

MINUTES
UNION COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025, AT 5:30 P.M
GRAND JURY ROOM AT UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Chairman Phillip Russell, II, Councilman Danny Bright, Councilman John Glenn, Vice chair David Sinclair, Councilwoman Annie Smith, Councilwoman Carolyn Rutherford, Councilman John Flood, County Attorney Jennifer Williams, and Clerk to Council Kindra Horne.

Notice of the meeting and a copy of the agenda giving the date, time, and place of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the hall of the Union County Courthouse and on the bulletin board in the Union County Government Building, a copy was mailed or emailed to the members of the Union County Council, the County Attorney, Daniel Prince at WBCU Radio Station, Anna Brown at the County News, as well as to elected officials and heads of various county departments and offices. A notice of the meeting and a copy of the agenda were also posted on the County's website.

Chairman Russell opened the meeting at 5:30 PM. Councilman Danny Bright gave the invocation and Vice chair David Sinclair led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk performed the roll call with the following results:

District 1 Danny Bright was present.
District 2 John Glenn was present.
District 3 David Sinclair was present.
District 4 Annie Amith was present.
District 5 Carolyn Rutherford was present.
District 6 John Flood was present.

The first item on the agenda was to approve minutes of the February 11, 2025 County Council Meeting. There were no additions or deletions requested by Council. Vice chair Sinclair made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Councilman Flood seconded. There were no questions. Chairman Russell called for a vote and it was unanimous.

Chairman Russell presented a service award to Allyson Wentz with the Detention Center for 10 years of service.

The next item on the agenda was to consider relocating all future County Council Meetings from the Courthouse to the Meeting Room at 103 W Main Street. Chairman Russell requested a motion to permanently designate 103 W Main Street as the future meeting location for Union County Council. Councilman Flood made a motion, Councilperson Rutherford seconded. There were no questions or comments. Chairman Russell called for a vote, which carried unanimously.

Chairman Russell introduced Steve Knight with Finch & Associates. Chairman Russell stated that the company had been working with the County's Fire Service since late January 2025. Mr. Knight stated that Finch & Assoc. is a Public Safety Consulting Firm that works to build a Comprehensive Master Plan. The plan includes operational aspects, fiscal analysis, capital

response time, reliability, etc., of the Union County Fire and Emergency Services. Their approach is very data driven which eliminates bias. Mr. Knight stated that transparency is key, and they have met with the Fire Chief's Association, Department Heads, and sent out data requests to the County's local Fire Stations. Chairman Russell stated that Finch & Assoc. would be taking a look at current County wide fire service, evaluate it, and propose a plan. There have been no commitments. Chairman Russell wanted to make clear this is on a study to suggest options of what a county wide fire and emergency service could be or could look for Union County, there is not commitment on moving to that and once the study is conducted it will up to Council to decide if they wish to proceed and how they would do that. There were no other comments or questions.

Chairman Russell introduced first reading of an Ordinance, Amending Chapter 2, Article XI of the Union County Code of Ordinances, in certain limited regards and particulars only, regarding Boards and Commissions; and other matters related thereto. Chairman Russell stated that any adjustments or additions can be made to the Ordinance. The Ordinance has been worked on for almost 2 years in an attempt to represent the current operations of the Boards and Commissions. The Ordinance will eliminate the Union County Stadium Board, Tourism Commission, and Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission. Chairman Russell stated that there would be communication with DAODAS on finding a partner for the Alcohol and Drug Abuse to operate with. In the place of those boards/commissions, they would establish an Accommodations and Hospitality Tax Board. The Fair Board, as it stands, would be removed and revised to become a 501C3. As a County, they would then perform a long-term lease of the Fairgrounds to the Fair Board. The Fair Board would be able to insure, utilize, and maintain the property, while minimizing liability on the County. Chairman Russell stated that there are few Counties our size that still have a Fairground, but that the County enjoys it. These Boards/Commissions are advisory in nature, with Council provided funding and approval the liability falls back on Council and the County. Chairman Russell expressed that they should not be hiring their own Executive Directors unless they are operating under a 5013C. This would only be first reading, and there will be opportunities to make changes. Councilman Bright stated that he thought the first paragraph of the Ordinance does cover the concerns. Vice chair Sinclair stated that he was concerned how the Fair Board would be handled because the goal of Council has always been to utilize the fairgrounds as much as possible. He wanted to ensure that if the property is leased to the Fair Board, that they would still allow availability for projects. Chairman Russell stated that he believes the Fair Board will allow more usage of the Fairgrounds. Council would still be able to appoint the Board, but they would be able to hire an Executive Director to perform day-to-day operations. Chairman Russell stated that it would not protect the County entirely but it would save money in the event of a liability claim. Chairman Russell requested a motion to accept first-reading of the Ordinance. Councilperson Smith made a motion to accept, Vice chair Sinclair seconded. There were no questions. Chairman Russell called for a vote and it was unanimous.

