

Hampton

South Carolina



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LIBRARY BOARD

MEETS: 4TH TUESDAY, HAMPTON LIBRARY

Purpose: To ensure that library services are available to the residents of Hampton County. The board shall employ a Chief Librarian who shall be responsible to the Library Board and shall carry out the functions of the library system. It is served by a nine member board and members serve a four year appointment.

MARKETING & TOURISM BOARD

MEETS: 4TH TUESDAY, 6PM, HC ADMIN CENTER, HAMPTON

Purpose: To publicize and promote the County and its attractions regionally in order to make the County a short-stay destination for visitors and tourists. It is served by a ten member board.

PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETS: 4TH MONDAY, 6PM, BT DELOACH BLDG, HAMPTON

Purpose: To prepare the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Program for the physical, social and economic growth of its jurisdiction in order to promote public health, safety, morals, convenience, prosperity, and general welfare, as well as the efficiency and economy in the development of its jurisdiction. It is served by a seven member board and members serve a four year appointment.

TAX APPEALS BOARD

MEETS: AS NEEDED

Purpose: To hear tax appeals from property owners of the Assessor's valuation of real property or assessment ratio. It is served by a five member board and members serve a three year term.

To join a Hampton County Board or Commission please go to www.hamptoncountysc.org and complete an application or contact the Clerk to Council, Aline Newton at (803) 914-2103 to request a copy in the mail.



AIRPORT COMMISSION

MEETS: 2ND MONDAY, 5PM, VARIED LOCATIONS

Purpose: Responsible for the upkeep and safety of the Hampton County Airport. It is served by a seven member board and members serve a three year appointment.

ALL WARS MEMORIAL BOARD

MEETS: AS NEEDED

Purpose: The responsibility of the All Wars Memorial Board is to permanently recognize and honor the memory of Hampton County's members of the military killed in action or by hostile action by recommending, evaluating, and monitoring additions to the All Wars Memorial on the Courthouse Grounds. It is served by a nine member board.

ARTS COUNCIL

MEETS: 2ND THURSDAY, 5PM, PALMETTO THEATER

Purpose: The Arts Council organizes, directs and implements artistic programs for Hampton County. It is served by an eleven member board and members serve a three year appointment.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS

MEETS: AS NEEDED

Purpose: To hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions, or determinations made by the Building Official relative to the application and interpretation of the International Building Code. It is served by a five member board and members serve a three year appointment.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION

MEETS: QUARTERLY, 3RD THURSDAY, 5:30PM, B.T. DELOACH BLDG, HAMPTON

Purpose: To register qualified citizens to vote, maintain vote records, provide absentee voting services, validate signatures in candidate positions, and conduct all county, state and federal elections that are held in Hampton County. It is served by an eight member board.

COUNCIL ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD

MEETS: BI-MONTHLY, 3RD TUESDAY, 4PM, 108 PINE ST, HAMPTON

Purpose: To act in an advisory capacity on all matters relating to the development of plans, programs, and services for the Older American Program and thus provide the framework which will assist older persons in Hampton County to live independent, meaningful and dignified lives in their own homes as long as possible. It is served by a five member board and members serve a three year appointment.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MEETS: BI-MONTHLY, 3RD TUESDAY, 6PM, HC ADMIN CENTER

Purpose: The mission of the HCEDC is to grow the economy of Hampton County and the surrounding region by supporting our existing industries to encourage expansion and by recruiting new businesses to our area. It is served by a nine member board and member serve a four year appointment.

FIRE CONTROL BOARD

MEETS: QUARTERLY, 1ST THURSDAY, 6:30 PM, E.O.C., HAMPTON

Purpose: To manage the personnel, equipment, apparatus, real property, training, contracts, and budget of the Fire Protection Service Area. It is served by a five member board and members serve a four year appointment.



Dear Citizens:

The annual Report to the Citizens for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 reports the successful completion of another fiscal year for Hampton County. I often say Hampton County cannot boast of having lots of money, our success comes from being good stewards of the funds we do have.

Once again the overall budget remained flat with no additional dollars for programs. The minimal tax increase of 2.8 mills was essential to maintain core services in the County. Additional funding was made available by cuts to operating expenditures. These cuts were felt by employees.

There was no Cost of Living increase provided to employees. Two unpaid holidays for County employees that were imposed to generate budget savings really hurt employee morale. While the 2015 budget does not include a COLA the holiday pay was added back to the budget.

There is some good news to report. The expansion and renovation of the Estill Library was completed and it is absolutely beautiful. The implementation of the \$11.4 million Capital Projects Sales Tax (CPST) Plan has begun. General Obligation Bonds provided funding to begin projects. The early payoff of the USDA Library Loan and payoff of outstanding debt on the 800Mhz Communication System provided a small savings. Funds saved can be used on other CPST projects. The planning and design of the new Health Department and Hampton Library are 75% completed. Bids were let for the roof repair/renovation of the Detention Center and Administration Building. Potential sites have been identified for the recreation complex. Great news is the penny tax revenue collected the first two quarters is strong. If collections continue at this rate all of the CPST projects will be funded and completed in a few years.

Another positive to report is that our partnership with neighboring counties as a member of the Southern Carolina Alliance is beginning to show dividends. While Hampton County has yet to land an industry, the revenue sharing agreements with our partners allowed us to benefit from industry that have found homes in other counties.

I will end my term as Hampton County's Administrator on December 31, 2015. I have enjoyed ten wonderful years of service to this community and I look forward to continuing to serve Hampton County from the COG. Thank you to all of the County Councils I've had the privilege to serve. Thank you to the many colleagues and professional friends I've gained while here. Thank you to the citizens of Hampton County for allowing me to serve you for ten years. Most of all, thank you to the staff, past and present, for allowing me to be the leader of this great TEAM! Say it loud, we're Hampton County Proud!

