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ANNUAL CONFERENCE & INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS



**SOUTH CAROLINA
ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**

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All event information in this booklet is as of **July 2, 2024**. For the latest information and for full details, please use the SCAC conference app.

WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT



Roy Costner III
SCAC President
Pickens County

Welcome to the South Carolina Association of Counties' 2024 Annual Conference. We're excited you could join us for the next few days of education, collaboration and advocacy. As you attend classes, presentations and events, take time to connect with colleagues and forge new relationships. Sharing our goals and challenges with one another can help us discover innovative solutions to common issues our counties face.

Please be sure to take advantage of all the conference has to offer. Each year, the SCAC staff builds upon the success of previous events, using your feedback to deliver exceptional programming. Some events of note include:

- The **General Session** on Wednesday will feature a keynote address by former Gov. David Beasley and will include recognition of our Institute of Government graduates.
- The **Legislative Power Hour and Breakfast** on Wednesday morning offers a great opportunity to connect with state legislators, hear a panel discussion on statewide issues and ask questions relevant to your counties.
- The **Closing Reception** from 6:30 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday offers a bit more time to network with colleagues during our celebratory wrap-up.

Be sure to download our **free conference app** to get the most up-to-date information throughout the event, access in-depth speaker bios and connect with SCAC Corporate Partners. Search for "SC Counties" in the Apple App Store or Google Play. We also want you to share what you've learned via social media. Post your photos and relevant details on your own pages using the hashtag **#SCCounties24**.

And remember, **your presence and participation** make SCAC services and programs engaging and robust. Over the next few days, take time to talk with staff about our Association's resources—from publications and legal assistance to advocacy and risk management—all designed to help you better advocate for your county.

Together we demonstrate the **statewide strength of local leaders**.

Finally, thank you for sharing your time and talents with your counties and with our amazing Association! It has been an honor serving as your president and getting to know you all this year. I wish you all a wonderful and engaging conference.

2023-2024 OFFICERS

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GENERAL INFORMATION

APP

The SCAC Annual Conference App can be found in the App Store or in Google Play. Search for “SC Counties.” It contains the information published in this program, as well as any updated information. Visit the registration desk to get assistance with the conference app.

REGISTRATION

Institute of Government and conference participants are required to register at SCAC's registration desk in the Palms Foyer of the Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center. Pick up your registration packet, including your badge, at the registration desk. **Name badges are required at all SCAC events and meetings.**

Participants may register at the following times:

- **Monday, July 29** – 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, July 30** – 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, July 31** – 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

INCLUDED FOOD AND BEVERAGES

The **Institute of Government** registration fee covers the cost of coffee/beverage breaks (Monday morning/afternoon and Tuesday morning) and a boxed lunch (Monday) for **Institute participants only**.

For delegates, the registration fee for the **Annual Conference** covers the cost of coffee/beverage breaks in the Exhibit Hall (Tuesday afternoon/Wednesday morning and afternoon), breakfast and a boxed lunch (Wednesday). For delegates and their guest, the fee includes the Welcome Reception (Tuesday) and Closing Reception (Wednesday).

All registered participants and guests must wear a name badge during all Annual Conference and Institute of Government events and food/beverage functions.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Institute of Government

MONDAY
07.29

- 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.** **Registration Open**
Palms Foyer, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center
- 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** **Level I: Public Budgeting [R]**
Palms 1-5, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center
- Level II: The Policy Role of Council**
Palmetto Hall, Behind Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center
- 1:00 p.m.** **Institute of Government Graduation Photos
(for those not present 7/31)**
Palms 6-8, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center
- 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.** **Boxed Lunches (Institute Registrants Only)**
Palms 6-8, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center
- Lunches sponsored by
 Davis & Floyd
- 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.** **Exhibit Area Open**
Palms Foyer + Tides Ballroom, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center
- 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.** **Level I: Planning and Land Use [R]**
Osprey 1-4, The Sweetgrass Inn
- Level I: Building an Effective County Team [E]**
Palmetto Hall, Behind Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center
- Advanced: A Marketing Approach to Problem Solving**
Palms 1-5, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Institute of Government/Conference

