MINUTES
UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025, AT 5:30 P.M
103 W MAIN STREET UNION, SC

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 Acting Clerk to Council Rachel Gallman.

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 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 and social media accounts.

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 Smith was present.
District 5 Carolyn Rutherford was present.
District 6 John Flood was present.

Chairman Russell requested approval of the minutes from the July 8, 2025 Council meeting. Vice chair Sinclair made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Councilman Flood seconded. Chairman Russell called for a vote which carried unanimously.

There were no service awards.

Chairman Russell called on Sheriff Jeff Bailey to recognize members of the Post 119 Explorers. The Explorers Program allows high school students to receive training in areas related to law enforcement and emergency situations. The Explorers that were recognized for their success at the SC Association of Law Enforcement Explorers. Luke Belue, Ben Fowler, Nik Garner and Joshua Lee attended and competed against 13 other Law Enforcement Explorer Posts from across SC, TN, and GA. Ben Fowler received 2nd Place in Incident Report Writing and 3rd place in Vehicle Collision Reporting (TR-310). In Law Enforcement related events, the group placed 1st in Domestic Violence, 2nd Place in Active Shooter, 2nd Place in High-Risk Traffic Stop, and 2nd Place in Crime Scene Investigations. Elizabeth Anderson was the only Explorer to attend the Nathan M. Wolfe Law Enforcement Cadet Academy in Columbia, SC and was sponsored by Jonesville Post 109. Sherriff Bailey stated that this was Elizabeth's third year attending, and she

during her second year she served as Assistant Chief. Deputy Brad Woods and Deputy Cole Stanley stayed at SCALE and escorted the Explorers to and from events. Sheriff Bailey commended Deputy Wes Foster for heading the program. The Sheriff also thanked members of the UCSO for dedicating their time to lead and prepare the Explorers for their future in Law Enforcement. Sheriff Bailey stated that he was proud of the group, and he wanted the County to see their accomplishments. Councilman Flood stated that the Explorers have also helped local Law Enforcement at community events such as the Fireworks Show, the Bookbag Giveaway Event, and Timken Sports Complex. Chairman Russell thanked Deputy Wes Foster for his dedication to the Explorers program. Sheriff Bailey stated that Deputy Foster is also responsible for helping the Sheriff's Office obtain grant funding.

Chairman Russell moved on to the approval of a SC Department of Public Safety Grant Award for the Sherriff's Office in the amount of $402,874. The award will cover the salary, fringes, and equipment for 4 School Resource Officers. The grant is reimbursable with no County match. Chairman Russell stated that the County has received this grant for years, and Deputy Foster made it possible for them to receive it this year. Chairman Russell requested a motion to accept the grant award. Councilman Flood made a motion, Councilperson Smith seconded. There were no questions, and the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Russell moved on to consider any Board appointments or removals. There were none.

Chairman Russell recognized Kathy Jo Lancaster, Community Development Director, for a presentation. Kathy Jo introduced Megan Diedolf and Joe Prater with Charter Spectrum to give Council a Broadband Buildout update. A copy of the presentation slides will be filed with the Council meeting packet.

Chairman Russell requested approval of a promise to fund a 25% county match prior to applying for a Hazard Mitigation Grant that would provide backup generators at 28 locations in Union County at critical facilities and shelters to be used in the event of an emergency. The promise to fund is required before an application can be submitted. The grant amount is $2,483,462.00 and the potential County match is $620,865.50. Chairman Russell stated that the potential award would not be announced until September 2026. Therefore, construction could not begin until September or October of 2026. However, a consultant has already evaluated each of the potential sites. Chairman Russell requested that Council designate a funding source for the potential County match. Chairman Russell requested a motion to approve the promise to fund a 25% county match. Councilman Flood made a motion to approve the grant match using the Community Development fund; Councilperson Rutherford seconded. There were no questions; the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Russell introduced the next item which was for Council to consider approving an additional $149,910 in local match construction funds for the Buffalo Mill Pond Site Improvement Project. Chairman Russell stated that Council would need to designate a funding source for the overage. The scope of the project includes dredging the pond, complete renovation of the walkway and playground area, and creating lighting around the park. Vice chair Sinclair made a motion to approve funding, Councilman Bright seconded. Chairman Russell

recommended Capital as the funding source; Council agreed. There were no questions, and the vote carried unanimously.