Please enjoy this annual report, the good news about the successes had in each departments. The award winning Finance Department reports that Hampton County is financially sound. This is not by luck but due to good management.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Sincerely,

Sabrena P. Graham
Hampton County Administrator

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Facts

Founded: February 18, 1878

Size: 560 square miles

Average Temperature:

January - Hi 60 Lo 38

July - Hi 93 Lo 72

Average Precipitation: 47.29" year

Demographics

Total population	21,090
Registered voters	12,978
Public school students	3,774
Total households	7,248
Median household income	\$42,140
Average price of homes sold	\$122,494
Median monthly rent	\$493
In labor force	8,998
Number of businesses	370
Median age	38.4
Gender	
Males	51.7%
Females	48.3%

Principal Employers / # of Employees

Hampton District 1	373
FCI - Estill	297
Hampton Regional Medical Center	258
Panolam/Nevamar	237
Hampton County	222
Elliott Sawmill	188
Hampton District 2	176
Le Creuset of America	113

Ocana, Maritza	Dispatcher	Welcker, Glen	EMS-Med Control Physician
Orr, James	RCYC Attendant	Wells, Otisya	Sr. DC Officer
Orr, Michelle	Deputy, SHER	Wiggins, Glen	Paramedic
Orr, Quintina	SRO	Williams, Creola	RCYC Attendant
Orr, Rosa	911 Chief Dispatcher	Williams, Desmond	911 Dispatcher
Padgett, Lee	DC Officer	Williams, Josetta	Secretary, SHER
Padgett, Phyllis	SR. Court Clerk, COC	Williams, Kenneth	911 Dispatcher
Padget, Ralph	Bailiff, COC	Williams, Latanya	Deputy Tax Collector
Patterson, Carrie	RCYC Attendant	Wimberly, Christopher	DC Officer
Peeples, Charles	Dep Sergeant, SHER	Winland, Paul	EMT
Peeples, Susanne	Director, Emerg Mgmt	Wooten, John	Diesel/Truck Mechanic
Pinckney, Patricia	DC Officer	Wray, Emory	Sr. Appraiser, ASR
Preacher, Willie	Equip Operator, PW	Wrice, Pandrea	Mapper, ASR
Prince, Elijah	RCYC Attendant	Youmans, Jennifer	Grant Coordinator, FIN/HR
Rhodes, Paula	Secretary,	Zahler, Toby	Animal Shelter Attendant
Rhody, Amanda	RCYC Attendant		
Rigdon Jr., Henry	Paramedic		
Risher, Randal	Investigation Cpl, SHER		
Rivers, William	Corporal, SHER		
Roberts, Alexandria	Sr. DC Officer		
Robinson, Jacqueline	Admin Assistant, SHER		
Robinson, Milton	Dep. Court Security, SHER		
Rushing, Benjamin	Fire Maintenance		
Russell, Anthony	Dep. Captain, SHER		
Russell Jr., Carl	Equip. Operator, PW		
Ryles, Willie	RCYC Attendant		
Samples, Glen	Maint Mechanic, B&G		
Sauls, Audrey	Fiscal Coord., FIN/HR		
Scheafer, Joseph	Paramedic		
Sharpe, Michael	Appraiser, ASR		
Simmons, Aimee	911 Dispatcher		
Simpson, Michael	Corporal, SHER		
Singleton, Betty	RCYC Attendant		
Singleton, Perry	Lieutenant, SHER		
Smalls, Michael	DC Officer		
Smith, Craig	Deputy, SHER		
Smith, Dodie	RCYC Attendant		
Smith, Donna	EMT		
Smith, Lawrence	Equipment Oper., B&G		
Smith, Letitia	Site Manager, COA		
Smith, Pamela	Admin Assistant, DC		
Smoak, Debra	RCYC Attendant		
Solomon, Chauncey	Lt. Deputy, SHER		
Stanley, George	Equip Operator, LFILL		
Stanley, John	Solid Waste Manager		
Stevens, Patricia	911 Dispatcher		
Still, Logan	Firefighter		
Strickland, Amanda	Animal Control Attendant		
Summerow, Gerald	RCYC Attendant		
Sutton, Timothy	Deputy, SHER		
Tison, Danielle	Secretary, Fire Marshall		
Troy, Starr	DC Officer		
Varn, Shaneequa	Tax Clerk, DTAX		
Walker, Tyler	EMT		
Warren, Dottie	Site Manager, COA		
Warren, Kennard	Mechanic, PW		
Washington, Dorothy	Lt. Victim Advocate, SHER		
Welch, Bradley	EMT		





