

Anderson County Legal Services Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes: April 9, 2026

Members Present: Terry Frank, Johnny Alley, Tracy Wandell, Tim Shelton, Sabra Beauchamp, Denise Palmer, and Rex Lynch

Members Absent: Regina Copeland, Jeff Cole, Gary Long, and Russell Barker

Others Present: LEEAN TUPPER, Jamie Brooks Jr., Cassandra Powell, and Robby Holbrook

Mayor Frank called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Public Comments — none

Approval of the Agenda – Motion made by Commissioner Wandell, second by Mr. Alley.
Motion carried.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes — It was noted that Robby Holbrook had been listed as a committee member in the last meeting minutes. Motion by Commissioner Palmer, second by Mr. Alley, to correct the minutes by moving Mr. Holbrook's name to "Others Present" at the last meeting and approve the revised minutes. **Motion carried.**

Updates/Questions for the Law Director — Mr. Brooks reviewed the eight existing legal cases that his office is following. Discussion and questions followed.
Mr. Brooks and Ms. Powell said they have implemented a more in-depth process for reviewing contracts. Mr. Brooks said tax issues related to Fairfield Inn have been resolved by the property's new owners.

Succession Plan — Mr. Brooks stated that he plans to retire effective June 30, 2027. He said he would like to see the county hire a second attorney that he can work with well before that time to "show the ropes and make for a smoother transition" than the county experienced after Mr. Yeager's death. Discussion followed. No action taken.

Committee Members' Concerns or Suggestions – Saying that commissioners and committee members ask the law director's office to write a lot of letters to state legislators and other officials, Commissioner Beauchamp said she would like to put the responsibility for letter writing "back on" the committee chairs or the mayor unless a letter involves a legal issue. Mr. Lynch asked about the status of updates to the private act for the position of county law director. He noted that many attorneys may not be interested in the position until the county determines how to handle the private act moving forward.
Mr. Shelton suggested a series of workshops with the Legal Services Advisory Committee and the County Commission to determine any changes to the Private Act. Mr. Shelton moved to schedule the first workshop in July after the new fiscal year's budget has been approved. Second by Commissioner Palmer. **Motion carried.**

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Adjourn — The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.