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HAMPTON COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA 2022

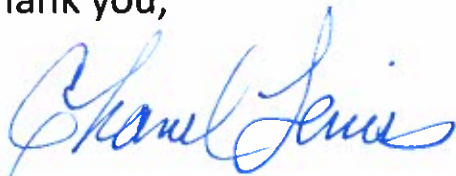
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Greetings

Greetings to the citizens of Hampton County. The last few years have been equivalent of riding on a roller coaster. There have been many ups and downs with Covid, ice storms, tornados, and hurricanes. As a county, we have to come together as a community to help each other through the difficult times. We would like to take this opportunity to highlight the hard work and accomplishments of Hampton County employees. This is a snapshot of what they have done in the last 2 fiscal years. They have always and will continue to be committed to serving the citizens with professionalism and care.

Thank you,



Chanel Lewis

Interim County Administrator

Finance/ Human Resources Director



Arts



Arts

Activities and Accomplishments In 2021 & 2022

- 1. 5 poetry events
- 2. 2 stage plays with another scheduled for October 2022
- 3. 17 different art exhibits
- 4. 16 concerts and musical performances with 4 more planned for 2022
- 5. 3 separate indie film festivals
- 6. Dozens of classes and workshops each year in disciplines ranging from drawing and painting, ceramics, vocal music, poetry, instrumental music, drama, Mime, dance, printmaking, dance, mural making, culinary arts, collage, and more.
- 7. Six different full day summer camps serving over 200 kids this summer.
- 8. Educational programming and field trips provided to hundreds of local students
- 9. Dozens of community events sponsored at the theater or the Art Center for local community groups and nonprofits including The Arnold Fields Community Endowment, PEARLS of Hampton County, Wade Hampton High School, New Life Center, and too many other to name.
- 10. Selected as a venue for South Arts "Jazz Roads" jazz outreach program.
- 11. The reopening of the Palmetto Theater for movies
- 12. Production of a full-length documentary film, "Corridor of Fame" by our film students.

Arts

- 13. The refurbished theater was featured in "Our Vanishing Americana" a documentary film produced by SC ETV
- 14. Positive press about Hampton County featured in dozens of publications around the region including the Beaufort Gazette, the Bluffton Sun, CH2, Carolina Arts Magazine, Hilton Head Monthly, Pink Magazine, and others.
- 15. Received grant funding from multiple State, Federal, and regional sources including South Arts, SC Arts Commission, SC Humanities, and the NEA.
- 16. Received special project support from the SC Arts Commission for our Watermelon Festival programming.
- 17. Reinstatement of Hampton Friends of the Arts 501(c)(3) status in 2021 to allow for solicitation of private funds to support our Arts programming.
- 18. Acquisition of the Studio 111 building by Friends of the Arts and refurbishment of another blighted space on Lee Avenue.
- 19. Programming offered at Studio 111 for the first-time providing support to small businesses and creative entrepreneurs in partnership with Lowcountry SCORE.
- 20. Acquisition of the Rivers building on Lee Avenue by Friends of the Arts and renovations there in partnership with the County, Town of Hampton, and private business to create an outdoor performance venue.
- 21. Creation of three, youth created murals with six more planned and funded.
- 22. Creation of the "Blight Busters" youth team to identify and combat blight. 15 local students will be traveling to Walt Disney World for design training in October 2022 and then will bring those skills back to our community.



Auditor

- High mileage notices processes: 2,041
- Walk-in supplemental notices processed: 20,187
- Real Estate supplements processed: 5,525
- Temporary tags sold: N/A
- Deeds and Death certificates processed: 904
- Homestead exemptions processed: 66





