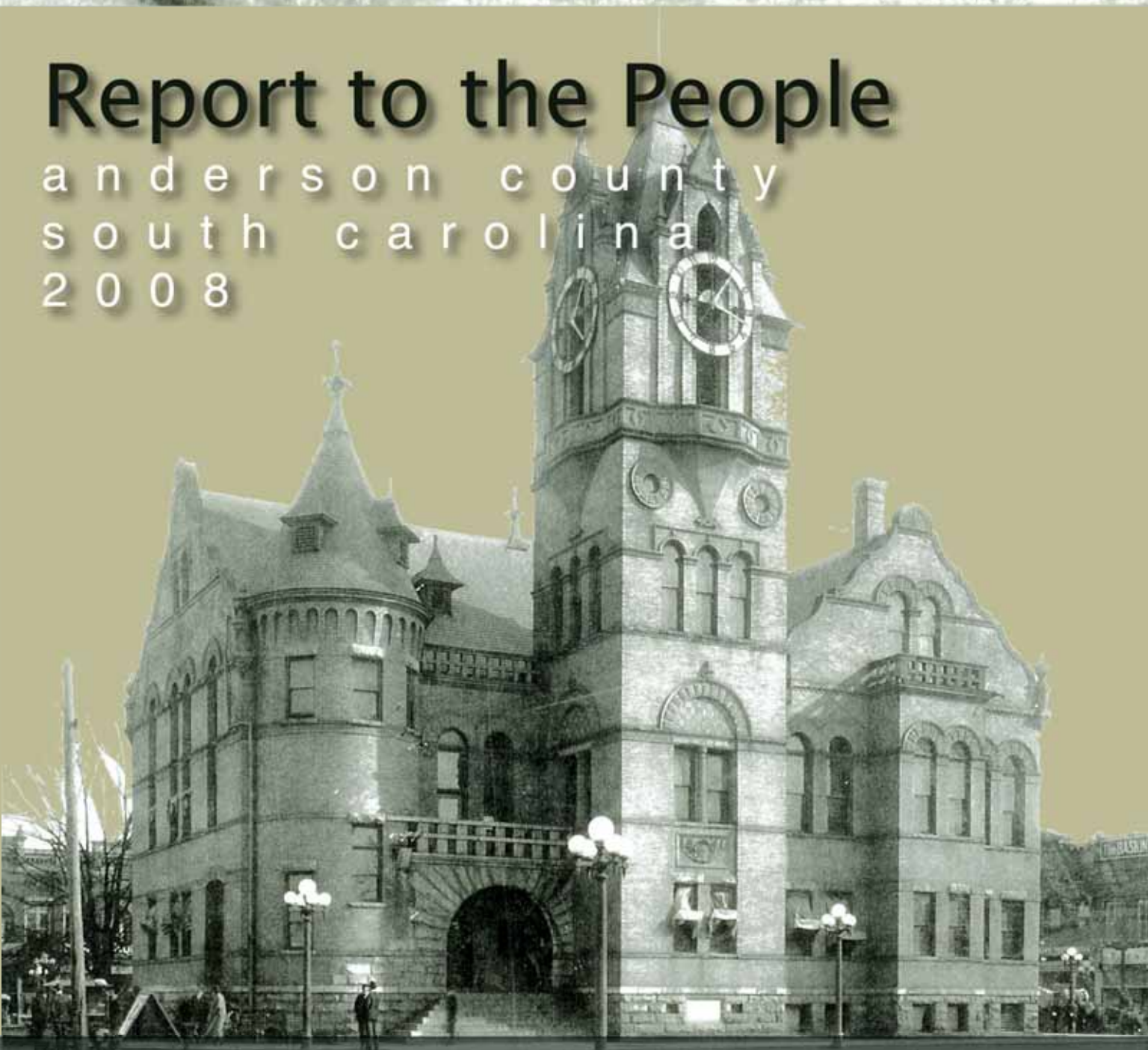


Report to the People

anderson county
south carolina
2008



HONORING OUR RICH HERITAGE

SUSTAINING OUR FUTURE

This Annual Report is filled with information about the County and services provided to residents. It is in no way an exhaustive document. If you need more information, you can visit the Anderson County Web Site:

www.andersoncountysc.org

Online Resources

Anderson County's web presence includes ACPASS, a portal for residents to view and interact with the County on matters dealing with: Real Property, Vehicle Tax, Property Tax, Court Dockets and Information, Permits and Forms.

Anderson County GIS maintains the Real Property Viewer which allows residents to view property in the County and find pertinent information about the properties.

The Web Site also has a link to the Municode site which houses an exhaustive list of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances.

Also available on the Web Site is a County event calendar, current news releases, updates and various information about Anderson County government.

For more information about Anderson County, call Anderson County Public Information at 864.260.1052 or visit us on the web at www.andersoncountysc.org.

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2008 Report to the People



This report highlights Anderson County's accomplishments during the 2007-2008 financial year. Our desire is to address local government's role as a leader in sustainability and issues that impact the viability and success of our county as well as the entire Upstate of South Carolina.

The first part of this Report is a synopsis of Anderson County government roles, responsibilities and functions. This includes our form of government, responsibilities of both elected and appointed officials and the vision statement and strategic objectives, as delegated by Anderson County Council members. Also included is a directory of division heads, a directory of services with contact information and an abbreviated financial overview.

The Report to the People integrates the vision as set forth by County Council, the Comprehensive Annual Report and our Budget, which were produced as separate documents. The report demonstrates our desire and obligation

to provide a transparent view of business practices, procedures and accomplishments.

REPORT BOUNDARIES & SCOPE

The scope of this report is limited to those indicators that are most relevant to the health of the county and an overview of the highlights included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. More in-depth financial documentation is available online at www.andersoncountysc.org.

INSURING SUSTAINABILITY

Anderson County also recognizes the responsibility to lead by example. We want to make wise choices that promote sustainable development and a prosperous future for our children and grandchildren.

We define sustainable development as "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Anderson County recognizes that collective action is needed if we are to maintain Anderson County's intrinsic qualities for current and future generations. We must plan and manage our public assets, infrastructure and resources in a way that supports sustainable development objectives and promotes the public interest.

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State and county officials celebrated the beginning of construction for the Dolly Cooper Park with a groundbreaking ceremony.

Message from the Administrator

The holiday season is a time for looking back over the year's accomplishments and the challenges of the approaching new year. As we reflect over 2007-2008, we are truly humbled by what Anderson County has accomplished together as a community.

During the past decade, Anderson has undergone a transformation not seen since the 19th century. We have accomplished unprecedented revitalization. South Anderson is undergoing a transformation with the progress of the Courthouse Annex and planned renovation of an unused, vacant shopping center into a Lowe's store, both of which will be anchors to ignite stability and growth.

Anderson County has seen an increase in the number of county businesses and jobs between 2007 and 2008, and our mix of business types, occupations and residences is diversifying. Earlier this year, our business family was joined by Cross Country Home Services which has currently brought \$3 million in investments and 175 jobs with the promise of an additional 175 jobs in the coming months. Life Stone Materials brought \$5.5 million in investment and 45 new jobs. With the addition of new industry, we have also witnessed the expansion of others such as Michelin whose expansion investment totals \$25 million.

Anderson County is the eighth largest county in regards to population in South Carolina. The S.C. Association of Counties reports population in Anderson County as 179,981. Current trends lead us to anticipate that the next 5 years will bring many more people wanting to call our county 'home.'

Anderson County has retained an AA credit rating from Standard & Poor's and the Aa3 rating from Moody's, two of the world's foremost providers of independent credit and risk analysis. Utilizing sound financial management practices, we are investing in a range of programs and infrastructure to ensure we maintain the quality of life our residents deserve. Our fiscally-sound practices and policies have ensured our stability, even in trying national times, and will continue to sustain us into a bright future.

The number of people visiting the county to shop, dine, access services and transact business on a daily basis is on a steady rise. In 2007, visitors spent approximately \$130 million, rising from \$125 million in 2006.

During the 2007-2008 financial year Anderson attracted a diverse range of community events such as the Great Southeast BalloonFest, BassMasters Classic, the 2008 Clemson Brick Forum and the Carolina Farm Stewardship Association's Annual Convention. Our county's reputation as a convention / conference venue is growing due to our professional atmosphere, the Anderson Sports & Entertainment Center's quality meeting space and our southern hospitality.

We approach the new fiscal year with enthusiasm, and we are on track to achieve the goals before us. We also remain aware of the challenges facing our organization and the local government sector. Recent events in the national financial market have moved us into challenging times. Rest assured, our staff remains diligent and will



continuously strive to provide the highest quality public services in the most cost-effective fashion. We will work to ensure our current economic success supports investment in infrastructure and public amenities that will enhance quality of life for everyone who lives in or accesses Anderson County.

Anderson County is positioned to be one of the Upstate's premier counties for living, working, visiting and investing. Anderson County is a leading organization and I congratulate our staff on their dedication, diligence, contributions and excellence in providing outstanding service to you, our stakeholders.

Congratulations to Michael Cunningham for accepting the role of Chief Executive Officer of the County. Michael is very capable and will do great things for the community.

I have been honored to serve the County for the past 12 years. I am confident in the prosperity we have enjoyed, due mostly to the dedication of the professional county staff. As for the future, I look forward to serving Anderson County as an active and engaged resident.

Joey R. Preston
Anderson County Administrator
1996 - 2008

ANDERSON COUNTY VOTERS

ANDERSON COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Voters elect officials and council members. Council members are elected every 2 years.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS
REPRESENTING 7 COUNCIL DISTRICTS

CLERK TO COUNCIL

Council appoints members to county boards & commissions that act as advisors to county divisions.

