

CITY OF MULLINS

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City Council Meeting Raymond Pridgen Auditorium Tuesday, September 9, 2025 6:00 P.M.

A G E N D A

1. **Call Meeting to Order & Welcome:** Mayor Miko Pickett

Pledge of Allegiance: Member of City Council
Invocation: Mullins Ministerial Alliance
2. **Disclosure that local media has been informed of meeting pursuant to South Carolina Freedom of Information Act:**
3. **Consent Agenda:**
 - (a) Approval of Minutes – Finance Committee Meeting – August 11, 2025
 - (b) Approval of Minutes – City Council Meeting – August 12, 2025
 - (c) Approval of Minutes – Street/Sanitation Committee Meeting – August 18, 2025
 - (d) Approval of Minutes – Special City Council Meeting – August 20, 2025
 - (e) Approval of Minutes – Finance Committee Meeting – August 26, 2025
 - (f) Approval of Minutes – Planning Commission Meeting – August 26, 2025
 - (g) Approval of Monthly Bills – July 2025
 - (h) Approval of Monthly Bills – August 2025
4. **Old Business:**
 - (a) Proposed Legal Audit – Finance Chairman Luke Gasque
5. **New Business:**
 - (a) Building Inspector Curtis Richardson – Recommendation for Increase of Fees
 - (b) PDRTA Board Assignment – Carolyn Gause
6. **Administrative Report:** City Administrator Holly Jackson
 - (a) Trash/Debris – Discussion
 - (b) Ronda Bain & Edla Vaughn – 9/11 Event
 - (c) Curtis Richardson – Condemnation of Properties
7. **Mayors Report:** Mayor Miko Pickett
 - (a) Kim Byrd – Beautification Committee Update
 - (b) Mullins Art Council Committee Update – Jan Nixon – TBD
 - (c) Mullins Planning Board Chair – Mary White
 - (d) Mullins Downtown Development Committee – TBD

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8. Comments:

- (a) Pee Dee Coalition – Danyelle Rogers – Domestic Violence Awareness.

9. Adjournment:



Don Strickland, Executive Director

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Board of Directors

Hattie Burns, Chairwoman

Judy Alexander

Yolonda Dupree

Rebecca M. Gamble

Carolyn Gause

James Jackson

George Jebaily

Vivian Rogers

Belva Britt

Tyron Jones

Tom Ewart

Neil Jackson

September 4, 2025

Don Strickland
Executive Director
PDRTA
313 S Stadium Rd
Florence, SC 29506

Dear City of Mullins,

We are in the process of updating our files on board members. Our records show that the three-year term of your current appointee to the Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority (PDRTA) Board of Directors has expired.

Name: Carolyn Gause
New Appointment: September 2025-August 2028

Title 58 Chapter 25 of the South Carolina Code of Laws creating the regional transportation authorities provides for the appointment of Board members by municipalities in the service area.

The PDRTA Board of Directors is a working board, governing the mission, policies, and budgetary matters affecting the Authority and operating under numerous federal, state, and local regulations. We hope that you will carefully consider your appointee's willingness to continue to serve not only as a representative of your community, but also as your representative before state and federal officials.

Please forward any official appointment or re-appointment documents to our office.

On behalf of PDRTA, we thank you for your support of the Authority and the services it renders. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Don Strickland
Executive Director
Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority

KENNETH COBB & COMPANY, P.C.

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August 18, 2025

The Mayor and City Council
City of Mullins, South Carolina

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide for the City of Mullins.

In an effort to to assist The Mayor and City Council in gaining a better understanding of the net costs incurred by the City of Mullins related to the Old Brick Square (OBS) Project, we will apply the following agreed-upon procedures:

- I. For the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025 we will:
 - a. provide a detail listing of receipts relating to the OBS Project, including date of receipts, payor of funds, and purpose of funds.
 - b. recap a detail of City expenditures relating to the OBS Project, including dates of disbursements, payee, amounts, and purpose of disbursements.

Our engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures will be conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we obtain your written agreement to the procedures to be applied and your acknowledgment that those procedures are appropriate for the intended purpose of the engagement, as described in this letter. A refusal to provide such agreement and acknowledgment will result in our withdrawal from the engagement. We make no representation that the procedures we will perform are appropriate for the intended purpose of the engagement or for any other purpose.

Because the agreed-upon procedures do not constitute an examination, we will not express an opinion on the agreed-upon procedures. In addition, we have no obligation to perform any procedures beyond those described in this letter. Should you have a need for additional procedures to be performed, an addendum to this letter may be agreed upon.

We will issue a report upon completion of our engagement that lists the procedures performed and our findings. Our report will be addressed to the Mayor and City Council members of the City of Mullins and should not be used by anyone other than these parties. If we encounter restrictions in performing our procedures, we will discuss the matter with you. If we determine the restrictions are appropriate, we will disclose the restrictions in our report. Our report will contain a paragraph indicating that had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

There may exist circumstances that, in our professional judgement, will require we withdraw from the engagement. Such circumstances include the following:

- You refuse to provide written agreement to the procedures and acknowledge that they are appropriate for the intended purpose of the engagement.
- You fail to provide requested written representations, or we conclude that there is sufficient doubt about the competence, integrity, ethical values, or diligence of those providing the written representations, or we conclude that the written representations provided are otherwise not reliable.
- We determine that the description of the procedures performed or the corresponding findings are misleading in the circumstances of the engagement.
- We determine that restrictions on the performance of procedures are not appropriate.

