



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA
February 15, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

Call to order: Todd Johnson, Chairman
Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Mary Arrowood, Councilmember

1. Adoption of Consent Agenda
 - a. Newberry County Council Regular Meeting – February 1, 2023
 - b. Public Safety Committee Meeting – February 6, 2023
2. Additions, Deletions & Adoption of the Agenda
3. Consideration of approval of matching funds for the fire departments – Brandon Wicker, Emergency Services Coordinator

Friendly	4,122
Consolidated	5,000
Little Mountain	1,251
Bush River	2,116
St. Philips	9,697
Prosperity	4,798
Total Requested	\$26,984

This is a 50/50 match between the Forestry Commission and Newberry County. The \$26,984 is the County's cost.

Available Funding Source: One-Time Capital has a balance of \$84,011.77.

4. Consideration of a request to utilize funding for a Hurst Tool to be used to purchase (7) ultrasound machines – Chris Johnson, Newberry Rescue Squad

Amount budgeted for the Hurst tool is (\$50,000).

5. Appointments
6. Public Comments
7. Executive Session

Code Section §30-4-70 (a) of the Code of Laws of SC, as amended, 1976.

(1) Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body; however, if an adversary hearing involving the employee or client is held, the employee or client has the right to demand that the hearing be conducted publicly. Nothing contained in this item shall prevent the public body, in its discretion, from deleting the names of the other employees or clients whose records are submitted for use at the hearing.

(2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim.

8. Comments/Requests from Acting Administrator
9. Comments/Requests from Council
10. Future meetings
 - a. A Tribute to Walton J. McLeod – February 19, 2023 at the Old Hotel, 1110 Caldwell Street – 3:00-5:00 p.m.
RSVP – FriendsofWaltMcLeod@gmail.com or call 803-960-2596
 - b. Economic Development Committee – February 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. (Conference Room)
 - c. Executive Committee – February 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
11. Adjournment

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 1, 2023**

The Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, SC, for a regular scheduled meeting.

Notice of the meeting was duly advertised, as required by law.

PRESENT: Todd Johnson, Chair (District 1)
Les Hipp, Vice-Chair (District 5)
Mary Arrowood, Council Member (District 2)
Karl Sease, Council Member (District 3)
Robert N. Shealy, Council Member (District 4)
Johnny Mack Scurry, Council Member (District 6)
Travis Reeder, Council Member (District 7)
Karen Brehmer, Acting County Administrator
Joanie Winters, Interim County Attorney
Debbie S. Cromer, Finance Director
Crystal Waldrop, Procurement Director
Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council

MEDIA: Andrew Wigger, Newberry Observer

Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed all visitors.

Mr. Johnson then had the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 1. Adoption of Consent Agenda**
 - a. Minutes of January 18, 2023 Work Session**
 - b. Newberry County Council Regular Meeting**

Without objection, Mr. Shealy moved to adopt all items on the Consent Agenda; seconded by Mr. Scurry. There being no discussion, Mr. Johnson called for the vote. Vote was unanimous.

2. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Johnson moved to add an item 6(b) to consider a Proclamation to recognize Walt McLeod; seconded by Mr. Shealy. Under discussion, Mr. Hipp pointed out that this item was already on the agenda as Agenda Item 3. Mr. Johnson withdrew his motion.

Mr. Shealy moved to adopt the agenda as presented; seconded by Mr. Scurry. There being no discussion, Mr. Johnson called for the vote. Vote was unanimous.

After the vote, Rick Farmer, Economic Development Director, advised Council he had an economic development project presentation he would like to present in Executive Session. Mrs. Brehmer advised Council a second Executive Session matter would have to be added to consider the economic development project proposal as requested by Mr. Farmer since the Executive Session approved on the Agenda does not relate to economic development matters.

Mrs. Winters advised the original motion, second and vote to approve the agenda would have to be withdrawn and then another motion made to approve as amended.

Mr. Shealy agreed to withdraw his motion for approval, and Mr. Scurry agreed to withdraw his second.

Mr. Hipp then moved to amend the agenda to add a second Executive Session for the purpose of an economic development matter; seconded by Mr. Shealy. There being no discussion, Mr. Johnson called for the vote. Vote was unanimous to add a second Executive Session for the purpose of economic development.

Mr. Shealy moved to adopt the agenda, as amended; seconded by Mr. Sease. There being no discussion, Mr. Johnson called for the vote. Vote was unanimous to adopt the agenda, as amended.