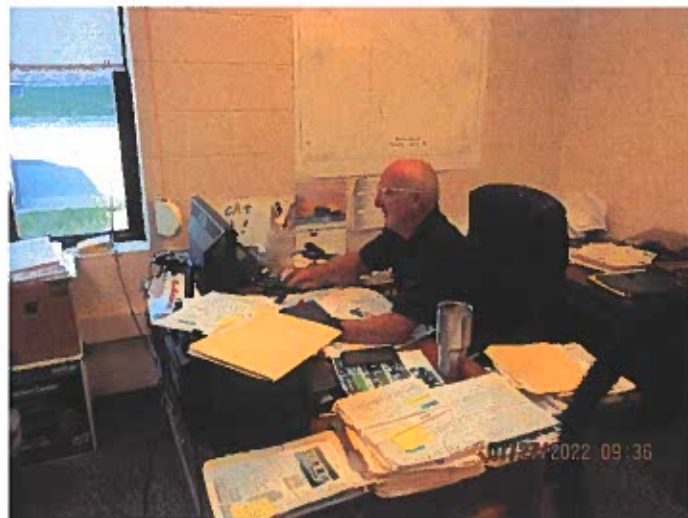
Assessor

- Deeds processed: 890
- Property splits processed: 65
- Assessment permits processed: 479
- Assessable transfer of interest (ATI) money for next tax year: \$2,049,805
- Legal residency applications: 245
- Agriculture use applications: 84
- Assessment notices issued: 1125
- New construction addition total money for next year: \$7,289,697

2021 totals/values have a control date of 12/31

New construction is an average of the prior 3 years (2019-2021)

Assisted other counties due to having FEMA/ State certified damage assessment team.





Building & Grounds

- Completed work orders for building maintenance: 428
- HVAC replacements: 15
- Number of Custodian: 3
- Number of building maintained everyday: 7
- Number of Building maintained by work orders: 46



Code Enforcement

Litter

- Dump sites cleaned up: 10
- Citations for littering issued: 3
- Warning for littering issued: 0
- Warning issued for property nuisance and derelict mobile homes: 1

Animal Citations: 47

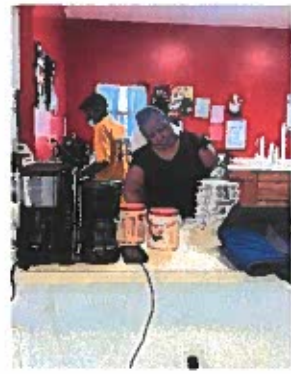
Working with Palmetto Pride

Grants received

Coroner

- The total of Autopsies for 2021 is =13
- The total of Transports for Autopsies is =13

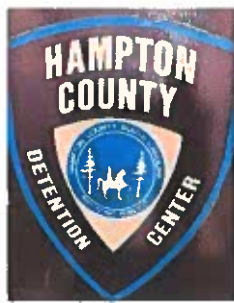




Council on Aging

- Senior Center meals served: 11, 342
- Homebound meals delivered: 47, 124
- Farmers Market vouchers distributed: 1,000
- Recreation, social and physical activities provided: Nutrition Education, Bingo, Exercise, Painting, Trivia, Technology, Bookmobile, Card club, corn hole, etc.
- Transportation miles logged: 21, 784
- 3 Sites Locations





Detention Center

- Scared Straight walk throughs: 0
- Drug and Alcohol program meetings: 0
- Inmate bookings: 813
- Inmates released: 824
- Incidents of escape or suicide: 1 attempted escape





Dispatch

- Number of calls answered on emergency line:
19,281
- Number of calls answered in non-emergency lines:
27,734

Total: 47,015

Calls for service with case numbers

EMS: 4,215

Fire: 1,919

HCSO: 6,770

Municipality Police Department: 21,929

Total: 34,833



Emergency Management

- First responders certified: 36
- Emergency Management Presentations given: 6
- Covid Reimbursement received:

Phase 1:

122,049.78

Phase 2:

66,404.06

FEMA:

16,687.10

Grand total:

205,140.94





Emergency Medical Services

- Emergency calls responses: 4,155
- Community events covered: 50





Finance

- Completed the 2020 financial audit
- Developed a 5-year financial recovery plan concurrently with fiscal year 2022 budget process
- Developed a defined plan to create General Funds reserves in accordance with Government Finance Officer Association (GFOA) recommendations
- Annual State and Federal reporting
- Prepare and present monthly financial reports for County Council
- Developed a cash management program to determine required monthly expense costs and funding available for accounts payable
- Worked with Departments and Treasurer to ensure proper recording of revenues and reimbursements
- Revised the County Budget redistributing costs and reducing controllable expenditures
- Consolidated funds for better financial management and reporting