Chairman Russell moved on to request Council to approve a contract with Upstate Grading, Inc. for the Buffalo Mill Pond Site (contingent on approval from SC Department of Commerce). Upstate Grading, Inc. was the lowest bidder. Vice chair Sinclair made a motion to approve the contract, Councilperson Smith seconded. There were no questions, and the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Russell introduced Resolution 2025-04 authorizing Union County to take ownership of Union County Dry Cleaners property. Councilman Glenn made a motion to dispense with referring to committee and adopt the Resolution, Councilman Flood seconded. Councilperson Rutherford asked if the City of Union would own the property once cleanup was concluded. Chairman Russell stated the property was not owned by the City but by the Langley family in an estate. Once the project was complete the County would remain the owners of the property until County Council decides otherwise. Chairman Russell called for further questions, and there were none. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Russell announced 3rd and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 404 authorizing the conveyance of certain Union County-owned real property (Buffalo Mill Property) to the City of Union. Chairman Russell stated the means of transferring the property is the only way to clean the property up with the use of grant funding. Vice chair Sinclair made a motion to dispense with referring to Committee and adopt the Ordinance, Councilman Flood seconded. There were no questions; the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Russell recognized Elected Officials present at the meeting. Treasurer Debbie Robertson apologized for an issue the office was experiencing regarding payment using debit/credit cards. Ms. Robertson stated there was a software issue that is in the process of being resolved. However, in the future the fee to use credit/debit cards both in the office and online will most likely increase. The software companies have increased their fees, which has resulted in a need to increase customer fees. Ms. Robertson announced that there will be an ATM machine in the building in the future. Chairman Russell stated that the ATM machine has been ordered and the issue with the card reader should be resolved very soon. Councilman Flood asked what fee the office would be increasing. Ms. Robertson replied that it is the debit/credit transaction fee. Chairman Russell stated that alternative methods of payment are cash and check, and online payments are accepted as well. Clerk of Court Stephanie Kitchens stated that the Courthouse has an ATM machine and the fees may be cheaper than ATMs in the surrounding area. Mrs. Kitchens announced that, with the help of the Solicitors and Public Defenders Office, they have been able to go down on some of their cases in the Common Pleas and General Sessions. Sheriff Jeff Bailey announced that the Back-to-School Bookbag Giveaway was a success with over 800 bookbags filled with supplies given away.

Chairman Russell moved on to the Supervisor's Report, which will be attached to the minutes.

Chairman Russell requested any Committee Reports; there were none. Finance & Administration Committee Chairman John Flood and members of the Committee discussed a possible meeting

time for an upcoming Committee meeting. The meeting was scheduled for August 25th at 5:30PM at 103 W Main Street.
Councilperson Smith made a motion to adjourn, Councilperson Rutherford seconded, all were in favor.
The meeting adjourned at 6:20PM.

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

Rachel Gallman, Acting Clerk to Council

August 12, 2025

June 2025 Supervisor's Report

Annual Review of some of our activities in FY 2024-25

Codes and Animal Control

Code Enforcement Overview

The Union County Code Enforcement Division has made significant progress this year in addressing safety, sanitation, and quality-of-life concerns throughout the county. Our team has worked diligently to ensure properties meet ordinance standards and that public spaces remain safe for all residents.

Key Accomplishments:

*176 Properties brought into compliance
*4 Citations issued under the Burn Ordinance – the first ever issued in Union County
*10 Structures demolished due to unsafe conditions
*5 Structures boarded up for public safety
*Weekly cases handled involving squatters in abandoned homes, tents, sheds, and vehicles – particularly at public parks
*Full participation in every countywide "Team Up to Clean Up" event

Animal Control Overview

Union County Animal Control has proudly served both city and county residents this year. With compassion, accountability, and resilience, our officers have handled everything from cruelty investigations to community education and outreach. Crews answered more than 9,800 recorded calls for service.

Enforcement & Operations:

*310 Total tickets issued (combined from Animal Control & Code Enforcement)
*$40,710 Total in fines collected (combined total)
*Regular attendance at County Court every other Monday and Cut Court every other Tuesday
*Approx. 600 calls per month responded to by Animal Control & Code Enforcement
*10 Animal cruelty investigations conducted
*123 animals involved in confirmed cruelty cases
*42 Lost pets reunited with their owners
*Including one stolen dog returned after 4 years, originally taken from Pawleys Island
*Responded during Hurricane Helene – assisted with debris removal and animal reunification

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*Responded to calls involving a wide range of species: pigs, goats, donkeys, rams, chickens, turtles, skunks, and more

Shelter & Rescue Collaboration

Animal Control continued strengthening its ties with the rescue community and public supporters, which led to tremendous outcomes for our animals.

Key Highlights:

*Facebook following increased from a few hundred thousand to nearly 700,000
*No adoption fees all year – adopters only paid for spay/neuter costs
*Weekly updates on all adoptable pets via Facebook

Rescue Partnerships included:

Fur Baby Ranch
Last Chance Animal Rescue
Ozzie to the Rescue
Hope Sanctuary
Halfway There Rescue
Lucky Pups
Charleston Animal Society
And many others



Animal Shelter- Union,SC

Shelter Improvements

This year saw several much-needed facility updates aimed at improving the shelter environment for both animals and visitors.

*Cat room repainted
*Entire shelter interior repainted
*New gravel added to parking areas
*Animal-themed wall logos installed to brighten the facility and encourage public engagement

Most importantly, plans are ongoing for a new animal shelter that will benefit Union County

Foster & Community Support

The support from foster families and the public has played a critical role in giving animals a chance to heal and find forever homes.

