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NOTICE

Union County Council will hold their regular monthly business meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 5:30PM in the Meeting Room located at 103 West Main Street Union SC, 29379. The public is invited to attend. Anyone needing assistance to attend the meeting should contact the Union County Supervisor's Office at 864-429-1600.

AGENDA
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
103 W MAIN STREET
UNION, S. C. 29379
TUESDAY AUGUST 11, 2026
5:30 p.m.

The public may access a live stream of the meeting by visiting the Union County, SC Facebook page
Notice of the meeting and the agenda were posted on the county website at www.gearupunionsc.com, posted on the bulletin board at the Union County Government Office Building, at the meeting location, furnished to the media, and provided to those requesting notification.

I. Call to Order
Chairman, Phillip Russell

II. Invocation
Chaplain, Danny Bright

III. Pledge of Allegiance
Vice Chairman, David Sinclair

IV. Roll Call
Clerk to Council

V. Approval of Minutes
A. Regular monthly meeting 07-14-2026

VI. Consider Board Appointments or Removals (if any).
A. Union County Development Board-Executive Director Dolton Williams to make comments concerning request to appoint the following to fill seats on the Economic Development Board.
1)Public Utilities member: Lance Davis, Utility Director-City of Union
2)Ex Officio member School District Superintendent: Dr. Matthew Woods.
3)At large member, Executive Director for Union Uplifted-Joey Haney

VII. Consider designating Hospitality and Accommodations Tax Fund as the funding source for Ardurra contract (Timken Sports Complex expansion) that was awarded at July council meeting.

VIII. Call for Committee Reports (if any):
A. Consider committee recommendation on relocation of Farmers Market.

IX. **RESOLUTIONS**

A. 2026-05

AN APPROVING RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY COUNICL OF UNION COUNTY, SOUTHCAROLINA, RELATING TO AN EDUCATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SALES AND USE TAX REFERENDUM IN UNION COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, PURSUANT TO THE EDUCATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SALES AND USE TAX ACT CODIFIED IN SECTION 4-10-410 TO SECTION 4-10-470 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS 1976 AS AMENDED BY ACT 203 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 126TH SESSION, 2025-2026; SPECIFYING THE PERIOD STATED IN CALENDAR YEARS, FOR WHICH THE TAX MUST BE IMPOSED; PROVIDING FOR THE FORM OF QUESTION TO APEAR ON THE SALES TAX REFERENDUM BALLOT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE FORM OF NOTICE OF THE SALES TAX REFERENDUM.

X. Consider entering into executive session to receive legal guidance on contractual matters relating to the former Wallace Thomson Hospital property and Union County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse property.

XI. **ORDINANCES**

A. No 414 First Reading (Title only)

AN ORDINANCE OF UNION COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (THE "COUNTY"), AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON OWNED BY THE COUNTY FO THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (THE "DEPARTMENT"); AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY SUPERVISOR TO MAKE CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS IN CONNECTIONS WITH THE LEASE OF SUCH PROPERTY TO THE DEPARTMENT; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE DEPARTMENT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

XII. Elected Officials' Comments (if any)

XIII. Supervisor's Report

XIV. Adjourn

A RESOLUTION

AN APPROVING RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF UNION COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO AN EDUCATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SALES AND USE TAX REFERENDUM IN UNION COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, PURSUANT TO THE EDUCATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SALES AND USE TAX ACT CODIFIED IN SECTION 4-10-410 TO SECTION 4-10-470 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS 1976 AS AMENDED BY ACT NO. 203 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 126th SESSION, 2025-2026; SPECIFYING THE PERIOD, STATED IN CALENDAR YEARS, FOR WHICH THE TAX MUST BE IMPOSED; PROVIDING FOR THE FORM OF QUESTION TO APPEAR ON THE SALES TAX REFERENDUM BALLOT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE FORM OF NOTICE OF THE SALES TAX REFERENDUM.

Adopted: August 11, 2026

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF UNION COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Definitions. Unless the context shall clearly indicate some other meaning, the terms defined in this Section shall for all purposes of this Resolution, have the meanings herein specified. Definitions shall be equally applicable to both the singular and plural forms of any of the terms herein defined and *vice versa*. The term:

"Board" shall mean the Board of School Trustees of the School District.