Chairman Russell stated that next item, in 3rd and Final Reading, was an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale and Conveyance of Certain Union County-Owned real property to the Union Laurens Commission on Higher Education; and other matters related thereto. There has been an Amendment that states that the property can only be used for the purpose of education by USC-Union and the agreement shall remain in place for 50 years. Vice chair made a motion to amend the Ordinance to include a Declaration of Protected Convenience Clause, that Chairman Russell

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explained previously; Councilman Flood seconded the motion to amend the Ordinance. There were no questions. Chairman Russell called for a vote, which carried with 5 Council members voting in favor; 1 member recusing from the vote. Council member Annie Smith recused due to being an employee of USC-U.

The next item on the agenda was to receive any Committee Reports. The Finance & Administration Committee held a meeting on February 13, 2025. Chairman of the Committee, Dr. John Flood, stated that there will be continued discussion regarding the change in form of government; at this time there is no scheduled meeting date for the Committee. Chairman Russell stated that he would like to propose meeting dates for the Finance & Administration Committee for the purpose of discussing the 2025-2026 Budget. Chairman Russell and Council agreed on the following dates: April 1, April 8 (First Reading of Budget) April 22, April 29, May 6 (if needed), May 13 (Second Reading of Budget), May 20 (if needed), and June 16 (Public Hearing and 3rd reading of Budget).

Chairman Russell moved on to the Supervisor's Report, which had been emailed to council and a copy of which will be kept with the adopted minutes.

Chairman Russell called for any announcements. Councilman Bright expressed that there was a fence needing repair in Jonesville at the recycle center. There were no other announcements.

Councilperson Smith made a motion to adjourn, Councilperson Rutherford seconded. Chairman Russell called for a vote and it carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 PM.

Phillip G. Russell, II, Chair, Union County Council

Kindra W. Horne, Clerk to Council

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Supervisor's Report

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Administration:

Human Resources / Clerk to Council

- Processed February payrolls-514 payroll checks issued
- Completed all required state and federal payroll reports
- Completed SC Department of Public Safety Grant Management Training for 2025-2026 Grants
- Began working to implement procedures to comply with expanded federal reporting requirements that will be necessary due to receipt of Sheriff's Office radio upgrade grant
- Sent out renewals for 2025-2026 P&L Insurance, Work Comp Insurance and Cyber Liability Coverage
- Attended team meeting on software finance software transition
- Attended and prepared documentation for regular council meeting, finance committee meeting, and public meeting on TSC expansion
- Began gathering data for budget planning
- Working with auditors on federal single audit

4 New hires and 5 separations processed.

Finance

- Financials were included in Council packets for the 8th month period ending February 28, 2025 (66.7% of the year).
- Revenues for YTD February are ahead of the comparable amount received in the prior year, but slightly behind as a percentage due to the inclusion of budgeted 2025 FILOT revenues that do not trend with property taxes.
- Expenditures are 62.23%, which is on target from time-line standpoint. There are certain payments made at the beginning of the fiscal year that cover the full year, such as general insurance and some maintenance fees, which causing the calculated %-age to be higher in the early months of the fiscal year.
- Quarterly Grant update reports are up-to date as of February.
- Work is in process on the 2024 audit.

Airport:

- County Maintenance staff are repairing roll up doors at Hanger.
- Fenix Air – airplane mechanic started work on March 1.
 - He replaces the mechanic the passed away tragically in an airplane accident

- FAA Grant Close out of the Loverslane property. FAA has denied the sale of property, and staff is currently working with our engineers and Congressman Ralph Norman's Office for assistance

Alcohol and Drug Abuse:

Clients served through Prevention:

- 3 Billboards in Union County: 21,000
- Community Events and Information Dissemination: 5,000
- Deterra bags given out in community for safe medication disposal: 150
- Safe Medication Lockboxes given out in community: 20
- Opioid prevention yard signs installed in community: 5,000

Total clients served: 98 for Treatment Services

- HUBHS continues to provide Medicated Assisted Treatment to current clients who need services. We also continue to provide gas cards and ride tickets for Chester Connector to clients who lack transportation and must pay someone to bring them to classes.
- 3 Prevention Billboard in Union County, bringing awareness to parents having conversations with their children about alcohol and drugs.
- Continued life skills classes in treatment groups at agency.
- Hosted community event on safe medication storage and disposal.

Assessor

- Continue to process Deed Transfers and Legal Residence Applications.
- Agricultural Use Applications for 2025 are slowly being returned.
- We are still seeing high value sales for Union County property.
- Staff working diligently to get everything ready for 2025 Reassessment Implementation.
- The County Board of Assessment Appeals has scheduled a hearing for 4/14/25.