*30 dogs placed in foster homes
*6 dogs currently in foster care
*21 animals personally fostered by staff, including bottle-fed kittens
*4 donkeys rescued this year
*Free pet food provided to families in need when available

Public Engagement & Outreach

We continue to reach out and engage with our community to educate, advocate, and find forever homes.

*Monthly adoption events held throughout the year

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*6 Doggy Day Out events hosted – giving the public a chance to interact with adoptable dogs and promote awareness

Daily Shelter Duties

In addition to fieldwork and outreach, our team performs vital daily duties to keep our animals healthy and our facility running efficiently:

*Cleaning and sanitizing kennels and cat rooms daily to maintain a safe, hygienic environment

*Administering vaccines, drawing blood, and giving subcutaneous fluids

*Providing daily medication for dogs and cats, especially for cats suffering from upper respiratory infections

*Walking, socializing, and behavior testing dogs one on one (including cat-testing)

*Transporting animals to the vet as needed

*Keeping detailed records of medications, supplies, and daily call logs

Looking Ahead, Union County Animal Control and Code Enforcement are incredibly proud of the impact made over the past year. Through teamwork, dedication, and community involvement, we've worked tirelessly to protect and serve both people and animals.

As we look to the future, we remain committed to:

*Enforcing local ordinances with fairness and consistency

*Advocating for animal welfare

*Educating the public

And most importantly-being a voice for those who cannot speak for themselves

We thank our residents, volunteers, and rescue partners for your continued support. Together, we're building a safer, more compassionate Union County.

Delinquent Tax

Delinquent Tax receives the unpaid taxes in March. In 2024, we received 2411 parcels. Of those we took 182 to the tax sale in October 2024.

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This year we partnered with Palmetto Posting, Inc to handle all our tax levy postings. They service many counties in South Carolina. Palmetto Postings will be able to post the notices, and provide detailed information about the posting (date, time and photos).

Title searches are a very important part of the Delinquent Tax process. This year we partnered with Sentinel Title, LLC. They bring years of experience and service to provide the best searches to make sure we notify all interested parties of the delinquent tax.

On March 18, 2025, 2244 parcels rolled over to the Delinquent Tax Office unpaid from the Treasurers Office. Fewer parcels came over this year, and we are diligently working to correct address and resend mail to notify the taxpayer of the unpaid taxes.

Detention Center

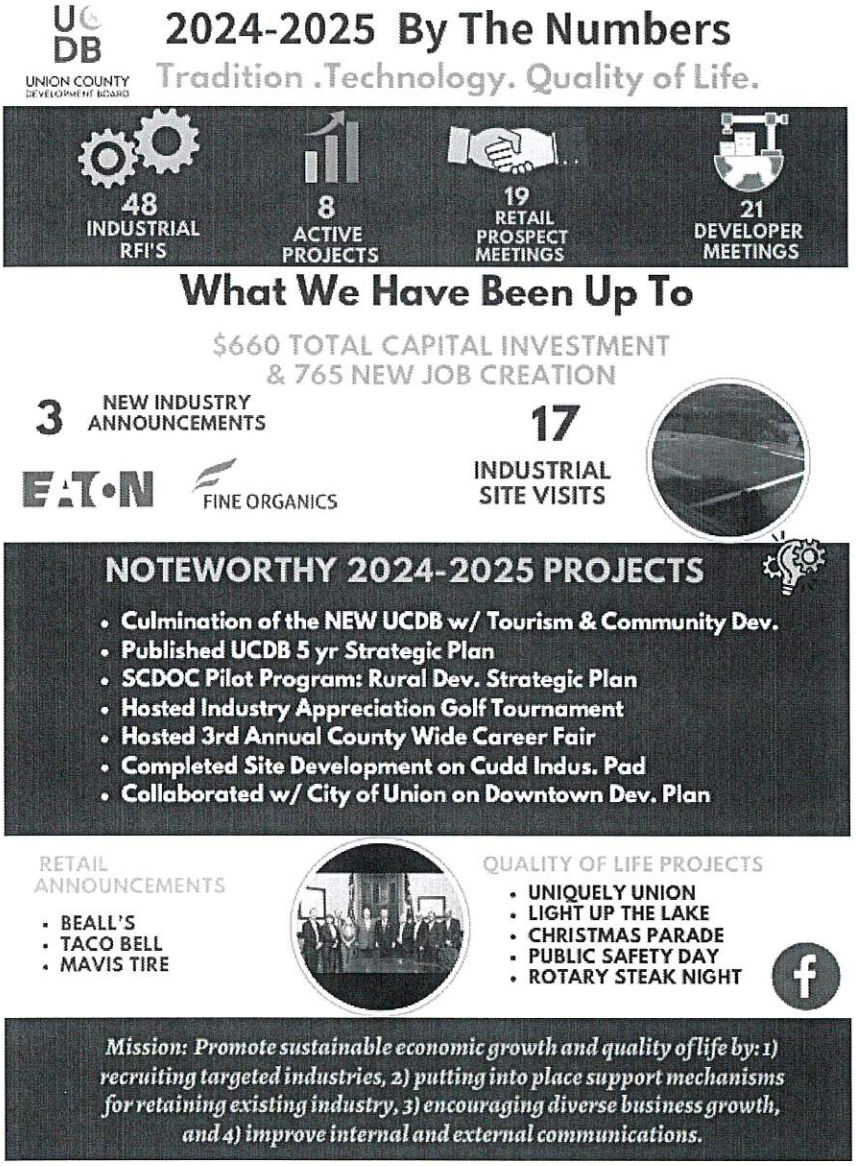
- Average Daily Population: 90.
- Number of Hospital Admissions 8.
- Number sent to Emergency Room 45.
- Number of sentenced county inmates: 113.
- Number of inmates booked in for the year: 1251.
- Number of inmates bonded out for the year: 687.
- Number of inmates sentenced to SCDC from General Sessions: Male: 48 Female: 14
- Number of inmates held in other counties: 2
- Number of inmates held in Columbia DMH: 1.
- Inmates seen by Nurse: 420.
- Inmates on suicide watch for the year: 41.
- Inmates seen for detox: 21.
- Inmates seen by Mental Health: 151.
- Inmates seen by doctor: 85.
- Inmates seen for X-Ray on site: 25.
- Inmates sent to the ER: 45.
- Inmates tested or treated for STD's: 70.
- Pregnant female inmates: 5.
- Inmates' positive for blood borne pathogens: 12.
- Outside medical and dental visits transported in and out of county: 33.
- Inmates receiving medication: 653.
- Inmate medication refusals for the year: 80.
- Incident Reports for the year: 1366. (including supplemental reports).

