



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA
NEWBERRY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
1309 COLLEGE STREET, NEWBERRY, SC 29108
OCTOBER 21, 2026
6:00 P.M.**

1. Call to order: Karl Sease, Chairman.
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Robert Shealy, Councilman
3. Adoption of Minutes:
 - a. Newberry County Council Work Session Minutes – October 7, 2026.
 - b. Newberry County Council Minutes – October 7, 2026.
4. Approval of Agenda.
5. Proclamations/Resolutions:
6. Administrator's Report:
 - a. Employee Recognitions: Odell Schumpert (Retirement, NCSO).
 - b. Project Updates.
7. Chairman's Comments.
8. Public Comments Regarding Items on the Agenda (three minutes).
9. Old Business:
10. New Business:
 - a. Council approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Newberry and Newberry County related to 1107 Harrington Street, Newberry.
11. County Council may take action on matters discussed during executive session during the 5 p.m. meeting.

12. Appointments.

13. Adjournment.

Future Meetings:

- a. Newberry County Council Work Session – November 4 at 5 p.m.
- b. Newberry County Council – November 4 at 6 p.m.
- c. Veterans Day – November 11 – Offices Closed.
- d. Newberry County Council Work Session – November 18 at 5 p.m.
- e. Newberry County Council – November 18 at 6 p.m.
- f. Thanksgiving Holiday – November 26-27 – Offices Closed.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MINUTES
October 7, 2026

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, SC, for a Work Session.

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

PRESENT: Karl Sease, Acting Chairman
Leon Fulmer, Council Member
Todd Johnson, Council Member
Travis Reeder, Council Member
Johnny Mack Scurry, Council Member
Robert Shealy, Council Member
Stuart Smith, Council Member
Ted Luckadoo, County Administrator
Joanie Winters, County Attorney
Karen Brehmer, Deputy County Administrator
Chief Deputy Ben Chapman, NCSO
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director
Sheriff Lee Foster, NCSO
Eric Nieto, IT Director
Crystal Waldrop, Purchasing Director
Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council/PIO

1. Call to order: Karl Sease, Acting Chairman.

- Mr. Sease called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.
- Mr. Sease announced that Mr. Reeder was running a little bit late and would be joining the meeting shortly.

2. Discussion of recommended proposal for Public Safety & Emergency Services Software (RFP 2026-14).

- Mr. Chapman said the current software the Newberry County Sheriff's Office was being used was bought out by another vendor; however, that vendor is no longer providing service and updates to the current system.
- The committee reviewing these proposals included representatives from the Newberry County Sheriff's Office, Newberry Police Department, Prosperity Police Department and Whitmire Police Department. Eight proposals were received, based off the rankings from the committee, Cadmus was the selected firm.
- Mr. Chapman said Cadmus was user-friendly, had the capability to do the things they wanted it to do, and was the most cost effective. Thus, making Cadmus their recommendation to Newberry County Council for approval.
- Mr. Chapman said they are using money received from the State (Senator Ronnie Cromer) to pay for the first year of service, as well as additional amount of money to reduce years two through five. The municipalities will pay a portion in years two through five.
- Mr. Johnson asked about customer support, as that is a critical part of any software, Mr. Chapman said that was a component of the RFP.
- Sheriff Foster thanked Senator Cromer for helping the NCSO acquire the funding for this software; he said this is mandatory for them to have software that meets certain criteria. He said one of the biggest assets of this new software will be that they will be able to post the jail pictures once again.
- Mr. Reeder joined the meeting during this discussion.

3. Discussion of bids for Community Hall Interior Repairs (RFP 2026-17).

- Ms. Waldrop said the lowest, responsive bidder was W.E. Baker and Sons with the base bid of \$64,875 (interior cosmetic work), and alternate one of \$10,875 (for basement work). The total cost being \$75,750 and is within budget.

- Staff decided not to go with alternate two (replacing of the interior shutters) due to the cost.
- Mr. Johnson said they could go back and do those later; Mr. Luckadoo agreed but added that they don't really need replacing but rather need some TLC.

