



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL**

**VIRTUAL MEETING**

**Jasper County Clementa C. Pinckney Government Bldg**

**358 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Ridgeland, SC 29936**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2021**

**Official Minutes**

**Officials Present:** Chairwoman Barbara B. Clark, Vice Chairman Dr. Curtis Brantley, Councilman L. Martin Sauls, Councilman Pastor Alvin Adkins and Councilman John Kemp.

**Staff Present:** County Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Wanda H. Simmons, County Attorney David Tedder, Administrative Services Director Kimberly Burgess, Emergency Services Director Chief Russell Wells, Danny Lucas of Development Services for Jasper County and Acting Airport Manager, Lisa Wagner Director of Planning and Building, and Jonathan Dunham.

**Others Present:** Sandy Steele of SouthernCarolina Alliance and Trevor Hamilton of Ernst & Young LLP.

**Call to Order:** Chairwoman Clark called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 PM.

Clerk of County Council, Wanda Simmons read the report of compliance with the Freedom of Information Act for the record.

Chairwoman Clark read the information below for the executive session and asked for a motion to go into executive session.

**Motion to go into executive session:** Councilman Sauls

**Second:** Councilman Adkins

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**Executive Session**

**SECTION 30-4-70. Meetings which may be closed; procedure; circumvention of chapter; disruption of meeting; executive sessions of General Assembly.**

**(a) A public body may hold a meeting closed to the public for one or more of the following reasons:**

- (2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contract arrangements and proposed purchase or sale of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice related to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim – Sections 30-4-70(a)(2) – [Nickel Plate Hardeeville Lawsuit; Intergovernmental Agreement \(IGA\) between SC Department of Transportation and Jasper County concerning Transportation Sales Tax; Motorola Contract](#)**

- (5) Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by a public body -- Section 30-4-70(a)(5) – Jasper Ocean Terminal (JOT); Prospect Update**

**ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTER ON WHICH DISCUSSION HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED MAY HAVE DISCUSSION SUSPENDED FOR PURPOSES OF BEGINNING THE OPEN SESSION AT ITS SCHEDULED TIME, AND COUNCIL MAY RETURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEMS**

**Motion to return to Open Session:** Councilman Dr. Brantley

**Second:** Councilman Sauls

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

Councilman Dr. Brantley gave the invocation and Councilman Kemp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion to approve the agenda as presented:** Councilman Sauls

**Second:** Councilman Adkins

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**Approval of the Minutes of February 1, 2021:**

**Motion to approve the minutes as presented:** Councilman Sauls

**Second:** Councilman Adkins

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**Presentations:**

**A: Lisa Wagner – Presentation of 2020 Annual Reports for Jasper County Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals**

Lisa Wagner represented this presentation of the 2020 Annual Reports for Jasper County Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilman Dr. Brantley left the meeting at the beginning of this presentation.

Ms. Wagner reviewed the 2020 Annual Report for Jasper County Planning Commission & Board of Zoning Appeals.

She reviewed the following information for the Planning Commission and their meetings:

**January 14, 2020:**

- Election of Officers: Mr. Pinckney was appointed as Chairman, Mr. Randy Waite was appointed as Vice-Chairman, Lisa Wagner was appointed as Secretary, and Mr. Waite was appointed as the Planning Commission's Representative to the Cypress Ridge Business/Industrial Review Committee.
- Mobile Home Park, Conditional Use Zoning Approval – The Hill Mobile Home Community requested zoning approval for a mobile home park. The Planning Commission asked for additional information. No action was taken.

**February 11, 2020:**

- Mobile Home Park, Conditional Use Zoning Approval – The Hill Mobile Home Community requested zoning approval for a mobile home park. The Planning Commission granted zoning approval for a 20 lot mobile home park.
- Zoning Map Amendment – Request to change zoning from Community Commercial to General Commercial (11578 Speedway Boulevard). The Planning Commission recommended approval.
  - Major Subdivision Preliminary Plat Approval – North Point subdivision, phase I consisting of 33 lots. The Planning Commission granted conceptual approval.
- Zoning Text Amendment of Article 11:7, Industry Specific Conditional Use Regulations and Article 9:3.10, Cessation of Nonconforming Uses of Land, Buildings, and Structures. Require financial securities for recycling and recycling sites. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

**March 10, 2020:**

- Zoning Text Amendment - Article 5:1, Establishment of Zoning District; Article 5:3, Primary Districts; Article 6:1 – Table 1, Permitted and Conditional Uses; Article 7:3 – Table 1, Schedule of Lot Area, Yard, Setback, and Density – Residential, Ridgeland Lakes. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

**April 14, 2020:**

- Planning Commission Meeting Cancelled.