Adams, Bryan Firefighter
 Altman, Lawrence EMT
 Atwood, Chad Firefighter
 Ayer, Justin Equip Operator
 Badger, Johnny Equip Operator
 Bellinger, Patricia 911 Dispatcher
 Bennett, Renee Office Manager, BLDG
 Bibbs, Delores Office Asst, SHER
 Boles, Ivy Secretary, VA
 Boles, Juanita Driver, COA
 Bowers, Jennifer RCYC Attendant
 Bozard, Catherine SR. 911 Dispatcher
 Bradley, Brutia DC Officer
 Bradley, Damion DC Officer
 Braxton, Candiss Fiscal Clerk, FIN
 Bridges, Michael Dep. Corporal, SHER
 Brooker, James Sergeant, SHER
 Brooks, Nathaniel DC Officer
 Brooks-Creech, Jvonndra Admn. Assistant, MAG
 Brown, Lula RCYC Attendant
 Brown, Sherri Chief Deputy, COC
 Brunson, Rebecca Secretary, ASR
 Brunson, Sharon Clerk
 Bryson-Smith, Tinish 911 Dispatcher
 Buckner, Willie Driver, COA
 Butler, Alexander DC Officer
 Cannon, Jenny EMT
 Capers, Ivaree RCYC Attendant
 Carter, Shawona Site Assistant, COA
 Chassereau, Janet Tax Clerk, TREA
 Connelly, April RCYC Attendant
 Cook, Sherry Dep. Probate Judge
 Cook Jr., Arthur RCYC Attendant
 Council, La'Shadra Tax Clerk, AUDT
 Crews, Jimmie RCYC Attendant
 Crews, Marie Admin Assistant, MAG
 Deloach, Amanda RCYC Attendant
 Deloach, Stephanie Office Manager, EMS
 Deloach, Stephanie J. Secretary PW/Elections
 Driggers, Steven EMT
 Driggers, Westley EMT
 Edwards, Justin SRO
 Ellis, Brenda Paramedic Supervisor
 Eubanks, Jason Deputy, SHER
 Evans Jr, Thomas W. Sr. Admin Assistant
 Farmer, Andrew EMT
 Ferguson, Marcus DC Officer
 Firster, Kevin Lt. Deputy, SHER
 Folk, Mary RCYC Attendant
 Ford, Ranata Paramedic Shift Suprvsr
 Frazier-Hudson, Tyria SR. DC Officer
 Freeman, Kayla Custodian, B&G
 Fryar, Tuwana Clerk, MAG
 Garvin, Alice RCYC Attendant
 Garvin, Melissa DC Officer
 Gates, Amanda EMT
 Gibson, Edwin Deputy, SHER
 Gifford, Jesse Firefighter

Gifford, Perry EMT
 Ginn, Barbara RCYC Attendee
 Ginn, Debra Dep Clerk, COC
 Ginn, Joshua Firefighter
 Goff, Debbie DC Officer
 Gohagan, Nicholas Dep. Lieutenant, SHER
 Gordon, Kennard DC Security/Trng Off
 Grant, Fatimah DC Officer
 Green, Kelly Deputy Coroner
 Griffin, Antonio Deputy, SHER
 Hadwin, Jody EMT
 Harriot, Franklin Equip. Oper., LFILL
 Harrison, Stephanie Tax Clerk, TC
 Hartley, Michael EMT
 Hasselback, Scott Deputy, SHER
 Hays, Chanta SRO
 Hernandez, Christina Deputy, SHER
 Hiers, George Bldgs & Ground MGR
 Hillyer, Harvey RCYC Attendant
 Holmes, Wesley Roads Supervisor
 Hopkins, Linda 911 Dispatcher
 Housey, Daniel DC Officer
 Hutchinson, Victoria RCYC Attendant
 James, Ann Custodian, B&G
 Jarrell, Jennifer Dep. Auditor
 Jarrell, William Chief Deputy, SHER
 Johnstone, Richard Court Security, SHER
 Jones, Alina Clerk, MAG
 Joyner, Tyrell DC Officer
 Kearse, Linda Admin Assistant, COA
 Lamprecht, Jo Ann Admin Assistant, ECO
 Lerch, Mary Service Mgr, COA
 Lessane, Jarvis Deputy, SHER
 Lingard, Whitney DC Officer
 Lingle, Rebecca Appraiser, AUD
 Long, Ann REC Prgm Assistant
 Long, Scott DC Officer
 Long, Troy Lt. Deputy, SHER
 Long Sr., Charles Truck Driver, PW
 Lyons, Kathryn RCYC Attendant
 Martin, Lorraine DC Officer
 Mathis, Isom Bailiff
 McAlhane, Hiram RCYC Attendant
 Meyer, Laura Paramedic Shift Suprv
 Middleton, Sandra Custodian, B&G
 Mikell, Julia RCYC Attendant
 Millington, Matthew EMT
 Mixson, Elliot Sr. DC Officer
 Mole, Clary Coutroom Sec., SHER
 Mole, Jarad Dispatcher
 Mole, Norma Deputy Treasurer
 Moore, Laurie CVA Security, SHER
 Morgan, Tashara Clerk, VR
 Morris, Clifton Maint. Mech, B&G
 Newton, Aline Clerk to Council
 Nix, Dennis Equip Operator, PW
 O'Quinn, Brandon Paramedic Crew Chief
 O'Quinn, Newton RCYC Attendant

The New Estill Library

The library dedication and ribbon cutting was held January 31, 2014.

The expansion and upgrade of the Estill Library has greatly improved the physical space for collections, adult and juvenile programs and computer/internet facilities. Expanded patron capacity has provided the Library the opportunity to make additional improvements that will increase community participation.

Hampton County used CDBG funds from the SC Department of Commerce and USDA funds to assist with the expansion of the Estill Library located at 276 West Third Street, Estill, SC. The project benefitted approximately 7,698 people of which 52% were low-to-moderate income.

Property was donated to Hampton County for the library from the Town of Estill, Estill Lions Club and the Peoples Family.

Contractor: Beaufort Construction Architect: Tych & Walker Architects

Southern Carolina Industrial Campus and Spec Bldg

Size: 1,380 Acres

Spec Bldg Size: 50,000 Sq Ft expandable to 200,000 Sq Ft

Notes:

3,790 additional adjacent acres available

5 miles to I-95 Exit 38 with 4 lane access to the interstate

Rail lines to Charleston & Savannah

The Southern Carolina Industrial Campus provides the perfect location on the Southeastern seaboard, halfway between New York and Miami. With CSX rail on site and ready to transport, you can easily access Charleston, Savannah and the Savannah River Site. Whether you need port access or interstate access, it's available and waiting for you. Call us today for more information or to schedule a site visit.