3. Proclamation to Honor the Service of House Representative Walton J. McLeod

Mr. Hipp moved to adopt the Proclamation; seconded by Mr. Shealy. There being no discussion, Mr. Johnson called for the vote. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Johnson advised the Proclamation would be read at the drop-in honoring Representative McLeod on February 19.

A copy of the Proclamation is on file in the Office of the Clerk to Council.

4. Consideration to Approve the Purchase of a mini excavator – Mike Pisano

Mike Pisano, Public Works Director, advised an excavator and a backhoe were originally approved in his budget. The backhoe has now been cut from his original request. Since the approval of the budget, prices of equipment have gone up. Mr. Pisano is requesting approval of Council to go forward with a small model which is a 50G quoted at \$73,627.

Mrs. Arrowood asked if the smaller excavator would be sufficient for what he needs. Mr. Pisano responded that the mini excavator would do well for them. It is not as strong a backhoe but he feels they would gain efficiency with the smaller one. Last year they had 62 requests for driveway installs. The mini excavator will increase efficiency, cause less property damage and has the ability to get into smaller spaces.

Mr. Reeder moved to approve the purchase of a mini excavator in the amount of \$73,627; seconded by Rev. Scurry. There being no further discussion, Mr. Johnson called for the vote. Vote was unanimous.

5. Acceptance of bids for Community Hall roof repairs – Crystal Waldrop

Mrs. Waldrop received 7 bids for the project with the low bidder being Mays Contracting at \$17,520. The cornice repair has been removed and will be done in a change order or separate bid altogether because of the architectural work on the outside of the building. There is a 30 year warranty on the roof.

Once the deck is removed, damage will be determined. Mays has quoted \$2.45 per square foot to do repairs.

Staff recommends acceptance of the low bid from Mays Contracting in the amount of \$17,520.

Mr. Hipp asked for information as to the other bids. Mrs. Waldrop reviewed the other bids as outlined on the sheet included in the agenda packets.

Mr. Hipp also asked if there would be any use of the building during repairs. Mrs. Waldrop stated she was not renting the building to any new renters. She will notify the ones already booked and will either refund rental money or arrange another meeting place for them.

Mr. Shealy moved to approve the low bid from Mays Contracting in the amount of \$17,520; seconded by Mrs. Arrowood. There being no further discussion, Mr. Johnson called for the vote. Vote was unanimous.

6. Appointments

a. Re-appointment of Walton J. McLeod as the Council Representative to the Central Midlands Council of Governments Board (term 2-1-23 through 1-31-26)

Mr. Scurry moved to re-appoint Mr. McLeod to the Central Midlands Council of Governments; seconded by Mr. Reeder. There being no discussion, Mr. Johnson called for the vote. Vote was unanimous.

7. Public Comments

SSGT Andrew Fluke of the Marine Raider Training Unit, advised for the past 13 years they have conducted training in several other adjoining counties but do not have any type of understanding with Newberry County. He appeared seeking approval to conduct training in Newberry County.

A Memorandum of Understanding has been sent to Mrs. Brehmer. The County Attorney now has the MOU to review, and once she has reviewed and approved it, Council will proceed with its approval process.

8. Executive Session:

Code Section 30-4-7-(a)(2) of the Code of Laws of SC, as amended, 1976:

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regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body; however, if an adversary hearing involving the employee or client is held, the employee or client has the right to demand the hearing be conducted publicly. Nothing contained in this item shall prevent the public body, in its discretion, from deleting names of the other employees or clients whose records are submitted for use at the hearing.

(2) Economic Development matter.

Mrs. Arrowood moved to go into Executive Session for the above-stated reasons; seconded by Mr. Sease. There being no discussion, Mr. Johnson called for the vote. Vote was unanimous.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION
6:40 P.M. – 7:08 P.M.**

Mr. Shealy moved to return to open session; seconded by Mr. Sease. There being no discussion, Mr. Johnson called for the vote. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Johnson reported that Council met in the Executive Session to discuss the matters as stated above, and no action was taken.

9. Comments/Requests from Acting County Administrator

No comments.

10. Comments/Requests from Council

No comments.