**May 12, 2020:**

- Zoning Map Amendment – Request to change zoning from Residential to Rural Preservation (670 Stellars Jay Road). A motion was made in favor of the re-zoning request; however, the motion did not pass due to a lack of a second.

**June 16, 2020:**

Zoning Map Amendment – Request to change zoning from Residential to Industrial Development (2555 Plantation Drive). The Planning Commission recommended denial. • Text Amendment – Jasper County Land Development Regulations, Section 2, Applications to Develop or Alter the Use of Land. Conceptual review of major subdivisions. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

**July 1, 2020:**

- Zoning Map Amendment – Request to change zoning from Residential to General Commercial (2555 Plantation Drive). The Planning Commission recommended denial.

**August 11, 2020:**

- Zoning Text Amendment – Article 6:1 – Table 1, Permitted Uses and Conditional Uses, and Article 11:7, Industry Specific Conditional Uses – Animal Shelters. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

**September 15, 2020:**

- Zoning Map Amendment – Request to change zoning from Residential to Rural Preservation (1970 and 1972 Floyd Road). The Planning Commission recommended approval.
- Concept Plan Map Amendment to the Peninsula PDD. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

**October 13, 2020:**

- Road Name Petition – Councilwoman Barbara B. Clark Drive. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

**November 10, 2020:**

- Road Name Petition – Wolfe Way. The Planning Commission delayed approving the road name until such road is constructed.

**December 8, 2020:**

- Zoning Map Amendment – Request to change zoning from split zoned, Residential and Community Commercial to Community Commercial (12336 Speedway Blvd.). The Planning Commission recommended approval.
- Zoning Map Amendment – Request to change zoning from split zoned, Residential and Community Commercial to Community Commercial (Alligator Aly.). The Planning Commission recommended approval.
- Modification of Legal Non-Conforming Use at 2555 Plantation Drive. The Planning Commission approved the request to change the use from a heavy site contractor to a pump assembly fabricator.
- Amendment to Jasper County Code of Ordinances, Jasper County Zoning Ordinance, and Jasper County Land Development Regulations to adopt Driveway Standards.
- Planning Commission approved their 2021 Schedule.

Ms. Wagner reviewed the following information for the Board of Zoning Appeals and their meetings:

**Board of Zoning Appeals:**

**February 6, 2020:**

- Election of Officers: Mr. Jeff Richardson was appointed as Chairman. Ms. Carmen Malphrus was appointed as Vice-Chairman. Ms. Bonnie Lawson was appointed as Secretary.
- Variance Request – Article 7:3, Setback Requirements; Article 8:5.3, Highway Corridor Overlay District Buffer Requirements; Article 8:5.5, Highway Corridor Overlay District Landscaping Requirements; Article 15:6.3, Sign Regulations Maximum Height. The BZA reduced the setback along Pearlstine Drive from 35’ to 25’, reduced the highway buffer along North Okatie Highway from 50’ to 46’, and reduced the landscaping requirements along North Okatie Highway (SC 170) from 14 required overstory trees to 9 overstory trees and from 16 required understory trees to 10 understory trees. The BZA denied the request to increase the maximum sign height. The applicant is Speedway Store and the subject property is located at the intersection of Pearlstine Road and Highway 170.

**October 8, 2020:**

- Variance Request – Article 8:5.3, Highway Corridor Overlay District Buffer Requirements. The BZA denied the request to reduce the highway buffer. The applicant is Enrique Lopez and is located at the intersection of Strain Road and Speedway Boulevard.

Ms. Wagner provided a listing of the current Planning Commission Members and Board of Zoning Appeals Members.

**Planning Commission Members:**

Dr. Bostick	Thomas Jenkins	Bill Young
Randy Waite	Dr. Debora Butler	
Alex Pinckney	Randy Waite	

**Board of Zoning Appeals Members:**

Carmen Malphrus

Barbara Bartoldus

Jeff Richardson

Charles Halsey

Ms. Wagner noted that there is currently one seat is vacant on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Several seats on the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals needs to be re-appointed or new appointments made.

**Open Floor to the Public per Ordinance 08-17 any citizen of the County may sign to speak before the Council on matters pertaining to County Services and Operations. Presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes and total public input will be limited to 30 minutes.**

Chairwoman Clark asked if there were any public comments for this meeting. Clerk to Council, Wanda Simmons noted that no public comments for this meeting had been received.