Council's Goals & Accomplishments

Each February, members of the Hampton County Council meet with a facilitator to create a set of goals based on the needs of the community. Input from all council members are explored and prioritized. Presented are the goals & accomplishments of your Council and Administrator for 2013-2014.

1. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

- **Find tenant for spec building**
Have shown the building to at least 12 prospects.
- **Help Project "E" expand**
Received grant funds and CTC funds to improve the road and water infrastructure. Also approved a FILOT agreement with owners.
- **Bring water & sewer to Southern Carolina Commerce Park (\$)**
Awarded a Rural Infrastructure Grant to bring water across the road into the park and to the spec building. Funding allowed for sewer lines to come under the road but not fully installed to building. Southern Carolina Alliance, MeadWestVaco, and County were other contributors on this project.
- **Develop funding source dedicated to economic development (\$)**
Funding from the Revenue Sharing Agreements with Southern Carolina Alliance member counties is the perfect source. Those funds are starting to come in. County Council approved the concept during the FY15 budget process.
- **Provide information and support as able to further growth of businesses**
This is done continually (Elliot Sawmill, Project E, Ecology, Dixie Poly Drum after fire, LeCreuset with expansion plans, etc. have been supported by Hampton County and have received grant funds).

2. MARKETING TOURISM

- **Make Hampton County a short-stay destination**
** Meet with Tourism Advisory Board*
Chair of Council attends the board meetings.
** Consider funding projects (\$)*
Council did not approve the budget request from the Tourism Board. Board has not been very active since as they need funds to operate.

3. COMPETITIVE TAX BASE

- **Minimize tax increases**
Increase allowed per millage cap was 4mills, imposed this year 2.8 mills for the General Fund

4. LIVABILITY

- **Complete planning & design work on the new health department, the county recreation**

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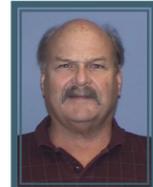
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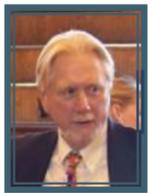
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Council's Goals & Accomplishments

complex, and the county library (\$)

Decided on Construction Management At Risk (CM@R) Delivery Method. Selected Liollo Architect/Engineer Firm and Brunson Construction Company as the CM@R. Planning and design work on the new health department and county library are 85% completed.

- **Reduce Litter (\$)**

** Work with Keep Hampton County Beautiful*

Adopted Ordinance/resolution naming Soil & Water Conservation Board as the new County KAB and pledged County support.

- **Encourage expansion of internet service**

Have met with internet providers and discussed expanding service into rural areas. No one has moved to take action. The return on investment would be low to the provider. Trying to perhaps link implementation of service with service provided in industrial parks.

- **Continue to work with COG on county transportation service**

On-going; The project, a four lane Highway on 278 to industrial parks, is slow moving and was at risk of being tabled long term. However the COG board voted to have the project completed now and not table it. Construction may begin around July 2015.

5. EMPLOYEE PAY & RETENTION

- **Implement COLA for employees (\$)**

Cost of Living Adjustments were not approved in the budget. The two unpaid holidays for County employees imposed to generate budget savings really hurt employee morale.

6. WORKFORCE TRAINING & EDUCATION

- **Increase services provided by TCL in Hampton County**

** Council meet with TCL to discuss level of service concerns*

TCL has a new president and the County has a new representative on the TCL board. Council Chairman, County Administrator and Economic Development director attended a meeting with TCL President, board members and staff to discuss increased services.

7. CAPITAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

- **Fund priority list (\$)**

Priority list was not funded in the budget. Council recently approved the purchase of two ambulances due to numerous break downs of old units. Capital equipment replacements needs grow more critical with each passing year. Equipment repair costs are increasing tremendously.

8. FIRE SERVICE

- **Recruit more volunteer firefighters**

Now have 142 volunteer firefighters. 26 added since January 2012. Also continuing the Jr. Firefighter program.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

County Council

- ◆ Conducted 19 regular Council meetings, 9 special meetings & 5 budget workshops.
- ◆ Held 12 public hearings.
- ◆ Passed 10 new ordinances & 10 resolutions.
- ◆ Made 4 board appointments.

Administration

- ◆ Attended 111 meetings & held 126 appointments.
- ◆ Attended 20 community events & 0 conferences.
- ◆ Answered 2,590 calls from the public.
- ◆ Published 6 employee newsletters, compiled Annual Report & co-published Annual Budget Report.

Information Technology

- ◆ Implemented tier-level support system for I.T. issues and documentation log.
- ◆ Completed 144 work orders, deployed 24 new desktops, 9 new laptops and 22 printers.
- ◆ Ensured 98% system availability.

Risk Management

- ◆ Integrated overview of Risk Management & injury report procedures into the Orientation Program.
- ◆ Opened 17 workers compensation cases and closed 14.
- ◆ Offered CPR training for all employees.

Voter Registration & Election Commission

- ◆ Processed 405 new voter registration forms & 787 duplicate forms.
- ◆ Processed 2,998 absentee ballot applications & 2,385 absentee ballots.
- ◆ Issued 249 photo ID's.
- ◆ Supported/conducted 8 elections, verified 17 petitions & conducted 7 Poll Manager training sessions.

JUDICIAL

Clerk of Court

- ◆ Held 28 terms of Court.
- ◆ Collected \$2,439,767 in child support and \$132,900 in fines and fees.
- ◆ Filed 541 Civil Cases, 383 Criminal Cases, 338 Family Court Cases, 78 Juvenile Cases.
- ◆ Recorded 2,951 documents in the Register of Deeds.
- ◆ Processed 49 Passport Applications.
- ◆ Averaged 25,000 visitors to the Courthouse.