Council hires the Clerk to Council to maintain the agenda & minutes of meetings and assist with daily council duties.

Council hires the Administrator to implement their vision and strategic goals.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Using Council's strategic goals, the Administrator works with the county staff to arrive at an operational budget to submit to Council for approval. Once approved, implementation begins.

The Administrator hires and provides oversight for county staff in order to accomplish the vision, strategic plans and objectives of the council.

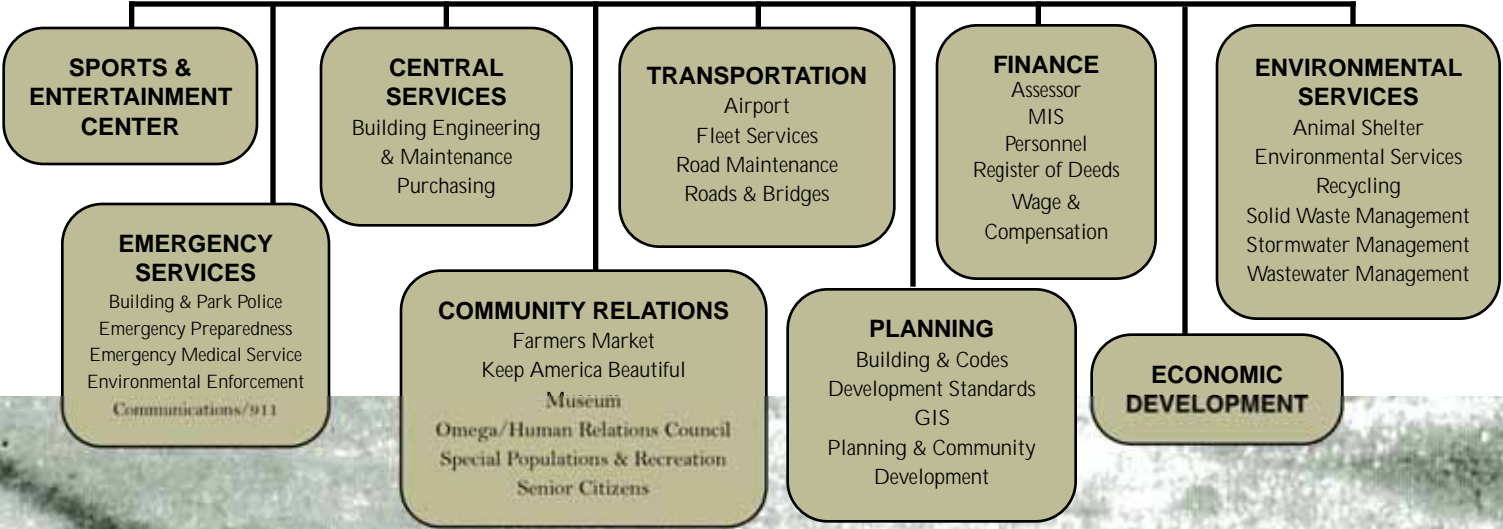
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR

COUNTY ATTORNEY

PUBLIC INFORMATION

County divisions work together to accomplish goals set by Council. Although individual divisions may be in the forefront of specific projects, projects are touched in some way by all county divisions.



County Council - Administrator Governance

Anderson County government operates using the Council-Administrator form of government.

The local legislative body responsible for setting vision, goals and policy, consists of seven members (County Council) representing the seven council districts. Once elected by the voters, Council members serve two-year terms. The Council engages two employees: the County Administrator and the Clerk to Council. Advisory boards and commissions are appointed by Council members from their respective districts.

The County Council

as a body, works to:

- Make policy that takes into account the diverse needs of the public and the local communities
- Review and approve both long-term and short-term strategic plans
- Implement policies that ensure resources are managed in a responsible and accountable manner in accordance to state and federal law.
- Serve as advocates for the interests of the local community to other communities and governments
- Actively partner with other municipalities within the county to help address their needs
- Encourage cohesion and active participation in civic life
- Promote positive relationships with other tiers of government

Council decisions are considered at regular or specially-called Council meetings. Meetings are open to the public and are held on the 1st and 3rd

Tuesdays of each month at 6 PM. Meetings take place in the Council Chambers on the 2nd floor of the historic Courthouse located at 101 South Main Street.

The Administrator works closely with council members, department directors, and managers. The administrator is appointed by council to be the administrative head/CEO of the county and is responsible for administration of all departments.

The Administrator:

- Executes the policies, directives and legislative actions of the council
- Coordinates operational agencies and administrative activities of county government
- Prepares annual operating and capital improvement budgets for submission to the council
- Supervises the expenditures of appropriated funds
- Prepares annual, monthly and other reports for council on finances and administrative activities of the county
- Provides oversight of county personnel policies including salary and classification plans approved by council
- Manages and provides oversight of employment and discharge of personnel
- Performs such other duties as may be required by the council

In addition to the 7 members of Council and the County Administrator, the county is currently served by more than 900 full and part-time employees.

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Overview of County Governance & Achievements

Each January, County Council gathers with staff to evaluate the year's progress and set priorities for the coming year. Staff then formulates a budget to fund Council's strategic goals. Once Council approves the budget, the County Administrator and staff begin implementation of the priorities.

Council's mandates for 2007 included provisions for public safety, economic development, improved infrastructure, and an enhanced quality of life for residents. With cooperation from all county divisions and working in harmony with Council, federal, state & local officials and outside agencies, we are witnessing the fruition of all these goals.

The 2nd annual **Great Southeast BalloonFest** affirmed the strong tradition of quality and success for which Anderson County is known. County staff collaborated with local businesses to plan, implement and fund the event, for both community enjoyment and economic development.

Great strides were made to improve public interaction by expanding and upgrading **online services** such as our upgraded property viewer and the ability to pay taxes, fees and fines via the web. For the first time, the County began accepting requests for proposals (RFPs) online.

Eight **new industrial sites/buildings** joined our business fabric in 2007. Investments include Crescent Biodiesel, a cutting-edge technology company that has further cemented partnerships with Clemson University and Anderson County. Economic Development continues to recruit and nurture industries to enhance quality of life while bringing jobs and investment to our region. We have pursued a marketing campaign to brand and showcase the opportunities available in Anderson County.

Since Anderson has its roots in Agriculture and is a long-time farming community, sustainable agriculture has risen to the forefront of initiatives. January's Upstate Sustainable Agriculture Summit at the Civic Center succeeded in laying a foundation for a farm to school program that will greatly benefit our local community.

Additionally, the **County's unemployment rate has dropped** 1 point (from 6.7% in FY06 to 5.7% in FY07.) This is lower than the State's 5.9% rate. Wages within Anderson County rose to \$13.48 from \$12.70 during FY07.

Anderson County completed the 2007 **Comprehensive Plan for Growth**, a model that allows for the smart growth that is needed while promoting advancement and conserving our farming community and the values accompanying it.

Completion of the **Beaverdam Creek Sewer Line**, a vital component of the County's 10 year comprehensive sewer plan, combined with county-wide storm water plan have us positioned for compliance with current and future federal/state sewer and storm water regulations.

Top priority for the Council was the acquisition of an 800 MHz system. After an in-depth study, staff recommended going with the State contract **Palmetto 800 MHz System** (Motorola). Council reviewed staff recommendations and approved. Implementation is currently underway.

Utilizing transportation engineering staff and our in-house bridge crew saved the county hundreds of thousands of dollars in bridge construction and repair. This, coupled with **Federal funds** allowed us to replace **McClellan Road Bridge** and **Fire Station**

Road Bridge at a substantial savings to the County. **Cox Road Bridge** replacement will begin early this year. The **Anderson Regional Airport** witnessed a dramatic increase in traffic and fuel sales due to the runway expansion. These factors brought the airport's financial standing into the black for the first time ever.

The success enjoyed during 2007 was due to the fiscally prudent decisions and policies of our Finance Division. For the 11th consecutive year, the County received an unqualified audit opinion and the **Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) award for financial reporting**. These factors resulted in our continued '**AA S&P and 'Aa3' Moody's bond ratings** which reflect the County's solid financial footing and assures lower interest rates on loans. Additionally, Anderson County functioned within the budget set and approved by County Council. **As a matter of fact, we spent only 95% of the general fund budget.**

Anderson County is an enticing, beautiful and exciting place to live, work and play. We are moving forward, keeping our roots firmly planted in the rich legacy with which we have been entrusted with while forging ahead to leave a foundation of prosperity for our children and grandchildren.

