



MINUTES

James Island Intergovernmental Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

James Island Town Hall ♦ 1122 Dills Bluff Road ♦ James Island, SC 29412

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In attendance:

James Island:

Mayor Brook Lyon – Chair, Council Member Troy Mullinax – Vice Chair, Council Member Julia Drayton Crumblin, Council Member Michael Williams, Melissa Flick, Mike Hemmer, and Stan Kozikowski.

City of Charleston:

Council Member Jim McBride, Council Member Leslie Skardon, Marlo Shedlock.

Charleston County:

Council Member Jenny Honeycutt, John Martin, Philip Sexton, Emily Pigott.

Charleston County School District:

Carol Tempel

Folly Beach:

James Island PSD:

Commissioner Brenda Grant, Commissioner Marilyn Clifford, Commissioner Inez Brown-Crouch, District Manager Ashley Kellahan.

South Carolina Department of Transportation:

Ray Molinari, Debra Jerideau

Others / Members of the Public:

Carol Jackson, Jaxie Ferguson, George Tempel, TL Herbert, ***others / not signed-in on sheet***

1) Call to Order:

Chairman Mayor Lyon called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the group in a prayer and the pledge of allegiance. Chair Lyon then asked others at the table to introduce themselves and welcomed everyone.

- 2) Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made to approve minutes from January 28, 2026 by Inez Brown Crouch, seconded by Marilyn Clifford; motion passed.
- 3) Public Comments:
 - Carol Jackson from Patterson Avenue addressed the group regarding water quality on James Island, noting that testing still occurs but there is no longer a James Island Creek Task Force. She requests that this commission look into how that effort can be revived.
- 4) Old Business:
 - a. Raised Median at Ft. Johnson & Folly Road:

The Town still receives complaints about the flooding at this intersection. There have been vac-trucks out for cleanout. Ray Molinari noted that roots have been cut and there appears to be more issues downstream to the outfall. Sexton noted that there has been recent work on nearby ditches, but there is a sanitary sewer conflict. Marilyn Clifford noted that the PSD District Manager is here tonight.
 - b. Swales on Teal Avenue:

Melissa Flick with James Island noted that the town has not received any drainage complaints; only construction work complaints.
 - c. Left turn from Affirmation onto Harbor View Road:

Leslie Skardon indicated that she has heard complaints regarding this intersection and that the City had paid for and installed flashing beacons at this crosswalk in 2020. She stated that unfortunately, the intersection traffic does qualify for another stop light due to the proximity of the Mikell Drive signal. She indicated that there is not much that can be done at this time. Ray Molinari indicated he could check the line of sight at the intersection.
 - d. SCDOT Safety Audit Update:

Mayor Lyon noted that the Town of James Island Town Council is very concerned about the raised medians and has been requesting revisions from SCDOT. The response from DOT has been that no further changes are going to be made. The Town Council will review this response at its next meeting and the Town will do everything it can to promote safety on Folly Road within the Town limits.
- 5) New Business:
 - a. Bayfront Drainage Project:

The Town of James Island submitted a State legislative funding request. This project will impact all of Bayfront and there may be good news soon.

- b. Nabors Sidewalk Project:
This project will promote connectivity from Ft. Johnson to Harbor View Road. The Town has budgeted their share, and the County and CTC funds provide 2/3's of the funding. The City of Charleston has committed the remaining third. The Town is undergoing preliminary engineering work. Leslie Skardon noted that the City has a State legislative funding request in for this commitment.
- c. SCDOT maintenance for Harbor View Road bike lanes:
Work requests have been submitted to SCDOT. Molinari noted that the DOT will have to assess the conditions. He noted that the maintenance is completed per request, not on any type of schedule. It is important for residents to submit requests directly to SCDOT.
- d. Move Meeting Day to Monday for 2027 Meetings:
Mayor Lyon noted that Leslie Skardon suggested moving the meeting day of the Intergovernmental Council to Monday to avoid legislature conflicts and coincide with the ReThink Folly Road meetings. Legislators meet on Tuesday through Thursday. However, several conflicts were noted for Monday nights and Thursday nights were discussed. The group was asked to consider this idea for action later this year. Members were asked to email Mike Hemmer at James Island with schedules and suggestions.

6) Legislative Updates:

- a. Charleston County Legislative Delegation:
Philip Sexton reported on the Flooding Task Force created in 2018. The task force has helped 585 constituents in the county, 214 are on James Island. Sexton noted that there are 18 jurisdictions in Charleston County that manage stormwater elements. Jim McBride from the City of Charleston indicated his support for the task force and noted the importance of the intake form that the task force uses.

Leslie Skardon asked for an overview of the issues on Fleming Road. Sexton noted that the flooding there is compounded by elevation concerns, lack of legal access, and deferred maintenance. The challenge of working on this system is hampered, however the County and City are working on the improvements needed as much as possible.
- b. SCDOT:
Ray Molinari provided an update on maintenance personnel, noting that Steve Donovan is the resident maintenance engineer. Debra Jerideau is the assistant resident maintenance engineer. Michael Packman is a resident maintenance foreman, along with James Shaw and Terrance Wilson. James Worthy from the District office has been assigned to the work with the County Flooding Task Force.

c. James Island PSD:

District Manager Ashley Kellahan provided updates on

- Wastewater requests and line and pump station cleaning
- The Harbor View Force Main project main sections and tie-in work has been completed
- Clark's Point sewer project has about half of the roadway paving complete and the PSD is working to qualify contractors for Phase 2; tie-in of customers.
- Solid Waste Collection has seen busy spring with an increase of about 19% of debris over last year.
- The PSD held a grand opening for fire station #2 last month and the crews are officially moved-in.
- Brandon Stephens was promoted to Department Chief of Training for the Fire Department.
- Kellahan noted continued dry conditions and the upcoming Charleston Air Show.
- Kellahan also noted that the PSD is in the process of replacing the sanitary sewer line at Ft. Johnson and Folly Road.

d. Charleston County:

John Martin provided a presentation regarding County projects

○ UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- Jeff Gaillard Lane – 95% complete
- Central Park Drainage Culvert Replacement – Complete, in financial closeout
- Fort Johnson and Camp roundabout utility relocations nearly complete. Drainage work to begin in March and continue to June. Project is ahead of schedule.
- Fort Johnson and Secessionville signal is in drainage installation and utility relocation phase. Sidewalk and curbing in next month.
- Hollings Road Drainage outfall canal complete. Utility relocation and culvert installation are pending. Road closure and detour will remain in place until the end of the project.
- JI Creek TMDL is to locate pollution sources in James Island Creek. In February, a force main was repaired, and levels have been significantly reduced. County will monitor in 2nd quarter of 2026 for town of James Island.
- Maybank and Woodland Shores is nearing completion, but utility conflicts have extended the date to June 30.
- Future projects include Rural Roads Projects for Donnie and Rafael Lane, Arsburn Road, and Rosebush Lane.
- Central Park and Riverland Drive Intersection final plans are being reviewed by SCDOT.

- City Golf Course crossing and sidewalk connection was readvertised and should be awarded in May or June
 - Country Club drive and Folly Road pedestrian improvements project is awarded to First Construction Management LLC and construction should begin in summer of 2026.
 - Dills Bluff Sidewalk phase 3 is pending County Council approval of the bid to KTC Enterprises, LLC
 - Fleming Road Sidewalk is anticipated to be advertised 4th quarter of 2026.
 - Phase I of ReThink Folly Road expected to be readvertised in 2nd quarter 2026.
 - James Island County Park bike ped improvements expected bid advertising 4th quarter 2026
 - Nabors Drive awarded \$230,000. Town of James Island commitment is budgeted. Submitting plans for permitting.
 - Sol Legare sidewalk plans in review and utility coordination expected to start in June 2026.
 - West Oceanview rocking, waiting for decision. On hold until May 2026. Mayor Lyon said she thought they were told the had until October to reply.
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- Resurfacing plans continue.
 - Ft. Johnson sidewalk repairs are underway.

Leslie Skardon asked about ReThink Folly Road Phase I and is there anything that we can do to help gain contractors for this and several other projects. County Council Member Jenny Honeycut noted that the County really competes with itself when a project leaves the list, contractors continue bidding but gain other projects. Skardon also asked about how to get Camp or Dills Bluff sidewalk improvements. Martin indicated that TST funding requests begin the process.

Brenda Grant asked about the Sol Legare sidewalk schedule. Martin indicated it was on-schedule, but there are likely to be many utility conflicts.

Michael Williams asked about the Crosswalk at the City golf course and how that started. Martin indicated it was a City request to be a crosswalk and not a tunnel due to funding.

e. City of Charleston:

Leslie Skardon reported that the City is passing an ordinance regarding ebikes defining reckless behavior and emotos. Skardon also asked about additional drainage issues along Folly Road. Jim McBride noted recent TST review meetings.

- f. Town of James Island:
 - Mayor Lyon reported that the Town is going to be moving building permitting in-house.
 - The new Art and Community Center held a groundbreaking last Thursday.
 - Continue to address deferred drainage maintenance.
 - Thank you to SCDOT for everything they do.
 - James Island Creek testing to be provided by County.
 - As noted, crosswalk work is ongoing, also at Mikell Drive.
 - New speed sign on Dills Bluff Road.
 - Recent group effort to review sidewalks on Ft. Johnson.
- g. Charleston County School District:
 - Carol Tempel reported that the school district has requested a sidewalk between Camp Road Middle School and Folly Road.
 - Building two early childhood centers; one at Stiles Point and one at James Island Elementary School.
 - Camp Road Middle School and James Island Charter High School have graduations coming up.
 - Ms. Switzer, band director at Camp Road Middle School, won an award recently for a district wide jazz ensemble.
 - Harbor View Elementary School is recognized as a Palmetto's Finest school, the first James Island school to achieve this award.

7) Additional Comments:

Jim McBride asked to receive the SCDOT presentation that Shawn Salley has shown and suggested the Town of James Island upgrade its audio/visual system. Mayor Lyon responded that upgrades to the a/v system are underway.

County Council Member Jenny Honeycutt reiterated the County's support for the TST extension effort. She also noted the Dill Sanctuary tract has been preserved in perpetuity with the Lowcountry Land Trust. She also thanked DOT for recent work on Up on the Hill Road.

Philip Sexton reminded the group that the next Intergovernmental Task Force on Flooding will meet Friday June 12 at the Town Hall in James Island.

Marlo Shedlock noted there is a community pride adopt-a-highway event on May 9.

Brenda Grant reported that James Island Outreach will host a "Walk for Good" event on May 30th.

- 8) Closing Remarks:
Mayor Lyon also noted that the election primary will be at Town Hall and on May 7, the History Commission will unveil a marker for the Three Trees School site on Fort Johnson Road. The May Town Market is this Friday, and May 28th there will be a “Meet the Candidates” forum at Town of James Island Neighborhood Council.
- 9) Next meeting is Wednesday July 29, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. here at James Island Town Hall.
- 10) Chair Lyon adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.