Magistrate Court

- ◆ Collected \$280,000 in fines and assessments.
- ◆ Disposed 1,500 criminal cases, 3,000 traffic cases & 650 civil cases.
- ◆ Conducted 130 preliminary hearings & 1,200 bond hearings.

Probate Court

- ◆ Issued 57 marriage licenses.
- ◆ Opened 191 estate cases.
- ◆ Opened 20 Minors & Incapacitated adult cases.

Guiding Values

In our work on behalf of the people we represent and serve, the elected officials and staff of Hampton County pledge to be:

Inclusive: *We are a caring county government that values and respects our cultural, ethnical and economic diversities which define Hampton County. We build on the strengths of individual employees, the organization and the public. Everyone has a voice and an importance in our county.*

Progressive: *We will respect the past, honor the present and embrace the future with open minds through innovative inspirations and the use of technology. We strive to educate our citizens on positives of change.*

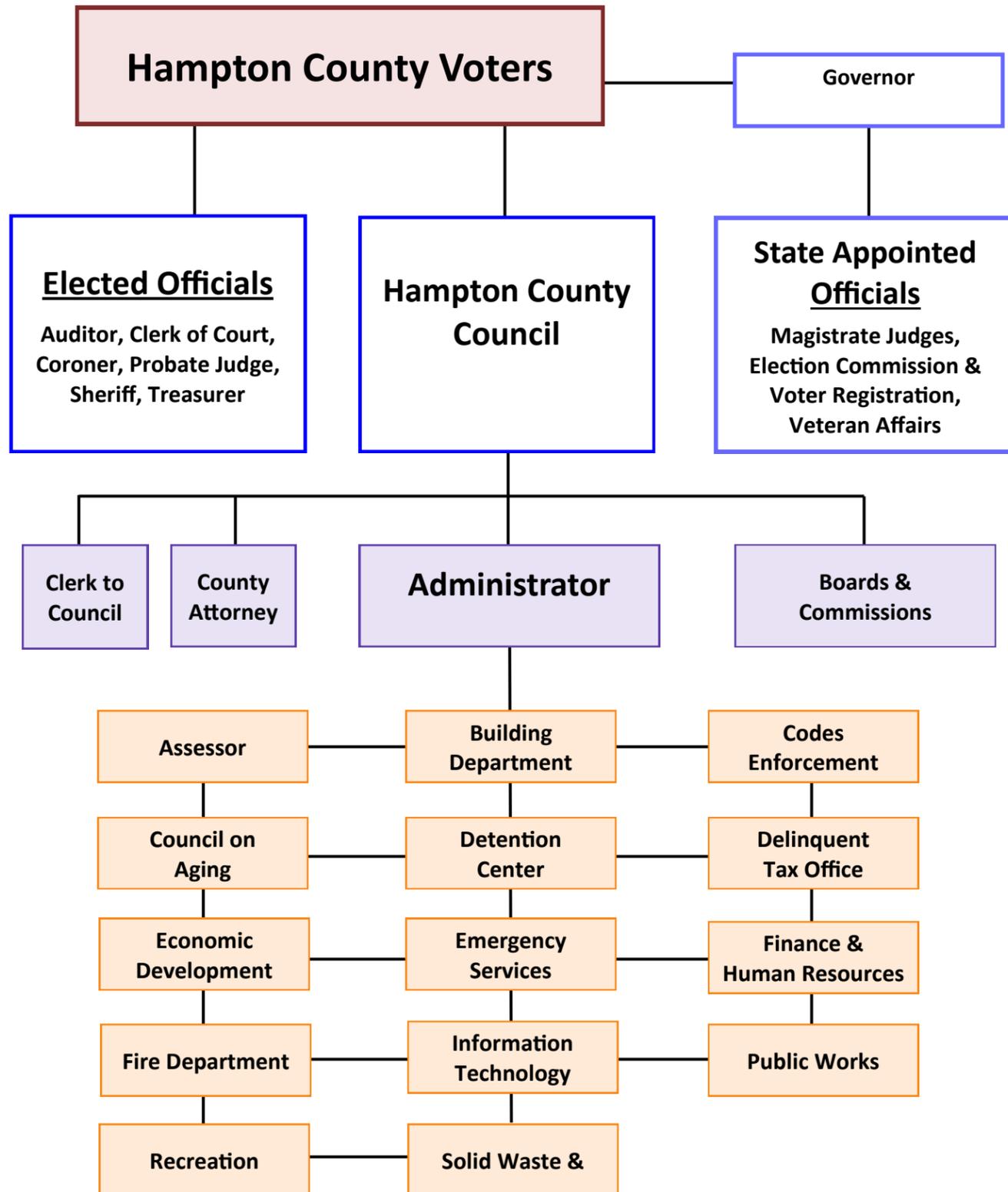
Trustworthy: *Hampton County Government will be accountable and responsible for the trust bestowed to us by the community to fulfill our duties to the best of our abilities each and every day. This will be accomplished always in a polite, efficient and timely manner.*

Accountable: *Our success in meeting needs shall be measured by outcomes and results and not processes implemented or dollars spent. The quality of our service is how we are judged by our citizens and those doing business with the County.*

Responsible: *We will keep funds, equipment, property and other resources safe with prudent, fiscal management. The county is committed to providing its citizens with relevant, accurate information about its goals, operations and the decisions that will affect them.*

Collaborative: *We believe in professional and well-trained leaders who promote the same with their staff. Together as a team, this knowledge and experience shall move the county forward through open government and ongoing partnerships with civic, economic, educational and other outside agencies.*

Fair: *We shall conduct business in good faith and non-partisanship at all times. All standards shall be implemented with honesty and integrity.*



FINANCE

Assessor

- ◆ Processed 1,081 deeds and 117 property splits.
- ◆ Processed 550 permits for assessment.
- ◆ Processed 559 Assessable Transfers of Interest (ATI) adding \$63,730 to the assessment totals for the 2013 tax year.
- ◆ Processed 502 legal residence applications, 200 agriculture use applications and 943 assessment notices.
- ◆ New construction added a total of \$246,360 to the assessment totals for 2013 tax year.