**Resolutions:**

**A: [Sandy Steele](#) – Resolution on Project Crush Economic Development.**

Sandy Steele was present to address this Resolution request. She noted that she was excited to say that Riverport Commerce Park had acquired their first tenant. She introduced Mr. Trevor Young of Ernst & Young LLC. and noted he would be representing that company if there were any questions. She reviewed the Resolution number 2021-03 for Council. She said this resolution is the amendment of the fee agreement that had been agreed to in 2018 by Council with North Signal Capital (also known as Speedway Property LLC). North Signal Capital was the developer building Riverport and noted that they had made great strides. After reviewing the resolution, she noted then that Building #1 in Riverport Commerce Park had been completed with 150,000 square feet; Building #3 had also been completed with 330,000 square feet. She also noted that Building #2 sitework was underway which will be 600,000 square feet and they are scheduling more. Riverport after some time, is coming out of the ground and they have secured their first tenant in Home Depot will be securing 50,000 square feet in Building #1. As was approved in the agreement in 2018, tenants as they are secured can join the agreement. This is done by resolution and a joined agreement that amends that agreement naming and adding the companies. She said they were excited to welcome Home Depot to the area and noted it would be bringing in 14 new jobs into the 50,000 square foot space it had acquired.

Councilman Sauls congratulated SouthernCarolina Alliance team, Trevor Young and Home Depot on this new venture. He noted that this was great news and that the Council appreciated the investment they had made into the County.

**Motion to approve the resolution as presented: Councilman Sauls**

**Second: Councilman Adkins**

**Vote: Unanimous**

The motion passed.

**Ordinances:**

**A: David Tedder – Consideration of the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance required for the reassessment to delay the countywide reassessment for one year.**

Mr. Tedder reviewed this ordinance for Council. He said he was bringing this forward for those in the administration who were charged with reassessing and implementing the evaluation process every 5 year cycle in Jasper County. He said that the state allows for by statute a delay to give opportunities to certain counties if they have had issues doing in re-appraisals evaluations to get to the implementation of the evaluation process as there have been many struggles due to the pandemic of COVID19. We have brought forward at the request of the Appraiser requests the delay of implementation for one year. He said it is not unusual for this to occur from time to time.

**Motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Ordinance as presented: Councilman Sauls**

**Second: Councilman Adkins**

**Vote: Unanimous**

The motion passed.

**New Business:**

**A: Danny Lucas – Jasper County 2021 CDBG Needs Assessment Ranking.**

Mr. Lucas was present to address this request. He noted that this year's assessment ranking was different from last year in the sense that the number one item is not a CDBG item but rather a CARES Act program that will be administered by LOCOG and CDBG. He said the first item below is for the CARES Act Funding for a 16-foot Front Refrigeration and Storage Trailer to be housed at the Fire Department that can even be used after COVID during times of natural disaster. He said this item was easy to procure and the cost was not excessive compared to the other priorities listed. He said the CARES Act Funding they had met on December 16, 2020 to go over this recent addition to the CARES Act Funding. Each COG (Council of Governments) has set aside for public services. Lowcountry Council of Governments (LOCOG) has set aside \$858,458. We imagine spending some of that money along with other counties and municipalities to respond to COVID from the standpoint of public services. We wanted to project and show this CARES Act funding as part of our request for the regular CDBG Spring and Fall rounds even though this CARES Act not a part of that, however, this is what LOCOG wants us to do.

He noted the other difference between this year and last year was that last year's number one item has been moved to number 5. The reason is because it has been substantially completed, and unless a phase 2 component is added to it therefore it shows a low priority compare to the others. Moving up to number 2 including the same items we had on there last year.

He continued on through to reviewed the information below in detail for Council and discussed the information requested to prioritize the 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Needs Assessment as follows.

**Jasper County Recommended Needs Assessment Prioritization 2021  
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**

1. CARES Act CDBG Funding

- 16 – foot Front Refrigeration and Storage Trailer

2. Public Facilities/ Community Enrichment Activities to Include:

- Pratt Library (Renovation) • Fire Substations (Equipment)
- Department of Social Services (DSS) (expansion or new construction)
- Airport Park (New Construction)

3. Water, Sewer, Drainage Infrastructure Improvements as determined by studies, CIP plans etc., focusing on Low-Moderate Income (LMI) areas such as:

- Levy Limehouse
- Wagon Branch
- Tillman
- Other areas as they are identified

4. Economic Development (projects as they are developed)

5. Neighborhood Revitalization:

- New or upgraded infrastructure in the Church Road area west of the city limits of the City of Hardeeville. Phase II.

Mr. Lucas noted that they asked that Council approve the recommended needs assessment as presented.