Finance

- Wrote off 10 years of negative fund balances and corrected interfund discrepancies
- Recruited employees for open positions throughout the County by participating in regional Job fairs
- Prepared fiscal year 2022 Budget
- Properly accounted for grant funding and match in the annual budget
- Reviewed existing Budget ordinance making changes reflecting actual collections and expenditures
- Required additional information for capital and training request made during the budget process
- Completed to 2021 financial audit
- Met with departments to determine departmental requirements, needs and deficiencies
- Began developing a Capital replacement plan – determining the age of equipment

Finance

- Prepared fiscal year 2023 Budget
- Added commitment to repayment of CPST II and Fire bond funds in writing on recovery plan approved with fiscal year 2023 budget
- Redistributed finance departmental duties for increased efficiency
- Researched and reported on Capital Project Sales Tax (CPST) II spending
- Reviewed 10 years of financial reports for a better understanding of the County
- Prepared reports showing 10-year fund balance history of county funds
- Analyzed millage and sufficiency of amount levied for use in providing County services
- Attended SC Association of Counties (SCAC) training for Level I certification
- Worked with grants coordinator on ARPA funding reporting requirements
- Created a draw request process requiring Council Approval for use of ARPA funds
- Improved Purchase Order request requirements
- Developed an internet purchase /missing or damaged receipt form
- Consolidated office supply ordering accounts

Fire & Rescue

Number of emergency calls responded to:

- Fire Calls: 153
- Rescue & Emergency Medical Service: 1,037
- Hazardous Condition (NO FIRE): 48
- Service Call: 24
- Good Intent Call: 202
- False Alarm & False Call: 79
- Severe Weather & Natural Disaster: 3
- Special Incident Type: 1

Total: 1,547



Hampton County Grants Administration

- 35 projects Administered during FY21-22
- 16 projects Submitted during FY21-22
- 16 projects Awarded during FY21-22
- DHEC (3 projects) \$32,649.88 – Match 0%
- SC Emergency Management Division (2 projects) \$130,101 – Match 45%
- USDA (1 project) \$52,951 – Match 35%
- *County rejected one (1 project) USDA project
- SC Office of Attorney General (1 project) \$117,069 – Match 0%
- SC Aeronautics Commission (3 projects) \$608,747.72 – Match 20%
- SC Department of Public Safety (2 projects) - \$548,552 – Match 0%
- SC Department of Commerce (pass-through) (2 projects) - \$100,000 – Match 0%
- National Endowment for the Arts (1 project) \$150,000 – Match 0%

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

NETWORK AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEPLOYMENTS

(Time-frame: Past Few Years)

Network Security Measures

- 1. *Dedicated DNS Filter*
- 1. All internet requests are processed through a dedicated Domain Name Filter which helps ensure spoofed websites are not displayed, in addition to access control and monitoring.
- 2. *Web Monitoring*
- 1. Allows analysis of internet activities from within the county to help spot unusual activity that could indicate activity of an infiltration of the county network. This could take the form of a compromised account or device that is sending sensitive data to an outside source.
- 3. *AD-Audit Plus*
- 1. Aids monitoring of Active Directory servers to identify unusual login activity, out of date accounts, login activity. It also defines who created an account, when, and why.

This software proved CRITICAL in our ability to meet and pass S.L.E.D network security measures for our 2022 S.L.E.D IT Audit.

- 4. *Strategic Department Network Segregation*
- 1. The networks listed have been isolated from the rest of the county network in such a way as to be inaccessible by the wider county network. This was usually implemented by government mandate for the specific agency.
- 1. 911
- 2. Voter Registration
- 3. Sheriff's Office



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- Infrastructure and Functionality
- 1. Deployment of Xerox multi-function office machines provided via government contract to replace Sharp machines which were on an expensive private contract (which was end of term), saving thousands of dollars per year.
- 2. Replaced Mitel office phone system (who's contract was up) with Polycom system. Though only saving a few hundred dollars a month the biggest benefit was the service and support: Local American support and replacement units only an hour away.
- 3. Replacement of Cisco top rack network switches which were end of life. The high-end top rack replacements are good for a decade of service under warranty, enable gigabit speeds to be achieved throughout the county network, and allow for more economical future upgrades to network functionality.
- 4. Unified (exception: courthouse system) surveillance camera deployments across all major county buildings (EOC, LEC, B.T DeLoach). This deployment helps ensure safety and accountability in these facilities, especially those that are open to the public.
 - 1. LEC is still being implemented.
- 5. Secondary internet fiber added to the LEC as redundant internet capable of back-feeding the rest of the county should the main internet fail.
 - 1. This connectivity is supplemented by the deployment of point-to-point units within the county's main facilities in case of a fiber line cut.
- 6. Cell extenders in building that have poor internal cell phone service. This is accomplished by using internet enabled mini towers within the building. Verizon provided initial unit free of charge.
 - 1. Initial unit in the process of being deployed and evaluated.