Auditor

- ◆ Processed 6,217 high mileage & walk-in supplemental notices, 591 real estate supplements, and sold 73 temporary tags.
- ◆ Recorded 244 deeds and death certificates.
- ◆ Processed 165 Homestead Exemptions.

Delinquent Tax

- ◆ Collected \$1.7 million in delinquent property tax.
- ◆ Posted 696 tax levies.
- ◆ Advertised 1,336 parcels & 189 business/personal property in the news.

Delinquent Tax - cont.

- ◆ Sold 137 parcels & 3 mobile homes at Tax Sale and through Forfeited Land Commission.
- ◆ Made procedural improvements to the Tax Sale for better efficiency.

Finance & Human Resources

- ◆ Received National Government Financing Distinguished Budget Award.
- ◆ Received \$733,000 in grant revenue.
- ◆ Issued 4,423 accounts payable checks for vendors, including many local businesses.
- ◆ Processed 5,722 payroll transactions.
- ◆ Conducted presentation on pay & benefits at 6 Orientation sessions.

Treasurer

- ◆ Collected \$14.7 million in real estate taxes, including school apportionment.
- ◆ Accounted for 21,162 real estate & 22,404 vehicle tax receipts.
- ◆ Issued 11,514 License Plate decals.

CODES & LAW ENFORCEMENT

Building Department

- ◆ Sold 153 building permits - 8 for new homes.
- ◆ Issued 101 Electrical/Mechanical/Demolition permits.
- ◆ Issued 74 mobile home placement permits.
- ◆ Conducted 603 on-site inspections.

Coroner

- ◆ Conducted 26 autopsies.

Detention Center

- ◆ Zero incidents of escape or suicide.

Detention Center - cont.

- ◆ Booked a total of 1,056 inmates & released a total of 1,066.

Sheriff's Department

- ◆ Answered 9,704 calls.
- ◆ Initiated 5,279 traffic stops.
- ◆ Generated 9,773 incident reports.
- ◆ Sgt. Chris Patterson received an award from the National Criminal Enforcement Association.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Dispatch

- ◆ Kenneth Williams received The Presidents Award for Heroism. He also received an award from Life Net Helicopter for going above the call of duty..
- ◆ Answered 64,768 calls on emergency and non-emergency lines.

Emergency Medical Services

- ◆ Responded to 3,909 emergency calls.
- ◆ Implemented new billing software for compliance with new health care regulations.
- ◆ Ambulances covered 36 community events.
- ◆ Laura Meyer named EMS Employee of the Year.

Emergency Management

- ◆ Susanne Peeples Emergency Management Director completed the Certified Emergency Management Course and is now a Certified Emergency Manager.

Emergency Management - cont.

- ◆ Participated in nation wide Shake-Out.
- ◆ Certified 30 citizens as First Responders.
- ◆ Conducted an Emergency Management presentation at 6 Orientation sessions.

Fire

- ◆ 157 volunteers responded to a total of 1,475 emergency calls including:
 - 205 Fire Calls
 - 490 Rescue & EMS Assistance
 - 114 Hazardous Conditions
 - 295 Public Services Calls
 - 265 Good Intent Calls
 - 106 False Alarms
- ◆ Fire Department received the Safer Grant to hire 6 paid Firefighters. They will support the volunteers Monday thru Friday 8am-5pm.

PUBLIC WORKS

Buildings & Grounds

- ◆ Completed 440 work orders for building maintenance.
- ◆ Completed 186 Building Maintenance Repair orders.

Fleet Maintenance

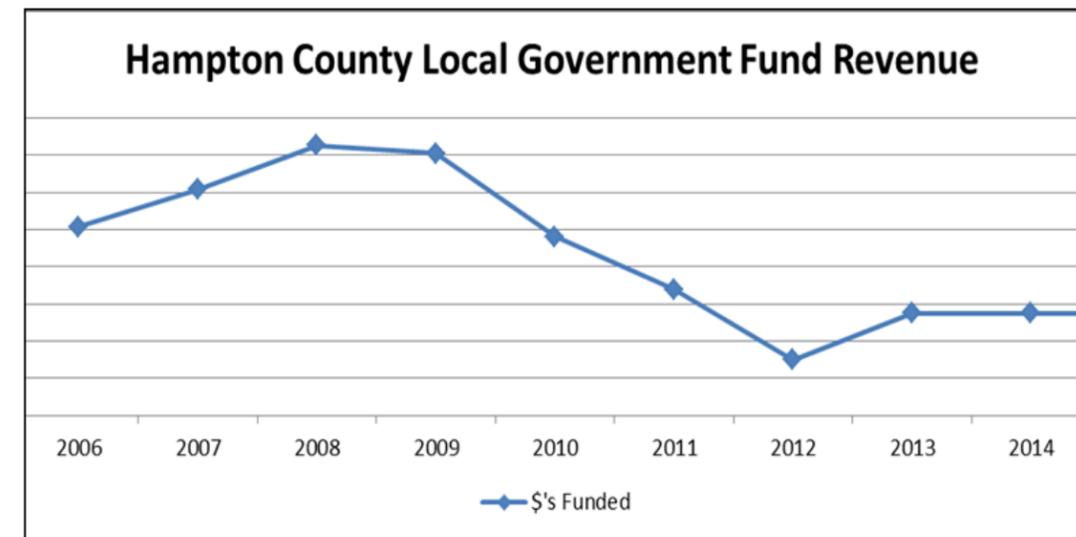
- ◆ Completed 574 work orders for equipment & vehicle repair.

