



Meeting Schedule

- Welcome
- Introduction of Mayors and Councilmembers
- Brief Overview of Capital Projects Sales Tax (CPST)
- How the CPST helps all Barnwell County Cities, Towns, and Communities
- Question and Answer Time from Community Members

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Thank you!

On behalf of your hosting Mayors, we would like to thank you for taking the time to attend this Community CPST Informational meeting. It is the desire and goal of the local Mayors, City/Town Councilmembers, and County Councilmembers to educate our citizens on the details of the CPST Referendum that will appear on all Countywide Voter Ballots on November 5, 2024. Please feel free to ask questions during the "Question and Answer" portion of the program or reach out to any of your local Mayors or Councilmembers!

What is a Capital Project Sales Tax?

A Capital Projects Sales Tax (CPST) is a 1% local sales and use tax that is used to fund specific capital projects such as public facilities, recreation facilities, water and sewer projects, major equipment, major repairs or renovations, and other qualifying items set forth by state laws (Title 4, Chapter 10, Article 3 of SC Code of Laws).

This tax is placed on purchased goods in Barnwell County. The revenue collected is distributed back to the municipalities to help with projects that have been agreed upon and voted on by registered voters in the November election.

All seven local municipalities (Barnwell, Blackville, Elko, Hilda, Kline, Snelling, and Williston) and Barnwell County considered projects that would be beneficial to their respective areas. The projects, with estimated costs, were proposed to a Countywide Sales Tax Commission for review. Upon their review and suggestions, Barnwell County approved a resolution to forward to the Elections and Voter Registration Board to appear on November's Ballot.

Is this another tax?

The citizens of Barnwell County and visitors who purchase goods in our County have been paying this 1% tax since it was voted on positively on November 8, 2016. The tax began May 1, 2017, and will end April 30, 2025. The proposed CPST for the November 5th ballot will replace the current tax on May 1, 2025. It is not an additional tax, but essentially the continuation of what is already in place. A projected figure of monies to be collected has been figured and then spread proportionally among the municipalities and county based on population.

What projects are approved to appear on the ballot and will be completed if the Referendum passes?



Barnwell County

49.44% = \$8,790,465

1. Animal Shelter Acquisition and Construction (\$1,800,000)
2. Landfill Equipment and Vehicle Acquisition (\$900,000)
3. Courthouse Improvements (\$1,095,000)
4. Amphitheater Acquisition and Construction (\$2,600,000)
5. Agricultural Building Improvements (\$100,000)

- Landfill Redesign and Improvements (\$1,000,000)
- Water and Sewer Improvements (\$1,295,463)



City of Barnwell

22.6% = \$4,018,294

- Fire Station Construction Reimbursement (\$900,00)
- Police Vehicle Acquisition (\$350,000)
- Police Department Security Equipment Improvements (\$50,000)
- Public Works Vehicle and Equipment Acquisition (\$300,000)
- Parks and Downtown Revitalization (\$350,000)
- Fire Department Vehicle (\$700,000)
- Blight Remediation Project (\$200,000)
- Water System Improvements and Water Meter Project (\$600,000)
- Water Department Building Construction Project (\$568,294)



Town of Williston

13.98% = \$2,485,653

- Public Works and Maintenance Equipment (\$250,000)
- Police Equipment (\$150,000)
- Fire Equipment (\$150,000)
- Recreation Facilities Equipment and Improvements (\$50,000)
- Town Beautification and Enhancement Project: \$236,000
- Water and Sewer System Improvements Project: \$1,649,652



Town of Blackville

9.34% = \$1,660,657

- Water and Sewer Improvements (\$400,000)

- Blight Remediation Project: (\$400,000)
- Police Station Improvements Project: (\$225,000)
- Recreational Facilities Acquisition and Construction Project: (\$635,657)



Town of Hilda

2.03% = \$360,935

- Depot/Caboose Improvements (\$81,000)
- Storage and Multipurpose Building Construction (\$76,000)
- Recreational Facilities and Equipment Acquisition (\$78,000)
- Water System and Storage Improvements (\$125,935)



Town of Snelling

1.21% = \$215,000

- Recreational Facilities and Equipment Improvement Projects (\$215,000)



Town of Kline

0.72% = \$128,016

- Concession Bldg. Improvement (\$55,430)
- Town Hall Improvement/Equip (\$37,378)
- Small Town Hall Improvement (\$6,800)
- Fire Station Improvement (\$11,800)
- Storage Building Acquisition (\$8,866)
- Public Works Equipment (\$7,742)



Town of Elko

0.68% = \$89,329

- Town Hall Parking Lot Pavement Repair and Drainage (\$35,000)
- Parks and Recreation Equipment (\$54,329)

Barnwell County and Municipalities

CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX INITIATIVE



Informational Meetings

September 5th at 6:30 pm

Blackville Community Center
19464 Solomon Blatt Avenue,
Blackville

September 12th at 6:30 pm

Williston Town Hall
13112 Main Street, Williston

September 19th at 6:30 pm

The Hilda Depot
20 Railroad Avenue, Hilda

October 3rd at 6:30 pm

Barnwell County Library
40 Burr Street, Barnwell