You agree to the procedures to be performed and acknowledge that they are appropriate for the intended purpose of the engagement.

You are responsible for all records, grant agreements, and other supporting documentation associated with the OBS Project. In addition, you are responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you or the appropriate city staff are aware that is relevant to the performance of the agreed-upon procedures on the subject matter, (2) additional information that we may request from the city staff for the purpose of performing the agreed-upon procedures, and (3) unrestricted access to persons within the city from whom we determine it necessary to obtain evidence relating to performing those procedures.

At the conclusion of our engagement, we will require certain written representations in the form of a representation letter from management that, among other things, will confirm management's responsibility for the documentation provided in connection with the OBS Project.

An agreed-upon procedures engagement is not designed to detect instances of fraud or noncompliance with laws or regulations; however, should any such matters come to our attention, we will communicate them in accordance with professional standards and applicable law.

Charles Jones is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the report or authorizing another individual to sign it. Smith Brooks has been designated as an additional partner for client contact and will ensure that the engagement is properly and efficiently performed.

Our fees for these services are estimated not to exceed \$5,000. The estimate is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the engagement. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new estimate before we incur any additional costs.

We appreciate the opportunity to assist you and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us. If the need for additional procedures arises, or the procedures need to be modified, our agreement with you will need to be revised accordingly.

Very truly yours,

Kenneth Cobb & Company P.C.

KENNETH COBB & COMPANY, P.C.

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of the City of Mullins.

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

MULLINS POLICE DEPARTMENT
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September 3, 2025

Mullins City Council
151 E. Front St.
Mullins, SC 29574

To City of Council Members:

I have included our monthly report what will show a break down and comparison of reported crimes in the City of Mullins for the month of August. If you have any questions regarding this report, I would be more than happy to sit down and go over each one in detail. Since our last meeting we have had:

- Axon Body Cameras have issued / Working on funding
- Looking at new RMS (Report Management System) / Old system will be shutting down (LawTrak)
- Will have two positions open by the September 13th
- One office staff will be moving to patrol for coverage.
- Preparing for upcoming festivals.
- Actively working on and solving old and new

I would like to extend an open invitation for all council members, to take part of our "Ride Along Program". If you are interested, please get in contact with Captain Turner or myself. Again, thank you very much for your continued support of myself and the department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Philip M. Mostowski".

Chief P.M. Mostowski

SLED	Inhouse Code / Description	Last Year	This Year
ALCOHOL CRIMES			
90D	90D DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE		1
90G	90G LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS		1
Total for Category:		0	1

ARSON/SUSPICIOUS FIRE			
200	200 ARSON		1
978	978 SUSPICIOUS FIRE		
Total for Category:		0	1

ASSAULTS			
100	100 KIDNAPING / ABDUCTION	1	
11A	11A RAPE - FORCIBLE	1	2
11B	11B SODOMY - FORCIBLE		
11C	11C SEXUAL ASSAULT WITH AN OBJECT		
11D	11D FONDLING - FORCIBLE		
13A	13A ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED	1	5
13A	CDA CDV - AGGRAVATED	1	1
13B	13B ASSAULT - SIMPLE	6	5
13B	CDS CDV - SIMPLE	3	2
13C	13C ASSAULT - INTIMIDATION		4
13C	CDI CDV - INTIMIDATION		
36A	36A INCEST		
36B	36B RAPE - STATUTORY		
36C	36C INDECENT EXPOSURE (SEXUAL NATURE)		
753	753 TELEPHONE CALLS - OBSCENE, HARASSING	2	5
Total for Category:		15	24

DRUG CRIMES			
35A	35A DRUG / NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS		1
35B	35B DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS	1	
Total for Category:		1	1

HOMICIDE CRIMES			
09A	09A MANSLAUGHTER		
09B	09B NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER		
09C	09C JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE		
Total for Category:		0	0

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS - NRP			
NRP	90T TRAFFIC OFFENSES	10	4
NRP	NRP INCIDENT NOT REPORTED	101	63
Total for Category:		111	67

LARCENY CRIMES			
120	120 ROBBERY		
210	210 EXTORTION / BLACKMAIL		
220	220 BURGLARY / BREAKING & ENTERING	4	4
23A	23A POCKET-PICKING		
23B	23B PURSE-SNATCHING		
23C	23C SHOPLIFTING	1	3
23D	23D THEFT FROM BUILDING		
23E	23E THEFT FROM COIN OPERATED MACHINE		