11. Future Meetings:

Mr. Johnson announced the following meetings:

- February 2 at 4:00 PM – Executive Session relating to Personnel
- February 2 at 6:00 PM – Public Meeting regarding Lynches Woods (Council Chambers)

- February 6 at 4:00 PM – Meeting with the Newberry City Council at City Hall
- February 6 at 6:00 PM – Public Safety Committee
- February 6 at 7:00 PM – Farm Bureau Supper
- February 15 at 6:00 PM – County Council
- February 27 at 6:00 PM – Executive Committee
- March 1 at 6:00 PM – County Council
- March 6 at 6:00 PM – Economic Development Committee. Mr. Johnson advised this meeting would have to be rescheduled as Mr. Reeder has a conflict.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Shealy moved to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Arrowood. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Todd Johnson, Chair

Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council

Minutes Approved: _____

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2023**

The Newberry County Council Public Safety Committee met on Monday, February 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, SC, for a regular meeting.

Notice of the meeting was duly advertised, as required by law.

PRESENT: Todd Johnson, Chair
Mary Arrowood, Committee Member
Johnny Mack Scurry, Committee Member
Robert N. Shealy, Council Member
Karen Brehmer, Acting County Administrator
Debbie S. Cromer, Finance Director

1. Call to Order – Todd Johnson, Chairman

Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and determined a quorum to be present. He welcomed Mr. Shealy to the committee meeting.

2. Election of Committee Chair for 2023

Mr. Johnson opened the floor for nominations for Committee Chair.

Mrs. Arrowood nominated Todd Johnson; seconded by Mr. Scurry. There being no further nominations, Mr. Johnson called for the vote. Vote was unanimous.

3. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda

Mrs. Arrowood moved to adopt the Agenda, as presented; seconded by Mr. Scurry. There being no discussion, Mr. Johnson called for the vote. Vote was unanimous.

4. Discussion of Fire Department Grant Reimbursement – Brandon Wicker, Emergency Services Coordinator

Mr. Wicker appeared regarding the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant, which grant is designed for purchasing equipment and supplies to meet forest fire needs. He requested approval of the County's match in the amount of \$26,983.45.

Mr. Johnson suggested that the \$26,983.45 come out of the One Time Capital account.

Mrs. Arrowood moved to forward this request to full Council at its next meeting to consider approving the \$26,983.45 from the One Time Capital account; seconded by Mr. Scurry. There being no discussion, Mr. Johnson called for the vote. Vote was unanimous.

5. Public Comments

Robert Dennis reserved until next time because the Committee will be seeing a lot of us since equipment is out of date.

Chris Johnson with the Board of Rescue Squads requested that the \$50,000 in their budget for Hurst Hydraulic Battery Tool be redirected to purchase 7 point of care ultra sound machines to go in ambulances. The cost for 7 ultra sound machines would be \$46,552.87, which is under budget.

Mr. Johnson advised the committee could not take action but directed that this be placed on the agenda for February 15th.

Nick Huffstetler with Little Mountain Fire Department said their primary engine will not make another two years.

Mr. Johnson, Tommy Long and a couple of fire chiefs met with the fire truck manufacturer. There is a need and we plan to use some covid funding. We were told that if a truck is ordered today, it would be three years before it arrived. The covid funding will be addressed during this budget season.

Mr. Johnson requested that Tommy Long address the committee regarding the fairgrounds. Mr. Long was concerned about the parking lot area at the fairgrounds. They are in the process of installing underground tanks in the left field. The burn building is in the back as well as the car shed, which houses DHEC trailers. Driver training pads will be to the right. Also, a lot of water comes down through the field and it is impossible to park right now because it is too wet. He is not sure this is the proper place for the upcoming fair.

Mr. Johnson requested Mrs. Brehmer arrange for Mr. Long to get with the Newberry County Soil and Water Conservation District to discuss this matter.

6. Comments/Requests from Committee

Mr. Scurry had no comments.

Mrs. Arrowood expressed appreciation to both the fire and rescue squads for everything they do. We wouldn't have safety in the county without you. She wished we had deeper pockets to spend money for equipment and supplies as needed. We will keep working on it and do the best we can.