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- Use of Force Reports: 68. (does not include sealed records).
- Disciplinary Lock downs: 11.
- Inmates being held over one year: 9.

- Bags of trash picked up – 1011
- Hours spent picking up trash – 280.5

Economic Development



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Union County EMS

It has been an incredibly busy and exciting year at Union County EMS; as we welcomed our new Opioid Response Coordinator, Ginny Edwards, to our team and our long awaited 8816.

There were 5,699 calls responded to; of which, 799 were trauma calls and 4,600 were medical. Motor vehicle accidents accounted for 605 calls and of those 216 patients were transported.

Our average response time from the time the 911 call is made until our crew arrives on scene is 9 minutes and 16 seconds. Our average out of house time is 1 minute 6 seconds, and our average scene time is 14 minutes and 54 seconds.

UCEMS responded to 85 opioid related incidents. Thirty-six patients were treated with Naloxone (Narcan) and a total of 46 doses of Naloxone were administered. There were 76 total doses of Naloxone administered over the course of the year in response to unconscious or unresponsive patients to rule out the possibility of an opioid overdose.

UCEMS carries 41 different medications to treat our patients. During the fiscal year 2024-2025, UCEMS crews administered medications 1,153 times.

The top 5 medications given:

1. Zofran – for nausea and vomiting – 186
2. Fentanyl – for pain management – 109
3. Aspirin – part of chest pain protocol – 102
4. Epinephrine 1:10 – cardiac arrest – 93
5. Nitrostat – part of chest pain protocol – 90

UCEMS provided stand by coverage or participated in a variety of events in Union County and beyond. These events include but are not limited to:

- SC EMS ASSOCIATION LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST
- MCDONALD'S KICK OFF CLASSIC
- UCHS FOOTBALL GAMES
- UNION COUNTY KID'S FEST
- UCHS GRADUATION
- USC UNION GRADUATION
- CAREER DAY AT UCHS
- K9 TRAINING/CLASSES
- TRACTOR SHOW

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- Union County Emergency Management held a Spring Table Top Exercise for all the key players that should be in the EOC room on April 10, 2025 at 10am. This exercise was a great Achievement for Union County.
- Held a Union County Ops Visit meeting with SCEMD Staff at EOC.
- Held (2) meeting with Red Cross, DSS, about sheltering needs at EOC.
- Union County EMD purchase a drone for Rescue operations.
- Union County EMD purchase a Side-by-Side for Rescue operations.
- Union County EMD has undergone a total of 235 hours of training this past year.
- Attended (3) Catawba Nuclear planning meeting in Charlotte.
- Responses: (13) Wrecks with (1) fatalities, (6) Structure Fires, (22) Grass and Woods Fires with the biggest at 60 Acres Burn. (11) Drone Operations for UCSO and (1) for UPSD. (3) Gas and odor leaks, (2) gas spilled, (36) Trees down in roadway, (9 Flood related calls.
- Union County Emergency Management was requested to help with Command at Table Rock Fire for 3 days.
- Command Bus was deployed (2) times.
- Union County EMD help coordinate the McDonald's Football Classic for the first time in Union County History.

911 Communications

Personnel & Training

- Hired **five new employees**, who have collectively completed **1,354 training hours**.
- Current full-time and part-time staff have completed an additional **600+ training hour**.
- All employees are now in **full compliance with SCCJA standards** for Telephone CPR (T-CPR) training.