Councilman Sauls said they had worked a few years ago with the Town of Ridgeland and Councilman Grady Woods as the architect on the renovation and redesign of the Pratt Memorial Library. He said it took a lot of planning and was a huge need as the condition of the interior and exterior was not in good shape. Councilman Sauls said he was happy to see the renovation of the Platt Library at the top of the list. He thanked Mr. Lucas for trying to make this happen and work with the COG on these items. He said he would like to see us put all of our energy into these items listed.

Councilman Kemp said he had a question and wanted to know who set these items up. Mr. Lucas said the staff sets the priorities for the funding and needs request. Councilman Kemp asked why the airport park was a higher priority than getting a new sheriff's location for the detectives. He said there are a lot of items on the list that are needed before the airport park. He said things such as the Sheriff's Dept., the Coosahatchie Recreation Center and the Robertsville Recreation Center that would help the community more than the airport park. He said he knew the airport park was an important part of developing Jasper County but we needed to look at where our citizens meet to play and we need to take care of that. He said he went to the Detective's building he said it was not a conducive workspace for them and he felt that the airport park was not as important as that.

Chairwoman Clark said she was so happy to see the 16 foot front refrigeration and storage trailer and how valuable it will be to the County all year long. She said this was truly needed in the County. She said all of the things listed were needed and we had been working hard to do those things. She said as for the Sheriff's Department, she said what was it that needed to be working on.

Councilman Kemp said if you look at the Comprehensive Plan it is to take the sheriff's department and build a new building on it take them out of the jail so you can expand for the jail thats needed. He noted that if you go down to the Detectives building (the old Sheriff's Department) and that the building is leaking, and it is just not ceilings are not even 8 foot or 7 foot ceilings now we have other things that are more important. Chairwoman Clark said she was not going to say more important because everything on this list was important. Councilman Kemp noted that he thought we needed to prioritize and that it was not prioritized because the County jail was not on the list. Chairwoman Clark said it had been prioritized with everything the staff knew about. Chairwoman Clark said she hoped that we are doing something in Jasper County to cut down on people having to go to jail, and that she felt here in Jasper programs were needed in keep these people out of trouble and not going to jail. She noted that there was a lot of things to do and there would be things of this nature discussed in the retreat.

Mr. Fulghum said he thought he could accommodate everyone with the fact that there will be more to come with the building's conditions at the retreat. He noted as some may remember that they had an extensive study done of the building and that this was to be presented at the retreat with conditions and options. He said he felt he and Mr. Lucas could insert some public safety building language and community center language to act as a place holder so they would not be disallowed as a consideration going forward.

Chairwoman Clark said our Emergency Services Building had been leaking and asked how much of that had been fixed. Mr. Fulghum said that the roof had been fixed this year. He said that staff just needed to go through these things with Council. Chairwoman Clark said that is what she was trying to clarify. Mr. Fulghum said we could add this to the public facilities as a belt and suspenders approach. Mr. Fulghum asked for a motion to approve the list with those additions as discussed.

**Motion to approve the Jasper County 2021 CDBG Needs Assessment Ranking with the addition under the section Public Facilities to include the language for public safety building(s) and community center(s) as discussed to be consistent with the eligibility requirements of CDBG requirements:**

Councilman Sauls

**Second:** Councilman Kemp

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**B: [Russell Wells](#) – 911 Fund Expenditure Request - \$8000.00 for the Carolina Recording System.**

Chief Wells addressed this request and noted that this was for the annual maintenance for 2021-2022 renewal. He noted that they had received their annual audio recording server maintenance contract and that they were requesting release of 911 tax revenue funds not to exceed \$8000.00 for the renewal of that contract.

**Motion to approve the 911 Fund Expenditure Request for the Carolina Recording System not to exceed \$8000.00 as presented:** Councilman Sauls

**Second:** Councilman Kemp



**Discussion:**

Councilman Kemp asked Kimberly Burgess if Chief Wells had to ask for release of the 911 funds since it was in the budget. Ms. Burgess said if it was in the budget, he did not have to but was doing so as a courtesy to Council since there are specific items for which these funds can be expended. She said this was a budgeted item but was not explained or detailed in the budget. She also noted that on the upcoming budget things will have a clearer description of what has been budgeted and what those items are so the only thing that would come to council would be exceptions to the budget.

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**C: Russell Wells – Emergency Services request for acquisition of Used Compact Track Loader.**

Chief Wells addressed this request. He said in September 2020, they had exhausted a procurement attempt for a compact track loader for emergency services. He noted that the equipment item they sought to acquire was put out for bid in accordance with County procurement guidelines in September of 2020. They rejected the bids received due to the cost exceeding our financial abilities to fund. They reviewed federal, state, and local options to procure a used compact track loader under these avenues of contract and determined that there were no used tract loaders available utilizing these options. Jasper County engages in cooperative purchase agreements. These cooperative purchasing agreements that include Sourcewell, and under Sourcewell were able to locate a used compact track loader.