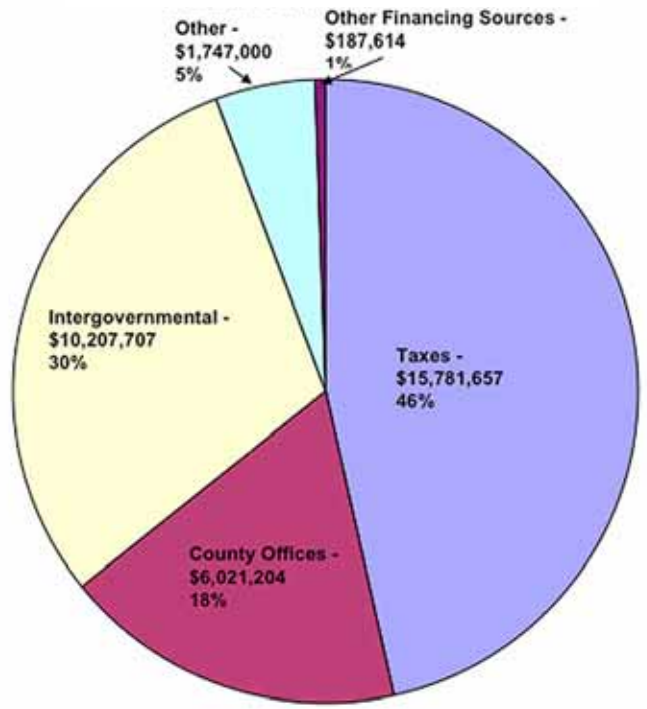


State of the County - Finances

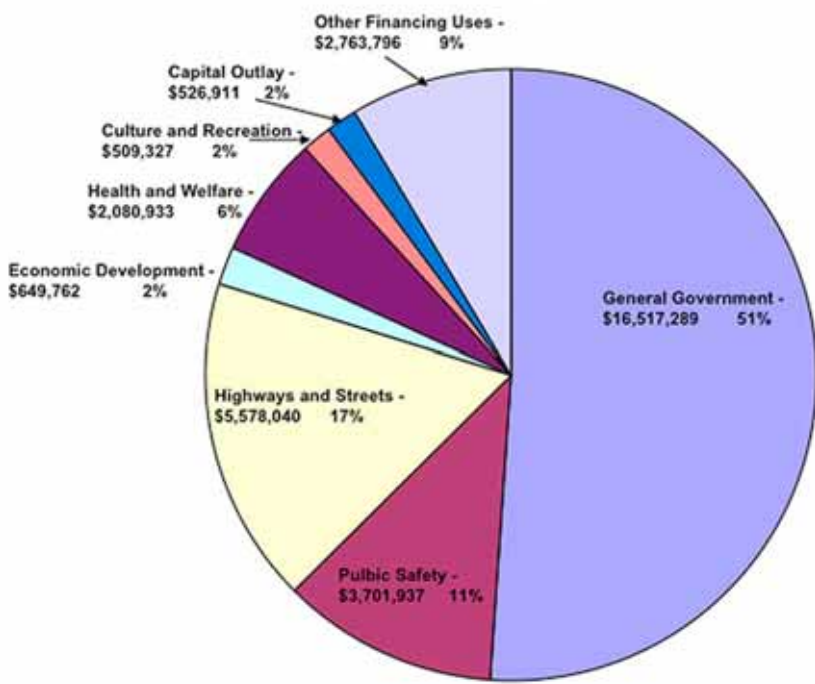
Source of Revenue

Source of Revenue	Amount
Taxes	\$15,781,657
County Offices	\$6,021,204
Intergovernmental	\$10,207,707
Other	\$1,747,000
Other Financing Sources	\$187,614
Total	\$33,945,182

Sources of Revenue from the FY2007 CAFR



Expenditures by Program from the FY2007 CAFR



Source of Expenditure

Source of Expenditure	Amount
General Government	\$16,517,289
Public Safety	\$3,701,937
Highways & Streets	\$5,578,040
Economic Development	\$649,762
Health & Welfare	\$2,080,933
Culture & Recreation	\$509,327
Capital Outlay	\$526,911
Other Financing Uses	\$2,763,796
Total	\$32,327,995

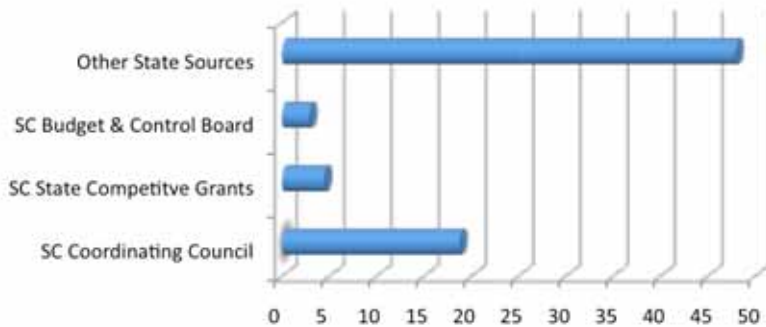
BUDGET COMPARISON FY 2007 to FY 2009

	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009
Fund Balance	9,996,225	13,279,630	14,728,415
Transfer In	8,857,010	7,949,895	8,422,320
Remaining Budget	95,083,090	101,263,780	125,894,760
Total Budget	113,936,325	122,493,305	149,045,495

The total fiscal year 2009 budget of \$149 million is an increase of \$26 million dollars from the fiscal Year 2008 budget. However, of this increase only \$126 million represents "new money" The remaining \$23 million represents usage of prior years fund balance, or savings from prior years (\$15 million) and transfer in of revenue from other funds (\$8 million). Fund balance represents savings from prior years that carry forward to future years that are available for appropriation. "Transfer in" represents a transfer of funds from one fund to another; it does not represent new revenue.

An example of a usage of fund balance for fiscal year 2009 is Fund 342. Proceeds from the 2007 General Obligation Bond (GOB) of \$7.3 million dollars was deposited into this fund in March of 2007. All of this money had not been spent by June 2008. Therefore, County Council appropriated the remaining balance of \$5.9 million dollars in order that these moneys could be spent to construct the new Courthouse Annex. However, the County did not issue a new GOB or get new revenue in order to construct this facility. They are merely spending money collected in a prior year. Thus, it is shown as a usage of fund balance.

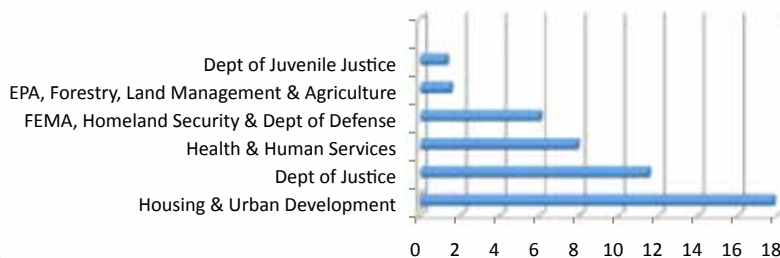
State Grant, Aid & Earmark Funding *in millions*



\$176 million in Grants, Earmarks and Aid flow into County

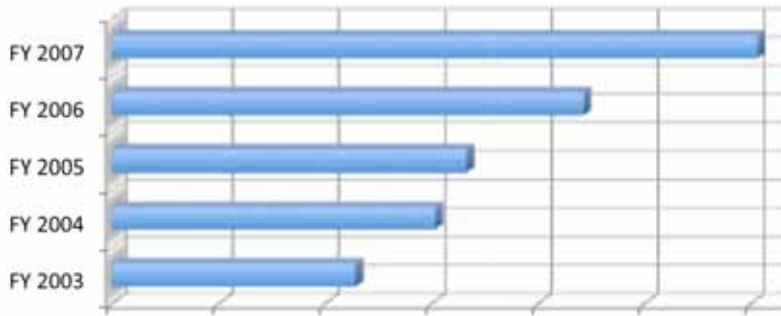
Anderson County Administrator Joey R. Preston has lead efforts to bring state and federal monies back home. During Preston's tenure, more than \$176 million has come into the County coffers to fund housing rehab, road-bridge runaway work, economic development, sewer infrastructure, emergency response and community appearance improvements.

Federal Grant, Aid & Earmark Funds *in millions*



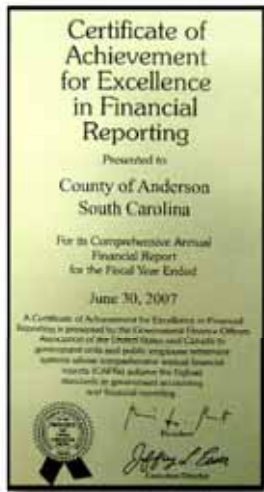
Additionally, the County has garnered some \$9.3 million in earmarked funds since 2002. Although some South Carolina lawmakers have lobbied against earmarks, Anderson County has obtained \$8,060,696 in federal earmarks and \$1,300,000 in state earmarks which have been designated for mass transit, road, bridge and sidewalk projects.

ANDERSON COUNTY NET ASSETS



Year	Net Assets Total
FY 2007	\$205,317,170
FY 2006	\$197,140,031
FY 2005	\$191,635,236
FY 2004	\$190,169,659
FY 2003	\$186,420,567

RECOGNITION FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCE



The GFOA recognized Anderson County for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award for the 11th consecutive year and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 3rd consecutive year.



Anderson County has maintained 'AA' Standard & Poor and 'Aa3' Moody's Investor Service ratings in spite of the downturn in the economy. Our excellent credit rating results in significant interest savings for Anderson County residents.