Animal Control / Codes :

1. NUISANCE VIOLATIONS WRITTEN	71
2. 2 nd LETTER ISSUED	8
3. TICKETS ISSUED	18
4. PROPERTY UP-TO CODE	9
5. STRUCTURES TORN DOWN	0
6. TRASH LETTERS MAILED	1
7. Animal Control Calls	629
8. ANIMAL CALLS COUNTY	371
9. ANIMAL CALLS CITY	258
10. FERAL CATS PICKED-UP	14
11. T.N.R CATS	20
12. CAT'S IN SHELTER NOW	17
13. DOG'S IN SHELTER NOW	93

- a. This includes 14 Dogs on hold for Law Enforcement pending cases

Delinquent Tax:

- We are still processing redemptions from the 2024 Tax Sale.
- We had 26 deeds prepared from the 2023 Tax Sale. The new owners are still coming in to sign and complete the process.
- Forfeited Land Sale was January 8, 2024. We had 12 items on the list, two properties and ten manufactured homes. The two properties sold, but the manufactured homes are still available.
- Reviewing the Manufactured Home Titles on file.

Detention Center:

- Average Daily Population: 87.
- Number of State Trustees currently 18.
- Number of pretrial inmates 38.
- Number of sentenced county inmates 1 males, 2 females.
- Number of inmates booked in for the month: 80.
- Number of inmates bonded out for the month: 55.
- Number of inmates sentenced to SCDC from General Sessions: 6 males, 0 females.
- Number of inmates held in other counties: 1 adult male (US Marshalls Services Custody), 1 adult male (York Co)
- Housing one adult male for Chester County.
- Number of inmates held in Columbia DMH: 0.
- Inmates seen by Nurse: 96.
- Inmates on suicide watch for the month: 4.
- Inmates seen for detox: 4.
- Inmates seen by Mental Health: 14.
- Inmates seen by doctor: 6.
- Inmates seen for X-Ray on site: 3.
- Inmates sent to the ER: 1.
- Inmates tested or treated for STD's: 20.
- Pregnant female inmates: 0.
- Inmates' positive for blood borne pathogens: 0.
- Outside medical and dental visits transported in and out of county: 5.
- Inmates receiving medication: 51.
- Inmate medication refusals for the month: 10.
- Incident Reports for the month: 127. (not including supplemental reports).
- Use of Force Reports: 5.
- Disciplinary Lock downs: 13.
- 12 inmates being held over one year.
- Staff: 28 officers, 4 vacancies.
- Inmates picked up 73 bags of trash, wood, metal, and other debris.

Economic Development / Community Development / Tourism:

Promising Projects:

Project Panama - Eaton (\$340 Million Capital Investment & 700 Jobs)

Project Spring (\$135 Million Capital Investment & 60 Jobs)

Project Courage (\$53 Million Capital Investment & 5 Jobs)

Opened 3 New potential Industrial projects (not including those above)

Additional

- Continuing development of new website along with rebranding of Union County Development Board to include Community Development and Tourism.
- Our office is currently developing a 5-year strategic plan, utilizing the expertise of the UCDB board members. The plan will focus on business development, business retention, product development and quality of life. We look forward to presenting the finished product to the County Council once completed.
- We are currently participating in a pilot project with SC Department of Commerce. The end result will be identifying quality of life projects within the City of Union and being awarded a \$250,000 grant that can go towards a project or be used as matching funds for a larger grant.
- Currently working with 2 existing manufacturers on potential expansions.
- The UCDB alongside Union County School District is will host the 3rd annual Union County Career Day and the Union County High School on March 26, 2025.

Community Development:

Transportation

- February Monthly Transportation Numbers

Total trips	459 (Record Number of Trips)
Education/Training	30 (Union County Adult Education)
Medical (non-XIX)	50 (Various but mainly mental health)
Personal	139 (Various)
Employment	240 (Various)
- Continued conversations with Union Medical Center and Chester Connector regarding transit requests to/from the new hospital facility since opening on February 11th. At this point, very few passenger trips have been requested. We will meet with the group on 3/12/2025 to discuss further.

Union County Planning Commission

Land Development Standards:

At the 2/25/2025 meeting, additional suggestions were made to the LDR document by several Commissioners. In addition, representatives from Lockhart Power addressed the commission with specific concerns to include minimum lot size and open space requirements.

Upcoming

- AI Workshop scheduled on March 13, 2025, 5:30pm. Members will determine the AI platform to use for the purpose of this exercise and submit questions through the selected platform. Expected outcome is to determine if other components should be considered/included in the document (requested by commissioners at the 1/28/2025 meeting).
- Commissioners will determine dates, time, and format of upcoming public meetings to start in April. Considering a minimum of three meetings.

Education and Workforce Development

- Cradle to Career (Union Uplifted) Focus Group meetings in process.
- Continuing to work through One Stop Certification Process.
- Attended Upstate Partners Meeting.

Ten at the Top

- Monthly Committee and Focus Group Meetings.
 - Upstate Mobility Alliance Focus Group.
 - Participated in monthly CHAT Talks.
 - Assisting with planning the Downtown Academy Series. Union County's date is tentatively scheduled on May 22nd.