Operational Improvements

- Successfully operated from our **backup communications center for a continuous 48-hour period**, validating our emergency preparedness.
- Reinstated the **Assistant Director** position to enhance administrative support and operational leadership.

Technology & Infrastructure

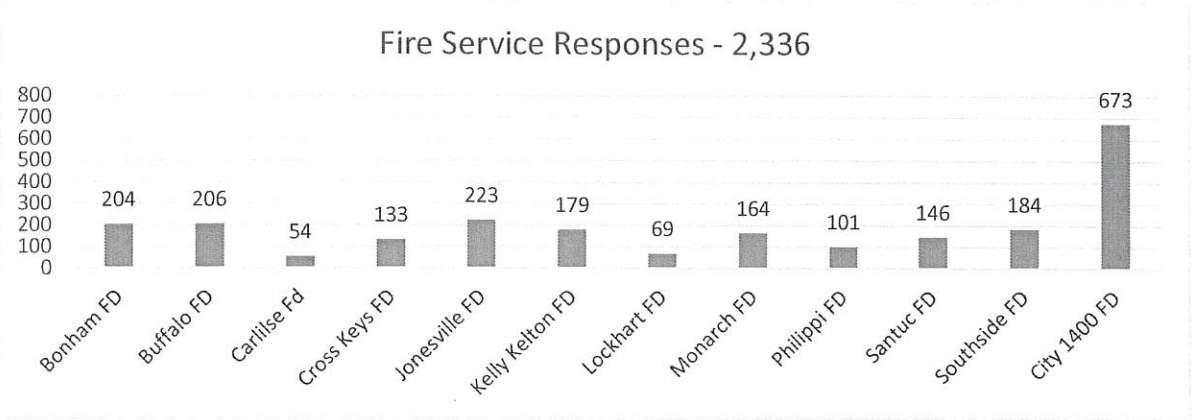
- Initiated the **implementation of Text-to-911 services**, a project that is actively ongoing and progressing toward completion.
- Transitioned our **NCIC provider from Datamaxx to E-Agent**, a more user-friendly and reliable platform, resulting in improved system performance and usability for dispatch personnel.
- **Furniture upgrades** are currently in progress for our **main center**, aimed at improving workplace morale and efficiency.