"Constitution" shall mean the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, 1895, as amended.

"County" shall mean Union County, South Carolina.

"Department" shall mean the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

"Education Capital Improvements Sales and Use Tax" shall mean a one percent sales and use tax to be imposed in the County in accordance with and subject to the conditions set forth in the Act.

"Education Sales Tax Act" shall mean, collectively, Sections 4-10-410 to 4-10-470 of the South Carolina Code, and Act No. 203 ("Act No. 203") of the South Carolina General Assembly, 126th Session, 2025-2026.

"Election Commission" shall mean the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Union County.

"Sales Tax Referendum" shall mean the referendum to be conducted in the County on November 3, 2026, regarding the question of the imposition of the Education Capital Improvements Sales and Use Tax in the County.

"School District" shall mean The School District of Union County, South Carolina.

"South Carolina Code" shall mean the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended.

"State" shall mean the State of South Carolina.

SECTION 2. Findings and Determinations. The County Council of the County hereby finds and determines:

(a) Union County is a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State, and as such possesses all powers granted to counties by the Constitution and laws of the State.

(b) The Education Sales Tax Act provides that, subject to the requirements thereof, there may be imposed a one percent sales and use tax within a county for specific education capital improvements for the school district listed in the referendum question as provided in Section 4-10-425(C) of the Education Sales Tax Act. In addition, Section 4-10-470(G) of the Education Sales Tax Act, which was added pursuant to Section 1 of Act No. 203, provides that such sales and use tax also may be imposed in a county which does not meet the collection requirements of Section 4-10-470(A) of the Education Sales Tax Act so long as: (1) the county is only imposing the local option sales tax imposed pursuant to Title 4, Chapter

10, Article 1 of the South Carolina Code (the "Local Option Sales Tax"), and the county has only imposed such Local Option Sales Tax for less than ten years as of the date of the imposition of the Education Capital Improvements Sales and Use Tax, (2) the county in which the Education Capital Improvements Sales and Use Tax is to be imposed is encompassed completely by one entire school district; and (3) the county collected less than seventy thousand dollars in state accommodations taxes as imposed pursuant to Section 12-36-920(A) of the South Carolina Code in the most recent fiscal year for which full collection figures are available.

(c) Section 4-10-470(G)(3) of the Education Sales Tax Act further provides that notwithstanding Section 4-10-125 [sic] of the Education Sales Tax Act, the approving resolution required pursuant to Section 4-10-25 [sic] of the Education Sales Tax Act must be adopted by the county's governing body.

(d) Pursuant to Act No. 124 (1969 Acts), the entire area of the County was constituted as a single school district to be known as The School District of Union County. The central authority for operating the system of publication education in the County is vested in the Board.

(e) On July 27, 2026, the Board adopted a resolution to submit to the qualified electors of the County the question of whether to impose the Education Capital Improvements Sales and Use Tax in the County, subject to the prior approval of the submission of such question to the qualified electors of the County by resolution of the County Council of the County.

(f) Pursuant to this Resolution, the County Council hereby orders that the question of whether to impose the Education Capital Improvements Sales and Use Tax in the County shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the County. If imposed, the proceeds of the Education Capital Improvements Sales and Use Tax will be used for the purposes set forth in Section 4 of this Resolution.

SECTION 3. Imposition of the Education Capital Improvements Sales and Use Tax. The imposition of the Education Capital Improvements Sales and Use Tax in the County is subject to the favorable vote of a majority of qualified electors casting votes in the Sales Tax Referendum in the County to be conducted by the Election Commission on November 3, 2026. The favorable vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting in such Referendum shall be a condition precedent to the imposition of the Education Capital Improvements Sales and Use Tax pursuant to the provisions of the Education Sales Tax Act and this Resolution. In accordance with Section 4-10-430 of the Education Sales Tax Act, if the Education Capital Improvements Sales and Use Tax is approved by a majority of the qualified electors of the County voting in the Sales Tax Referendum, the Education Capital Improvements Sales and Use Tax must be imposed in the County beginning upon the first day of the fourth full month following the filing of the declaration of results of the Referendum with the Department, and shall terminate on December 31, 2041 (such date being the end of the calendar year which does not exceed fifteen years from the date of imposition of the Education Capital Improvements Sales and Use Tax).

