



MINUTES

James Island Intergovernmental Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 28, 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:

Dr. Cynthia Mignano – Chair, Council Member Troy Mullinax – Vice Chair, Mayor Brook Lyon, Council Member Julia Drayton Crumblin, Council Member Michael Williams, Kristen Crane, Stan Kozikowski, and Parker Richardson.

City of Charleston:

Council Member Leslie Skardon.

Charleston County:

Council Member Jenny Honeycutt, Devri Detoma, Philip Sexton, Emily Pigott.

Charleston County School District:

Folly Beach:

James Island PSD:

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

Others / Members of the Public:

Mark Brown, John Peters, ***others / no sign-in sheet***

- 1) Call to Order:
Chairman Dr. Cynthia Mignano called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the group in a prayer and the pledge of allegiance. Dr. Mignano asked others to introduce themselves.
- 2) Elections for 2026:
Mayon Lyon was nominated for Chair; approved.
Council Member Troy Mullinax was nominated for Vice Chair; approved.

- 3) Approval of Minutes:
Motion was made to approve minutes from October 29, 2025, seconded; motion passed.
- 4) Public Comments:
- Marilyn Clifford addressed the group as a public speaker and noted that she is working on a petition regarding the raised medians in the SCDOT plan for Folly Road.
 - John Peters, 1301 Hampshire Road. Voice his opposition to the SCDOT plan for raised medians on Folly Road. He thinks rumble strips would be effective. He also voiced a desire to work to make James Island a whole town by consolidating the jurisdictions.
 - Mark Brown, 654 Daniel Whaley Road. Has worked to get sewer and water for many years but cannot due to high connection costs.
 - Marilyn Clifford spoke again echoing her opposition to the SCDOT plan for raised medians and the danger of this plan to emergency vehicles, residents, and motorists.
- 5) Old Business:
- a. Raised Medians (Ft. Johnson & Folly Roads) and SCDOT Safety Audit Update:
Mayor Lyon noted that SCDOT is coming to the February Town of James Island Council meeting. The Town passed a resolution expressing opposition to the medians and to request a traffic light at the intersection of Santee Street and Folly Road. There has also been an outreach effort ongoing to our legislators and there have been alternatives suggested to the raised medians. Dr. Mignano reported that emergency services are not supportive of the plan either and some other option needs to be developed. Folly Road is a unique road that SCDOT needs to understand.
- Council Member Jenny Honeycutt noted that she is generally not opposed to the raised median plan and she does think it will provide a much needed safety enhancement on Folly Road; like the medians completed on Maybank and Coleman.
- Dr. Mignano noted that the median in front of her business does make it difficult for customers and Council Member Mullinax encouraged the members to look at Ashley Phosphate to see the medians in that area and how they have affected those businesses.
- c. Greenhill Road (re) paving:

Dr. Mignano noted how the road was repaved this past summer and the work is unacceptable. The County was supposed to come and fix the numerous issues, but there are still deficiencies. Jenny Honeycutt noted that there have been meetings with the contractor, but she is unaware of the status.

Inez Brown Crouch also noted the trash on Greenhill and Seaside. Mayor Lyon noted that recently the Town was able to work with the PSD to remove some trash. The Council discussed illegal dumping throughout the island.

6) New Business:

- a. Foxcroft and Stillwater
Water pooling after County paving. No updates. May need to be reported to the task force on flooding.
- b. Swales on Teal
Citizens have complained about standing water because other citizens have filled in ditches. Mayor Lyon noted that the ditches could be cleaned by the Town.
- c. Left turn from Affirmation onto Harbor View Road
A citizen has reported that it is difficult to make this turn, but this is an SCDOT regulated intersection. Honeycutt noted that she would ask if anything can be done.
- d. Map of state-owned roads
Included at the request of City Council Member Jim McBride. Devri Detoma of the County noted that the County GIS provides this information. Mayor Lyon noted that the State is reviewing how the SCDOT works and there may be some changes in the future of road ownership and maintenance cost funding.
- e. The Agenda was amended to add the new business of the 200-year old tree on Sol Legare. The County BZA will consider allowing this tree to be removed for lots to be combined.

7) Legislative Updates:

- a. James Island PSD Updates:
District Manager Ashley Kellahan provided updates on
 - Wastewater capacity fee study
 - Harbor View Road sewer
 - Clark's Point sewer – Phase 1 completion by end of April, Phase 2 sewer connections by summer
 - Other capacity upgrades
 - Fire Department grand opening
 - Prescott street flooding
 - Cardboard must go in bins

- Bruce street plate for at least a few more months due to issues obtaining bids for manhole work.