4. Executive Session:

- a. Receipt of legal advice regarding the disposition of county owned property.
- b. Personnel Matter(s): Discussion regarding employee matters related to Newberry County appointed employees.
- c. Personnel Matter(s): Discussion regarding contractual and employee matters related to Newberry County Council employees.
- Mr. Reeder made a motion to go into Executive Session; Mr. Shealy provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.
- Newberry County Council went into Executive Session at 5:20 p.m.
- Mr. Johnson made a motion to come out of Executive Session; Mr. Reeder provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.
- Newberry County Council came out of Executive Session at 6:03 p.m. and no action was taken.

5. Adjournment.

- Mr. Reeder made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Smith provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.
- The Newberry County Council Work Session adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Karl Sease, Acting Chairman

Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council

Minutes Approved: _____

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**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
October 7, 2026**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 6:04 p.m. at the Newberry County Council Chambers at 1309 College Street, Newberry, SC, for a regular scheduled meeting.

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

PRESENT: Karl Sease, Chairman
Travis Reeder, Vice-Chairman
Leon Fulmer, Council Member
Todd Johnson, Council Member
Johnny Mack Scurry, Council Member
Robert Shealy, Councilman
Stuart Smith, Council Member
Ted Luckadoo, County Administrator
Joanie Winters, County Attorney
Karen Brehmer, Deputy County Administrator
Major Ben Chapman, NCSO
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director
Rick Farmer, Economic Development Director
Sheriff Lee Foster, NCSO
Eric Nieto, IT Director
Josh Rowe, Public Works Director
Karen Lindler Smith, Treasurer
Crystal Waldrop, Purchasing Director
Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council/PIO

1. Call to order: Karl Sease, Acting Chairman.

- Mr. Sease called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Karl Sease, Acting Chairman.

- Mr. Sease led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Election of the Chairman for the remainder of 2026 – Joanie Winters, County Attorney.

- Ms. Winters called for nominations:
 - Mr. Shealy nominated Mr. Sease to serve as Chairman, Mr. Johnson provided the second.
 - Mr. Reeder asked nominations to come to a close.
 - Mr. Sease was named Chairman for the remainder of the 2026 calendar year by a 7-0 vote.

4. Election of the Vice-Chairman for the remainder of 2026 – Joanie Winters, County Attorney.

- Ms. Winters called for nominations:
 - Mr. Sease nominated Mr. Reeder; Mr. Scurry provided the second.
 - Mr. Scurry asked nominations to come to a close.
 - Mr. Reeder was named Vice-Chairman for the remainder of the 2026 calendar year by a 7-0. Vote.

5. Adoption of Minutes:

- a. Newberry County Council Work Session Minutes – September 16, 2026.
- b. Newberry County Council Minutes – September 16, 2026.
- Mr. Reeder made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Mr. Scurry provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.

6. Approval of Agenda.

- Mr. Shealy made a motion to accept the agenda as presented; Mr. Reeder provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.

7. Proclamations/Resolutions:

- a. Proclamation Hope School Day.

- Mr. Shealy made a motion to accept the Proclamation; Mr. Reeder provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.
- Ms. Tenetha Hall, Mr. Jay Hope, and Ms. Elsa Hope accepted a copy of the Proclamation.

8. Administrator's Report:

a. Project Updates.

- Mr. Luckadoo said the kickoff meeting took place for the amphitheater project to discuss timelines and other pertinent information. A pre-construction meeting for Mid-Carolina Commerce Park Phase 3B will also be coming up.
- Projects out for bid include the Whitmire sidewalk project and the fire service master plan study.
- SCAC is taking applicants in Newberry County for a high school senior planning to attend a two or four-year college or university in state for a \$5,000 scholarship. This year Newberry County is one of 13 counties being offered the scholarship.
- Mr. Luckadoo thanked the City of Newberry for hosting a wonderful Oktoberfest.
- Mr. Luckadoo recognized Komatsu, which is celebrating their 25th anniversary, for a donation they made back to Newberry County of a restored loader/backhoe. This was gifted back to the county during their 25th anniversary celebration.