Tourism:

- An event planning meeting was held at 107 East Main Street (Main Street Junction) on January 8th, 2025. The meeting began with a brief introduction of all attendees. The facilitator (Curtiss Hunter) outlined the meeting objectives. The organizers who were present discussed the purpose and goals of all the events that were being planned.
- Met with Carlisle & Associates to plan next steps forward as for the plans for the Old Jail and the future of the building.
- Met with Dalton Williams and Jami Tramell to discuss the Economic Plan and the Tourism Plan for Union County. Key goals and strategies were the discussion for the coming years.
- Met with Michael Tyler, Kathy Jo Lancaster at 103 West Main Street to discuss the set up of the 103 West Main Street building in the next few weeks to be ready for the January 11th County Council meeting.
- Sent a letter of support to the COG (Council of Governments) for the town of Jonesville for Grant purposes.
- Met with Stephine Cohen (Rose Hill Plantation Ranger) and Rusty Snider to discuss signage at Renaissance Park.
- Met with Rebecca Rochester to debrief for the Christmas open House. The discussion was about things that can be changed to make the event schedule better. So, that all of the venues have the same attention and participation.
- Posted upcoming events on the County's Community calendar.
- Accompanied Jenny Parish and Darron Kirkey (members of the Olde English District), which Union, SC is a member of the Olde English District, to Orlando, FL to the National Tourism Symposium, December 29th through December 31st, 2024.

- Attended the annual behavioral health conference in Myrtle Beach, SC on January 31st, and February 1st. 2025. I'm a member of the (Healthy U Board)
- Attended the ribbon cutting of the new Union County Medical Center on February 3rd, 2025
- Met with Carlisle & Associates to discuss a field trip to Lancaster, SC to visit the Robert Mills-designed Jail and Courthouse that is located in Lancaster, SC.
- Bradley Debo, and I picked up the refrigerator for 103 W Main St. building in Rock Hill, South Carolina.
- Attended the Union County council meeting on February 11th, 2025
- Attended the South Carolina Governor's Conference on tourism and travel in Spartanburg, SC, February 10th through February 12th, 2025
- Met with Gil Bradham, (Kingship Collective) and Dalton Williams, Jami Trammel, Phillip Russell, and Michael Tyler to discuss the possible transition of vacant properties here in Union County, SC
- Planned and facilitated event planning meeting on February 19th, 2025 at the Main Street Junction.
- Attended and participated in the Timken Park expansion meeting.
- Attended Historical Society meeting.
- Planned and facilitated the Union County Tourism meeting.

EMS:

Total calls- 485

Total transports- 344

Trauma calls- 50

Medical calls-435

Overdose calls- 7

Vehicle accident calls-35

Average out of house time-1:05

Average response time-9:21

Average time from dispatch until on scene-9:36

Average time on scene-13:56

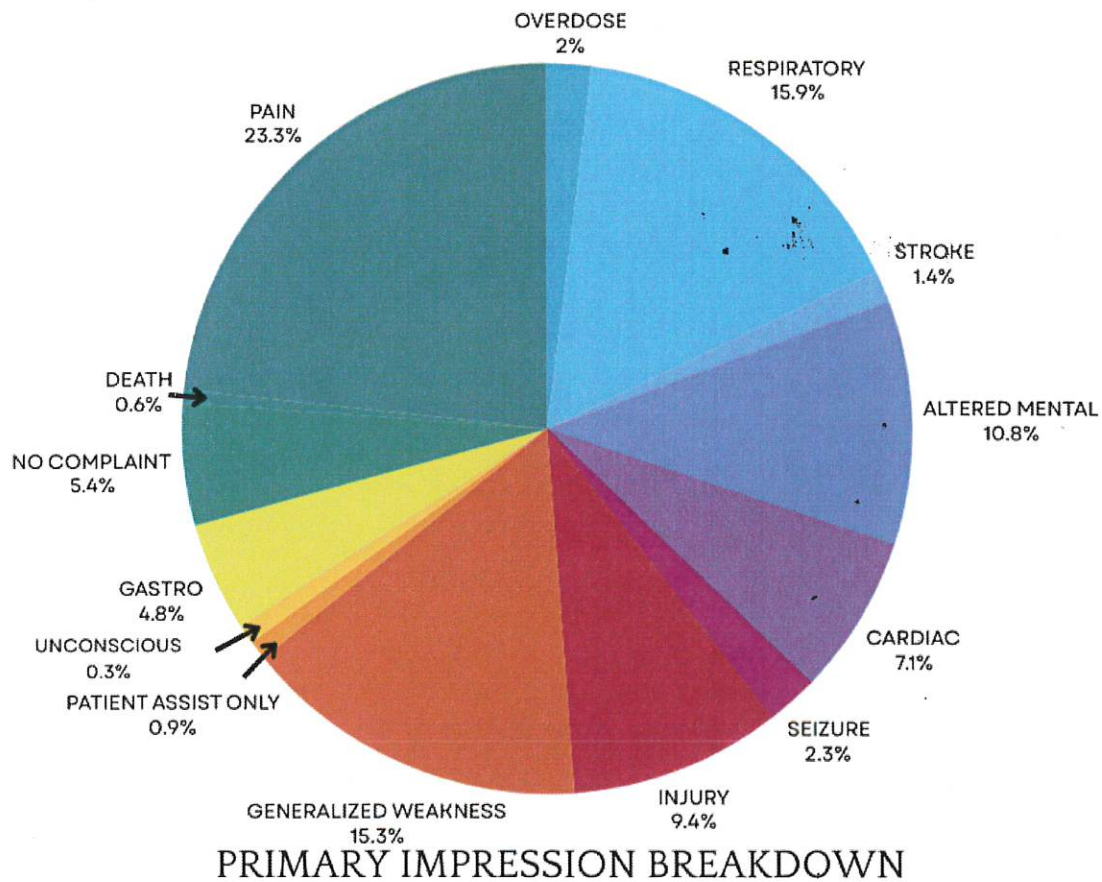
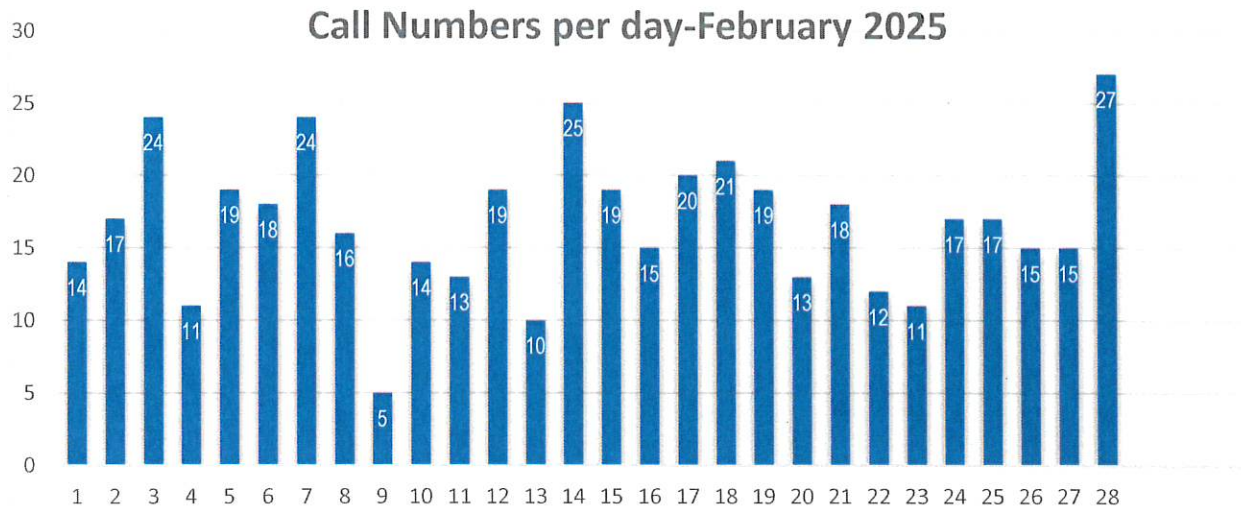
Average total call time-39:14