Emergency Services has located this used compact track loader. He noted they were requesting to move on the acquisition purchase and allow the Administrator to sign the contract.

**Motion to approve the Emergency Services request for acquisition of a Used Compact Track Loader as presented:** Councilman Sauls

**Second:** Councilman Adkins

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**Old Business:** There was no old business for this meeting.

**Council Members Comments:**

**Councilman Sauls:**

Councilman Sauls noted that they had been busy the last couple of weeks. He said as they heard tonight from SouthernCarolina Alliance they had Home Depot coming into the area with a capital investment and job creations. He said the County would look for future opportunities with them as well. He said they had several meetings with SouthernCarolina Alliance. We have had calls regarding the Jasper Ocean Terminal situation as it relates to the expansion of the Hugh Leatherman Terminal in Charleston, SC. over a billion dollar investment expansion. He said this will impact the Jasper Ocean Terminal and we are looking into that as well as what effects that may or may not have. It does not appear that anything positive will come out of that for the Jasper Ocean Terminal. He said if you look

at history, this is a good indicator of what the future holds and seems to be more of the same of what they are used to dealing with. He noted that the county is very fortunate that out of the 7 counties there are close to 20 legislation delegation members that are on their side to help with the effort to make the Jasper Ocean Terminal a reality. He said they would not be giving up on this.

He noted that litter was an ongoing issue. He said they contribute \$25,000 to this endeavor through the ongoing work of the Blue Heron Nature Center, Jasper Water Conservation District, Palmetto Pride and Adopt a Highway. He said there are volunteer days to pick up trash on the roadways, sponsors for supplies and that law enforcement is engaged. He said the Hardeeville Police, Ridgeland Police, Jasper County Sheriff's dept., DNR, Transport Police and Highway Patrol are all engaged and if they see you throw out garbage you will be fined. He said if you see a bag of garbage thrown out and see mail or medicine bottles or can get a name take it and report it to the police so they can fine them.

Councilman Sauls said the Council takes great concern over this matter noting that this problem involves everyone in the county. He said that Council has great concern of how this reflects overall on the County. He said he would like to see at the retreat some type of program where maybe we engage a company where they go through the unincorporated portions of the county to work on a routine trash pickup. He said DOT has often helped when they have been reached out to on taking care of these roads. He said it is a community effort that will be ongoing that everyone must work together on try to make a difference and encourage participation.

He noted that this upcoming Friday, Lyn Boyles has orchestrated a pickup from 9-12 meeting at the Sheriff's Dept to work on this focusing on Carters Mill Rd. He encouraged volunteers to join.

Councilman Sauls said that in other news that hospitalizations and positive cases are down related to COVID. He said that there was some good news coming for rural Jasper County to ensure that people are getting vaccinated. He thanked the nurses, first responders, firefighters, emergency personnel who puts themselves in harm's way to serve during the pandemic. He thanked all county staff, Administrator Fulghum, Chief Wells and noted that they are doing a great job and that their efforts did not go unnoticed.

**Councilman Kemp:**

Councilman Kemp said he agreed with Councilman Sauls on this garbage issue because something needed to be done. He noted that he and Councilman Adkins had met with Lyn Boyles two weeks ago along with Senator Davis and Senator Matthews. He said that Senator Davis had a resolution honoring the pickup of trash in Grays.

Councilman Kemp also noted that Linda Daley, Freida Miles, and Marlene Mitchell are a group that keeps Grays clean. He mentioned that Knowles Island, Herzberg, and Delta Plantation have cleanup groups going in those areas. He noted that he wanted to thank Mr. Fulghum on his information regarding the bonds. Councilman Kemp also mentioned that on a long-term project for apportionment, when the census comes out the County needed to plan for it.

**Councilman Adkins:**

Councilman Adkins stated first he wanted to give honor to God. He said also that he agreed that the roadside litter issue was out of control and was an ongoing problem. He said that they had met with Lyn Boyles a couple of weeks ago and he felt they must lead by example and will need to get more people to participate in litter control. He noted that Ms. Lyn Boyles would have a group out at Carterville at 9AM on this coming Friday doing cleanup in that area if anyone wished to join them. He said on March 20<sup>th</sup> there would be another cleanup in the area of 462 on Knowles Island down to the store.