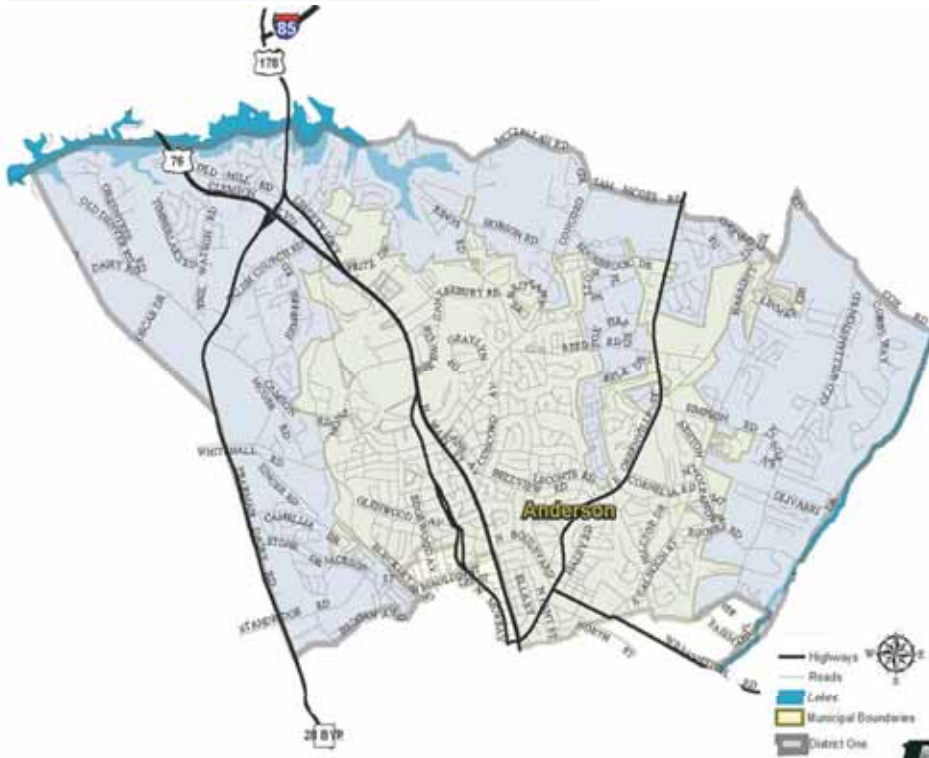


ANDERSON COUNTY BOND RATINGS

MOODY'S		STANDARD & POOR'S	
1979	A		
1997	A2	1958	A
1998	A1	1997	A+
2000	Aa3	2000	AA-
2006*	Aa3	2005	AA
2007*	Aa3	2007*	AA
2008*	Aa3	2008*	AA

*BOND RATING REAFFIRMED

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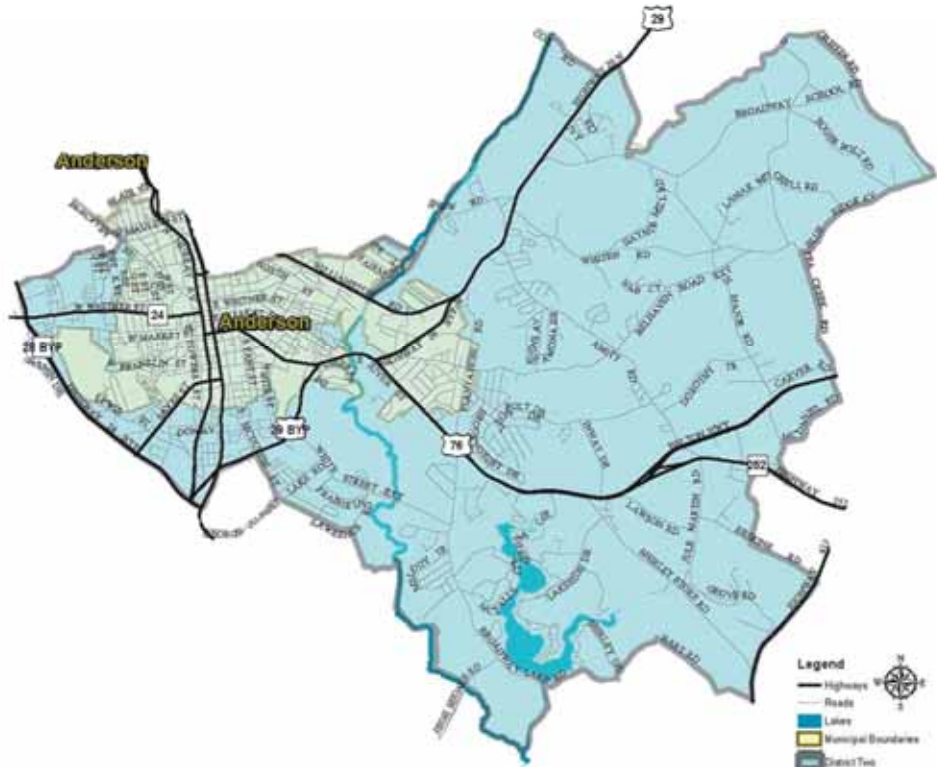


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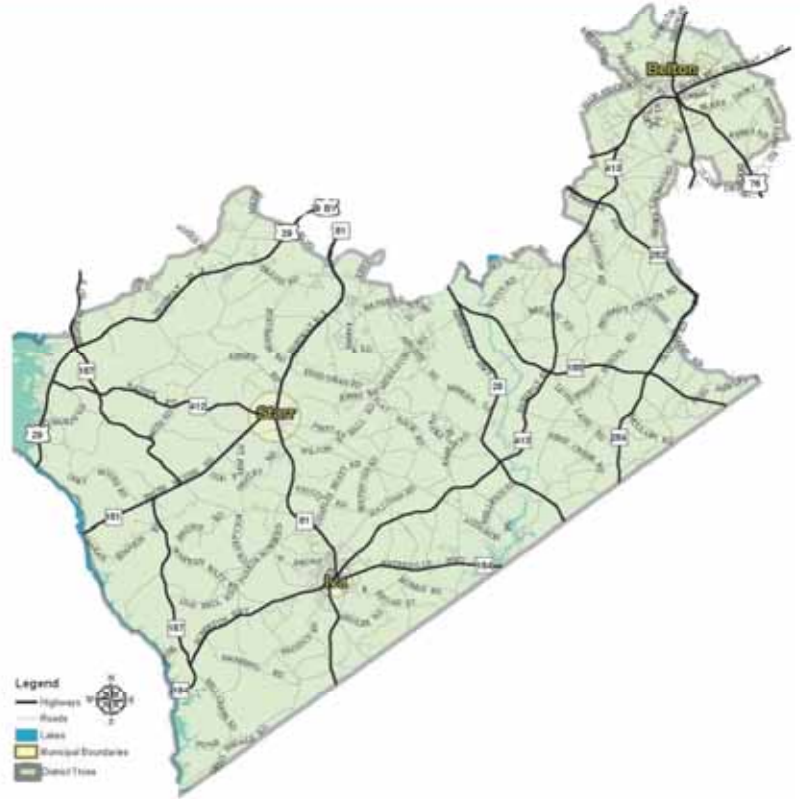


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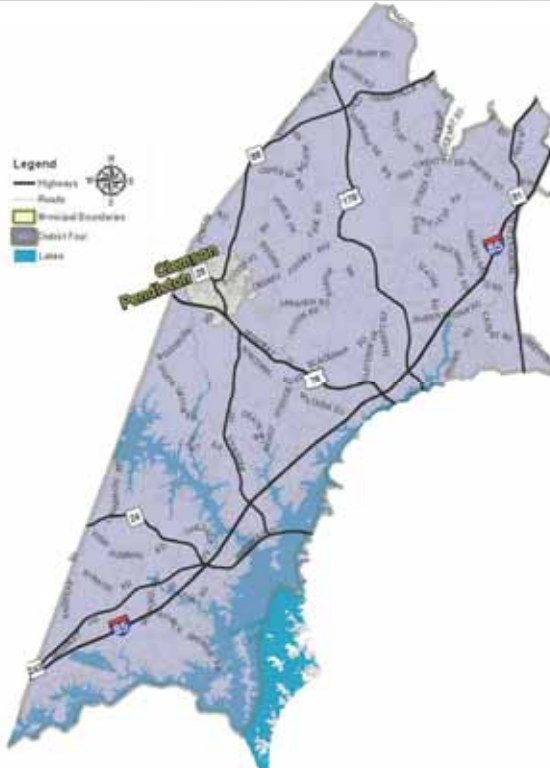