Busiest day of the week- Friday

Slowest day of the week- Thursday

Monthly Average – 17.32 calls per day

Completed 175 continuing education training hours



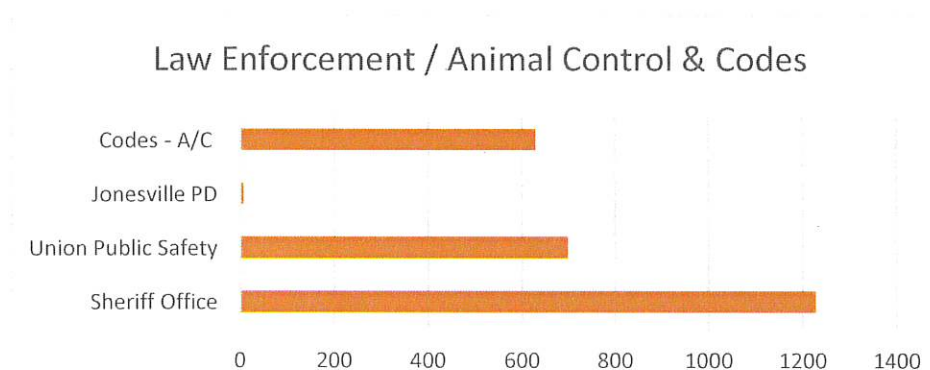
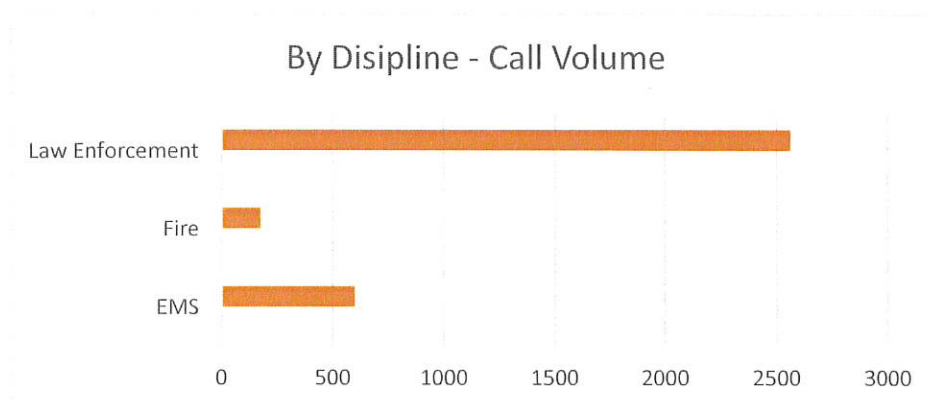
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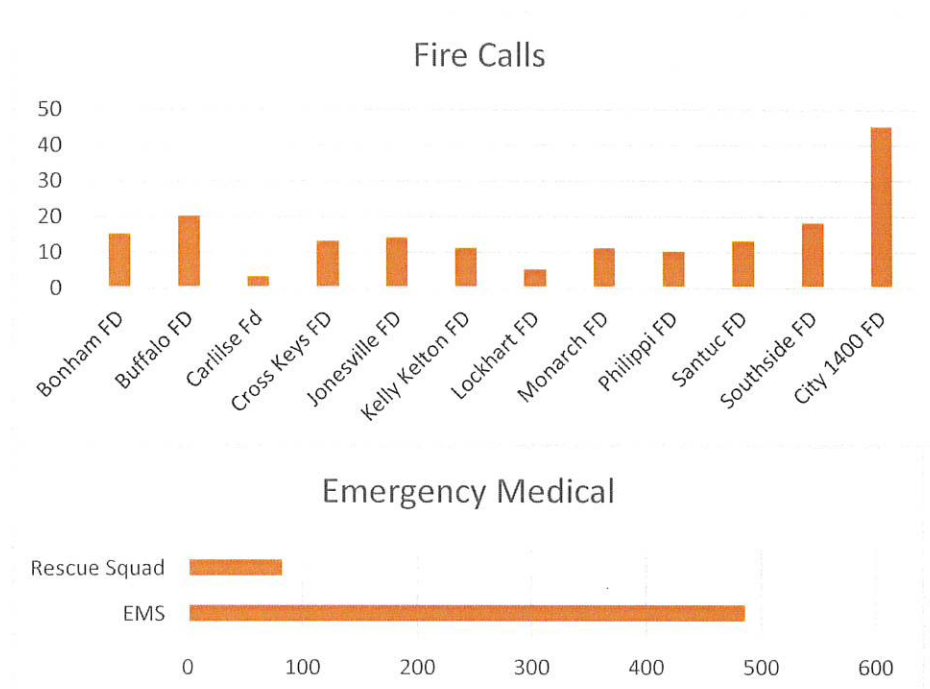
- Attended Union County Firefighter Association along with the Chief's Association meeting.
- Conducting Bi-weekly SAV Training held by the state.
- Union County Emergency Management held a Radiological Training in North Carolina at Duke Energy Facility.

- Attended the Region 2 County Directors Workshop in Gaffney.
- Meeting with State EMD on doing a Table Top Exercise in the spring for a Tornado hitting Union County. Going to run this as a real event with all the Key players that would be in the room at the EOC.
- In conversation with the State about working on a Hazard Mitigation Grant.
- Attended SCEMD State Conference in Charleston on several different trainings.
- Calls ran: (2) Wrecks, (2) Structure Fires, (6) Grass and Woods Fires. The biggest was the one on Jonesville /Lockhart Hwy that burn 60 Acres and had some Structure Damage to a couple of homes. (2) Drone Operations for UCSO.

911: 911 Manager – Jeff Wright

- 911 Emergency Calls – 1,517
- Administration Calls – 1,411
- Total Calls answered – 2,928





I/T and Computers

- 3 New Users in Active Directory
- 16 Computer updates with Bios and Windows
- 2 Laptops Setup for the VA Office with Updates
- 1 Laptop Setup for Jeff Wright 911
- 11 Hard Drives removed for destruction
- 3 Computer Setups and Software added
- 5 Disabled User Accounts from the Network
- 23 User Locked Accounts
- 9 Email Exchange issues
- 2 Computers updated with the QS1 Child Support Data connections
- 18 User Access Reviews completed
- 3 Computers with Malware Cleaned
- 1 Computer with virus
- 4 Printer drivers installed again for Cotts Clerk of Court
- 4 Scanners installed again with drivers for Cotts System
- 3 RSA Security Door Fobs added
- 3 RSA Tokens assigned and setup for users
- 6 Meraki Device Management added
- 5 Office Issues corrected
- Courtroom Recording Conference call to fix ip address
- Dell Computer Laptop quotes for Road Department, Probate and Sheriff's Office Budget 25-26
- Dell computer quote and purchase order for yearly IT Budget
- Ken Boone and I worked on the Bridgtek quotes for the Budget Switches
- Visited the Jail and looked at Computer Data Room to find out about the rack for switches