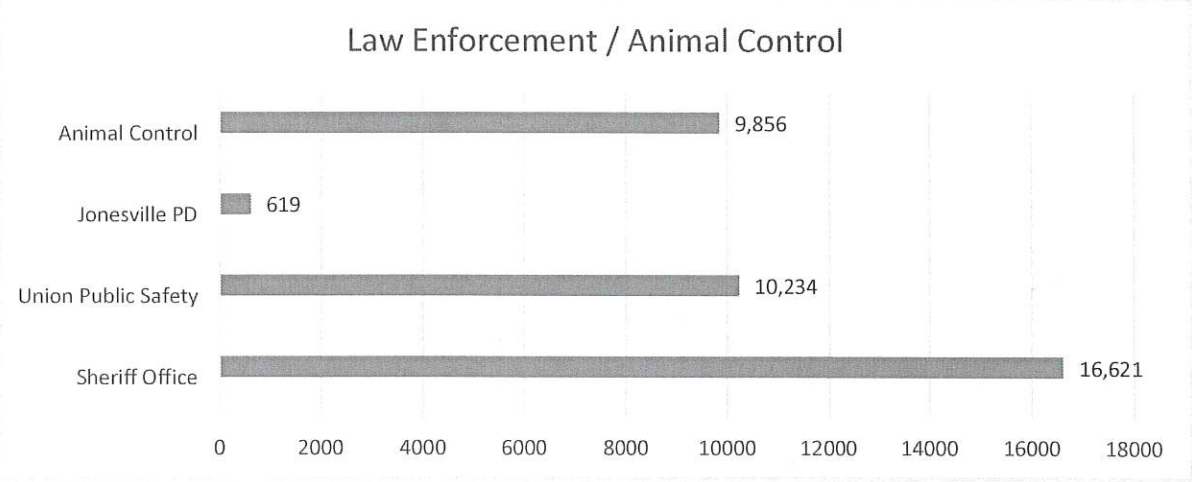
Call Volume

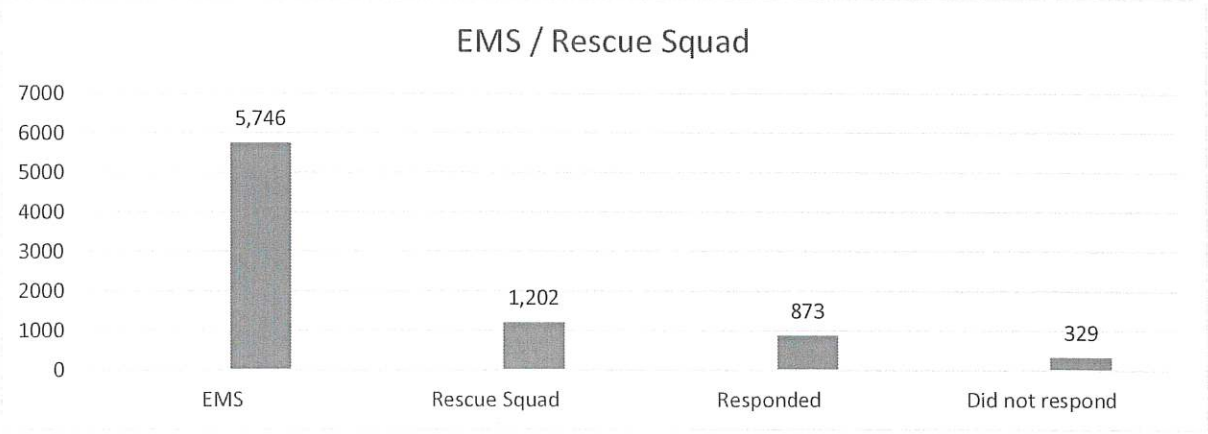
911 Calls -	20,794
Admin Calls -	19,736

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Total Calls - 40,530
FOI Requests - 125







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I / T and Computers

- 462 Updates for Dell
- 106 Hard Drives Removed
- 9 Laptops delivered and setup
- 6 Ipads delivered and setup
- 70 New Computers Installed and setup
- 60 Cell Phones setup
- 61 Password Resets
- 47 New Users created Active Directory
- 20 Phones setup
- 4 Quarters of Sharp Meter Readings Copiers
- 23 Rsa Token Pins Reset
- 80 Rsa Tokens Assigned and Replaced
- 155 Access Reviews
- 36 Malware Detected and Cleaned
- 24 Cradlepoint Updates Sheriff's Office
- 99 Phone Pin unlocks
- 42 Disabled Accounts
- 8 Computer Virus
- 14 Security Door Fobs issued
- 85 User Accounts unlocked
- 11 computer Connectivity issues
- 84 Email Exchange issues
- 29 Printers Installed with drivers
- 15 Scanners installed with drivers
- 7 Fire Alarm Building Security calls
- 65 Device Management Added
- Zuercher servers Production, Training and Mapping replaced and configured
- Fax boxes ordered and installed for all offices
- Sheriff's Net First Audit certified
- Dell servers order and license applied updating for install
- Phone system list created and numbers sent to be ported.
- Sheriff's Office 2 Laptops installed new mobkility client and tested with mifi device
- Sheriff's Office delivered two laptops for testing
- Watchguard Server for Patrol Office had one drive configured
- Livescan at Jail fixed for printing
- Jail switch installed for the Delta wing and cabling for data jacks installed
- Soil and Water phone installed
- Carolina Recording software and equipment setup at Backup center

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- Jail tasers and docking setup and software installed
- Fiber plan worked on for New Buildings
- Clerks office moved and changing of vlans
- Budget quotes for new computers and laptops
- Quote to replace the expired 5 switches
- Mail quote and prep to move to office 365 in new budget year
- Phone system setup for new install
- RSA token replacement quoted and submitted
- QS replacement computers setup Treasurers Office
- Qs1 replacement computers setup Auditors Office
- QS1 replacement computrs setup Assessors Office
- Cradlepoints replaced Sports Complex and installed
- Postage machine moved and vlan changed
- Clerks Office changed offices and vlans had to be corrected
- Switch moved and setup for Main Street Office Chunter
- QS1 assistance for upgrade of the server
- Jail Kiosk updated and software repaired
- Detention Audit submitted to Sled for Audit with new policies, new diagram and reports
- Sheriff's Office Axxon Docking station for tasers installed and configured
- Year end updates applied to the AS/400
- Year end backups and closeouts completed for Gmba and Payroll
- Voice Recording for the phone system attendant changed for Magistrate. Assessor and Clerk Court
- 12 Sled Finger Print Processing
- LASO security Training

Public Works

Road Crew

- The top 6 activities performed this FY were:
    - Buildings and Ground Maintenance – 1176 hrs.
    - Tree Removal – 1195 Hrs.
    - Limb Trimming – 1015 Hrs.
    - Full Depth Asphalt Repair – 915 hrs.
    - Routine Mowing - 782 Hrs.
    - Drain Pipe Maintenance – 719 Hrs.

- The road crew received a total of 274 work requests with the most coming from:

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- Tree Removal (48)
- Limb Trimming (43)
- Signs (34)
- Debris Removal (33)

- Many of these requests were directly related to Hurricane Helene. The damage caused to Hurricane Helen was tremendous and resulted in labor, equipment, and material costs of $98,748. This also includes efforts to open blocked roads in the State Maintained System during the initial push to restore traffic flow for citizens.

- The 24/25 Resurfacing contract was active and there were 50 roads and 1 walking trail paved for a total of 15.2 miles. These roads were funded through the Union County Transportation Committee and totaled $1,367,052 for the fiscal year.