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Registration Open Palms Foyer, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center
8:00 a.m.	Worship Service Rooftop, The Sweetgrass Inn (6th floor)
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Exhibit Area Open Palms Foyer + Tides Ballroom, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center
8:45 a.m. – Noon	Probate Judges Meeting Club Room, The Boardwalk Inn
9:00 a.m. – Noon	Level I: Employment Law: What Counties Need to Know [E] Palmetto Hall, Behind Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center
	Level II: Current Issues: Technology Trends in the Public Sector Palms 1-5, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center
9:15 a.m.	Constitution, Resolutions and Bylaws Committee Meeting (see page 7) Osprey 3, The Sweetgrass Inn
9:30 a.m.	Nominating Committee Meeting (see page 7) Osprey 2, The Sweetgrass Inn

Constitution, Resolutions and Bylaws Committee Meeting

Resolutions approved by this committee will be submitted for the approval of the membership at the general session on Wednesday, July 31.

SCAC considers resolutions dealing with all matters that affect county government and the Association. Proposed resolutions should be presented in writing to the committee chairman prior to or at the July 31 meeting.

- **Chairman – Charles T. Edens**
Sumter County Council
- **Daniel Alexander**
Barnwell County Council
- **Mary D. Anderson**
Chesterfield County Council Vice Chairwoman
- **C. David Chinnis**
Dorchester County Council Vice Chairman
- **Phillip M. Taylor Sr.**
Colleton County Council Vice Chairman

Nominating Committee Meeting

Nominations will be accepted for SCAC's 2024-2025 slate of officers and board members at this meeting. Following the submission of nominations, the committee will meet and issue a report, which will be posted at the SCAC registration desk.

Nominations may also be accepted from the floor during Wednesday's general session, immediately before the election by the membership.

- **Chairman – Debra B. Summers**
Lexington County Council
- **Joseph R. Branham**
Chester County Council Chairman
- **W. Brian Carnes**
Lancaster County Council Vice Chairwoman
- **Charles T. Jennings**
McCormick County Council Chairman
- **Herman G. "Butch" Kirven**
Greenville County Council

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Rural Caucus Meeting

Palms 6-8, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center

Urban Caucus Meeting

Palms 1-5, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center

1:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Councils of Governments Executive Directors Meeting

Avocet Boardroom, The Sweetgrass Inn

1:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Clerks to Councils Meeting

Palmetto Hall, Behind Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center

2:30 p.m.

At The Movies Snack Break

Tides Ballroom, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center

Break sponsored by
**Infrastructure Consulting and Engineering,
PLLC**

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

County Managers, Administrators & Supervisors Business Meeting

Palms 6-8, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

SC Coalition of Black County Officials Meeting

Club Room, The Boardwalk Inn

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception

Osprey Ballroom, The Sweetgrass Inn

Reception sponsored by
The Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Conference

WEDNESDAY
07.31

- 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** **Registration Open**
Palms Foyer, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center
- 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.** **Legislative Power Hour & Breakfast**
Osprey Ballroom, The Sweetgrass Inn
- 10:00 a.m. – Noon** **Exhibit Area Open**
Palms Foyer + Tides Ballroom, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center
- 10:30 a.m. – Noon** **General Session**
Palms Ballroom, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center
- Noon** **Institute of Government Graduation Photos**
Palms Ballroom, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center
- 12:15 – 1:15 p.m.** **Workshop: Federal & State Legislative Lightning Round with Boxed Lunches (Conference Registrants Only)**
Palmetto Hall, Behind Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center
- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.** **Workshop: Capital Planning and Finance for Counties**
Palms 2-3, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center
- Workshop: A Conservation Conversation: Benefits, Resources, and the Power of a Penny**
Palms 4-5, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center
- Workshop: Public Safety Employee Recruitment and Retention**
Palms 7-8, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center
- 6:30 – 10:00 p.m.** **Closing Reception**
Osprey Ballroom + Patio, The Sweetgrass Inn



Gov. David Beasley **Former Executive Director of World Food Programme**

David Beasley, a former South Carolina Governor, recently served as the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (WFP). Nominated by two Presidents' administrations of two different parties, he was appointed to that role initially in 2017 by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and served until April 2023.

Under Gov. Beasley's leadership, WFP was the largest humanitarian organization in the world assisting over 160 million people in 2022 alone and raising over \$55 billion.