- Conference call with Ann and Kindra for financial system
- Phone quotes for 25-26 Budget
- RSA quote for 25-26 Budget
- Dell Server quotes for replacement routers, gateway fax machine and Power Edge servers
- Mail Server quotes to move to office 365
- As/400 updates on Data storage and ptf's
- Report to Clerk of Court for Door Fobs for access
- Burglar Alarm meeting at Go Building
- Switch moved and setup for the Main Street Office Tourism
- Phone Message recorded for the Clerk of Courts Office
- Health U Behavior Spectrum Internet repaired
- 911 Internet Line ticket created for Repair
- Ordered phone line for the Soil and Water Office
- Disconnect for the Probation and parole office
- Ken Boone and I worked on the Smartnet Renewal
- Sheriff's Department meeting replacing Cradlepoints with mifi devices
- Meeting for fiber lines and equipment at new building
- Malware Attacks Frequency Daily 45.8K Hourly 1.91K Every Minute 32
- Network Attacks Frequency 53.7M Hourly 2.45M Every Minute 40.8K Total scanned 337M
- Botnet Detection 160M Scanned 85.6K Detected Blocked 85.6K

Facility Management / Project Management

Road Crew

- The top 3 activities performed were:
 - Limb Trimming – 206 Hrs.
 - Pothole Patching - 101 Hrs.
 - Stockpile Management 99 Hrs.
- The road crew received a total of 15 work requests with the most for Sign installations.

Recycle/Solid Waste

- In February, Union County disposed of 460.84 tons of solid waste. The Airport Recycle Center generated the most solid waste with 75.55 tons. Landfill was second with 68.9 tons.
- In January, our roll-off drivers hauled:
 - 98 C & D boxes.
 - 34 compactor boxes
 - 16 boxes of scrap metal
 - 3 brush boxes
- There was a total of 13.54 tons of cardboard, 1050 lbs. of oil filters, and 640 lbs. of aluminum cans recycled.

Shop

- The shop opened 44 new work orders in February for 31 different vehicles and completed a total of 48 work orders.

Facilities

Number	Building	Workorders	
1	911	5	
2	Airport	7	
3	Animal Shelter	1	
4	G.O Building	12	
5	Chrysler Building	7	
6	Clemson Ext	4	
7	Courthouse	15	
8	CWS and RC PARK	0	
9	Detention Center	22	
10	DHHS	2	
11	Diane Freeman	14	
12	DJJ	1	
13	DSS	7	
14	EMS Jonesville	2	
15	EMS Union	3	
16	103West Main Street	8	
17	Patrol Office	1	
18	PPP	4	
19	Public Works	3	
20	Sheriff's Office	1	
21	Stadium	4	
22	Timken Sports Complex	4	
23	Chain Gang/camp	5	
	TOTAL WORK ORDERS	133	
	Preventive Maintenance	60	
	Janitorial Cleaning / fairgrounds	400	
	Landscaping/Moving/Remodeling	130	
	Totals	590	HRS

Timken / Parks and Rec:

Recreation Dept:

- High Basketball Practices - 2
- UCYSA Basketball Practice - 19

- UCYSA Basketball Games - 32
- Officials Paid \$2,560.00
- Security Paid \$1,486.80
- Rentals - 1

South Hills Sports Complex:

- Soccer/Football Field – Seeded and Strawed – Upright Installed – 99% Complete
- Disc Golf – Waiting on quotes to clear debris

Timken Sports Complex:

- Local Baseball/Softball – 0 Games
- Weekend Tournament – 0 Played
- Security Paid - \$0.00
- Officials Paid - \$0.00
- Field Improvements Started
- MLUC Field Improvements to be awarded in March

Stadium:

- Planning with School District and McDonalds for the Football Classic again this year.
 - This will be like last year, 4 – 2 quarter scrimmages with teams from the upstate.
 - These teams will be announced once confirmed, but Union County High School will be one of the scrimmage games.
- Football/Cheerleading – 0 Games
- Security Paid - \$0.00
- Officials Paid - \$0.00

Victim Advocate:

- Provided assistance to 36 Victims
- Very involved with court this term
- Daily meeting with victims and court preparation
- At bond hearings and preliminary hearings regularly

Voters Reg / Building:

Elections:

- Conducted early voting and prepared equipment for the Town of Lockhart election
- Registering voters via online portal, DMV, DSS, mail in applications.
- Mailing disposition letters for voters with incomplete applications submitted.
- Answering telephone calls and questions
- Monthly VR and Elections board meetings

Building Dept:

- Issued 66 building permits.
- Answering phone calls, questions, taking messages, scheduling inspections
- Covering phones for roads department when needed
- Accounting for and balancing payments submitted for permits for deposit

- Using reports to review inspections performed to verify for comparison with billing from inspection company
- Gathering, maintaining, and dispersing permitting records to tax assessor, delinquent tax, Catawba Council, and Building Statistics monthly

Additional Projects:

Proposed Budget Schedule

All meetings will be at the location of 103 W. Main Street

Proposed times for the meeting are 5:30 pm

The following is a proposed budget schedule

- Tuesday, March 25 Supervisor presents Proposed budget to Council
- *Tuesday, April 1 *Elected Officials present their request to Council*
- Tuesday, April 8 Council Meeting – 1st Budget Reading
- Tuesday, April 22 Outside Agency Presentations
- Tuesday, April 29 Budget Work Session
- *Tuesday, May 6 *Budget Work Session (optional)*
- Tuesday, May 13 Council meeting – 2nd Reading
- *Tuesday, May 20, *Budget Work Session (optional)*

- Tuesday, June 17, Public hearing, Council meeting – 3rd Reading

(* - denotes optional meeting schedule if needed)

Jail Addition Project

- All components and company representatives of various products are testing their products presently.
- Meeting this Thursday, March 13, at 2:30 to discuss the plan for the Certificate of Occupancy inspection.

Sell / Donation of Property

- FAA has closed out the Loverslane Property.
 - FAA has balked on selling the property. We are working this issue presently. (see Airport information in the earlier section)
- We are waiting on our attorney for the ordinances to sell the following:
 - 163 Loverlane Road
 - 501 Flat Drive

Boards and Commissions

- We had first reading of the ordinance tonight
- Board Advertisements were placed in the Union County News
- We will go ahead and appoint all other boards and commissions next month except:
 - Alcohol and Drug Abuse
 - Tourism

- Stadium Committee

Spartanburg / Union County line:

- Survey has been completed, and signed off by two other survey teams
- All information has been provided to the Governor's Office
- Waiting on the Governor's Office for approval

Buffalo Mill Property update:

- COG has provided a timeline on the process of moving this project to a VCC cleanup. Applications have been submitted to Department of Environmental Services (old SC DHEC) and this should be completed by March of 2025
- There will be a public meeting scheduled for and by DHEC that will be in the paper next week. Once I have all the details, I will ensure Council gets a copy and the information is also communicated on our Facebook Page and web site.

Buffalo Mill Pond improvements

- COG and Engineers still pending Army Corp of Engineers approval.

Gateway Signs

- All signs installed. Still pending solar lighting. Batteries are on backorder
- We are working on some Quality items, and the contractor is being cooperative

Goldville Fire Station

- Project is 95+% complete.
- Met with Fire Department, reviewed truck access and egress.
- Paved top cap of asphalt
- Interior finishes are installed, and HVAC installed
- Working on an open house pending department approval in April

Disc Golf Course

- This course was near completion, until Hurricane Helene passed through our area
- Storm devastated the good work of County staff.
- Repairs to this course are planned for, and Union County is seeking reimbursement from FEMA for all repairs.

Wallace Thompson Hospital Property

- Property has been shown to:
 1. Health Care field
 2. State Department of Mental Health
 3. Corporate Developer to create student housing
- Bankruptcy Committee has provided Union County with \$100,000.00 in funds to maintain the power in the buildings and to pay insurance on the buildings through April.
- Attorneys are preparing a short term lease for Union County, so that we can protect the investment

- Potential for the properties to be removed from Bankruptcy in April, and if not, then additional funds could be possible
- Continue to plan and work to find the best solution for Council to consider for these 4 buildings.

Maintenance Shop Proposal

- All drawings and Civil engineering of this project has been approved
- Architect is preparing documents to go out to bid on the project
- City and County staff have evaluated all equipment that we presently have, and designed the facility to incorporate power, air, and safety equipment usage.

New Animal Shelter

- Topographic Survey of the property has been completed, and provided to our Architect and Civil Engineer.
- Should have a cost estimate shortly

Timken Sports Complex – Multi-use Sports facility

- There were over 650 surveys received from citizens related to possible sporting and exercise opportunities at the proposed Timken Park Expansion
- The largest majority were for a multi-purpose building for volleyball, basketball, gymnastics, cheer, collegiate wrestling tournaments. Indoor walking during inclement weather, pickle ball, etc...
- Others receiving large number of requests were outdoor soccer / football fields, pickleball, tennis, and basketball courts, batting cages, and a splash pad
- The next process is our Architect and Engineers will present their findings and a draft conceptual rendering for citizens and Council to consider.

Historic County Jail Building

- Carlisle and Associates are preparing a detailed plan of construction documents for the upgrading of this old historic jail.
- Mrs. Hunter has met with the architect / engineers for the proposed design

Recycling Centers

- It has been staff's goals to provide improvements and upgrades to each of the County's Recycling Center locations.
- Bonham Center has been completed
- John Hart is next
 - Staff is working with a contractor to grade and remove trees for the John Hart Property
 - This center will have grading to build as a split level unit, to make unloading easier to open metal and wood boxes.
- The next center scheduled for upgrades is Jonesville
 - In this year's upcoming budget, there is money allocated to begin testing the old school building for removal of lead and asbestos.
 - This upgrade is presently scheduled for 2026/27 fiscal year

Additional Information

- Assisting as pass-through for Meansville Riley Road water system upgrades
- Assisting as pass-through for Santuc-Hebron Water system upgrades
- Working with the City of Union on Sewer to Spartanburg Co. Line