9. Chairman's Comments.

- Mr. Sease thanked Komatsu for their donation back to the county. He also thanked those from Hope School for coming out and keeping history alive in Newberry County.

10. Public Comments Regarding Items on the Agenda (three minutes).

- None.

11. Old Business:

- None.

12. New Business:

- a. Approval of a proposal for Public Safety & Emergency Services Software (RFP 2026-14).
 - Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept the highest ranked firm, Cadmus; Mr. Shealy provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.
 - Mr. Fulmer reiterated that the whole reason they are doing this was because the current service was no longer covered, and the cost of this has been provided thanks to money from the State thanks to Senator Ronnie Cromer.
- b. Approval of a bid for Community Hall Interior Repairs (RFP 2026-17).
 - Mr. Shealy made a motion to accept the bid from W.E. Baker and Sons (base bid and alternate one in the total amount of \$75,750); Mr. Reeder provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.

13. County Council may take action on matters discussed during executive session during the 5 p.m. meeting.

- No action was taken.

14. Appointments:

- No appointments.

15. Adjournment.

- Mr. Shealy made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Johnson provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.
- Newberry county Council adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Karl Sease, Chairman

Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council

Minutes Approved: _____

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEWBERRY

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN NEWBERRY COUNTY AND
THE CITY OF NEWBERRY**

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the MOU) is made and entered into this 13th day of October, 2026, by and between Newberry County (hereinafter referred to as "The County") and the City of Newberry (hereinafter referred to as "The City").

WHEREAS, the City of Newberry has the opportunity to secure funding through a grant for the upfit and renovation of a property located within the City limits; and

WHEREAS, the County is the owner of the property being considered for such upfit and renovation, known as Parcel 343-2-11-2; and

WHEREAS, in order to be eligible for this grant funding, the City must be the owner of the property to be upfitted and renovated, and must remain the owner of the property for a minimum of five (5) years;

WHEREAS, The renovation of this property will benefit the community, the City and the County for the purposes of supporting the arts education, youth and family programming, workforce and technical-skills development, performances, workshops, camps, community meetings, nonprofit activities, and similar special events; and

WHEREAS, The County will convey this facility to the City upon approval of the City and County Councils for a period of five (5) years ("the grant period") during which time it is expected that the City will properly maintain and enhance the facility, and that all work performed on the facility will be done pursuant to local building and zoning requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City may lease this facility to a local non-profit to be named in a mutually agreed upon lease agreement, for the cost of one (1) dollar per month for the grant period; and



WHEREAS, this MOU will extinguish immediately upon notification that the City of Newberry is not going to receive the grant and the property shall revert back to the County through a Quit Claim Deed, relinquishing all ownership and/or proprietary rights to the facility. Should the City be awarded the grant, this MOU will the extinguish on _____, 2031, at which time the City of Newberry shall issue a Quit Claim Deed back to the County, relinquishing all ownership and/or proprietary rights to the facility which shall be relinquished back to the County in a restored condition from the inception of this MOU.

This document constitutes the full understanding of the Parties, and no terms, conditions, understanding or agreements purporting to modify or vary the terms of this document shall be binding unless hereafter made in writing and signed by all parties involved. This MOU has been expressly approved by both the City of Newberry Council and the County of Newberry Council at a duly called meeting, with such purpose appearing on the agenda of each governing body.

This MOU, consisting of three (3) numbered pages, constitutes the final written express terms of this agreement to be signed by their duly authorized officers. This MOU may be signed in counterparts, having the same effect as if all signatures were on one page.

NEWBERRY COUNTY

By: _____

Teddy Luckadoo, County Administrator

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF NEWBERRY)

I, the undersigned notary public do hereby certify that the above named Teddy Luckadoo, Newberry County Administrator appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

SWORN to before me this _____ day of _____, 2026.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SC



THE CITY OF NEWBERRY

BY

Jason Taylor, City of Newberry
Administrator

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF NEWBERRY)

I, the undersigned notary public do hereby certify that the above-named City of Newberry by Jason Taylor, its City Administrator appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

SWORN to before me this 16 day of October, 2026.

Chris Wilson

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SC

My Commission Expires: 1-9-2029



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