SECTION 4. Purposes for which the Proceeds of the Education Capital Improvements Sales and Use Tax are to be Used. If the Education Capital Improvements Sales and Use Tax is imposed in the County, the proceeds of such tax must be used to pay directly, or to service general obligation debt incurred by the School District to pay, or a combination thereof, the cost of some or all of the following education capital improvement projects in the County: improving, renovating, replacing, converting, equipping, furnishing and updating (including land acquisition, demolition, and utility, parking and traffic infrastructure, if necessary) any of the following facilities:

1. Monarch Elementary School
2. Foster Park Elementary School
3. Buffalo Elementary School
4. Jonesville Elementary/Middle School
5. Sims Middle School
6. Union County High School
7. Union County Career Center
8. Union County Achievement Academy

SECTION 5. Administration, Collection and Distribution of the Education Capital Improvements Sales and Use Tax. The Department will administer and collect the Education Capital Improvements Sales and Use Tax and remit and distribute the revenues, after deducting the amount of refunds made and costs to the Department of administering such tax, in accordance with Sections 4-10-430 through 4-10-445 of the Education Sales Tax Act.

SECTION 6. Election Commission Shall Conduct Sales Tax Referendum. Pursuant to Section 4-10-425(B) of the Act, the Election Commission shall conduct the Sales Tax Referendum in the County on November 3, 2026, and shall submit to all qualified voters in the County the Sales Tax Referendum ballot question set forth in Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference. The Election Commission shall conduct the Sales Tax Referendum in accordance with the Education Sales Tax Act and under the election laws of the State, *mutatis mutandis*. Upon receipt and certification of the results of the Sales Tax Referendum, the Election Commission shall by resolution certify the results of the Sales Tax Referendum and within ten (10) days thereafter file such resolution with the Clerk of Court of the County and with the Department.

SECTION 7. Notice of Sales Tax Referendum. There shall be published a notice of the Sales Tax Referendum in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference (the "Sales Tax Referendum Notice") in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, in compliance with Section 7-13-35 of the South Carolina Code. Such Sales Tax Referendum Notice must be published not later than sixty (60) days before the date of the Sales Tax Referendum and again not later than two (2) weeks after the publication of the first notice.

The Election Commission is authorized to insert the location of any omitted polling places or change any of the locations of polling places for the Sales Tax Referendum as deemed necessary or advisable. Appropriate insertions or changes are authorized to be made in the Sales Tax Referendum Notice.

SECTION 8. Election Commission. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the Election Commission and the Election Commission is hereby requested as follows:

(a) To join in the action of the School District in providing for the publication of the Sales Tax Referendum Notice as required by Section 7-13-35 of the South Carolina Code;

(b) To prescribe the form of ballot to be used in the Sales Tax Referendum;

(c) To arrange for polling places in each precinct or any part of a precinct within the County;

(d) To appoint Managers of Election;

(e) To provide ballots and ballot boxes or voting machines for the Sales Tax Referendum;

(f) To conduct the Sales Tax Referendum, receive the returns thereof, canvass such returns, declare the results thereof, and certify such results to the County, the Board and the Department, as applicable; and

(g) To take other steps and prepare such other means as shall be necessary or required by law in order to properly conduct the Sales Tax Referendum.

SECTION 9. Miscellaneous. The County hereby authorizes the County Supervisor and any other appropriate County official to execute such documents and instruments as may be necessary with regard to the Sales Tax Referendum.

SECTION 10. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its adoption.

[Signature Page Follows]

Adopted this 11th day of August, 2026.