SLED	Inhouse Code / Description	Last Year	This Year
LARCENY CRIMES			
23F	23F THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	2	2
23G	23G THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS OR ACCESSORIES		
23H	23H LARCENY - ALL OTHER	5	3
240	240 MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT		1
250	250 COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY		
26A	26A FRAUD / CONFIDENCE GAME / BREACH OF TRUST	5	1
26B	26B TELLER MACHINE FRAUD		
26C	26C IMPERSONATION	1	1
26D	26D WELFARE FRAUD		
26E	26E WIRE FRAUD		
270	270 EMBEZZLEMENT		
280	280 STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES		
756	756 USING MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT CONSENT		
Total for Category:		18	15

OTHER CRIMES

26F	26F IDENTITY THEFT		
26G	26G HACKING COMPUTER INVASION	1	
370	370 PORNOGRAPHY / OBSCENE MATERIAL		
520	520 WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	7	6
64A	64A HUMAN TRAFFICKING / COMMERCIAL SEX ACTS		
64B	64B HUMAN TRAFFICKING / INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE		
720	720 ANIMAL CRUELTY	1	
90B	90B CURFEW / LOITERING / VAGRANCY VIOLATIONS		1
90C	90C DISORDERLY CONDUCT	11	11
90F	90F FAMILY OFFENSES, NONVIOLENT		1
90I	90I RUNAWAY		3
90J	90J TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	4	6
90K	90K INCORRIGIBLE		
90L	90L TRUANCY		
90N	90N RESISTING ARREST	2	
90P	90P CONTRIBUTING TO DELINQUENCY OF A MINOR		
90Z	90A BAD CHECKS		
90Z	90E DRUNKENNESS		
90Z	90H PEEPING TOM		
90Z	90Z ALL OTHER OFFENSES	11	7
979	979 MISSING PERSONS	1	1
980	980 SUICIDES		
992	992 PROWLER		1
Total for Category:		38	37

OTHER MONEY CRIMES

39A	39A BETTING / WAGERING		
39B	39B ASSISTING GAMBLING		
39C	39C GAMBLING EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS		
39D	39D SPORTS TAMPERING		
510	510 BRIBERY		
Total for Category:		0	0

PROSTITUTION

40A	40A PROSTITUTION		
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SLED	Inhouse Code / Description	Last Year	This Year
PROSTITUTION			
40B	40B ASSISTING OR PROMOTING PROSTITUTION		
40C	40C PURCHASING PROSTITUTION		
Total for Category:		0	0
VANDALISM/DAMAGE			
290	290 VANDALISM OF PROPERTY	3	7
Total for Category:		3	7
Total for Reporting Period:		186	153

August 2025



Administration

Newspaper archives 90% completed.

Attended meetings for Suicide Prevention Month and printed flyers for event.

Recorded multiple podcast episodes for the Marion County 250 Commission.

Printed informational boards for the mystery dinners.

Applied for and received a microgrant of a little over \$800 for items related to preservation of written records.

Working with SC Historical Newspapers relating to the digitization of the local newspapers currently housed at the museum.

Attended mayor's art committee meeting.

Building Maintenance

Photographing and inventorying continues.

Deep cleaned museum.

Gift Shop/donations

August donations and gift shop sales of \$585.

Designed Fall dish towels.

Publicity/Media/Outreach/Programs/Exhibits

Flyer for Downtown Development's Shuck and Sip.

Banner for Shuck and Sip.

Visitors

We had 185 visitors in August including a group from Mullins Church of God and Marilyn Hemingway from the Gullah Geechee Chamber of Commerce, Social Studies Teachers, and 8th Grade Palmetto Middle School.

Coming in September and beyond:

Walking tour for September filled.

Fork in the Road passport tour began July 4th.

Mystery Dinner November 13th.

Ghost Walking Tours: October 21st and 25th may have to add more dates.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Bain

Ronda Bain



MONTHLY REPORT

August 2025

Building Department



MONTHLY SUMMARY

A total of Eleven permit applications were processed by the building department in August.

\$194,545.00 Projects Value submitted and approved in the month of August.

\$3,226.50 Total Building Fees collected for the month of August.

Commercial Applications

Building Permits 7

Residential Applications

Building Permits 4

Residential Demo 1

Commercial Demo 0

Mobile Home Park

Setup 0

Building Permits 0

MEP Permits 0

Pools 0

Total Permits Issued Monthly



Projects or Programs

1. Three New homes under construction.
2. One multi-family swelling under construction. (On hold)
3. One church completing permit process. (Near completion)
4. Seven commercial renovations.
5. Multiple inspections, plan reviews and applications processed for residential renovation, additions, or repairs.
6. Vacant Property notification (Ongoing)
7. 26 Properties identified for Demolition Grant. Grant approved. Deed Search complete. Revising list. Three properties removed. Two added.
8. 98 Homes identified and processing. (Unfit)(Ongoing)
9. Developing procedures to assist commercial property owners with promoting property development.
10. Three homes were identified for building, altering, or modifying a structure without a permit. Permits are required by Ordinance and Code. Penalties for violating this requirement should be increased to deter the public from this hazardous and unsafe practice.
 - a. Gas heater found in a bedroom closet. No smoke detectors or carbon monoxide detectors in home.
 - b. Panel box found in a bedroom closet.
 - c. Load bearing walls removed.
 - d. Roof removed and replaced without rafter tie downs.