FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
FAIRFIELD COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMPLEX
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - SECOND FLOOR - 250 N. WALNUT STREET
WINNSBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026
6:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** — Chairman Gilbert

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

4. **INVOCATION** — Mr. Don Goldbach

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** — Regular Meeting 8/10/26
   Special Call Meeting 8/31/26

6. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**
   - **A.** A Proclamation Recognizing the 100th Birthday of Ms. Eunice E. Gilbert
   - **B.** A Proclamation of Thanks to the Fairfield County Fire Department & Supporting Agencies

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:** All public comments made during this session will be limited to items, issues, and topics regarding Fairfield County. Each speaker will have three minutes for comments. The total time allocated for the public comment portion of the meeting is 30 minutes. Those wishing to make public comment must sign in to do so prior to the Council Chair calling the meeting to order. The Clerk to Council will make a public comment sign-up sheet available at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the meeting.

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**
   - **A.** Application and Expenditure for the 2026 JAG (Justice Assistance Grant) Funds. At this Public Hearing, Fairfield County will provide information concerning the proposed use of the funds in an identified program purpose area.

9. **ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS**
   - **A. Third & Final Reading Ordinance No. 856:** An Ordinance Authorizing Fairfield County Council to Declare a Twelve Month Temporary Moratorium on Data Centers in Fairfield County, South Carolina, to Invoke the Pending Ordinance Doctrine, and Other Matters Related Thereto.
   - **B. First Reading (By Title Only) Ordinance No. 857:** An Ordinance Establishing the Millage Rate for Fairfield County for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026.
   - **C. First Reading (By Title Only) Ordinance No. 858:** An Ordinance to Consider the Request to Amend the Fairfield County Land Management Ordinance No. 599 and the Related Zoning Map, to Provide for the Rezoning Classification from RD-1 (Rural Residential) to I-1 (Industrial) to Allow for the Establishment of an Industrial Park; TMS#: 183-00-01-024-000, 183-00-01-025-000, 183-00-01-026-000, and 200-00-00-092-000 Located at East Peach Road and Devils Race Track Road, Winnsboro, SC 29180. (Note: The Fairfield County Planning Commission Approved this Rezone Request).

D. **First Reading (By Title Only) Ordinance No. 859:** An Ordinance by Fairfield County to Exempt from Property Tax Forty-Two and 75/100 Percent (42.75%) of the Fair Market Value of a Watercraft and Its Motor Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 12-37-220(B)(38)(b), Including Limitations for Watercraft Classified for Property Tax Purposes as a Primary or Secondary Residence Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 12-37-224, and Other Matters Related Thereto.

E. **First Reading (By Title Only) Ordinance No. 860:** An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 854, The Fairfield County Budget Ordinance For The 2026-2027 Fiscal Year, So As To Authorize and Appropriate Funding For County Fire Services, Economic Development, Animal Shelter, Community Development And Other Matters Related Thereto.

F. **First Reading (By Title Only) Ordinance No. 861:** An Ordinance of the County Council for Fairfield County Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement By and Between Fairfield County, South Carolina and Project Comb to Provide for Payment of a Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Purchase and Sale Agreement By and Between Fairfield County and Project Comb; and Other Related Matters.

G. **First Reading (By Title Only) Ordinance No. 862:** An Ordinance to Consider the Request to Amend the Fairfield County Land Management Ordinance No. 599 and the Related Zoning Map, to Provide for the Rezoning Classification from I-1 (Industrial District) to RD-1 (Rural Residential District) to Allow for Residential Use; TMS#: 184-00-00-038-000 Located at 133 Dove Lane, Ridgeway, SC 29130; Owned By James Bairefoot. (Note: The Fairfield County Planning Commission Approved This Rezone Request).

H. **Resolution No. 2026-09:** A Resolution of Fairfield County Council Committing to Negotiate a Fee-In-Lieu of *Ad Valorem*Taxes Agreement Between Fairfield County and Project Comb; Identifying the Project; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES (For Information Only) **None**

11. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

A. Disabilities & Special Needs Board – Ronald Smith (D7)

12. OLD BUSINESS **None**

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. JAG Grant Approval – **ACTION ITEM**

B. Emergency Procurement Justification – **ACTION ITEM**

C. Private Road Name Request – Ruff N Tuff Drive/Pro Pallet (Winnsboro, SC) – **ACTION ITEM**

D. Surplus Properties Appraisals – **ACTION ITEM**

14. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Healthcare SC MLily Update

15. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT **None**

16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (The following statement provided in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act: Subsequent to Executive Session, Council may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session

A. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements involving the Fairfield County Transit System and the receipt of attorney-client privileged advice pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-70(a)(2).

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Rules of Public Comment

Fairfield County Government welcomes public input during appropriate times at County Council meetings. Such input will be allowed in the time, place and manner determined by the Chair of the County Council as the presiding officer. Persons wishing to speak must conduct themselves in the following manner:

Sign up at the appropriate time to speak, refrain from engaging in conduct or speech that seeks to disrupt or disturb the meeting, respect the time limit for the public comment, and refrain from personal attacks or personal statements about any individual(s). Such statements are disruptive because this part of our meeting is not conducive for such exchanges between individuals.

As stated, speakers are expected to express themselves within the time, place and manner previously described. Any violation will result in a warning from the Chair of County Council or the presiding officer. Any failure to heed the warning of the Chair or presiding officer will result in the violating speaker forfeiting their opportunity to finish speaking or to speak during the remainder of the meeting. Council welcomes the comments from members of the public and ask for the cooperation of everyone to allow for the orderly conduct of the people's business.