**Chairwoman Clark:**

Chairwoman Clark noted that Ms. Lyn Boyles had been volunteer working with the County for 2 to 3 years now assisting with litter control and roadside garbage control efforts. She mentioned that Ms. Boyles did a great job and that she was not getting paid for her efforts on this. She said she wanted to commend Ms. Boyles she has been organizing trash pickup for a long time and they have been picking up a 100 bags of trash. Chairwoman Clark noted that it is becoming more of an issue lately due to the additional water caused by rain that was washing litter up to the roadside from the wooded areas and bringing it up into the ditches. She noted that people put out furniture and just about anything off onto the side of the road. She noted that today was supposed to have been their cleanup in their area, however the rain stopped that effort today off of Bush Clark Drive. She noted she was happy to see people taking interest in this effort now. She urged everyone to do their part and not litter in the county.

**Administrator's Report:**

Mr. Fulghum reviewed the items on his report with council and noted that if they had any questions he was here to answer them. He then noted he would be turning it over to Chief Wells for the COVID update report.

Chief Wells presented the COVID statistics report and reviewed the positivity rate of the State of South Carolina and of Jasper County. He said we were seeing a downward trend, and he continued to urge the citizens to protect themselves as there had been a few more people in the area that had unfortunately succumbed to COVID. He also noted that DHEC was holding testing sites and locations and noted those. This report is attached as Attachment A.

Councilman Kemp asked Mr. Fulghum if the Stiney Road project was almost over. Mr. Fulghum said there were several components to that project and asked if he was referring to the drainage work. Councilman Kemp said it was the demolition work he was referring to and Mr. Fulghum noted that this was almost complete. Councilman Kemp asked when the Stiney Road project was complete if the County could work another project through the Low Country Council of Governments. Mr. Fulghum noted that we had one project completed and ready to close out (the small drainage study) and when one more project is closed out, we should be able to do another project. Mr. Fulghum asked Mr. Lucas to speak on this subject.

Mr. Lucas said there could be three open projects at one time. He said that regarding the last priority item on the CBDG list, the reason it was listed last was because it was almost complete with between 28 to 32 demolitions that had been completed already on that project. He said if there is a Phase II brought forth by Planning Director Lisa Wagner and the City of Hardeeville, then that project will be re-evaluated at that point and time. The County can have 3 projects open at a time for CDBG and once one project falls off then another could be brought on for the Spring or Fall Round.

**Possible Return to Executive Session to Continue Discussion on Matters Regarding Agenda Item II.**

There was no reason to return to executive session for this meeting.

**Adjourn:**

**Motion to adjourn:** Councilman Sauls

**Second:** Councilman Adkins

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Wanda H. Simmons  
Clerk to Council

Approved:



Barbara B. Clark  
Chairwoman



# Jasper County COVID Statistics



South Carolina Positivity Rate as of 13, February 2021: **9.5%**  
Jasper County Positivity Rate as of 13, February 2021: **13.5%**  
Date range is 01/31/2021 through 02/13/2021

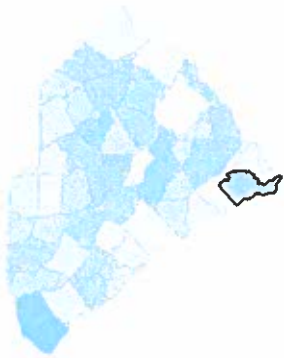
Attachment "A"

COVID 19 in South Carolina  
As of 11:59 PM on 2/13/2021

Number of Tests | JASPER: **2,032**      Percent Positive | JASPER: **13.5%**

Select Date Range to Filter Page Values: 1/31/2021 to 2/13/2021

Rate of COVID-19 Tests Performed  
County Displayed Jasper Dates Displayed 1/31/2021 to 2/13/2021



Type of COVID-19 Tests Being Performed  
County Displayed JASPER Dates Displayed 1/31/2021 to 2/13/2021

	Positive	Negative	Grand Total
Viral (Molecular)	227	1,453	1,680
Antigen	28	305	333
Antibody (Serology)	11	8	19
Grand Total	266	1,766	2,032

5.7% of all COVID-19 diagnostic testing has occurred at the Public Health Laboratory.  
Note: This table represents volume of data received and not distinct individuals tested. Individuals may have multiple tests.  
\*Columns: Test Types refer to tests with an unrecognised test type. All we continue to an antigen unknown test type they will be reassigned as more information becomes available.

Moving 7 Day Average Percent Positive of COVID-19 Tests  
County Displayed Jasper Dates Displayed 1/31/2021 to 2/13/2021

Note: Tooltips Display Percent Positive for the current day and moving 7 day average. Percent Positive is calculated using the Test-Test method.