UNION COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

_____
Phillip Russell
County Supervisor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

_____
Kindra Horne, Clerk to Union County Council
Union County, South Carolina

[Signature Page]

EXHIBIT A

FORM OF BALLOT – SALES TAX REFERENDUM

EDUCATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SALES AND USE TAX ACT REFERENDUM FOR UNION COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Must a special one percent sales and use tax be imposed in Union County for not more than fifteen (15) years with the revenue of the tax used to pay, directly or indirectly, the cost of some or all of the following education capital improvement projects in Union County:

Improving, renovating, replacing, converting, equipping, furnishing and updating (including land acquisition, demolition, and utility, parking and traffic infrastructure, if necessary) any of the following facilities:

1. Monarch Elementary School
2. Foster Park Elementary School
3. Buffalo Elementary School
4. Jonesville Elementary/Middle School
5. Sims Middle School
6. Union County High School
7. Union County Career Center
8. Union County Achievement Academy?

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

Those voting in favor of the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word "Yes", and those voting against the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word "No".

EXHIBIT B

FORM OF SALES TAX REFERENDUM NOTICE

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026 FOR THE IMPOSITION OF A ONE PERCENT EDUCATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SALES AND USE TAX IN UNION COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the requirements as codified in Section 4-10-410 et seq., Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, entitled the *Education Capital Improvements Sales and Use Tax Act*, a referendum will be held in Union County, South Carolina on November 3, 2026 (the "Sales Tax Referendum"), for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of Union County the following question:

> Must a special one percent sales and use tax be imposed in Union County for not more than fifteen (15) years with the revenue of the tax used to pay, directly or indirectly, the cost of some or all of the following education capital improvement projects in Union County:
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> Improving, renovating, replacing, converting, equipping, furnishing and updating (including land acquisition, demolition, and utility, parking and traffic infrastructure, if necessary) any of the following facilities:
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> 6. Union County High School
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> 8. Union County Achievement Academy?
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> Yes [ ]
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> No [ ]

Those voting in favor of the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word "Yes", and those voting against the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word "No".

The early voting period for such Sales Tax Referendum begins on _____, _____, 2026 and ends on _____. _____, 2026. Early voting will take place at the office of the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Union County (the "Election Commission") located at 1246 S. Duncan Bypass, Suite B, Union, South Carolina 29379 during the early voting period from [9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m], Monday through Friday (closed Saturday and Sunday).

The precincts or portions within the County and locations of the several polling places for such Sales Tax Referendum are as follows:

	Precinct	Location of Polling Place	Address
01	Adamsburg	Philippi Baptist Church	327 Philippi Church Rd Union, SC 29379
2	Black Rock	Bethesda Church Annex	5751 Whitmire Hwy Whitmire, SC 29178
03	Bonham	Bonham Fire House	2091 Jonesville Hwy Union, SC 29379
04	Buffalo Box 1	Buffalo Fire House	132 Bailey Rd Buffalo, SC 29321
05	Carlisle	Carlisle Town Hall	3911 Fishdam Ave Carlisle, SC 29031
06	Cross Keys	Cross Keys Fire House	4483 Cross Keys Hwy Union, SC 29379
07	Excelsior	Masonic Lodge	805 South Duncan Bypass Union, SC 29379
08	Jonesville Box 1	Municipal Complex	131 North Main St Jonesville, SC 29353
09	Jonesville Box 2	Jonesville Fire Dept	101 Webber St Jonesville, SC 29353
010	Kelton	Kelton Fire House	130 Pearidge Hwy Jonesville, SC 29353
011	Lockhart	Lockhart Town Hall	118 Mill St Lockhart, SC 29364
012	Monarch Box 1	Bethel Methodist Church	1705 Lockhart Hwy Union, SC 29379
013	Putnam	Putman Recreation Bldg.	3692 Buffalo W Springs Hwy Buffalo, SC 29321
014	Santuck	Salem Baptist Church	1835 Tinker Creek Road

			Union, SC 29379
015	Ward 1 Box 1	Lakeside Baptist Church	640 Lakeside Dr Union, SC 29379
016	Ward 1 Box 2	Truluck Gym	103 N. Church St Union, SC 29379
017	Ward 2	Union Cty Sch Maint Dept	1417 Whitmire Hwy Union, SC 29379
018	Ward 3	Housing Authority Office	201 Porter St Union, SC 29379
019	Ward 4 Box 1	Union Courthouse	210 W. Main St Union, SC 29379
020	Ward 4 Box 2	Recreation Center	111 Thomas St Union, SC 29379
021	West Springs	West Springs Baptist Church	4811 Buffalo West Springs Hwy Pauline, SC 29374

