's letter to the FAA is included.

Thank you in advance for addressing this matter with the County Administrator, the County Attorney and the Airport Manager.



Steven Schmidt

President, Ridgeland Aviation Community Association

**Ridgeland Aviation Community Association (RACA)
Ridgeland – Claude Dean Airport (3J1)
224 Airport Road
Ridgeland, SC 29936**

February 15, 2024

To: Ms. Keturah Pristell
Federal Aviation Administration
Office of Airports, Southern Region
Safety and Standards Branch (ASO-620)
1701 Columbia Ave., Suite 540
College Park, GA 30337

Cc: Jasper County Council
c/o Wanda Simmons
P.O Box 1149
Ridgeland, SC 29936

Subj: Request for Audit of Ridgeland – Claude Dean Airport Operations

Dear Ms. Keturah Pristell;

Since 2018, the Jasper County Council, as the Sponsor of Ridgeland – Claude Dean Airport (3J1), has been declining to deposit rent payments sent by hangar-owners as stipulated in their ground lease agreements. For instance, on May 30, 2023, Gopher Hill Hangar LLC submitted a \$9,800 check to the Sponsor to cover the upcoming 5-year installment for its hangar lease. Regrettably, the Sponsor did not deposit this check, rendering it invalid. This practice raises concerns about the Sponsor's competence in overseeing the airport's financial matters.

According to United States Code, Title 2, Subtitle A, Chapter II, Part 200, Subpart F, airport sponsors receiving FAA Airport Improvement Program grants must undergo annual audits to verify compliance with grant conditions and appropriate fund utilization for airport improvements. Therefore:

1. Kindly verify if the Sponsor has conducted the mandated audits from the inception of the requirement to the present.
2. Please furnish copies of the summary reports for each audit conducted.
3. If any audits were overlooked, please provide a brief explanation of the circumstances leading to non-compliance.
4. Consider conducting a special audit to assess the repercussions of the Sponsor's policy of neglecting to collect or deposit revenue from the ground leases of the airport's 42 hangars.

The ongoing failure of the Jasper County Council, as the Sponsor of Ridgeland – Claude Dean Airport (3J1), to adhere to the terms of ground lease agreements and properly manage rent payments from hangar-owners raises significant doubts about their ability to oversee the airport's financial affairs effectively. It is imperative that the Sponsor promptly address these concerns and demonstrate transparency and accountability in their financial management practices. Conducting the required annual audits, providing necessary documentation, and considering a special audit to evaluate the impact of their revenue collection policy on airport operations would be crucial steps towards ensuring compliance and restoring confidence in the Sponsor's stewardship of the airport.

Thank you in advance for addressing this matter with the Sponsor.



Steven Schmidt
President, Ridgeland Aviation Community Association (RACA)



February 1, 2024

Ms. Nicole Holt
Jasper County Human Resources
358 Third Avenue
Ridgeland, South Carolina 29936

Regarding: Coaching the Emergency Vehicle Operator II - Police Course Results

Dear Nicole:

I hope you are doing well. I enjoyed conducting the Coaching the Emergency Vehicle Operator II - Police training classes on December 13th, 2023, at the Sheriff's Office. All thirty-nine (39) officers passed the test. I have enclosed the certificates and an invoice for the training materials.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to give me a call. I look forward to working with you on your risk management and safety program.

With best regards,


Cliff Miller
Risk Manager
South Carolina Association of Counties

Cc:

Mr. Andrew P. Fulghum, Jasper County Administrator
Sheriff Donald Hipp



Jasper County Planning Department

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Lisa Wagner
Director of Planning and Building Services
lwagner@jaspercountysc.gov

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Andrew Fulghum, ICMA-CM, County Administrator

FROM: Lisa Wagner, Director of Planning and Building Services

DATE: February 15, 2024

SUBJECT: Update on CSP and 95 Logistics

CSP - A major site plan application was submitted on September 21, 2023 for the CSP project. Comments based on that review were provided to the applicant's engineer on October 20, 2023. The Planning Department is awaiting the applicant's response to those comments. It is my understanding that the applicant is waiting to receive outside agency permits before re-submitting and addressing the County's comments from October 20, 2023.

95 Logistics – A Master Plan for the 95 Logistics project was approved by the Jasper County Planning Commission on December 13, 2022. A partial submittal for a major site plan application was received on November 9, 2023. The applicant was made aware that no review would begin until the Planning Department received a full submittal.

Andrew Fulghum

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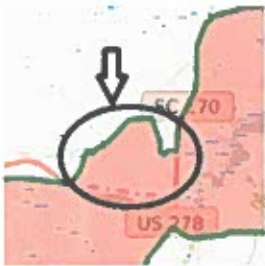


This First Friday will be held at Hidden Cypress, starting at 4:00 PM. (We are moving around Sun City meeting rooms to accommodate attendees.)



The main speaker this month will be Jeanine Bostick, Director of Jasper County Board of Elections. She will bring us up to date on election requirements, review up-coming elections and other information on the workings of elections.

A brief informational update on the ZIP code letter many Jasper County residents received last month will be given.



Please remind everyone we will be having the meeting at Hidden Cypress.

North Currents
Steve Reaves, Editor