In 2020, Gov. Beasley received the Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of WFP for its efforts to provide food assistance in conflict areas and to prevent food from being used as a weapon of war and conflict.

In his acceptance speech delivered in 2021 in Oslo, Gov. Beasley stated that "Working with 115 million people in 80 countries, day-in and day-out, the women and men of WFP have gained a unique perspective. We have learned that there is great richness in those who are seen, in the eyes of the world, as 'the poor.' And many of us who are considered 'rich' are actually poor in the things that matter most."

Gov. Beasley also received the John F. Kennedy Profiles in Courage Award for his stand on the Confederate flag as well as many other awards. He majored in Microbiology at Clemson University and received a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of South Carolina. He also was a fellow and taught at the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government. He is married to the former Mary Wood Payne and has four children and three grandchildren.

SPEAKERS



The Honorable James Gore **NACo President**

Serving his home county, Sonoma County, in the heart of California's Wine Country for the last eight years, Supervisor James Gore has shown steadfast and innovative leadership through an unprecedented barrage of fires, floods, droughts and more. He has become a well-known champion of resiliency by engaging and empowering residents through recovery and rebuilding in the wake of wildfires. He led efforts to secure historic regional, state, and federal funding for emergency preparedness and infrastructure investments. He is also a key local and state leader on housing, homelessness and behavioral health.

During the pandemic, Gore led the California State Association of Counties as president through the multitude of statewide prevention and response actions. Locally, he spearheaded the creation of Sonoma County's Office of Equity to take on the disparate impacts of COVID on underserved communities.

Gore began his public service life as a volunteer for the U.S. Peace Corps in Bolivia, where he helped communities build water management and agricultural systems. He resides in Healdsburg, California.



Dr. David Godbold **CEO, Wounded Warrior Program**

Dr. David Godbold is the CEO of the Wounded Warrior Program, which works with a multitude of government agencies and AbilityOne/GSA companies to establish programs that provide meaningful employment opportunities to Wounded Warriors, veterans and Americans with disabilities. Dr. Godbold has directed government operations inside and outside the contiguous United States, for various agency missions.

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RESORT MAP

Palmetto Hall

Standalone Meeting Space

Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center:

Meeting Spaces:

- Palms Ballroom
- Tides Ballroom
- Sea Oats Office



Valet only

The Sweetgrass Inn

Accommodations

Meeting Spaces:

- Osprey Ballroom
- Avocet Boardroom
- Indigo Room & Rooftop

Pools (2)

Destination Spa

Dining:

- The Laughing Gull
- The Oystercatcher Restaurant & Bar
- The Nest Rooftop Bar



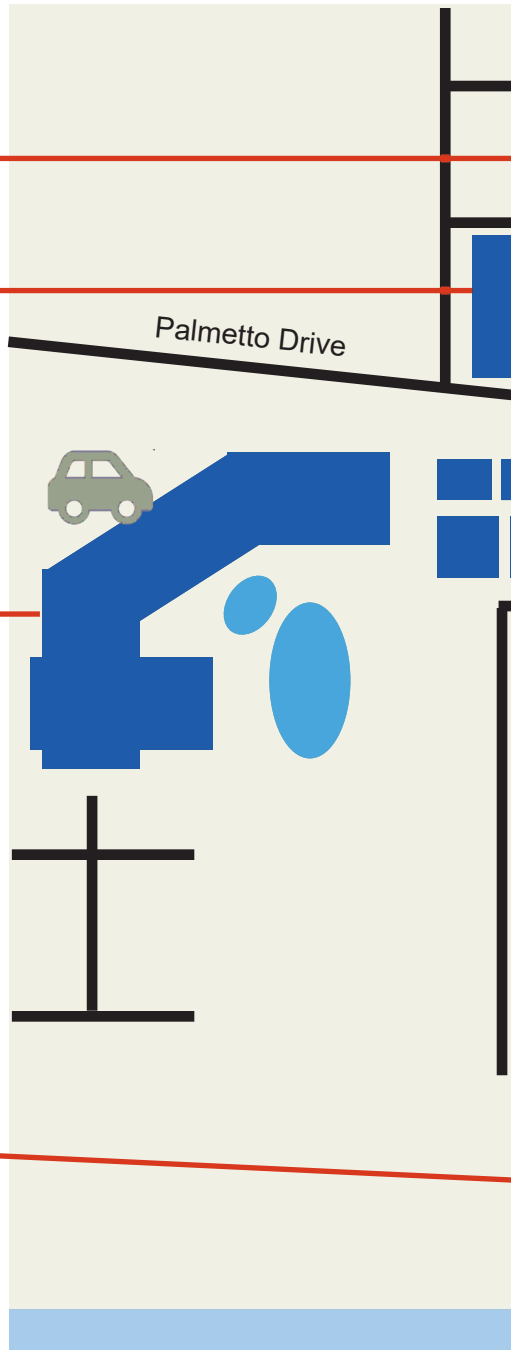
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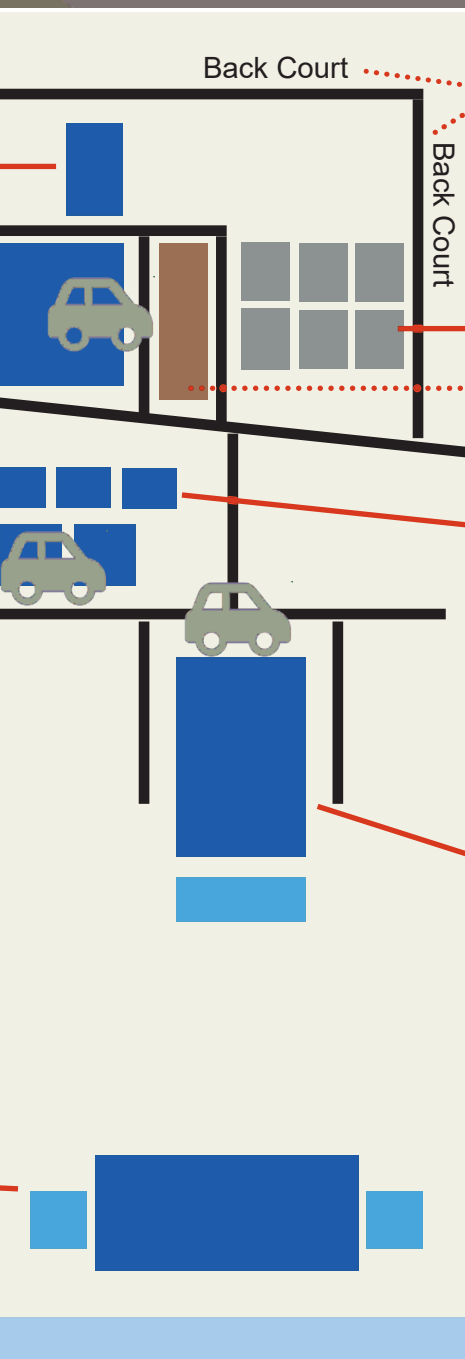
The Grand Pavilion

Pools (2)

Dining:

- Beachside Burgers & Bar
- Duney's Ice Cream Shop





Back Court

Back Court

Limited self-parking (Back Ct.)



Tennis Courts

Limited self-parking (brick lot)



The Residences at Sweetgrass

Accommodations

Dining:

- Hudson's Market & Cafe
- Coastal Crust

Valet only



Boardwalk Inn

Accommodations

Meeting Spaces:

- Club Room
- Boardroom

Adult-Only Pool

Dining:

- Coastal Provisions

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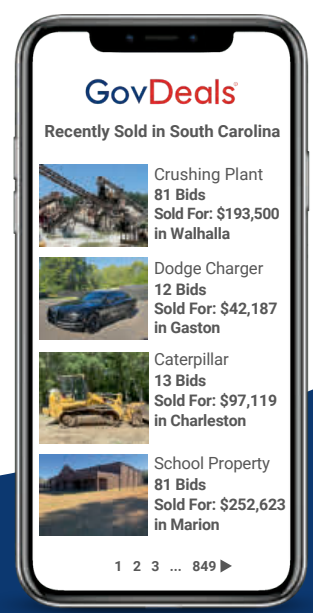
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**August 4–7, 2025
July 27–31, 2026
July 26–30, 2027**