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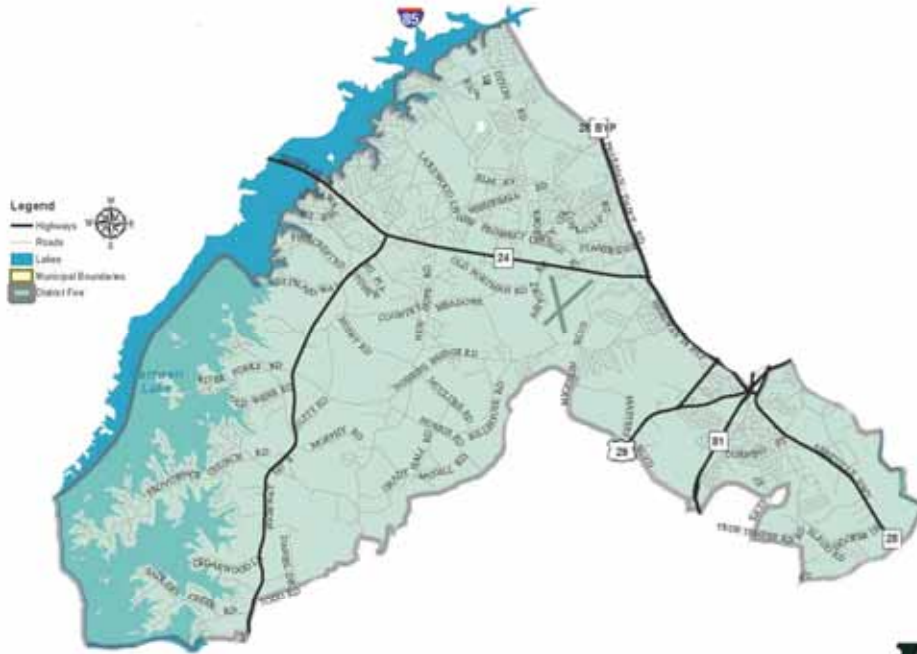
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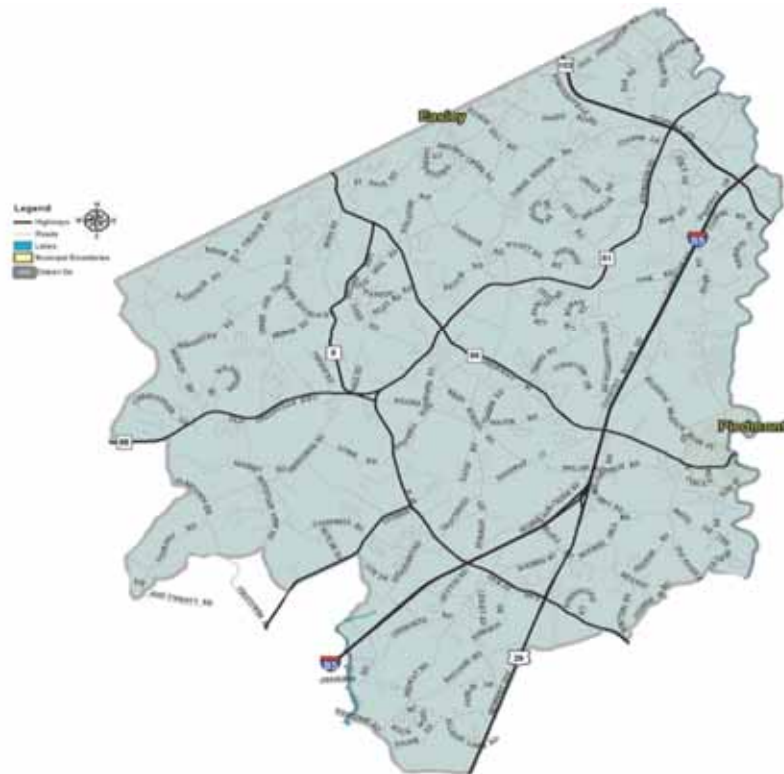
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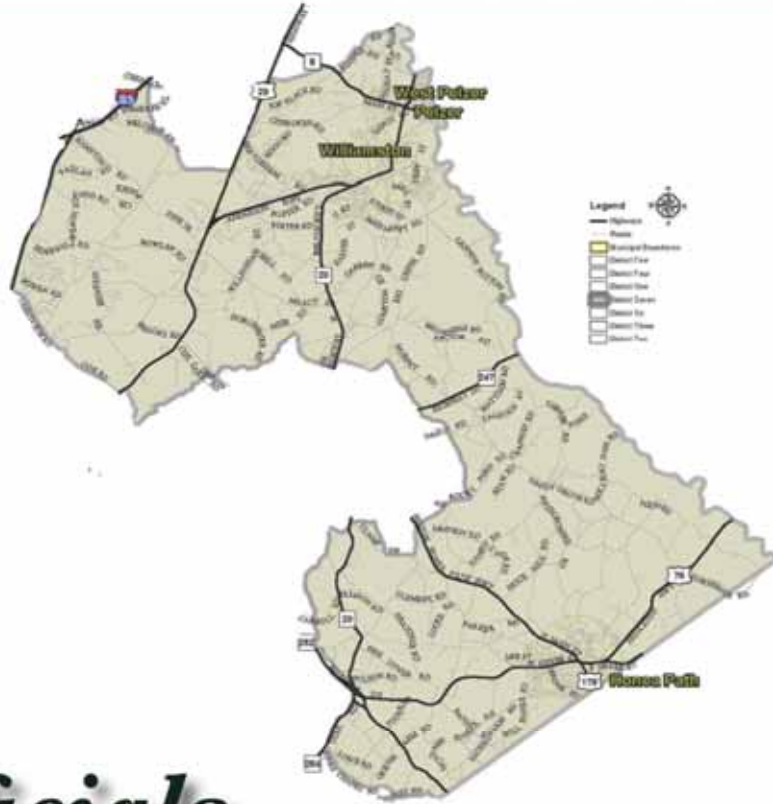
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ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL VISION

from the Annual Council Retreat

ANDERSON COUNTY OFFERS ITS RESIDENTS AND VISITORS A HEALTHY AND WHOLESOME LIVING ENVIRONMENT. THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT, MUNICIPALITIES, SURROUNDING JURISDICTIONS AND AGENCIES HAVE AN EXCELLENT RELATIONSHIP TO PROVIDE CREATIVE AND CHALLENGING WAYS TO DELIVER SERVICES. THE COUNTY EXCELS IN THE DELIVERY OF QUALITY HOUSING, RECREATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES, LIBRARY RESOURCES, AND ACTIVITIES AT THE ANDERSON SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT CENTER.



Anderson Sports & Entertainment Center

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

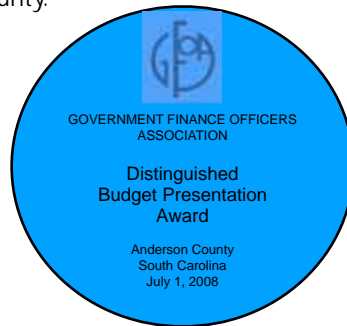
Anderson County will focus its efforts toward improving competition within our existing industry; recruiting, creating, and nurturing new industries that improve the quality of life of all our citizens. We will join with public and private agencies, organizations, and individuals to achieve a spirit of cooperation among all involved. A small business plan will be developed. Economic Development will balance the need for growth with the need to preserve and protect our quality of life. County Council understands the important linkage between economic development and countywide infrastructure improvements.

RECREATION

Anderson County will continue to review, update, and implement the Recreation Master Plan, to provide a level of park and recreation facilities that meets or exceeds the nationally recommended standards for our population. Cooperation with all appropriate public and private agencies, individuals and organizations will enrich this effort.

SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

The Sports and Entertainment Center is the cornerstone for the attraction of events that improve the quality of life for Anderson County citizens. It continues to be a significant factor in the attraction of business, industry, and tourism to the County.



FINANCIAL

We will continue to strive to provide the services our citizen's desire, as cost-effectively as possible. Our goal will be to maintain a strong, financial footing and plan ahead for our expenditures.



C O U N T Y - W I D E INFRASTRUCTURE

County Council understands the need for adequate infrastructure to meet the needs of its citizens and encourage economic development. Efforts will be made to enhance the water delivery system through development and implementation of a countywide water plan. A plan will be developed to ensure an adequate water supply for all communities in Anderson County, in conjunction with water services provided (encourage equity). County Council and staff will work with water service providers throughout the county, to facilitate development of a countywide water supply plan. Roads and bridges will continue to be expanded and upgraded to accommodate Anderson County's growing transportation needs, and mass transit will likely need to be expanded. Treatment capacities will be increased as defined in our 10-year sewer expansion plan. New Interceptor and trunk lines will be in either design or construction stages to accommodate growth for the next 20 years. The County will work to ensure access to rail services needed to sustain and encourage economic development.

COUNCIL VISION *continued...*



LIBRARY

We will implement a plan for continued upgrading and improvement of all branch facilities. Collections, both permanent and periodical, will meet the needs of a rapidly growing population.

PUBLIC SAFETY

We will provide effective emergency response through a state-of-the-art centralized call center. Public safety and law enforcement personnel will be continuously trained and retained in service by the County. All of our public safety officers will receive appropriate state and national certifications.

ENVIRONMENT

Programs will be developed to keep roadsides and waterways clean. Through education and information, recycling should become a staple word in every household in Anderson County. Solid waste stream will be reduced to meet or exceed state requirements.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Anderson County will develop, maintain, and closely monitor relations with all levels of government and public sector bodies. We will work to ensure the overall best interests of our citizens, but if those interests cannot be ensured, we will strive to provide the greatest degree of education and information possible.

COUNCIL / EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

Anderson County Council will provide consistently clear policy direction to a staff that prides itself in developing efficient and effective tools for accomplishing the will of Council. Staff will be appropriately recognized and rewarded. It is the goal of County Council that all employees will be treated with respect and dignity. Council will adopt policies that support this goal.



COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Anderson County will continue to pursue its goal of being recognized as one of the most open and progressive counties in South Carolina. The County's services, policies, programs, and events will be promoted in a way that encourages citizen and business involvement, which will enhance the quality of life for all in our county.

State, County and City Officials gathered with first responders to announce that helped fund the 800 MHz System.



Anderson County Farmers Market



Anderson County Sustainability

ECONOMIC

Anderson County has a range of programs aimed at sustaining the economic performance of the county, from recruiting complimentary industry and training courses with local universities to help businesses grow and develop. Economic Development has a website dedicated to attracting business and investment to Anderson County as well as listing coming events at advance2anderson.com.

Key incentives in place to guide the economic development of the County include:

- State Corporate Income Tax Incentives
- State and Local Property Tax Incentives
- Local Property Tax Abatement
- Fee-In-Lieu of Property Taxes Incentive
- Job Development Fee Incentive

You can read more about our approach and key achievements at advance2anderson.com.

Anderson County has a 10-Year Financial Strategy to guide the long-term financial development of the organization. The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and the budget provide the shorter term financial parameters for the organization.

Anderson County has a AA credit rating with global credit-rating agency, Standard and Poor and a Aa3 rating with Moody's Investor Service. These ratings are high grade/high quality and together, they ensure the County low interest on loans.

You can read more about our approach, performance targets and key achievements in the Comprehensive Report. available online at andersoncountysc.org.



ENVIRONMENTAL

Anderson County is an Upstate leader in environmental sustainability. We have

developed an impressive range of environmental policies and programs to create a more sustainable and livable county. These programs aim to improve the County's environmental performance, particularly by reducing energy consumption, recycling storm water, water consumption as well as improving water quality and waste management.

