

# INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS

JULY 27 – July 28, 2026  
WILD DUNES RESORT, ISLE OF PALMS



You must be present for the entire class period to receive transcript credit. Registrants who do not attend the session or who leave early will not receive credit for their certificate. It is your responsibility to complete and return the record of attendance that your instructor will distribute at the end of the class. Credits are valid for four years. If a county official does not graduate within the four-year period, expired credits will be removed from his/her record. Participants are eligible to earn credit for Level II courses after graduating from Level I or earning credit for at least six Level I courses.

## Monday, July 27

8:30 A.M.–10:30 A.M.      **Registration– Prefunction Area**

10:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M.      **Level I: County Government Finance [R]**  
Sweetgrass Inn, Osprey 1-4

*Instructor:*      *Anne Harty, CPA, CGFO-SC, Vice President – Operational Consulting*  
*First Tryon Advisors*

**Level I: Developing Successful Intergovernmental Relations [E]**  
Palmetto Hall (Behind SGP Conference Center)

*Instructors:*      *Carl Stenberg, Distinguished Professor of Public Administration and Government*  
*School of Government, University of North Carolina*  
*Kendra Stewart, PhD, Director*  
*The Joseph P. Riley Jr. Center for Livable Communities, College of Charleston*

*Panelists:*      *Toby Chappell, County Manager*  
*Greenwood County*  
*Kristy Danford, Founder*  
*KPD Technical Assistance*  
*Alice Howard, Council Chairwoman*  
*Beaufort County*  
*Charles Jennings, Council Vice Chairman*  
*McCormick County*

*Instructors:*      **Level II: Economic Development**  
SGP Conference Center, Palms Ballroom 1-5  
*Bonnie J. Ammons, Executive Director*  
*SC Rural Infrastructure Authority*  
*Rick Farmer, Economic Development Director*  
*Newberry County*  
*Gilleon Frieson, Rural Development Program Manager*  
*SC Department of Commerce*

*Cyndy S. Turnipseed, Legal Counsel  
SC Coordinating Council for Economic Development*

1:00- 2:00 P.M.

**Boxed Lunches - for Registered Institute Participants and Speakers only**  
SGP Conference Center, Palms Ballroom 6-8

## **Monday, July 27 (Continued)**

2:00-5:00 P.M.

**Level I: The Policy Role of Council [R]**  
SGP Conference Center, Palms Ballroom 1-5

*Instructor: Walt McBride, Public Service Consultant  
McBride Consults, LLC*

2:00-5:00 P.M.

**Advanced: AI Considerations for Your County**  
Sweetgrass Inn, Osprey 1-4

*Instructor: Jason See, Director of Strategic Partnerships  
Worthwhile LLC*

*Panelists: David Garner, Assistant County Manager  
York County*

*Nathan Hogue, Chief Information Officer  
SC Department of Administration*

*Lynn Sturkie, County Administrator  
Lexington County*

*Nate Tomforde, CEO/Founder  
Land Takeoffs*

*Jeremy Ward, Planning and Development Director  
Chester County*

## **Tuesday, July 28**

8:30 A.M.–10:30 A.M.

**Registration– Prefunction Area**

9:00 A.M.–Noon

**Level I: Strategic Governance [E]**  
SGP Conference Center, Palms Ballroom 1-5

*Instructor: Shelby Shumard, PhD, Director of Research  
The Joseph P. Riley Jr. Center for Livable Communities, College of Charleston*

**Level II: Employment Law: What Counties Need to Know**  
Palmetto Hall (Behind SGP Conference Center)

*Instructor: Fred A. Williams, Specialist in Labor & Employment Law  
Bettis Law Group, LLC*

**Advanced: Advocacy Tips and Tools**  
Sweetgrass Inn, Osprey 1-4

*Instructors: Eryn Hurley, Chief Governmental Affairs Officer  
National Association of Counties*

*Owen McBride, Governmental Affairs Director  
SC Association of Counties*

*Ken Moffitt, Assistant Clerk  
SC Senate*

*Jason Phillips, County Treasurer  
Anderson County*

*[R]–Level I Required Course*

*[E]–Level I Elective Course*

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