- Total Viral (Molecular) Tests
- Count of Positive Viral Tests
- 7d Moving Average Percent Positive

## Daily Reported Case Count:

Date	Cases	Date	Cases
01/31	12	02/07	13
02/01	9	02/08	10
02/02	8	02/09	6
02/03	12	02/10	5
02/04	5	02/11	1
02/05	16	02/12	8
02/06	11	02/13	14

## Community Testing information Page 2

County Deaths to date  
41 (78% with comorbidity conditions)

Vaccine update

Page 3 or go to <https://vaxlocator.dhec.sc.gov/>

**\*\*Free\*\***

## **DHEC - Jasper County Health Department (Closed Today)**

 0.89 miles away

### **Dates and Times**

2/16 **Tuesday: Closed**  
2/17 **Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**  
2/18 **Thursday: Closed**  
2/19 **Friday: Closed**  
2/20 **Saturday: Closed**  
2/21 **Sunday: Closed**  
2/22 **Monday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

### **Further Information**

Free COVID testing every Monday and Wednesday from 9:00am-4:00pm at the Jasper County Health Department. No appointment is needed; however, attendees can pre-register at <https://covidtest.dhec.sc.gov>

*Appointment Needed:* No

*Referral Needed:* No

*Pediatric Testing Available:* Yes - All Ages

### **Address**

 [651 Grays Hwy, Ridgeland, SC, 29936](#)

### **Customer Service Number**


 [855-472-3432](tel:855-472-3432)

### **More Information or Pre-Registration (if applicable)**

 [Pre-register at https://scdhec.gov/GetTested](https://scdhec.gov/GetTested)

**\*\*Free\*\***

## **Coastal Carolina Hospital - Coastal Carolina Hospital (Open Today)**

 13.08 miles away

### **Dates and Times**

2/16 **Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**  
2/17 **Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**  
2/18 **Thursday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**  
2/19 **Friday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**  
2/20 **Saturday: Closed**  
2/21 **Sunday: Closed**  
2/22 **Monday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

### **Further Information**

Open weekdays from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

*Appointment Needed:* No

*Referral Needed:* No

*Pediatric Testing Available:* Yes - All Ages

### **Address**

 [1000 Medical Center Dr, Hardeeville, SC, 29927](#)

# COVID-19 VACCINE FLOW IN SC

This graphic shows the progression of the vaccine from the federal government to the state and the steps along the way from providers to vaccine recipients.<sup>1</sup>



## PHASE 1 IN SC STARTS

Vaccine first received Dec. 14, 2020

PROVIDERS	VACCINE ARRIVAL
Acute Care Hospitals	Dec. 14, 2020
CVS/Walgreens (LTCF)	Dec. 28, 2020
Non-Acute Care Hospitals	Jan. 4, 2021
Limited Pharmacies	Jan. 18, 2021
Limited Private Physicians	Jan. 11, 2021
Limited Urgent Care	Jan. 11, 2021
Limited DHEC Sites	Jan. 11, 2021

Suppliers started shipping Dec. 13, 2020 (ships weekly)

### PHASE 1A

(CURRENTLY ONGOING - FEBRUARY 2021):

- Healthcare workers
    - Includes home health and hospice workers, dentists and dental hygienists/assistants, pharmacists, and more.
  - LTCF residents and staff
  - Admitted hospital patients, aged 65+
  - 70+ with or without underlying health conditions
  - COVID-19 vaccine/testing mission-critical state/local government employees
- See more detailed listing of Phase 1a at [scdhec.gov/vaxfacts](http://scdhec.gov/vaxfacts)
- Estimated population: 987,039<sup>4</sup>

### PHASE 1B

(EARLY SPRING):<sup>2</sup>

- Frontline essential workers
    - Includes law enforcement officers, corrections officers, manufacturing workers, grocery store workers, teachers, daycare workers, and more.
- See more detailed listing of Phase 1b at [scdhec.gov/vaxfacts](http://scdhec.gov/vaxfacts)
- Estimated population: 573,501<sup>4</sup>

### PHASE 1C

(LATE SPRING):<sup>3</sup>

- All people aged 65 and older
  - 16-64 years old with certain underlying health conditions
  - Other essential workers
    - Includes transportation and logistics, food service, public safety, non-frontline healthcare workers, and more.
- See more detailed listing of Phase 1c at [scdhec.gov/vaxfacts](http://scdhec.gov/vaxfacts)
- Estimated population: 2,897,527<sup>4</sup>

### PHASE 2

(SUMMER - FALL):<sup>1</sup>

- All people who wish to be vaccinated
  - Widespread availability
- Estimated population: 690,648<sup>4</sup>

## THE COVID-19

## VACCINE

### Phase 1a and 70+ (Currently Ongoing)

Beginning Wednesday, Jan. 13, any South Carolina resident aged 70 or older, regardless of health status or preexisting conditions, [can begin scheduling their appointment to receive COVID-19 vaccine](http://scdhec.gov/vaxlocator). A map with current locations accepting vaccine appointments will be available at [scdhec.gov/vaxlocator](http://scdhec.gov/vaxlocator) beginning Wednesday, Jan 13.