Roads & Bridges

- ◆ Graded 1,825 miles of dirt roads.
- ◆ Completed 750 work orders for road maintenance.
- ◆ Worked expeditiously to repair & reopen more than 100 roads washed out and dealt with 8.5 feet of rain.
- ◆ The department was able to recoup over \$200,000 used to repair the damaged roads.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND

One of our primary intergovernmental revenue sources, the Local Government Fund (LGF), has decreased significantly since 2008. The LGF represents revenue received by local governments in South Carolina derived from dollars the state collects from a variety of taxes and fees. Hampton County has seen a thirty-seven percent reduction in the LGF since its peak in fiscal year 2008. In terms of dollars, next year's budget reflects a reduction of \$453,011 from fiscal year 2008 level of funding. This decline has been triggered by revenue shortages at the state level resulting from the economic slowdown in recent years.

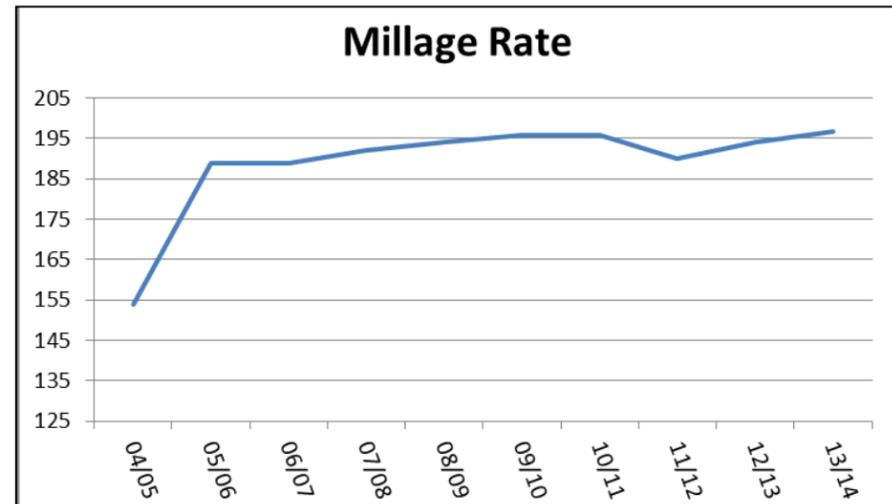


GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
Distinguished Budget Presentation Award
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 Executive Director

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) presented a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to **Hampton County, South Carolina** for its annual budget for the fiscal year beginning **July 1, 2013**. In order to receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as an operations guide, as a financial plan, and as a communications device. This is the county's second award.

PROPERTY TAXES

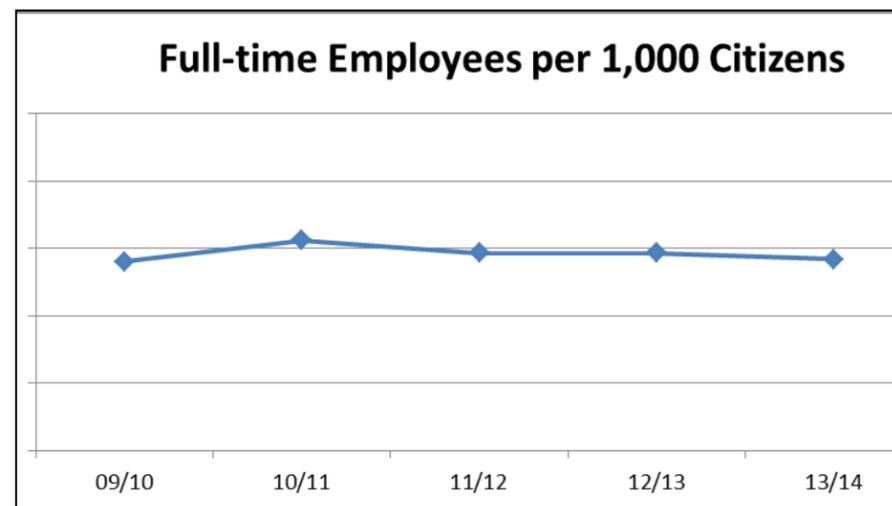
Property tax is the County's single largest source of revenue and includes real and personal property. This graph presents a 10-year history of the operating millage rate applied to property taxes for Hampton County. As the chart illustrates, the mill levy has been relatively stable since the 2005/2006 fiscal year. The decrease in the 2011/2012 rate reflects the effect of the county-wide reassessment implementation.



EMPLOYEES

Salaries and benefits account for the majority of expenditures county-wide. As a measure of service levels to citizens, the chart below depicts the number of County employees per 1,000 citizens. The number of full-time county employees per 1,000 citizens ranges from 5.4 to 11.4 across the state.** Our current level of 7.9 is in line with the average for similar size counties state-wide of 8.2.

** Source: SC Assoc. of Counties - 2012 Wage & Salary Report



SANITATION

Litter

- ◆ Cleaned up 16 dump sites.
- ◆ Issued 7 warnings & 5 citations for littering.
- ◆ Issued 3 warnings for property nuisance & derelict mobile homes.

Landfill

- ◆ Collected 19,900 tons of solid waste.
- ◆ Recycled 3,340 tons of solid waste.

Landfill - cont.

- ◆ Ensured compliance with environmental regulations.
- ◆ Coordinated the sale of scrap metal.