Recycle/Solid Waste

- During this FY, Union County disposed of 6591.19 tons of solid waste. The Airport Recycle Center generated the most solid waste with 1104.8 tons. The Jonesville RC was second with 1052.39 tons.
- Our roll-off drivers hauled:
  - 1315 C & D boxes.
  - 403 compactor boxes
  - 212 boxes of scrap metal
  - 32 brush boxes
  - 265 Boxes of Carboard

- There was a total of 80.332 tons of cardboard and 2.505 tons of aluminum cans sold during this FY. There were 36.315 tons of e-waste, 1750 lbs. of oil filters, 80.55 tons of tires, 6,575 gallons of used oil, 250 gallons of coolant recycled.

- A total of 164.79 tons of scrap metal was sold for a total of $34,935.48.

Shop

- The shop worked on 542 work orders in this fiscal year covering 159 different pieces of equipment/vehicles. There were Parts and Labor charges of $222,666.92 to perform these repairs.

- Union County sold many items deemed surplus and/or unsalvageable. This FY they sold 24 pieces of equipment /items which totaled $94,278.29.

Union County Roads paved this year with CTC funds:

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NAME	COMMUNITY	LGTH (FT)	LGTH (MI)
LULA GREEN RD	CARLISLE	8,400.00	1.59
RIDGEVIEW RD	JONESVILLE	2,341.00	0.44
BETHANY CHURCH RD	JONESVILLE	595.00	0.11
BALL PARK DR	JONESVILLE	430.00	0.08
FIRETOWER Rd	JONESVILLE	1,726.00	0.33
POPLAR RD	JONESVILLE	6,381.00	1.21
MOORE ST	JONESVILLE	544.00	0.10
FRANKLIN ST	JONESVILLE	1653	0.31
OAK ST	JONESVILLE	260.00	0.05
ALMAN ST	JONESVILLE	600.00	0.11
LYBRAND St	JONESVILLE	1,200.00	0.23
GIDEON St	JONESVILLE	1,275.00	0.24
FAIRVIEW St	JONESVILLE	2,350.00	0.45
BROOKSIDE Dr	JONESVILLE	500.00	0.09
MORRIS FARM RD	JONESVILLE	8,850.00	1.68
PEA RIDGE Hwy	JONESVILLE	11,612.00	2.20
MORGAN St	JONESVILLE	512.00	0.10
BURGESS Rd	JONESVILLE	2,032.00	0.38
PARK DR	JONESVILLE	645	0.12
Jonesville Walking Trail	JONESVILLE	950	0.07
WARDLAW St	OTTARAY	1,231.00	0.23
LINE ST	OTTARAY	983	0.19
LOWE ST	OTTARAY	396.00	0.08
1ST ST	OTTARAY	978.00	0.19
GLENN CT	OTTARAY	264	0.05
OTTARAY CT	OTTARAY	517.00	0.10
AETNA ST	OTTARAY	260	0.05
2ND ST	OTTARAY	330	0.06
3RD ST	OTTARAY	340.00	0.06
4TH ST	OTTARAY	982.00	0.19
5TH ST	OTTARAY	456	0.09
WILD TURKEY LN	PACOLET	2,254.00	0.43
APRIL RD	PACOLET	280.00	0.05
CEDAR LN	PACOLET	2,725.00	0.52
WILL PALMER RD	UNION	1,560.00	0.30

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HOGPEN RD	UNION	335.00	0.06
LAWSON RD	UNION	1,150.00	0.22
VARNER Rd	UNION	467.00	0.09
SANDERS Rd	UNION	981.00	0.19
JOHN MEADOR Rd	UNION	3,220.00	0.61
ELLIS ST	UNION	1,695.00	0.32
MCABEE Dr	UNION	238.00	0.05
SCOTT ST	UNION	1837	0.35
WINBUSH LN	UNION	348	0.07
GOINGS LN	UNION	388	0.07
ROGERS CIR	UNION	340	0.06
E. HENRIETTA ST	UNION	1130	0.21
STONEY CIR	UNION	220.00	0.04
PUMPKIN DR	UNION	350.00	0.07
SINCLAIR Rd	UNION	856.00	0.16
ANDERSON RD	UNION	570.00	0.11
HARRIS DR	UNION	300	0.06
			15.20

Victim Advocate

Union County Victim Advocate assisted 646 citizens this past fiscal year
These victims were located in the following areas

- Union County 320
- City of Jonesville 8
- City of Union 318

Elections / Building Department

Voter Registration/Elections

4 Elections conducted
4 weeks of Early Voting

Building Department

663 Permits issued
1180 Inspections

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Projects:

Land Use Planning / Planning Commission

The Union County Planning Commission has listened to feedback from various focus groups and prepared an updated draft Land Development Regulations document. In addition, the Planning Commission will host five public drop-in meetings and utilize results from a public survey to gather additional input from residents. The meeting locations are strategically planned throughout the county to ensure all council areas are covered and residents have the opportunity to participate. In addition, community ambassadors have been engaged to help promote the meetings and encourage participation.