Key policies to guide the environmental sustainability of the county and the organization include:

- Waste Management Strategy
- Storm water Management Plan
- 10-year Sewer Plan

These policies set some ambitious targets for Council and the community to achieve over the next decade. You can read more about our approach, performance and key achievements online at andersoncountysc.org.



SOCIAL

Anderson County is committed to creating a safe workplace where people are developed, encouraged and motivated to perform at their best. As well as maintaining our commitment to Safety and Risk Management, the County strives to recognize outstanding employees who make a difference in the workplace. Once a month, an extraordinary individual is awarded 'Employee of the Month' during council meetings.



All staff and management undergo training in relation to these policies as part of our orientation program and there is ongoing training for managers and staff.

SOCIETY

As a local government authority, Anderson County takes its community responsibilities very seriously. As a democratically elected body, the Anderson County Council ensures it is not subject, either knowingly or inadvertently, to any kind of prejudice or discrimination towards employees or county residents.

Anderson County Human Relations Council provides diversity opportunities and programs to promote an inclusive attitude for its residents and employees:

- Diversity and Sensitivity training
- Dialogue Circle Training
- Diversity Curriculum approved by local school districts; abides by state education standards



County divisions worked together to accomplish

Economic Development/Growth & Sustainability Initiatives...

Council Objectives

<p><i>Attract and retain businesses to provide quality jobs and build tax base by providing infrastructure, incentives and resources</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared and released a RFP (request for proposal) for the Hartwell Lake Red Zone • Working toward completion of the 'Small Business Resource Guide' • Attracted new companies to Anderson County: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Ortec, Inc. ▶ Kensington Plantation ▶ Rosewood Parnters, LLC ▶ Life Stone Materials, LLC ▶ Cross Country Home Services ▶ Lowe's (28 bypass & Sayre Street) ▶ Crossroads Plaza ▶ Watson Engineering
<p><i>Redevelopment of vacant and abandoned businesses</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Country Home Services redeveloped the former Winn Dixie site on Highway 81, bringing an investment of \$3 million and 350 jobs • Lowe's has begun renovation on an abandoned shopping center on 28-Bypass & Sayre Street • The former Kroger site on River Street is being transformed into the new Courthouse Annex, which will open to the public in May 2009, providing a 'one-stop-shop' for residents to transact business with the County • Construction has begun on the historic McCants building, which will provide a permanent home to the Anderson County Special Populations and Special Olympics, in addition to the "Meals on Wheels Program" and the Anderson County Senior Citizens Recreation Program
<p><i>Research and pursue "green farming" initiatives</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successfully hosted the Upstate Sustainable Agricultural Summit in January 2008 • Pursued and strengthened relationships with agricultural partners: USDA, Clemson University Extension Office, Rural Development, local growers and others • Hosted the Carolina Farm Stewardship Association's Annual Convention in October 2008
<p><i>Seek alternative tax and revenue sources and maintain current level property tax rates</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared budget to achieve County Council goals & objectives • Pursued federal, state and other grant funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ \$176 million in alternative (grant, earmark and aid) funding received during the past 9 years
<p><i>Continue development of Anderson County's Comprehensive Plan</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraged community input in the planning process for county smart growth - infill development and urban redevelopment rather than "sprawl" • Working to continually improve building & codes/zoning procedures and enforcement of existing codes/laws • Continually building relationships with municipalities on planning for overall growth ensuring infrastructure needs are anticipated in the process
<p><i>Develop Park/ Recreation Master Plan to improve existing parks, recreation programs and facilities</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted planning sessions with related entities such as Keep America Beautiful of Anderson County, Special Populations, Senior Citizens and other stakeholder organizations to ensure completeness and inclusiveness of the plan • Completed Wren School Sidewalks Project aided by funds from SCDOT and "Safe Routes to School" grants • Parker Bowie Sports Complex is currently under construction • Dolly Cooper Park is currently in the design and bid process with construction to begin in December 2008

Provide foundational infrastructure and make necessary improvements to existing infrastructure

- *Wastewater Management*
 - ▶ *Continued implementation of the 10-year sewer plan*
 - ▶ *Reviewed Western Carolina Sewer Authority agreements with municipalities to ensure long-term and future needs are met*
 - ▶ *Powdersville Area Wastewater Infrastructure Plan is in process*
- *Storm Water Management*
 - *Developed storm water management plan*
 - *Hosted the Storm Water Symposium to educate and train developers and residents about future EPA & SCDHEC mandates that will affect the county*
 - *Completing development of web site, brochures and marketing materials to educate and provide resources*
- *Roads & Bridges*
 - ▶ *Completed update of the county-wide Road Plan*
 - ▶ *Exploring alternative funding sources for road improvement, bridge replacement, biking trails and mass transit (funding from state, federal sources as well as the Capital Project Sales Tax on Referendum in upcoming election)*
 - ▶ *Fire Station Road Bridge replacement completed*
 - ▶ *Brown Road Bridge and roadwork completed*
 - ▶ *Crestview Road Culvert replaced*
 - ▶ *Cox Road Bridge in progress*
 - ▶ *Colorado Lane Culvert and roadwork completed*
 - ▶ *Completed replacement of the Sam Turner Road Bridge*
 - ▶ *Replaced the Spearman Road Culvert and completed Phase I of road widening*
 - ▶ *Re-Paving/Re-sealing*
 - ▶ *Starr Fire Department Parking Lot resealed and striped*
 - ▶ *Williford Fire Department Parking Lot resealed and striped*
 - ▶ *Centerville Fire Department Parking Lot resealed*
 - ▶ *Belton Honea-Path Water Authority Parking Lot*
 - ▶ *Grove Fire Department Parking Lot*
- *Water & Sewer*
 - ▶ *Starr-Iva water system extension using community development block grant funds - \$500,000*
 - ▶ *Completed the Beaverdam Creek Sewer Line*
 - ▶ *Completed Highway 81/86 PS & FM Project and awaiting permit to operate*

Provide and maintain first-rate county government facilities in a professional, cost-effective manner

- *Exploring avenues to provide new mental health facilities*
- *Completed expansion of the Region I Health Department*
- *Celebrated groundbreaking for the Courthouse Annex which will serve as a "one-stop shop" with adequate parking and handicap accessibility for county residents - The Courthouse Annex will provide office space for departments currently housed in the Courthouse (moving non-related court offices will provide a better level of security)*
- *Building security plan is well underway with the historic courthouse being outfitted with metal detection and accompanying computer equipment*

<p><i>Upgrade library facilities</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed the Powdersville Library & Government Center • Continue with Phase III of the County Library Plan • Expanded library services to include the Jonathan Gambrell Teen Room, the addition of two new online databases (Ancestry Library Edition and Mitchell One), an After School and Summer Reading Programs for children, a 'Story-telling Festival,' expansion of public programming which includes computer classes and legal workshops • Increased circulation 10% since 2006-07; the 182 library computers served 385,903 residents; hosted 450 children's programs with 8,900 citizens attending
<p><i>Promote the Sports and Entertainment Center and William A. Floyd Amphitheater</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 37,000-square foot Civic Center of Anderson -- home to concerts, conventions, banquets, receptions, meetings, and other special events -- boasted over 300 event days, while the 64-acre Anderson Sports Center hosted over 175,000 local residents for organized recreation activities, including soccer, baseball, softball, tennis, cross country, and more • Major concerts of all genres at the William A. Floyd Amphitheater brought in thousands of local residents and visitors from across the Southeast. The overall complex attracted an estimated 777,500 visitors during year • Celebrated the 2nd successful Great Southeast BalloonFest/Celebrate Anderson • Hosted the Balloon Federation of America's National Championships • Successfully captured convention business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clemson Brick Forum was in October 2008 • Carolina Farm Stewardship Association's Annual Convention was in October-November 2008 • SC Sons of Confederate Veterans Annual Convention - coming in March 2009 • National Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans - coming in 2010
<p><i>Provide adequate space to house a growing inmate population in a safe and cost effective manner</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently investigating avenues for expansion of Detention Center
<p><i>Develop partnerships to achieve cooperation in all economic development endeavors</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperated with TCEP – Tri-County Economic Partnership to facilitate partnerships with private developers for the creation of Industrial Parks in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liberty Bay • I-85 At Dobbins Bridge Road I-85 At Cherokee Rd. • Betsy Tucker • Expansion and Certification of Standpipe Industrial Park
<p><i>Provide quality airport facility that meets business & general aviation needs and supports economic development</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing marketing materials for industrial properties on-site • Completed SC Department of Commerce's site certification process, resulting in a 'Site Certified' Airport Industrial Park • Secured additional hangars to accommodate additional aircraft • Seeking federal funding to facilitate improvements to accommodate 'heavier' aircraft • Hosted the 2008 Air Show featuring the Canadian Snow Birds

County divisions worked together to accomplish Environmentally Responsible Initiatives...