Recycling

The following were collected & recycled:
 4,690 gallons of motor oil
 148 tons of metal
 68 tons of paper & cardboard

HEALTH, EDUCATION & WELFARE

Council on Aging

- ◆ Served 15,113 meals at the Senior Centers.
- ◆ Delivered 27,085 homebound meals.
- ◆ Logged 45,585 transportation miles.
- ◆ Distributed 700 Farmers Market vouchers.
- ◆ Provided 3,800 hours of recreation, social & physical activities.
- ◆ Provided 2,154 hours of arthritis Exercise.

Recreation

- ◆ Served 600 enrollments with 450 being children.

Recreation - cont,

- ◆ Offered 17 ongoing recreational programs .
- ◆ **Veterans Affairs**
- ◆ Served a total of 6,109 Veterans, dependents & survivors.
- ◆ Assisted with 2,362 benefits claims, 204 boarding home claims & 6,742 other benefits issues.
- ◆ Logged 38,953 transport miles.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- ◆ Hosted 25 prospect visits.
- ◆ Assisted in 35 projects.
- ◆ Economic Developer traveled to Germany with Governor Haley to the International Auto Show. She met with several companies and site consultants which produced an active project that is considering locating in Hampton County's spec building.
- ◆ Economic Developer traveled to Milan, Italy with SCA to meet with 9 companies interested in expanding in the USA.

- ◆ Landscaping has been completed at the Southern Carolina Industrial Campus and the entrance sign has been installed.

WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM

Charges for services	\$	2,695,003
Grants	\$	1,560,185
Property taxes	\$	11,659,619
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$	2,343,877
Investment earnings	\$	13,529
Gain on sale of assets	\$	0
Proceeds of debt	\$	6,889,319
Miscellaneous	\$	579,264
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Total Revenues	\$	*25,740,796

*unaudited

WHERE THE MONEY WENT

General government	\$	3,987,664
Public safety	\$	6,439,988
Public works	\$	3,888,659
Judicial	\$	893,977
Fiscal Admin	\$	1,082,329
Economic Development	\$	581,094
Health & Welfare	\$	1,806,086
Contribution agencies	\$	276,444
Culture & Recreation	\$	108,079
Debt Service	\$	603,624
Capital Outlays	\$	1,748,114
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Total Expenditures	\$	*21,416,057

*unaudited

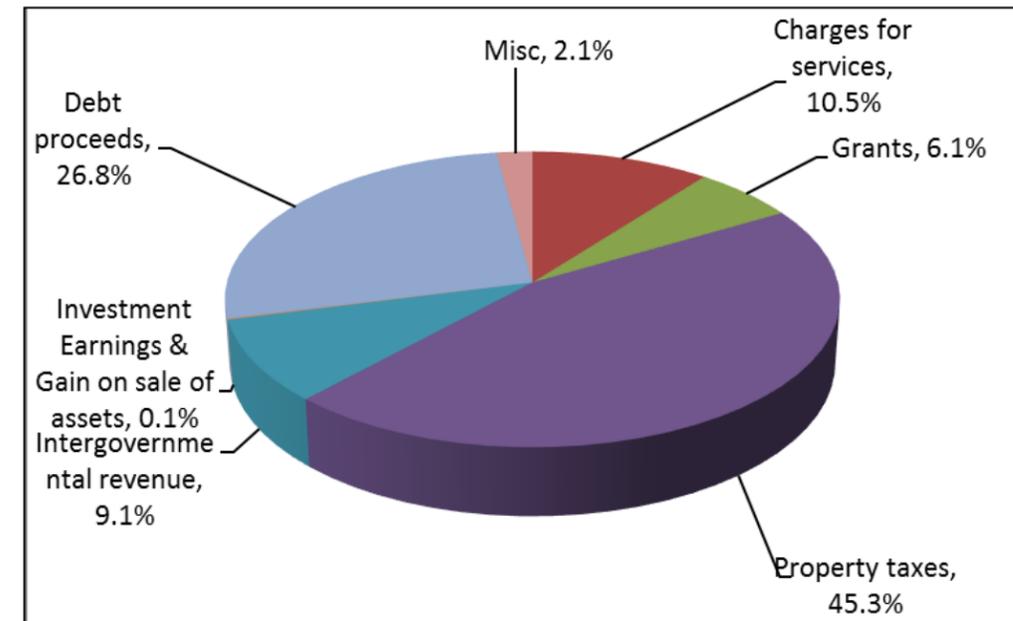
As the above chart shows and the subsequent graphs illustrate, the largest single source of revenue for the County is derived from property taxes, accounting for \$11,659,619 of the \$25,740,796 in total revenue received. At this level, property tax revenue represented a little less than half (45.3%) of all revenue received by Hampton County for the fiscal year. Debt proceeds make up 26.7% of revenues, representing the G O Bond issued for Phase II of the Penny Sales Tax. Consistent with prior years, the largest single area of expenditure was Public Safety, which includes Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Services, and Fire. Public Works, which includes Roads & Bridges, Building & Grounds, and Landfill & Recycling, was the third

largest area of overall spending for the 2013/2014 fiscal year. These two areas combined, Public Safety and Public Works, account for almost half of the total government expenditures.

As indicated, overall expenditures were \$21,416,057 for all combined funds. Actual revenue received was \$25,740,796. Based on spending in the General Fund for the fiscal year, the County maintained a healthy available fund balance. This level is consistent with the current prescribed recommendations of the Government Finance Officers Association.

REVENUES BY SOURCE

The chart below illustrates revenue percentages by source for the County. As previously indicated, the pie chart illustrates that revenue from property taxes accounted for over half of all revenue received during the fiscal year.



EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION

The following chart illustrates the major areas of spending in percentages. The pie chart indicates the majority of spending in the area of Public Safety, followed by Public Works.