Drop in meetings will be held between 5:30-7:30pm at the dates and locations listed below:

- August 26: 103 West Main Street
- September 23: Jonesville Town Hall
- October 28: Carlisle Town Hall
- November 18: Buffalo Fire Department
- December 16: Lockart Power

On August 13, 2025, copies of the draft document, meeting schedule and public survey may be found at 103 West Main Street, Union SC, or on the County's website and Facebook page. We are asking for your help by reviewing the document, completing the survey and attending a public meeting to further refine the document.

Key Aspects of the Drop In Meetings

All public drop-in meetings will offer an open house format and informal setting allowing residents to arrive at their convenience during the designated day/time. The informal atmosphere will encourage interactions and public participation. Draft maps, plan details, and other visuals will be on display with Planning Commission members available to answer questions. Methods for collecting feedback will include public surveys, comment forms, and facilitated discussion.

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Building Permit Fees:

- Will wait another year to evaluate the expenses vs revenue and report back to Council in our Budget session for the FY 26/27 budget.

Jail Addition Project

Project Pending

- Fire Marshal Approval
- SCDC Approval

Current Activity

- Staff is training in the building presently
- Fire Department will do a tour and policy familiarization 8/18/2025

Sell / Donation of Property

- FAA has denied our request to sell Loverslane Property
- We are waiting on our attorney for the ordinances to sell the following:
  - 501 Flat Drive
  - 2 properties in Buffalo
  - Buffalo Mill Office
  - Chrysler Building – when available
  - 2 Hospital Buildings – further in this report

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
- Burr Foreman Attorney working with State Government to process this project as prompt as possible at this time

Buffalo Mill Pond improvements

- Bids were opened last month, and the most responsive bidder was $400,000.00 over the allocation of ARC and County funds.
- ARC has agreed to fund $263,000.00 to the grant provided:
  - Union County matches the remaining $150,000.00
  - DNR and PARD will provide $25,000.00 each
  - Requesting of Council to approve an additional $100,000.00
    - Staff will continue to search for additional funds.

Disc Golf Course

- Course will be ready for opening very soon.
- Installation of catches and other small details are planned
- Park has received a great cleaning by a local contractor.

Wallace Thompson Hospital Property

- Still Pending being released from Bankruptcy

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- Having Phase I of the large hospital building and yellow office house as due diligence on our part, as the intent is to sell these structures.

Maintenance Shop Proposal

- Ground has broken, and grading has started

New Animal Shelter

- Master plan of Chain Gang project has been completed.
- Engineers are now providing a grading plan for final cost analysis.
- Have a meeting scheduled with our Bond Attorney and financial consultant to determine options of funding to present to Council

Timken Sports Complex – Multi-use Sports facility

- Union County now owns the property across from Timken Corporation
- Have a meeting scheduled with our Bond Attorney and financial consultant to determine options of funding to present to Council
- Engineer and Architects are working on a master plan design of the project for public and council consideration.

County Court House Facility

- Waiting on a price to repair and upfit the tin dome portion of the Court House roof.
- Before any additional evaluation is held, the roof needs to be repaired first.

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 and Mr. Tyler have 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.
- Clearing of land at John Hart will begin soon.

Fire Service Needs Assessment study

- The evaluation process has increased very well over the past month.
- EMS, 911, and other supporting agencies have completed their packages and are assisting in the data collection process.
- Consultants are now working through the data. Below is an example of their work.

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Table 1: Number of Calls by Program, Call Type, and Reporting Period

Program and Call Type[2]	Reporting Period[1] 2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
EMS	**4,479**	**4,983**	**5,070**	**4,995**	**4,943**
Breathing Problem	506	594	593	536	597
Cardiac and Stroke	513	478	520	549	507
Fall and Injury	471	460	487	472	855
Illness and Other	1,903	2,078	2,219	2,060	2,064
Lift Assist	356	460	409	508	186
MVA	294	309	302	323	304
Overdose and Psychiatric	155	221	195	181	159
Seizure and Unconsciousness	281	383	345	366	271
Fire	**510**	**618**	**649**	**575**	**665**
Assist Agency	70	73	90	67	121
Fire Alarm	136	148	175	170	162
Fire Other	28	41	49	39	46
Hazardous Condition	72	56	59	40	72
Standby	60	115	76	73	70
Structure Fire	70	74	106	76	88
Vehicle Fire	22	30	23	24	23
Woods Fire	52	81	71	86	83
Hazmat	**1**	**2**	**4**	**1**	**4**
Hazmat	1	2	4	1	4
Police-Related	**222**	**247**	**284**	**320**	**291**
Police-Related	222	247	284	320	291
Rescue	**43**	**44**	**36**	**35**	**28**
Rescue	43	44	36	35	28
Unknown	**52**	**60**	**47**	**52**	**38**
Unknown	52	60	47	52	38
Total	**5,307**	**5,954**	**6,090**	**5,978**	**5,969**
Average Calls per Day[3]	**14.5**	**16.3**	**16.7**	**16.4**	**16.3**
YoY Growth	**N/A**	**12.2%**	**2.3%**	**-1.8%**	**-0.2%**

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

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