Risk Management

- Number of training sessions given: 0
- Workers Compensation cases open: 15
- Workers Compensation cases closed: 12





SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

- Calls answered: 5,169
- Initiated traffic stops: 1,601
- Incident reports generated: 6,770





Public Works

Roads & Bridges:

- Miles of dirt graded-2,100
- Road maintenance work orders completed- 249
- Flooding road repairs- 0

Fleet Maintenance:

- Work Orders for Equipment Repair- 73
- Work Orders for Vehicle Repair- 544



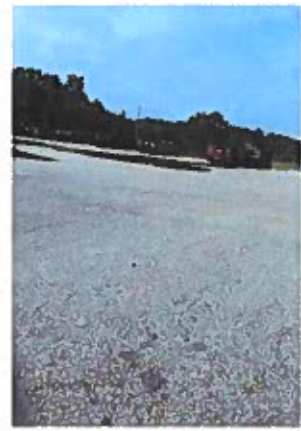


Landfill

- Tons of solid waste collected: 3778.19T
- Tons of solid waste recycled: 0T
- Ensured environmental regulation compliance: 3778.19T

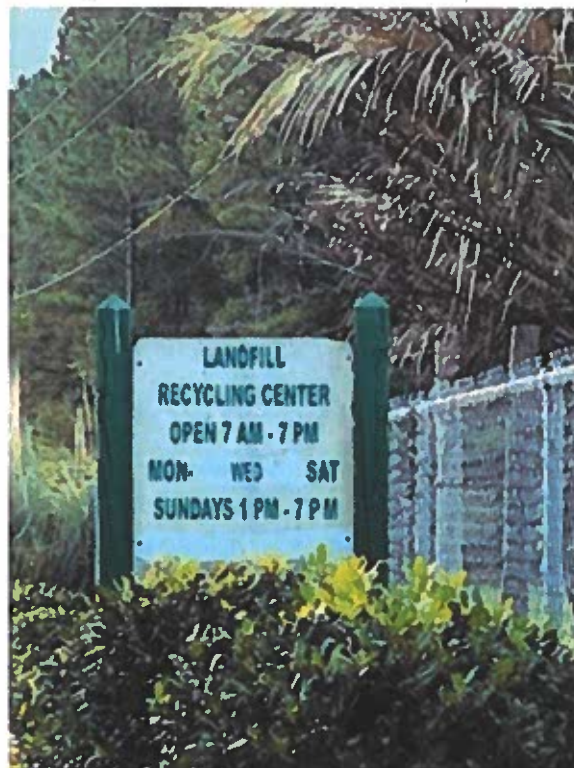


Recycling



The following were collected and recycled:

- Gallons of motor oil: 4833G
- Tons of metal: 309.79T
- Paper and cardboard: 121.65T
- Plastic: 20.38T
- Glass: 22.76T
- Electronics: 90.23T
- Batteries: 2.07T
- Tires: 202.13T



Veterans Affairs

- Veterans, Dependents, and Survivors served: 230
- Benefit claims assistance: 189
- Boarding home claims assistance: 2
- Other benefits issues assistance: 45
- Transportation miles logged: 500.6



2021 & 2022 Retirees

- Jennifer Jarrell 10/02/2020
- Johnny Badger 10/31/2020
- Christine James 01/02/2021
- John Stanley 01/02/2021
- Harvey Hillyer 04/03/2021
- Teresa Williams 07/01/2021
- Janet Chassereau 07/09/2021
- Lawrence Smith 07/30/2021
- Betty Hodges 08/31/2021
- Debra Bryant 11/30/21
- Lula Brown 12/30/2021
- Verdell Early 04/01/2022
- Candiss Braxton 04/16/2022



