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To: [Sabrina Todd](#)
Subject: FW: March 2025 Statistics
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 10:21:58 AM

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From: Matt Houck <MHouck@scag.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 8:38 AM
To: Joanne Lee <JLee@scag.gov>
Subject: RE: March 2025 Statistics

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From: Joanne Lee
Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 8:06 AM
To: Matt Houck
Subject: March 2025 Statistics

Pending Requests:

A. Prock OS-10996 2-27-2025 (working with S Todd on this)
CD Rhodes OS-11003 3-24-2025

Other Resolutions

Email to R Odachowski (OS-11002) attaching prior opinion & case and instructions on how to get their representative to request an opinion on the issue, 3-18
Call with S. Porter, GC, Dept. of Natural Resources, re: invocation before a public meeting, 3-19
Assist student with locating a statute for his research on ?, 3-19
Call with D Jones, GC, SC Forrestry Commission re: looking for prior opinion; 3-27
Email from M Weyman, Clemson University re: underfunding a dept. NOTE: May be handled as an other resolution, 3-31

Unpublished Advice:

Revised FAA letter to C. Kaplar, 3-3

Email with attachments to D Jones, GC, SC Forrestry Commission, re: DNR statewide enforcement authority, 3-27

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From: Joanne Lee
Sent: Thursday, May 1, 2025 11:55 AM
To: Matt Houck <MHouck@scag.gov>
Subject: April 2025 statistics

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A. Prock OS-10996 2-27-2025 (working with S Todd on this)
L. Harmon OS-11017 4- 21-2025
J. Kilmartin OS-11018 4-24-2025
M. McCormac OS-11020 4-29-2025

Other Resolutions

Call with M. Weyman, Clemson Univ, telling him that his department should consult w/general counsel, which

is also general counsel for Clemson University, re: funds that are being held by the university, 4-2

Email to D Kelly, GC, Adjutant General's Office, re: Request to Discuss Attorney General Opinion Dated March 17, 2025 – "Cellphone Tower Lease Revenue Allocation with ETV (THagins), 4-2

Call with Jason Seegars Berkeley County Sheriff's Office re: a prior opinion addressing forfeiture of firearms in certain circumstances. I referred him to the June 14, 2019 opinion, 4-2

Call with Judge McIntyre and followup email attaching STodd's 3-25-2025 email to Sheriff Hamilton re safe location for Dillon County family court, 4-3

Decline ltr sent to Rep. D. Gibson for OS-11011, 4-14

Call w/T Nicholson, SC Election Commission w/question re: the term County Election Official, 4-14

Email to CD Rhodes re: clarification of OS-11003 Final Opinion, 4-15

Call with Eric Schull, Anderson County Coroner, re: emloyment, 4-17

Call with Mr. Faulkenberry, re: dual office holding (bondsmen not consider officers). Also, 38-53-190 only lists LEO

and judicial offers relating to the administration of the court as prohibited from serving as surety/bondsman, 4-24

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Cc: [Sabrina Todd](#)
Subject: FW: Clemson University - Follow Up
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2025 1:44:48 PM

I had a call with Robert Wilkins at Clemson University regarding underfunding of public service areas. I explained that I don't think it's likely a solicitor would support bringing charges against the anyone at the university regarding funding levels of the program under S.C. Code § 46-9-80 (quoted in the email below). If there was a willful withholding of funds that are earmarked for a specific purpose, such as in S.C. Code § 46-13-40, -45, a court may order those funds to be released as directed by statute.

From: Robert Wilkins <bertw@clemson.edu>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 9:35 AM
To: Matt Houck <MHouck@scag.gov>
Cc: Joanne Lee <JLee@scag.gov>
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To: [Bob Cook](#)
Cc: [Joanne Lee](#)
Subject: FW: Preparing
Date: Monday, March 31, 2025 3:26:21 PM
Attachments: [Regulatory Fee Laws and Regulations.docx](#)
Importance: High

I'm handling this one. Just emailing to log it in.

From: Jason Anders <janders@scag.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 2:50 PM
To: Matt Houck <MHouck@scag.gov>
Subject: FW: Preparing
Importance: High

Matt, thank you again for looking into this. Here are the e mails sent to me from Dr. Weyman and others. I got his ok to forward them to you. I gave Dr, Weyman your number so expect a call. J Thank you. Jason Anders

From: Michael Weyman <mweyman@clemsion.edu>
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 12:03 PM
To: Jason Anders <janders@scag.gov>
Cc: Michael Weyman <mweyman@clemsion.edu>
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On Mar 28, 2025, at 6:40 AM, Matt Holt <mattholt@clermson.edu> wrote:

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From: [Sabrina Todd](#)
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Subject: OTH Dr. Michael D. Weyman, Jr. with Clemson University, Public Service and Agriculture funding
Date: Thursday, February 19, 2026 10:28:38 AM
Attachments: [FW Allegations of Funding Earmarked by the General Assembly Being Misused .msg](#)
[RE Allegations of Funding Earmarked by the General Assembly Being Misused .msg](#)
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Ashley,

I was contacted last Friday by Jason Anders in Statewide Grand Jury. He had received an email from Dr. Michael Weyman, director of Clemson University's special investigations unit dealing with issues such as pesticide regulation and invasive insects. The email was addressed to both Anders and Matt Houck, who was previously in opinions. Houck had communicated with Dr. Weyman and later Bert Wilkins in Clemson's office of general counsel about Weyman's concerns that leadership at Clemson was not properly funding his unit as required by statute. Weyman's recent email to Houck and Anders indicated continued problems over funding. I researched the email correspondence in OnBase and talked with Anders to get what information he had and told him I was going to reach out to Wilkins and would keep him informed but that we are not going to be addressing Weyman's concerns unless someone who can request an opinion does so.

I contacted Bert Wilkins and had a video call with him yesterday. During the call I explained that we would be happy to take up any requests for a legal opinion coming out of his office, but we do not find facts and are not able to answer an opinion request for Dr. Weyman. Based on the nature of Weyman's allegations, I was going to refer him to the OIG, but am not taking any position on his allegations. I then wrote to Weyman, explaining what we do and the limitations of what services we offer. I suggested he contact the Office of the Inspector General with his concerns. Copied Anders. Weyman thanked me.

Attached are the email Anders forwarded to me, email correspondence with Bert Wilkins, and my email correspondence with Dr. Weyman.

Thank you,

Sabrina

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Time: Feb 13, 2026 10:59:12 AM
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From: [Jason Anders](#)
To: [Geoffrey Clemens](#)
Subject: FW: Allegations of Funding Earmarked by the General Assembly Being Misused
Date: Monday, March 23, 2026 10:08:35 AM
Importance: High

From: Michael D Weyman Jr <mweyman@clemson.edu>
Sent: Friday, February 6, 2026 4:42 PM
To: Matt Houck <MHouck@scag.gov>
Cc: Jason Anders <janders@scag.gov>
Subject: Allegations of Funding Earmarked by the General Assembly Being Misused
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