The polls shall be opened from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the polling places designated above and shall be open during these hours without intermission or adjournment. Appropriate voting machines will be provided at the polling places for the casting of ballots on the aforesaid question. Managers of Election will be appointed by the Election Commission. The Managers of Election shall see that each person offering to vote takes the oath that he or she is qualified to vote at the Sales Tax Referendum according to the Constitution of this State and that he or she has not voted previously in the Sales Tax Referendum.

Every person offering to vote (a) must be at least 18 years of age on the date of the Sales Tax Referendum; (b) must reside in Union County; (c) must be duly registered on the books of registration for Union County as an elector in the precinct in which he or she resides and offers to vote on or before the date on which the books of registration are closed for the Sales Tax Referendum, such date being _____, 2026; and (d) must present such documents and/or forms of identification as required by State law.

The process of examining the return-addressed envelopes containing absentee ballots may begin at 7:00 a.m. on the second day immediately preceding the day of the Sales Tax Referendum in the office of the Election Commission, 1246 S. Duncan Bypass, Suite B, Union, South Carolina 29379.

Voters who are blind, who are otherwise physically handicapped, or who are unable to read or write are entitled to assistance in casting their ballot. This assistance may be given by anyone the voter chooses except his or her employer, an agent of his or her employer, or an officer or agent of his or her union. The Managers of Election must be notified if assistance is needed. Voters who are unable to enter their polling place due to physical handicap or age may vote in the vehicle in which they drove or were driven to the polls. When notified, the Manager will help voters effectuate this curbside voting provision. Registered voters may be eligible to vote by absentee ballot. Persons wishing more information concerning absentee balloting should contact the office of the Election Commission at 864.429.1616.

The Election Commission shall hold a hearing on ballots challenged in the Sales Tax Referendum on _____, _____, 2026 at [10:00] a.m., in the office of the Election Commission at 1246 S. Duncan Bypass, Suite B, Union, South Carolina 29379.

Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Union
County, South Carolina

[End of Form of Sales Tax Referendum Notice]

The Election Commission is authorized to insert the location of any omitted polling places or change any of the locations of polling places for the Sales Tax Referendum as deemed necessary or advisable. Appropriate changes are authorized to be made in the Sales Tax Referendum Notice.

CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION ORDERING AN EDUCATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SALES AND USE TAX REFERENDUM

(Union County, South Carolina, 2026
Education Capital Improvements Sales and Use Tax Referendum)

I, the undersigned being the duly qualified and acting Clerk to County Council of Union County, South Carolina (the "County"), do hereby certify that:

1. Attached hereto is a copy of a resolution entitled: "AN APPROVING RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF UNION COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO AN EDUCATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SALES AND USE TAX REFERENDUM IN UNION COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, PURSUANT TO THE EDUCATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SALES AND USE TAX ACT CODIFIED IN SECTION 4-10-410 TO SECTION 4-10-470 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS 1976 AS AMENDED BY ACT NO. 203 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 126th SESSION, 2025-2026; SPECIFYING THE PERIOD, STATED IN CALENDAR YEARS, FOR WHICH THE TAX MUST BE IMPOSED; PROVIDING FOR THE FORM OF QUESTION TO APPEAR ON THE SALES TAX REFERENDUM BALLOT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE FORM OF NOTICE OF THE SALES TAX REFERENDUM" (the "Resolution").

2. The Resolution was duly adopted by a majority vote of the members of the County Council of the County at a meeting duly called and held on August 11, 2026, at which meeting a quorum was present and acting throughout, which Resolution has been compared by me with the original thereof, and that such copy is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and that such Resolution has not been modified, amended or repealed and is in full force and effect on and as of the date hereof in the form attached hereto.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand as of the 11th day of August, 2026.

_____
Kindra Horne, Clerk to Union County Council
Union County, South Carolina

ORDINANCE NO. 414

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