#### FOOTNOTES:

- All phase groups are subject to change based on CDC/ACIP/VAC recommendations
- All estimates subject to change due to vaccine availability, demand, and provider participation.
- Vaccine allocated to Long-Term Care Facilities (LTCF)
- Sources: SC Department of Commerce and DOD Tiberius Planning Tool

Employers are encouraged to reach out to their local hospitals as soon as possible and no later than Jan. 15, 2021, with a list of names and contact information of employees who want to be vaccinated. In addition, individuals in Phase 1a who want to be vaccinated should contact their local hospitals to request an appointment no later than Jan. 15, 2021. Individuals making appointments may need to present credentials to verify they qualify to receive vaccination under Phase 1a. This includes providing some proof (e.g., badge, card, license, personalized letter from employer, picture of license) of Phase 1a qualification when presenting for the vaccination.

**Phase 1a includes:**

- **Healthcare workers**
  - Initial focus on frontline healthcare workers at high risk of exposure and mission-critical to the overarching goal of preventing death
  - Healthcare workers and medical staff can use [SCHA's list of hospital contact information](#) to schedule their vaccines.
- **Residents and staff of long-term care facilities**
- **Admitted hospital patients, who are aged 65 years and older, as long as they do not currently have COVID-19 and a provider feels it is indicated for them**
- **Anyone 70 years and older, regardless of health status or preexisting conditions**
- **State/local government employees and their contractors who are mission-critical for maintaining operations of COVID-19 vaccinations and testing in SC**

**Healthcare workers include:**

- Anesthesiology assistants, registered cardiovascular invasive specialists, and operating room staff
- Athletic Trainers
- American Sign Language (ASL) and other interpreters in healthcare facilities
- Autopsy room staff, coroners, embalmers, and funeral home staff at risk of exposure to bodily fluids
- Chiropractors
- Dentists and dental hygienists and technicians
- Dietary and food services staff in healthcare facilities
- Environmental services staff in healthcare facilities
- Harbor pilots
- Home health and hospice workers
- Hospital transport personnel
- Laboratory personnel and phlebotomists
- Licensed dietitians
- Medical assistants



- Medical first responders (paid and volunteer): EMS; fire department and law enforcement personnel who provide emergency medical care
- Nurses, nurse practitioners, and nurse's aides/ assistants
- Opticians and optometrists and assistants/ technicians
- Persons providing medical care in correctional facilities and correctional officers
- Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians
- Physical and occupational therapists and assistants
- Physicians, including medical house staff (i.e., interns, residents, fellows), and physician assistants
- Podiatrists
- Public health healthcare workers who are frequently interacting with persons with potential COVID-19 infection
- Radiology technicians
- Respiratory care practitioners, such as respiratory therapists
- Speech language pathologists and assistants and audiologists
- Students and interns of the above categories

**Phase 1b**

**Phase 1b (Late Winter 2021)**

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\*All time estimates are subject to change due to vaccine availability, demand, and provider participation.

**Phase 1b includes:**

- **Frontline essential workers**
  - Sectors included by ACIP: firefighters, law enforcement officers, corrections officers, food and agricultural workers, USPS workers, manufacturing workers, grocery store workers, public transit workers, and those who work in the educational sector—teachers, support staff, and daycare workers

**Phase 1.C:**

**Phase 1c (Early Spring 2021)**

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\*All time estimates are subject to change due to vaccine availability, demand, and provider participation.

**Phase 1c includes:**

- All people aged **65 and older**
- People aged **16 and older with certain underlying health conditions** that puts them at high risk for severe disease (**list by CDC**)
- Other **essential workers**
  - **Examples included by ACIP:** people who work in transportation and logistics, food service, housing construction and finance, information technology, communications, energy, law, media, public safety, and public health staff who are non-frontline healthcare workers

***Qualified individuals within Group 1a can utilize the hyperlink below for vaccination registration and locations below.***

<https://sc-dhec.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/nearby/index.html?appid=514e64ead13e4f508147dad8f483da38&sliderDistance=20&find=1509%2520Grays%2520Hwy%252C%2520Ridgeland%252C%2520SC%252C%2520936%252C%2520USA>