Council Objectives

<p><i>Neighborhood Improvement</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anderson County/City Home Consortium informed the public about \$1 million in Housing Grants provided by HUD and posted the application online at www.andersoncountysc.org. • Council & staff worked together to start Community/Neighborhood Taskforces to combat gang activity, graffiti cleanup, prevent litter and aid law enforcement in preventing crime • Budgeting and scheduling have been completed for demolition of an abandoned hotel and 20 dilapidated dwellings
<p><i>Provide educational materials and programs for residents concerning environmental issues</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three Shred Days were organized by Public Information Office to promote air quality initiatives and provide opportunities to recycle refuse rather than put in landfill or incinerate • Keep America Beautiful, Environmental Services and Emergency Services organized Tarp Your Load campaign to educate the public and provide low cost tarps to residents • Environmental Services organized Stormwater Symposium to provide education and training about stormwater guidelines and worked with Public Information to begin work on a web site for educational and compliance purposes • Environmental Services offered Earth Camp to students wanting to learn about our environment • Beautification Project for Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (8,300 bulbs) • Maintained status of Tree City USA County since 2003 (5th anniversary) • Supported annual Arbor Day Proclamation
<p><i>Mill Site clean up & redevelopment</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnered with the SC National Guard to reclaim Brownfield sites - Toxaway Mill & Gossett Mill Sites • Successfully prepared grant applications that resulted in \$400,000 toward the cleanup of these former mill sites • Phase II - environmental assessment and cleanup plan for Toxaway & Riverside Mill properties is underway
<p><i>Animal Shelter expansion of facilities & services</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researched & pursuing expansion of the Animal Shelter and a spay/neuter clinic - Groundbreaking scheduled in December 2008 • Animal Shelter visited community venues to educate the public and provide opportunities to adopt pets • Fostering partnerships with citizen-groups and related organizations for a long-term animal shelter solution
<p><i>Expand recycling efforts. Continue efforts to reduce litter. Explore alternative revenue sources to fund solid waste operations. Develop and present to Council proposed actions to be taken to reduce or eliminate the use of County convenience centers by non-county residents</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clyde Spearman Recycling Center was opened to the public in 2008 • Environmental Services submitted Budget 2009 priorities and were approved for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manse Jolly Road Convenience Center • Slabtown Convenience Center • Friendship Convenience Center • Craytonville Convenience Center • Agnew Road Convenience Center • Environmental Services devised policies and procedures to eliminate/reduce non-county resident use of county-owned facilities - implementation will follow • Annual Litter Index was conducted; the county score improved • New Solid Waste & Recycling Brochure was developed, printed and distributed at convenience centers • Recycled more than 25,000 telephone books • Initiated special 6-month community recycling program for paper & cardboard (proceeds with benefit beautification projects) and maintained recycling programs in cooperation with county schools

County divisions worked together to accomplish Sound Financial & Public Safety Initiatives...

Council Objectives

Maintain & improve efficiency in delivery of services

- Reviewed county services to ensure necessity and desirability
- Greene, Finney & Horton issued unqualified, clean audit
- Standard & Poor's reaffirmation of AA bond rating
- Moody's reaffirmed bond rating
- GFOA Budget Presentation Award
- GFOA CAFR Award
- Provided more accessibility to services via the county web site
 - online payment system & budgeted for tax payment kiosk in near future
 - GIS Mapping - Online property viewer
 - monthly financial reports, Budget, Comprehensive Annual Report, presentations to council, etc. posted online
 - Assessor forms online
- Divisions pursuing accreditation with American Public Works Association (for training and streamlining processes)
 - Transportation Division
 - Environmental Services
 - Building & Grounds

Seek alternative revenue sources and monitor for unfunded mandates, etc.

- Monitored state & federal legislative activity to ensure equitable distribution of funds to county
- Acquired grants, aid and earmarks to fund county projects

Prepare and distribute financial documents

- Prepared monthly financial reports for council and posted online
- Prepared Budget document and hosted budget workshops for County Council, staff and the public

Council Objectives

County divisions worked together to accomplish Public Safety/Emergency Services Initiatives.



Provide quality, reliable and financially-sound emergency services including the pursuit of 800 MHz radio system and Amber Alert messaging system

- Developed and Implemented B.E.A.S. (Billboard Emergency Alert System) and F.A.S.T. (First Alert System Text) both are fed by the Reverse Notification System
- Researched and made recommendations to approve and purchase the Palmetto 800 MHz System and emergency notification systems for County
- Pursued and acquired \$3,196,394 in grants & additional funding to aid in the upgrade of county equipment & improving county response times and services in order to protect the public
- Planned & implemented security management for Anderson County Public Library System
- Began process of accreditation; installing software used by (CALEA) Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies
- Reorganized training program to include outside agencies; improving participation & knowledge
- On-going improvement to the Continuity of Operations Plan for Anderson County

Continue development of Centralized Emergency Dispatch

- Acquired land for 400' transmission tower to equip the 800 MHz system
- Strengthened relationships with public safety entities to prepare and train for emergencies

County divisions worked together to accomplish Quality of Life Initiatives...

Council Objectives

Promote harmonious relations, a healthy spirit of community, respect and understanding among all residents and visitors

- Human Relations Council, in cooperation with community organizations hosted the Annual "Be The Link for Diversity" forum
- Created "Black History Month" display at Library featuring black veterans
- Trained several hundred youth on the "Diversity in Olympics" curriculum in schools & art camp

Attract, retain, motivate and develop quality and enthusiastic employees

- Personnel works with AnMed Health to provide the annual Health Fair for county employees
- Insurance changes and benefits are provided to employees electronically as well as inter-office mail
- Annual Christmas Dinner provides an opportunity for leadership to thank employees for a job well done
- Employee of the Month program recognizes an outstanding employee during council meetings monthly

Enhance opportunities for citizen involvement in local government. Explore possibility of making all Council meetings available to cable providers. Provide more & better seating for citizens at Council Meetings

- Audio-visual/computer equipment in Council Chambers has been upgraded
- New microphones for citizen comments/speakers were purchased and are in use
- Council meetings are aired the night following meetings on cable television
- Council Agendas & Minutes are available online via the web site: www.andersoncountysc.org

Maintain a Boards & Commissions structure that best serves the needs of Anderson County and update as necessary

- The Boards & Commissions structure is in place - members are appointed by Council from their respective districts to serve terms. The list is maintained by the Clerk to Council and provided online at www.andersoncountysc.org.

Provide an excellent quality of life for residents of Anderson County

- Working with Corp of Engineers and Lake Hartwell residents to preserve and protect the Lake, County Waterways and the Savannah River Basin
- Recruited events, conventions and activities for the Sports & Entertainment Center
- Partnered with County Council, county staff, Legislative Delegation, community organizations and individuals to host the 2nd Annual Great Southeast BalloonFest, Celebrate Anderson and the Balloon Federation of America's National Championships during Labor Day Weekend
- Promoting civic involvement through Community Relations, the Farmer's Market & Farmer's Market Pavilion, Human Relations/Omega, Anderson County Museum, Special Population, Anderson County Senior Citizens Program, Keep America Beautiful of Anderson County and Environmental Services
- Partnered with like-minded organizations such as Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce, Anderson Arts Center, the Appalachian Council of Governments, Army Corp of Engineers and the Legislative Delegation to pursue, support and maintain quality of life initiatives for Anderson County residents
- Currently progressing with the Parker Bowie Sports Complex and Dolly Cooper Park Sports Complex
- Second Annual BalloonFest brought direct economic impact of \$6.5 million
- The Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Program distributed 17,000 vouchers for fresh, local produce to Anderson County seniors at local Farmers Markets
- Anderson County Outreach Entertainers, a local traveling variety show of seniors, performed 52 community events
- Senior Citizens Program provides opportunity for seniors to participate in weekly bridge games and tournaments
- See also Recreation Plan and Library Plan



Hot Air Balloons filled the skies over Anderson County during the Great Southeast BalloonFest and the BFA National Championships.

DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

Abuse - The Sunshine House	225.8586	Fire Department - County	260.4016	Road Maintenance	260.4342
Adoptions - Family Court	260.4037	Hispanic Outreach of SC	803.419.5112	Senior Citizens Program	231.2237
ADR Coordinator - Mediator	260.4683	Hospital - AnMed Health	261.1000	Septic Tank Permits	260.4179
Agricultural Use - Assessor	260.4028	House Numbering	260.4392	Sewers	260.5569
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	260.4168	Housing Resource Board	231.2231	SCDOT	260.2215
Animal Complaints	260.4646	Housing Authority - HUD	260.5120	Sheriff's Office - Anderson	260.4400
Animal Shelter	260.4151	Humane Society	225.9855	Sheriff's Office - Powdersville	233.1158
Annulments - Family Court	260.4037	Human Relations Council	260.1042	Sign Permits	260.4719
Art Center Warehouse	222.2787	Hurricane Public Information	866.246.0133	Small Business Development	656.3227
Assessor's Office	260.4028	Immigration & Naturalization	843.849.3737	Solicitor's Office	260.4046
Auditor's Office	260.4027	Internal Revenue Service	864.284.9097	Social Security Office	231.7057
Background Checks	260.4053	Job Service	226.6273	Soil & Water Conservation	224.2126
Bad Weather-Closings	260.5575	Jockey Lot	224.2027	Solid Waste	260.1001
Bench Warrants- Magistrate	260.4156	Judgements - Clerk of Court	260.4053	Special Populations	260.4142
Better Business Bureau	864.242.5052	Jurors for Circuit Court	260.4053	Sports & Entertainment Center	260.4800
Bids - County work -	260.4132	Juvenile Justice	260.4041	Starr C & D Landfill	260.1001
Birth Certificates - Health Dept.	260.5667	Juvenile Matters - Family Court	260.4037	Stray animal pickup	260.5576
Board of Education	225.0591	Keep America Beautiful	222.6628	Street Signs - County	260.4342
Bonds - Clerk of Court	260.4053	Lawsuits - Clerk of Court	260.4053	Summary Court	260.4156
Building & Codes	260.4158	Legal Services	226.7216	Traffic Tickets - Summary Ct	260.4156
Burning Permits - Forestry	800.895.7059	Legislative Delegation	260.4025	Treasurer's Office	260.4033
Business Development	656.3227	Library - Anderson	260.4500	Treasurer's Office - Powdersville	295.4974
Business License - call municipality		Library - Belton	338.8330	Tresspassing	260.4156
Chamber of Commerce	226.3454	Library - Honea Path	369.7751	Trash Reports	260.4190
Child Custody - Family Court	260.4037	Library - Iva	348.6150	Unemployment Office	226.6273
Civic Center	260.4800	Library - Pendleton	646.3923	United Way	226.3438
Clemson Area Transit	888.440.2287	Library - Piedmont	845.6534	Vehicle Tax - Auditor	260.4027
Clemson Extension Service	226.1581	Library - Powdersville	295.1190	Veteran's Affairs	260.4036
Clerk of Court	260.4053	Liens - Register of Deeds	260.4054	Victim's Advocate	231.1761
Convenience Center Info	260.1001	Litter Hotline	260.1088	Vocational Rehabilitation	224.6391
Convention & Visitor Bureau	716.3660	Marriage License - Probate	260.4049	Voter Registration	224.4035
Coroner's Office	260.4057	Master-In-Equity	260.4052	Wastewater Management	260.4023
County Council Office	260.4062	Meals on Wheels	225.6800	Web MAnagement	260.1052
Credit Bureau	226.7601	Medicaid - Social Services	260.4100	WIC - Health Dept	260.5637
Death Certificate - Health Dept.	260.5541	Mental Health	260.2220	Worker's Comp.	803.737.5700
Deeds - Register of Deeds	260.4054	Mortgage - Register of Deeds	260.4054	Yard Sale Permit	231.2217
Detention Center	260.4363	Mosquito Spraying	260.1001	Youth Association	225.1628
Dept of Social Services	260.4450	Museum	260.4737	Zoning	260.4719
DHEC	260.5541	Noise Complaints	260.5576		
Digging - before you dig	888.721.7877	Notary	260.4025		
Disabilities & Special Needs	260.4515	Passports - Post Office	226.1595		
Divorces - Family Court	260.4037	Planning Division	260.4043		
Domestic Abuse - Family Court	260.4037	Plats - Register of Deeds	260.5054		
DNA Testing - Family Court	260.4037	Pre-Trial Intervention - Solicitor	260.4046		
DNR - Natural Resources	654.8266	Probate Court	260.4049		
Drivers License	260.2206	Probation Office	260.2230		
Driveway Aprons	260.4342	Property Lines	260.4719		
DVM -Anderson	260.2205	Property Taxes - Auditor	260.4027		
DVM -Belton	338.9327	Public Defender	260.4048		
Economic Development	260.4386	Public Information	260.1052		
Emergency Services/Public Safety	260.4646	Purchasing	260.4164		
Employment Office	226.6273	Real Estate Tax - Assessor	260.4028		
Estates - Probate Court	260.4049	Recycling Education Center	260.1001		
Evictions - Magistrate	260.4156	Recycling Information	222.6628		
Family Court	260.4038	Register of Deeds	260.4054		
Farmers Market & Pavilion	231.1924	Restraining Order- Magistrate	260.4156		
FHA	226.1581	Rights of Way	260.4054		





On May 23, County Administrator Joey Preston announced the receipt of a \$2 million grant from SLED's 2007 Public Safety Interoperability Communications Grants Program. These funds are being used to continue implementation of Anderson County's 800 MHz Project.



Anderson County Councilmen Ron Wilson dedicated the Fire Station Road Bridge during the January 9th ribbon cutting ceremony. After the ceremony, an Anderson County fire truck passed over the bridge for the first time since the previous bridge's weight limit and width prevented traffic from fire trucks



Anderson County completed the Sam Turner Road Bridge and re-opened it to the public. County officials celebrated the completion with a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 4 after which a fire truck from Grove Station #18 crossed



Anderson County Councilman Bill McAbee was joined by Councilmen Bob Waldrep and Larry Greer for the ribbon cutting ceremony which marked the re-opening of McClellan Bridge to the public. McClellan Bridge was the first federally funded, in-house managed, in-house designed and in-



Anderson County and City officials gathered for a ribbon cutting ceremony welcoming Cross Country Home Services to their new home- the 36,000 square-foot renovated Winn Dixie Building in the Windsor Place Shopping Center. Cross Country brought 350 new jobs and investments totaling \$3 million into Anderson County.



Anderson County Councilman Larry Greer, County & City officials gathered for a ribbon cutting ceremony dedicating the expansion of Region I Health Department.



Anderson County Councilman Larry Greer welcomed residents to the groundbreaking ceremony for the Parker Bowie Sports Complex.

ANDERSON COUNTY: A GREAT PLACE



Anderson County Councilmembers Gracie Floyd and Michael Thompson broke ground for Kingston Pointe II and the Pointe at Bayhill on June 19. These developments will provide 84 units for single families and elderly residents.

The Wren Schools Sidewalks Project. Project was funded by a \$200,000 grant from SCDOT, \$50,000 from District 6 Paving fund, \$35,000 in state gas tax money and \$75,000 from the school district.

On April 9, Anderson County Councilwoman Gracie Floyd announced the receipt of two EPA Grants totaling \$400,000, which will support Textile Communities Revitalization of the Old Riverside, Taxaway and Appleton Mills.



More than 300 residents gathered to celebrate the grand opening of the Powdersville Library & Government Center in District 6.



Anderson County Councilwoman Cindy Wilson welcomed guests to the ribbon cutting ceremony marking the completion of the Beaverdam Creek Sewer Line.



Anderson County Council Chair Michael Thompson worked with Public Information and the Anderson Independent to host three Shred Days to further facilitate the County's Clean Air Initiatives. Shredding keeps excess debris from going into the landfill and gives residents an option rather than burning. The Shredded Material is recycled.

For the fifth year, Anderson County hosted the 2008 Special Olympics Fall Games. More than 900 athletes gathered for Opening Ceremonies to light the flame signifying the beginning of the athletic competition, which included golf, roller-skating, flag football, soccer, bocce, volleyball and tennis.



TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY

MARCH '09

- 3, 17 — County Council Meetings (6 pm)
- 15 — St. Patrick's Day
- 27 - 29 — HP SCV Battle of Anderson (9 am - 5 pm)
- 27 - 29 — [ACSEC] Shrine Circus

APRIL '09

- 2, 9, 16, 23 — [Downtown Anderson] Downtown Sounds
- 7, 21 — County Council Meetings (6 pm)
- 21 - 22 — [Downtown Anderson] Soiree

MAY '09

- 5, 19 — County Council Meetings (6 pm)
- 11 — Confederate Memorial Day - County Holiday
- 7, 14, 21, 28 — [Downtown Anderson] Downtown Sounds
- 25 — National Memorial Day - County Holiday

JUNE '09

- 2, 16 — County Council Meetings (6 pm)
- 20 — [Downtown Anderson] Main St Car Show
- 4, 11, 18, 25 — [Downtown Anderson] Downtown Sounds

JULY '09

- 3 — Independence Day Holiday - County Holiday
- 7, 21 — County Council Meetings (6 pm)
- 3, 9, 16, 23, 30 — [Downtown Anderson] Downtown Sounds

AUGUST '09

- 4, 18 — County Council Meetings (6 pm)
- 6, 13, 20, 27 — [Downtown Anderson] Downtown Sounds

SEPTEMBER '09

- 1 - 6 — [ACSEC] US Hot Air Balloon Championship
- 1, 15 — County Council Meetings (6 pm)
- 4 — [Downtown Anderson] Midnight Flight
- 4 - 6 — [ACSEC] Great Southeast BalloonFest
- 6 — [ACSEC] Celebrate Anderson
- 7 — Labor Day - County Holiday

OCTOBER '09

- 3 - 4 — [Farmer's Market] Greek Festival
- 6, 20 — County Council Meetings (6 pm)
- 27 — [Downtown Anderson] Chili Cook-off

NOVEMBER '08

- 4, 18 — County Council Meetings (6 pm)
- 11 — Veteran's Day - County Holiday
- 14 — [Museum] Mistletoe Market (5 - 9 pm)
- 15 — [Museum] Mistletoe Market (10 am - 4 pm)
- 19 - 22 — [Foothills Alliance] Festival of Trees
- 21 - 22 — IRPA Rodeo (8 - 10 pm)
- 22 — [Chocolate Affair] Festival of Trees
- 23 — Belton Christmas Parade (3 - 4 pm)
- 25 — [Museum] Christmas Past (10 am - 7 pm)
- 26 — [Museum] Christmas Past (10 am - 4 pm)
- 26 — Thanksgiving Day - County Holiday
- 27 - 25 — Lights of Hope (5:30 - 10 pm)

DECEMBER '08

- 1 — [City of Iva] Iva Christmas Tree Lighting
- 1 — [City of Williamston] Deck the Halls
- 1 — [City of Williamston] Christmas Park
- 1 - 31 — Christmas Candlelight Tours (5:30 - 8:30 pm)
- 2, 16 — County Council Meetings (6 pm)
- 5 — [Downtown Anderson] Holiday Walk
- 6 — [Anderson Heritage] Gold & Silver Gala
- 7 — Christmas Parade (3 - 5 pm)
- 25 — Christmas Day - County Holiday

JANUARY '09

- 1 — New Years Day - County Holiday
- 6, 20 — County Council Meetings (6 pm)
- 19 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day - County Holiday

FEBRUARY '09

- 3, 17 — County Council Meetings (6 pm)
- 14 - 15 — [ACSEC] Upstate Home & Garden Expo
- 16 — President's Day