Mr. Johnson was also grateful and stated what they do does not go unnoticed. We will do what we can to get the equipment you need.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Scurry moved to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Arrowood. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Todd Johnson, Chair

Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council

Minutes Approved: _____



**Newberry County
Administration**
1309 College Street
Newberry, SC 29108
803-321-2100

Agenda Briefing

Prepared By: Brandon Wicker	Title: Emergency Services Coordinator
Department: Emergency Management	Division: Emergency Services
Date Prepared: February 7, 2023	Meeting Date: February 15, 2023
Legal Review	Date: February 6, 2023
Budget Review:	Date:
Approved for Consideration:	Date: February 6, 2023
Request Consideration by Committee / County Council	Approved by Public Safety Committee
Subject: Forestry Grants	

STAFF'S RECOMMENDED ACTION: Recommend that County Council approves the matching of these grant funds as well as the overage from the one grant.

FIDUCIARY:

Are Funds allocated in the department's current fiscal year budget?		Yes	*	No
If no, is a budget amendment necessary?	*	Yes		No

ADDITIONAL FISCAL/BUDGETARY MATTERS TO CONSIDER:

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FEEDBACK/POSSIBLE AREA (S) OF LEGAL EXPOSURE:

SUMMARY DISCUSSION:

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION:

These are matching grant funds that have been matched by Council in the Past.

ATTACHMENTS:

Fire Department	Allotment	Match	Extra Funding Needed	County Total
Station 1 Friendly	\$4,122	\$4,122	\$0	
Station 5 Consolidated	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	
Station 6 Little Mountain	\$1,251	\$1,251	\$0	
Station 8 Bush River	\$2,116	\$2,116	\$0	
Station 11 St. Phillips	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$4,697	
Station 2 Prosperity	\$4,798	\$4,798	\$0	
Total	\$22,287	\$22,287	\$4,697	\$26,984

February 2, 2023

NOTES:

Finance Department

Requesting reimbursement:

Bush River Fire Department	\$ 2,116.00
Consolidated No. 5 Fire Department	5,000.00
Friendly Fire Department	4,122.00
Prosperity/Stoney Hill	4,798.00
St. Philips Fire Department	9,696.45
Little Mountain Fire Department	1,251.00

Total \$ 26,983.45

These funds have always been a line item in the budget. The amount was requested in FY 22-23 in the amount of \$20,000.00 but was not funded.

Total expended for FY21-22 was \$19,396.00.

Balance in One time capital as of 2-2-2023 - \$ 84,011.77

Balance in Contingency as of 2-2-2023 - \$ 111,599.71



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Administration**
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Agenda Briefing

Prepared By: Tommy Long	Title: Emergency Management Director
Department: 07300	Division: Rescue Board (Chief Johnson)
Date Prepared: 2-7-23	Meeting Date: 2-15-23
Legal Review: NA	Date:
Budget Review: YES	Date: 2-6-23
Approved for Consideration: Yes	Date: 2-6-23
Request Consideration by Committee / County Council	County Council
Subject: Ultrasound Devices	

STAFF'S RECOMMENDED ACTION: Public Safety Committee approved to send to full Council.

FIDUCIARY:

Are Funds allocated in the department's current fiscal year budget?		Yes		No
If no, is a budget amendment necessary?		Yes		No

ADDITIONAL FISCAL/BUDGETARY MATTERS TO CONSIDER: Already Budgeted 50,000.00

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FEEDBACK/POSSIBLE AREA (s) OF LEGAL EXPOSURE: NA

SUMMARY DISCUSSION: Request to utilize Hurst funding changed to fund ultrasound devices for Ambulances.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION: NA

ATTACHMENTS: Quotes will be attached.



Quotation

PHONE (800) 533-0523 FAX (800) 257-5713
www.boundtree.com

Quote Number	104312160
Date	2/7/2023
Page	1 of 1
Expiration Date	04/08/2023
Entered By	KBILLIAR

Bill To 216113
COUNTY OF NEWBERRY
PO BOX 156
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
NEWBERRY, SC 29108-0156
US

Ship To SHIP004
NEWBERRY COUNTY EMS
2603 EVANS ST
NEWBERRY, SC 29108-2941
US

Customer Number	Account Manager	Shipping Method	Payment Terms			Ref Number
216113	KATIE PHILLIPS	>\$150 NO FRT	NET 30			10151501
Item Number	Description	Quantity	UofM	Unit Price	Ext Price	
5000-68840	Lumify S4-1 Bundle	7	EA	\$6,650.410	\$46552.87	

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this quotation. If you have any questions or are seeking additional products, please contact your Account Manager or visit www.boundtree.com.

Subtotal	\$46,552.87
Freight	\$0.00
Tax	\$3,258.70
Total	\$49,811.57