Charleston County:

Devri Detoma provided an update on current County projects

- Dominion relocating power lines for Green Hill Road
- Sol Legare Park Bridge is reopening in February with completion in April.
- James Island Creek e-coli testing
- Fort Johnson and Camp roundabout utility relocations
- Maybank and Woodland Shores is 70% complete
- Future projects include rural road upgrades, Hollings Road, city golf course crossings, Country Club drive and Folly Road pedestrian improvements
- Dills Bluff Sidewalk phase 1
- Phase I of ReThink Folly Road sidewalk upcoming
- James Island County Park bike ped improvements bid 2nd Q 2026
- Nabors Drive awarded \$240,000. Town commitment is budgeted. Leslie Scardon noted that they are looking for \$215,000 needed from the City.
- Sol Legare sidewalk, meeting upcoming, up to \$9.5 million due to right-of-way issues.
- West Oceanview rocking, waiting for decision.
- Ft. Johnson resurfacing on hold until intersections are completed.
- Ft. Johnson sidewalks ongoing repairs.

City of Charleston

TST Sales Tax extension efforts continuing. Charleston, North Charleston, and Mt. Pleasant Mayors have met. James Island is proposed to receive 15% (\$240 million) of City funding based on population estimates.

Top four City projects are Folly and Maybank turn lane, Riverland and Maybank intersection, Harbor View partial raising on the causeway portion and other improvements, and Folly improvements complementing the road safety audit work.

County staff will develop project list. ReThink Folly work plan needs to be submitted.

Town of James Island

Mayor Brook Lyon provided updates on the following:

- New Council Members
- The Town is looking at new drainage projects and will continue to chip away at deferred maintenance issues
- This was the first the Town has heard of issues on Teal Avenue but we will investigate.

- Working with SCDOT for the Dill's Bluff Curve speed sign.
- Crosswalk painting at Camp and Dills Bluff and crosswalk improvements at Ft. Johnson and Mikell.
- Addressing Town Market parking and traffic congestion
- The Town is prepared for its share (\$235,000) of the Nabor's Drive sidewalk and the County has it's \$230,000. The City's share is needed to proceed.
- Ft. Johnson Project community update on March 3rd
- Upcoming events include open mic poetry reading tomorrow, Town Market on February 6th, Tree Conservancy tree giveaway on February 7th.

Comments from Philip Sexton from the Task Force on Flooding.

Ronald Ladson injected thanks for Council Member Honeycutt.

Charleston County School District:

Mayor Lyon reported for Dr. Carol Tempel:

- Harborview Elementary is a finalist for Palmetto's Finest Schools
- Stiles Point Elementary & Camp Road Middle School received "excellent" SC report card ratings
- James Island Elementary had 3 students with perfect scores on SC Math exam
- Murray-La Saine accepting applications
- Camp Road Middle School has an open house for the upcoming 6th grade parents
- The CCSD is exploring International Baccalaureate program
- James Island High School is an Advanced Placement Honor Roll school

8) Additional Comments:

Mayor Lyon thanked Dr. Mignano for doing such a fantastic job chairing the group for the past year.

Inez Brown Crouch gave praise to the Intergovernmental Council.

9) Closing Remarks:

Brenda Grant thanked the group and is very appreciative of the work on the sidewalks and lighting, specifically in the unincorporated areas.

Jenny Honeycutt pitched the TST programs and the upcoming ballot measure and how critical it is to extend.

Michael Williams thanked everyone and thanked Leslie Skardon for her hard work as a new City Council Member and County Council Member Honeycutt for her work.

Ronald Ladson thanked everyone for their contributions to James Island.

Troy Mullinex thanked everyone for their service and dedication.

Leslie Skarson echoed Ms. Honeycutt's comments on the TST efforts and need.

Marilyn Clifford said that this is a wonderful opportunity to get the agencies together and wished we had more entities in attendance.

Inez Brown Crouch thanked everyone for coming together.

Dr. Mignano thanked the audience and community leaders for attending and for their hard work in serving the citizens of James Island. It was her honor to serve as chair.

- 10) Next meeting is Wednesday April 29, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. here at James Island Town Hall.
- 11) Dr. Mignano adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.